

# SFLCV November 2020 Election Community College Board Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters endorsement process. Please limit answers to the below questions to 2-3 paragraphs at most (250 words). We are accepting responses until Friday August 28, 2020 at midnight. Please note that your responses will be posted publicly on our website at [www.sflcv.org](http://www.sflcv.org).

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### What are your qualifications for Community College Board Member? \*

I am -- first and foremost -- a CCSF student, where I have attended classes for the past three years. I have 15 years experience in public policy as senior counsel to two United States Senators and financial services. My skills negotiating among diverse stakeholders and ensuring sound financial management are critical to addressing CCSF's many issues. I am a lifelong learner, and am passionate about ensuring that high quality education is free and accessible to all.

The fact that CCSF is again on the brink of financial ruin and at risk of losing its accreditation is shameful. CCSF leadership needs a complete overhaul to ensure the college survives the pandemic. Whether in English or Vietnamese, my parents gave me the same message: education is key to success. As lead advisor on student loans and consumer protection in the Senate -- and after my own loans from law school -- I know how difficult it is to get that education. I have worked at both the state and federal levels protecting consumers from financial predators. And I will do the same for CCSF.

Unlike other candidates, I am assessing CCSF and its challenges with fresh eyes and from the view of a student. I've used the website, scheduled classes, gone through the financial aid flow. I've heard stories from my homeless classmates and my immigrant classmates. I am a successful leader in the private sector, and I believe that CCSF needs new thinking on how to forge private-public partnerships to stabilize its funding and update its technology to provide better experiences for its students.

Given the unprecedented administrative turmoil of the past few years, what do you feel are the most important environmental initiatives City College should undertake?

What environmental issues are you personally passionate about and plan to champion at CCSF? \*

The climate crisis is the biggest challenge of our lifetime and beyond. I supported recent policy efforts to require banks to take into account the climate change impacts of their investment and operational decision making, which will incentivize green investments. I also have volunteered with the Sierra Club and have planted trees in SF with Friends of the Urban Forest.

As Trustee, I will advocate for more curriculum related to the green economy to ensure that our students are well-equipped to be leaders in this field, as well as advocate for changes made on CCSF campuses be designed with sound environmental principles, vendors used to be environmentally sustainable, and additional resources for marginalized students to address environmental injustice.

I will advocate for the city, state, and federal governments to clean up the toxic and radioactive waste at Hunters Point, which has been poisoning decades of residents and students, including those at the City College Bayview Hunters Points campus. This is particularly egregious because of how the environmental injustice here intersects with racial injustice; the population of Bayview Hunters Point is primarily BIPOC, which means that this community has been exposed to toxic materials more than white residents of San Francisco. I am passionate about exposing these irresponsible government actions and improving the community for all that are exposed to these chemicals.

Given the constraints posed by the COVID-19 crisis, both financial and operational, how would you integrate environmental imperatives with this new reality? \*

I believe that to make sure that City College thrives, we must get it back on sound financial footing. It is currently on a path to failure and its finances are out of control. To get its finances back on track, I plan to:

- (1) Balance the budget by fundraising from private sources and advocating for additional public funding, examining existing expenditures and reallocating to areas that best serve a diverse student body and faculty
- (2) Transition City College to a completely remote college, with resources for those that may not have regular computer or internet access and clear communications on how students can continue to progress in their degree programs during the pandemic
- (3) Stabilize the College's accreditation status by requiring the CCSF management to provide the mid-year accreditation report, buttressing the 5% reserve fund that is needed, and creating accountability goals publicly to ensure progress on the open accreditation issues.

As Trustee, I will develop additional resources for marginalized communities, including LGBTQ, Black,

Latinx, and APIs. Marginalized communities graduate at much lower rates than White students do, at nearly 25% the rate. Clearly, more needs to be done to ensure that APIs stay in school and feel supported in their CCSF journeys to earn a certificate, degree, or transfer to a university.

I will update the technology that CCSF uses. In my experience, the computer labs have barely working computers, classes are difficult to schedule with a clunky website and scheduling system, and the financial aid process is challenging to navigate. I was shocked that the technology used at CCSF is more outdated than what when I first went to college in 1999. Many students do not have access to computers or the internet, which is why the services that CCSF provides must be updated, particularly during the pandemic.

I will provide more wraparound services to fund students beyond the tuition waivers of Free City. For example, thousands of homeless CCSF students are housing insecure and many more students struggle to buy food, pay bills, buy books, and more. I will expand CCSF funding by cleaning up its processes internally, seeking more funding from the City, and developing new streams of stability by pressuring the companies in our backyard to pay their fair share towards local education.

Finally, I will ensure that City College uses the recent \$845 million bond to improve the campus using sustainable environmental methods. All buildings need to be LEED certified and I will advocate for the use of solar panels and other environmentally sound methods. The spending of the facilities bond needs to be spent according to a transparent and accountable plan that is published. I will require an open and fair bidding process that will include objective criteria to ensure that the funds are spent correctly, timelines are communicated, an oversight process is established, and that EIRs are published with clear information about environmental impact of any changes. I would require that the only contractors hired for the facilities improvements are prepared to submit regular reports regarding their progress and ability to meet their deadlines, and that the interim Chancellor provides monthly updates to the Board. As Trustee, I will ensure that the Board is accountable to the public and that it publishes its review and oversight of the project.

What should CCSF's role in neighborhood planning around its campuses be? \*

City College should be involved in the neighborhood planning around its campuses. As Trustee, I will work closely with neighborhood planners to ensure that new development projects include sustainable environmental methods and principles and are designed with open public comment and EIRs.

Why should the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters endorse you? \*

SFLCV should endorse me because I am the only candidate that is a student and has the financial management experience to get City College back on track. I am a lawyer and I have fought for consumer protection my whole career. I am passionate about environmental policy and protecting our environment. I have a track record of working with diverse stakeholders in public policy, and I will fight to ensure that all City College actions -- both within the College and in its backyard -- include environmental stewardship and sustainable development. Thank you for the opportunity.



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