

San Francisco District 11 Democratic Club Questionnaire for Candidates - General Election 2022

This questionnaire is for all candidates in the November 2022 general election. The questionnaire is due on Saturday, August 20, 2022, by 11:55pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Your answers will help the SF D11 Democratic Club Executive Board with their recommendations to the membership at our official membership endorsement meeting on Saturday, August 27, 2022. Once you submit the questionnaire, we will schedule a time to interview you. The District 11 Town Hall will be on September 10th where our membership will make the final decision on the official D11 Democratic Club endorsement. All candidates are welcome to attend the District 11 Town Hall.

Our eboard recommendations will be posted on our website by 11:55 pm on or before Tuesday, August 30, 2022, and our official SF D11 Democratic Club endorsements will be posted by 11:55 pm on September 12, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE THE SECTIONS REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A RECOMMENDATION:

Candidates for School Board: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 5

Candidates for College Board: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 6

Candidates for BART Board: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 7

Candidates for District Attorney: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 8

Candidates for Public Defender: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 9

Candidates for U.S. Congressional District 15: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 10

Candidates for Assembly District 17: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 11

Candidates for Assembly District 19: In addition to Sections 1 through 3, please fill out Section 12

Propositions and Measures: In addition to Section 1, please fill out Section 13.

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Name of Candidate

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What office do you seek?

District Attorney

What is your website URL?

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Name and contact info for your Campaign Manager/Consultant:

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Are you a registered Democrat?

Yes

No

If yes, to the above answer, how long have you been a Democrat?

I am a lifelong Democrat

How much campaign funding have you raised so far?

My campaign disclosures are available online at www.sfethics.org.

How long have you lived in San Francisco?

Since October 2021

What is your position on recalls? Did you vote for June 7th Prop C (Recall Timelines and Vacancy Appointments)? Please explain.

I voted no on Prop C. I believe the voters of San Francisco have the right to hold their elected officials accountable through recalls if they believe an elected official is inadequately fulfilling the duties of their office.

Candidacy Questions

All candidates must answer the basic candidacy questions below

Why are you running and what are your qualifications for this office?

With my years of experience as the designated hate crimes prosecutor, and in the Sexual Assault and Homicide Units, I believe that I am uniquely prepared to address the most serious crimes affecting San Francisco. But it's not just violent crime that must be a priority and focus of our office. No longer can we dismiss certain crimes as victimless or view property crimes as a part of big city life. These crimes affect us all, our quality of life and for some who own businesses here, their livelihoods. Under my leadership, the DA's office will work diligently every single day to restore our beautiful city to a place that is safe for everyone.

Identify the three most important issues for the position you seek? What are the solutions you see for these specific issue areas or how will you work to tackle them?

My top three priorities are: reigning in the open air drug markets and dealing; prosecuting repeat offenders, and addressing hate crimes.

Recently, I've introduced a new strategy aimed at tackling drug dealing in our City. Drug dealers who are repeat offenders/heavily involved with fentanyl can now be subjected to pre-trial detention to keep them off our streets. Drug dealers can now face sentence enhancements for dealing within 1,000 feet of a school. Finally, drug dealers who are caught with more than 5 grams of illegal substances on them will no longer be redirected to collaborative courts where they can avoid conviction. My office has also revoked 30 plea deals given to drug dealers under my predecessor. I believe we must send a strong message that if people sell lethal drugs in our city, they will be held accountable.

My office will prosecute and ensure that repeat offenders are brought to justice. I have brought on experienced prosecutors such as Julius DeGuia, Nancy Tung, and Ana Gonzalez to help fulfill this mission. We must send a strong message that victims of crimes will receive justice and that repeat offenders will face consequences.

There has been a disturbing rise in hate crimes targeting our Asian American community. I have listened to Asian community leaders, and as someone with experience prosecuting hate crimes, I am committed to bringing perpetrators of hate crimes to justice. I have appointed Nancy Tung, an experienced Chinese American lawyer, to head up the Vulnerable Victims Unit, which will focus on hate crimes along with other crimes such as elder abuse and worker abuse. My office is currently reviewing cases involving Asian American victims to ensure the offenders are properly charged. Additionally, my office is looking to hire more bilingual interpreters so that Asian Americans who are monolingual/first language is not English are able to easily access my office and contact us for services.

