

# San Francisco League of Conservation Voters DCCC Questionnaire (March 2024 election)

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Bill McKibben recently wrote, "We are in an unprecedented and dire emergency, with the planet's temperature increasing quickly and dangerously; if we can't bring it under control, then it poses an existential risk to poor and vulnerable people around the planet, and then to everyone else—not to mention most of the other species, and all the generations that come after us."

## Public Transit

Did you support immediate implementation of all phases of the Geary Boulevard Improvement Project, including the planned parking removal?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Increased parking meter revenue is a key part of SFMTA's plan to restore transit funding. Have you sent a quick email to Supervisors Safai and Peskin expressing your opposition to their recently withdrawn proposal to require Mayoral approval for increases in parking rates and hours? (please forward a copy of your email to [endorsements@sflcv.org](mailto:endorsements@sflcv.org))

☐ Yes

☐ No

In order to raise additional needed funding for transit, SFMTA released a plan to extend meter hours. Do you support implementing SFMTA's proposed increases in parking meter hours now?

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Protecting and Restoring the Bay

Do you oppose [the San Francisco Public Utilities District's position](#) on water flows in the Tuolumne River and instead support healthy flows, conservation and water recycling?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you [taken this action](#) to show your support for providing \$250 million for wetlands restoration in the 2024 Climate Bond Measure? (you can do it now)

☒ Yes

☐ No

## Parks

Did you oppose Nov 2022's Proposition I which would have allowed cars on the JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway/Walkway?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Have you signed up as a supporter [here](#) to show your support for closing the Great Highway immediately to make it a permanent park? (you can sign up now)

☐ Yes

☐ No

### Reducing driving

Have you signed [this petition](#) to show your public opposition to the CalTrans proposal to widen Highway 280 in San Francisco? (you can sign it now)

☒ Yes

☐ No

### Housing

Perhaps the most powerful step that San Francisco can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is to build more housing. Because of San Francisco's sustainable transportation options (walking, biking, transit), mild climate, green sources of electricity, strict green building standards, and low per-capita use of water, new housing built here has a lighter environmental footprint than new housing built almost anywhere else in the state. Did you support Proposition D and oppose Proposition E in the November 2022 election? Read more on our blog about [prop D](#) and [prop E](#).

- ☒ Supported D, Opposed E
- ☐ Supported Both
- ☐ Opposed Both
- ☐ Opposed D, Supported E

Did you support the Dorsey legislation to waive some impact fees for downtown commercial to residential conversions?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Tell us about your past environmental work, activism, etc. (200 words max)

My environmental activism has focused on electing Democrats at the federal level, building a new civic movement that funds environmental orgs at the state level, and supporting urbanist policies locally.

Federally, in 2016, I organized volunteers to door knock for Hillary in Reno, Nevada. In 2020, I corralled volunteers to write thousands of GOTV letters to Atlanta for the Georgia Special Elections, because I thought sweeping federal childcare and climate legislation would be possible; we got the IRA!

At the CA state level, I work part-time for Abundance Network, a network of 180+ mostly tech donors looking to actualize Ezra Klein / Derek Thompson's Abundance Agenda, including building more housing, building decarbonization, and making government more effective. Our group channeled \$4M into CA & SF politics in the past few years, helping elect YIMBY & climate forward new Speaker of the CA State Assembly Rob Rivas, seed funded an org called Megafire Action that advocates for federal funding to fight megafires, which wipe away carbon reductions, and funded Building Decarb Coalition.

Locally in SF, I canvassed for J for JFK in 2022. As a member of the DCCC, I would continue to endorse climate forward candidates and ballot propositions.

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