

LPoV Candidate Questionnaire Nov 2022

General Questions

Candidate Name *

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Why are you running for *this* office?

I am running for office to help underserved and marginalized communities. To continue to help our seniors, disabled, and veteran communities. I also would like to ensure that our communities are supported, and uplifted out of poverty. This about ensuring that we accessing to affordable housing, investment in education, support community safety, allow for an increase in resources for BIPOC and LGBTQ communities. Supporting women rights, and ensure that our small businesses thrive.

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

Yes I would like to serve a full term.

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

I was born, and taught to be a good person. Take care of your family, and value your neighbors. We deserve decent leadership, and we should see someone with integrity, and honesty while leading.

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

I am involved in a lot of committees. I am a member of SEIU 1021 labor rights AFRAM, COPE, Women's Committee, SEJ, Co-Chair of Workers with Disabilities. Vice Chair of Communications for Veterans Caucus, Director of Communications for JEDI. The organizations expect me to support the community, and support policy that helps the community as well.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Well I wouldn't choose one over the another. They're equally important.

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

I find it important to address all issues that are important to the community. Investment in education, helping impoverished communities with career advancement, ensuring that we support operation Green D6, helping our communities stay uplifted. Supporting black lives, BIPOC, and LGBTQ initiatives. Keeping our communities safe, and providing affordable housing. Supporting women, seniors, disabled, and veterans are also important.

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

Madam President of Black Voices and Allies Leadership Committee

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

Vice Chair of Communications Veterans Caucus

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

I was able to become California Assembly District 17 ADEM, I served as Madam President of Black Voices, and Allies Leadership Committee, I served as a

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

Support policy work through SEIU 1021. On the political committee COPE we address many different issues that help advocate for resources, and other initiatives.

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

As a community activist alongside many organizations we advocate for the rights of those who are oppressed, disadvantaged, and disempowered. It is with absolute certainty that we continue to uplift, give power, and restore justice for our communities locally, Statewide, and Nationwide.

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.

Some examples, of situations I have encountered is unfair hiring practices, systematic oppression, verbal abuse, physical abuse, and other discriminatory practices. I also watch individuals of higher level abuse their authority. I would say it's important to have fair pay, and good wages. For women we need our rights back as far as I can see we need to continue to advocate for it. Advancement, and skill building opportunities should be more accessible, and affordable for those trying to build their lives. As far as LGBTQ issues we need to ensure that the marginalized, and under-resourced have investment in programs, community safety, and access to safe healthcare, In different spaces LGBTQ are not treated very nice, and sometimes they can't express themselves very much for fear of retaliation.

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?

Promoting affordable housing is crucial to building a thriving city of opportunity. Moving towards city ordinance caps on housing pricing especially during these hard economic times might also be a beneficial alternative. Promote high paying jobs, skill programs for unskilled workers, connecting underserved, and marginalized communities to opportunities to work within the city will help. We also know, that working class, and middle still find themselves struggling with finding, and sustaining housing. To address this, I am open to collectively discussing solutions that will help provide more housing at affordable rates. This will alleviate some of those concerns. Building bridges between city departments, and frontline workers is also substantially key. Focus on entry housing stipends opportunities. We must also ensure that there are private sector non-profits, alongside our City departments that are supported with resources to continue the work their doing to house our un-housed neighbors. I would also like to see new pilot programs moving away from old solutions that kept more individuals unhoused over the course of time. I have personally worked to house unhoused individuals, with my experience, and knowledge of what's working and what's not working will help bridge the gap towards sustainable solutions. This includes investments in software tools for those working in this field, hiring more workers, making significant investments in our essential, and frontline workers including protections against issues such as burnout, mental health, more benefits, and employee support.

What is your favorite park, and why?

I am not sure what my favorite one is. I like parks though.

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

You would be helping me tremendously get a fair shake at a huge election. It's about getting someone in there that will truly do right by the people, and I believe I can do it.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

Thank you for your time. I worked really hard on my website. Please take a look.

Do you support requiring 100% affordable housing on public land? If not, under what circumstances would you support allowing a percentage or all market-rate housing?

Yes

Do you believe the amount of real estate contributions to a candidate impacts their fitness as a candidate?



Yes



No



Other:

Do you support the City funding community land trusts?

Yes

Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core?

Need clarification

What are your ideas for a comprehensive plan for the city to achieve Vision Zero?

Investment in community ambassadors. Investment in affordable housing, investment in harm reduction practices, investment in education, and much more.

What role should city government play with regard to SFUSD, and what policies would you support / have you supported to support our public schools?

I support providing adequate resources for education, infrastructure repair funding, and support to staff from wages, to educational resources to support students of the future. Adequate classroom safety, and PPE precautions resources. Hazard Pay for staff that reside home if they're sick.

Supporting the "Back on Track. Charter Amendment is incredibly important for Bay Area schools. While some are concerned with how it will impact other departments/Unions I think it's a step in the right direction with funding schools, developing new programs, and alleviating some of the strain schools have with operations. I believe we can accommodate to protecting union workers while also supporting education.

We know education is important. We must ensure that those with disabilities have the right tools to succeed as well. On site help in classrooms, one on one teaching, and small group alternative approaches can work. Creating inclusive classroom environments are also very beneficial inside the classroom.

Wages example,

Teachers/Subs/Para Professionals/Care Advisors increase wages to \$125,000.00

Administrative and Operation to \$130,000.00

Custodial & Other types of \$75-98,000.00

Plus a generous benefits package: Includes Mental health, and Mindfulness days off.

I would also like to remove the barriers to teaching by only requiring the degree, and not the tests. It holds up eligibility requirements. This will allow more individuals to teach especially during a shortage.

What is your plan for addressing the housing needs in the city's Housing Element?

I would like to ensure there is a portion housing for seniors, veterans, and disabled communities. I would also like to see housing for low income and middle class at rates for example \$600 for individual, and \$850.00 for a 3 bedroom. I recognize at this rate is affordable for someone living on a fixed income. For those who are homeless such as youth I would like to see funding subsidized so that they can focus on school.

How would you expand checks and balances in regards to mayoral appointments?

I will advocate to ensure that seats are always available to the community, labor organizations, and others who would like to participate.

What metrics would you use to determine your success as Board Member in four years?

That more individuals are pursuing their dreams. That more individuals have access to housing. That women's rights are restored for the Nation. That we advanced Operation Green D6 for climate justice. That we uplifted individuals out of poverty, and now have opportunities to build and take care of their families. That more students are graduating, and teachers are finally with the resources they need. That BIPOC and LGBTQ are abundant in resources, and now we are looking into the second phase of my plan.

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