D11 Related Questions

All candidates must answer the District 11 questions

District 11 has significant numbers of school age children, community college students, ethnic diversity, homeowners, and working-class families compared to other other districts in San Francisco. These are just a few of the unique features of this district. If elected, how will your office address the particular needs and concerns of District 11?

The San Francisco DA's office serves every neighborhood and district within the city of San Francisco. I have worked diligently to meet with families, business owners and residents in every district within the city to learn about the specific challenges facing each individual district in the city. I have already met with District 11 Supervisor Ahsha Safai regarding issues facing D11 and attended an OMI event to meet D11 community members many of whom expressed specific concerns to me about the closure of businesses due to high crime rates and other issues. I am committed to continuing this dialogue and having additional community events so that my office can ensure that we are ensuring the safety to D11 residents.

What is your favorite food spot/coffee shop/hangout in District 11? What is unique or memorable about this location?

Click on the office you are seeking to move to the next set of questions.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Why are you running for District Attorney?

With my years of experience as the designated hate crimes prosecutor, and in the Sexual Assault and Homicide Units, I believe that I am uniquely prepared to address the most serious crimes affecting San Francisco. But it's not just violent crime that must be a priority and focus of our office. No longer can we dismiss certain crimes as victimless or view property crimes as a part of big city life. These crimes affect us all, our quality of life and for some who own businesses here, their livelihoods. Under my leadership, the DA's office will work diligently every single day to restore our beautiful city to a place that is safe for everyone.

However, holding offenders accountable does not preclude us from moving forward with implementing important and vital criminal justice reform. As a Black and Latina woman, I have seen the imbalances and disproportionate impacts of our justice system firsthand. I have had family members on both sides of the courtroom. My family has seen and felt the impacts of police violence and misconduct. The inequity in the criminal justice system is not theoretical for me – it is part of my lived experience. It is a part of why I do this work. Reforms are absolutely necessary to ensure that justice is proportional and fairly executed for every person in San Francisco regardless of your skin color or where you come from.

I believe with my vision, the San Francisco District Attorney's will be able to balance accountability and compassionate reforms in a manner that achieves public safety.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: How do you define criminal justice reform?

I believe implementing criminal justice reform means putting policies in place that will create a fairer and more equitable criminal justice system. As a Black and Latina woman and someone who has had family members on both sides of the courtroom, I understand the racial imbalances that afflict our justice system. When viable opportunities for rehabilitation are available, I believe that the District Attorney's office should ensure that offenders are being given the opportunity to engage in rehabilitation programming as an alternative to incarceration. For example, for individuals who have committed lesser offenses, we can adjudicate their cases to collaborative courts such as drug courts or veterans courts. Additionally, I have appointed Tiffany Sutton, an experienced lawyer, to head up alternative programs and initiatives and juvenile in my office.

Furthermore, I strongly recognize the need for law enforcement to enforce all laws equally, regardless of a person's skin color or economic status. That is why I've hired Darby Williams, an experienced public defender and prosecutor, to head up the Independent Investigations Bureau, which will investigate police misconduct.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: What is your vision for prosecution of wage theft?

As District Attorney I and my office will prosecute employers engaged in wage theft to the fullest extent of the law. This is a significant issue, especially in a diverse city with a large immigrant population that needs to be protected from exploitation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: What are your thoughts on sentencing juveniles under the age of 17 as adults?

As a general principle I believe that we should presume that juvenile offenders should remain in juvenile court. My juvenile policy will be released in the coming weeks.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: What would you do if your office was assigned a case that you were morally opposed to? How would your office reconcile the conflict between your own personal beliefs and the case?

As a prosecutor, it is vital that we believe morally in the cases that we are handling as prosecutors. During my career, I have had instances when I've had to express to management that I believed a case should be dismissed because I believed that the person charged was innocent or that I disagreed with the way the police conducted to arrest or investigation and did not believe that we should proceed with the case. I think it is important that our attorneys feel comfortable expressing when they have a moral opposition to prosecuting cases so that we are able to make decisions on how to proceed in those cases.

Public Defender only

Please fill out the following only if you are a candidate for Public Defender.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: What are the top issues in San Francisco related to public safety?