

SFLCV November 2020 Election BART 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 August 18, 2020 at midnight. Please note that your responses will be posted publicly on our website at www.sflcv.org.

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What are your qualifications for the BART Board of Directors and why should the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters endorse you? *

Born and raised in San Francisco, I got my start in social justice movements as a teenager working for the Center for Young Women's Development. At 19 and pregnant, I was appointed Executive Director of the Center. At 26, I became the youngest woman to receive the MacArthur Fellowship. I left the Center after 11 years to serve then District Attorney Kamala Harris and head up San Francisco's first reentry services division, including the creation of Back on Track, a national model for anti-recidivism programs. I moved on to become Executive Director at the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the Bay Area and refocus that organization's mission on effective community-based initiatives. I studied public policy at Mills College and social entrepreneurship at Stanford University.

I believe that the biggest impact I can make for working families is to serve on the BART Board. As a legally blind, single, working mother, I rely on BART everyday. For them, I will fight for a BART that provides affordable, clean, and safe transit.

How has COVID-19 changed the situation that BART faces? *

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been some of the most challenging times for BART riders, BART workers and the entire Bay Area. The safety of riders and workers, and BART's continued service and financial sustainability have been my top priorities. Along with other BART directors, I worked with our federal, state, and regional partners to secure \$1.3 billion for Bay Area transit. Because of this funding assistance and the hard work of BART's budget team, BART will not be laying off any workers, which is critical to enable us to ramp up service as riders return to the system.

In 2020 BART has tripled our cleaning and sanitation efforts. We were able to do this with funding from the CARES Act. We have focused our energy on keeping BART stations and trains clean. This also includes installing an advanced filtration system while using hospital grade sanitation cleaning supplies.

What should BART do to better meet transportation needs in SF and across the region? *

I'm a huge proponent for Seamless Bay area. With 27 public transportation operators in the Bay region, we can and must better coordinate services to ensure that all have safe and affordable access

What are the top three things BART can do to improve its customer experience? *

Safety remains the number one concern for riders. During this Covid crisis we've laid out a 15 step program to invite riders back to our system. This includes increased safety staff-ambassadors. Also includes state of the art cleaning and sanitation enhancements.

What are the top three things BART should do to improve fare, schedule and service coordination with Muni and other transit agencies? *

As mentioned earlier, I will focus my next four years on this coordination issue. The transit advocacy community is aligned on this issue of a hyper coordinated system. Will have to work to thread the 27 providers together in the Bay Area newly being one.

What should BART do to better address the transit needs of low-income and transit dependent people and communities of color? *

Accessibility and affordability are two of my major platforms. These relate not only to BART but how riders rely upon housing and accessibility to human needs for survival where they live. I will work in partnership with San Francisco Supervisors and other city leaders to combine transportation policy planning and equitable city planning.

What is your opinion of BART's service area extension program and recent actions there? Under what conditions would you support extensions or additions to the BART system? *

I am not in favor of additional expansions. A priority for BART is to update our course system.

What are your spending priorities, given that there are always more needs than the funds to address them? *

This year we have passed a balance budget. This budget has decreased spending however, we have increased covid related expenses that focus on cleaning and safety.



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