

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.

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What are your qualifications for Community College Board Member? *

As the son of a public school teacher and as a public school student from elementary school through college, I know how important it is to have access to quality public education. Community college classes helped me get back on track when I was sick as a teenager and had to drop out of school, ultimately allowing me to finish high school and move to San Francisco to enroll in San Francisco State University. In San Francisco, like so many others, I was inspired by people like Harvey Milk and Tom Ammiano to jump into activism and became President of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club where I made sure that the club was the first LGBT organization to join the Save City College Coalition and fight alongside faculty to keep our accreditation.

These experiences inspired me to run for the Board of Trustees and in 2016 I was elected to a 4-year term. During my time on the Board, we have had a number of successes, including securing full funding for the Free City program for the next 10 years, negotiating contracts that raised faculty and classified staff salaries, having our accreditation rightly reaffirmed for 7 years, passing an \$845 million bond to rebuild our dilapidated classrooms and crafting the Workforce Education and Recovery Fund (WERF) to provide stable funding from the City to retain important classes for the College and the community are among my proudest moments as a Trustee.

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

During my time on the Board of Trustees I've been proud to champion efforts to increase sustainability at the College and increase training programs for green jobs. As Vice- President of the Board I was a core part of the campaign team for Proposition A, which was passed by San Francisco voters in March of 2020. Prop A is a \$845 million general obligation bond that will allow us to begin rebuilding the college's critical infrastructure. The bond prioritizes environmental sustainability including the installation of solar panels and other forms of green energy across City College campuses. It will fund the construction of new educational facilities including a childcare and student success center, Performing Arts Education Center and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) building, that will replace aging, less energy efficient buildings with new buildings that will be built to the highest energy efficiency and green building standards.

I believe the most important environmental initiative that the College can be undertaking at this time is to move these critical sustainability projects forward as quickly as possible.

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

In addition to pushing for us to move forward our Prop A sustainability projects as quickly as possible, I also want to continue to push for opportunities to encourage students and workers at City College to community to campus more sustainably. In March of 2019 the Board of Trustees approved the College's Facilities Master Plan which included a number of key priorities that I supported and advocated for including encouraging alternative modes of transportation like BART, Muni, bikes and walking and codified the college's plan to strive to achieve Zero Net Energy campus-wide. We were also able to secure funding to improve public transportation access for students as part of the MOU between City College and the developers of the Balboa Reservoir.

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

COVID-19, and the ensuing record unemployment and economic recession, has made the need for City College's workforce training programs all the more important. City College, and the environmental training programs we offer, will be absolutely critical to the City's economic recovery efforts and we have an opportunity to retrain people who are out of work to be a part of our future green workforce. We have degrees in Environmental Studies and Green and Sustainable Business and have also created Sustainability Certificates in 2019 to allow working professionals, business owners and other students working toward a degree to overlay their studies with a better understanding and application of sustainability concepts.

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

As a City College Trustee it is my responsibility to ensure that City remains a good neighbor to the communities around our campuses. This includes continuing in our efforts to improve public transportation access to City College campuses so that we aren't directing unnecessary traffic through and parking into nearby neighborhoods. It also includes advocating for transit-oriented affordable housing to be built near our campuses so that students and workers can afford to live near where they study and work.

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

I've long been inspired by the successful environmental advocacy work of the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters and your support would be a vote of confidence in my long record as an environmental champion. I'm proud to have the endorsement of many organizations and individuals who are champions of the environment including the Sierra Club and the San Francisco Democratic Party and would be honored to have the support of the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters as well.



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