

LPoV Candidate Questionnaire Nov 2022

General Questions

Candidate Name *

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Why are you running for *this* office?

Everyone has the right to their own body and a fair chance at a dignified life. Our country strives for equity, but many people do get left behind. That's why I believe City College should always be free for all San Franciscans, because it gives everyone in our city a chance to fight for a dignified life, no matter their background, age, or history. Removing barriers to education is the only way to help people out of the poverty trap.

To accomplish this, City College needs to meet its due diligence. City College isn't a destination, it's a stepping stone to the rest of your life. Investments in the fundamentals of academics and student services are key, but so is the growth of support staff such as academic advisors. Many people who first enter City College do not have an idea of what they want out of the experience, and having someone to guide them through will reduce the time spent at City College and more on enjoying a boundless life afterwards.

I intend to keep City College free for San Franciscans forever and always, streamline requirements for graduation, and increase access to physical and digital classrooms.

If elected, do you commit to completing your entire term?

Yes

What are your values, and how did you get them?

I grew up all over, but mostly in Novato. After college, I moved to The City, and a few years later, left California to experience more of the country. I returned home during the pandemic and now live in the Outer Richmond, by the ocean. Since college, I've experienced both hardships and decencies. If you want to learn about my career, you can check out my LinkedIn.

What communities do you represent, and how do they hold you accountable?

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

What are the top three issues you will work on, and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner?

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Implementation really depends on a lot of things, but all these goals are politically agreeable.

What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?

What local and state commissions or policy bodies do you serve on?

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Please describe specific accomplishments in your activism. What did you get done, and what was your role?

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Please list specific ways you have shown up for immigrants at risk of deportation.

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Please list specific ways you have fought against racism and white supremacy.

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Please give us some examples of situations you've encountered where gender and LGBTQ inequity was evident and what you did or would do to address it.

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Amid a homelessness crisis, how can the City and County of San Francisco improve the effectiveness of our city's homelessness and supportive housing services?

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What is your favorite park, and why?

Golden Gate Park, because it feels like a forest.

Why do you want the League of Pissed Off Voters' endorsement?

Because we have similar viewpoints on a lot of things. Though, I'm not as politically motivated, I'm running for college board.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

College Board

What experience do you have with City College or Community Colleges in general?

I ran for this position in 2015 during the accreditation crisis.

What do you see as City College's greatest strengths and challenges?

It's free.

Do you support the City College Parcel Tax slated for the November 2022 ballot?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Given that many of the policy and funding decisions for SFUSD are made by other entities, what is your vision for fully funding City College, and what actions can the Board of Trustees take to that end?

Partner with businesses.

How do you plan to close the opportunity gap for students of color?

Keep City College free.

What specific qualities would you look for in a new chancellor?

Goal of graduating students.

What metrics would you use to determine your success as Board Trustee?

Average student enrollment duration.

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