

SF League of Pissed Off Voters 2026 Primary Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League's questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire by 5pm on Friday, February 27th if you wish to be considered for the League's endorsement. Please use this form rather than formatting it into a Word document or PDF. If you have any questions, you can contact us at TheLeagueSF@gmail.com.

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Motivation

Why are you running for *this* office?

I'm running because we've had decades of D4 leadership out of step with our community. I'm running because our neighborhood has been run by figures who used demagoguery to offer hurtful and counterproductive answers to real fears. I'm running because we need someone from, and for this community (and working people all over) rather than a few donors. I'm running in staunch and indignant opposition to the idea that working people wanting to stay here, elders wanting to remain housed, working families wanting a future for themselves, is somehow immoral or illogical, and a failure of altruism to a more deserving class (of the world's wealthiest demographics).

D4- and San Francisco- need someone who believes in one person one vote over "money is speech". We need someone who is concerned with protecting and aiding this community in need not a lifetime career. We need someone who will respond seriously to what tens of thousands of mandated market rate units will mean if nothing is done to work against displacement. And we need someone who will stand up in this- the darkest time in American politics- to ensure our immigrant, queer, working, and other communities are not displaced and disempowered during a time when San Francisco has the greatest power and responsibility to protect them that it has ever had.

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

My values come from many places- growing up in SF I learned the merits of a society built in audacious compassion. Going to college to learn how to build and create cities and homes for all of society, not a few plutocrats. Serving as President of People of Parkside Sunset, I learned to steward a community even when ideas differed without leaving any out, and the merits of bringing the powerful before the public. As a father whose business and home were attacked by a hateful arsonist, I learned both the value of tenacity, and of reaching out for help to the community.

Most recently, I was confirmed in my values by seeing their opposite- having a leader who pursued power at the expense of those supposedly under his stewardship. Dishonesty, greed, paternalism. We will not hold a democracy, or a working society when such people can buy and lie their way to power. But in doing so, I was also confirmed in the value of an informed, self respecting, and broad community to stand up for itself, and make history. America and San Francisco need Cincinnatuses- folks who will stand up to fight for our fundamental values as a pluralistic republic, without ambition for reward or perpetual power, and then renounce them once the need has passed. I hope in my small way, to be a part of this necessary change.

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

I'm many things- a child of immigrants, a husband and father, a working San Francisco local and a Berkeley educated architect. A proud Chinese-American, a committed enemy of bigotry and of corruption, a small business owner, an activist, a community leader, and a proud non profit leader working to bring community, prosperity, and popular power to my neighborhood.

I'm held accountable by many things, and gladly so. As a grassroots and first time candidate, my candidacy is only as powerful and long lived as the trust a wide spectrum of volunteers running from downtown union stewards and progressive young college students to Chinese elders hold in me. I have no power base but the effort and enthusiasm of the working people I've come to better know and be trusted by through my activism and nonprofit efforts.

I'm also accountable to a grave sense of responsibility to my community and history- I'm an immigrant whose family business was burnt down by a hateful arsonist, a son of immigrants, a representative of immigrants serving for their American dreams, and the husband of an immigrant as well as the father of two beautiful young boys who will grow up in the context of the legacy I and this city leave them. Locally, we have never been at more risk of displacement. Nationally, we're living through the cruelest and most thoughtless racism I've ever seen in my lifetime, perhaps that of anyone now alive. I've got a responsibility to everyone on the right side of history, to everyone committed to decency, and to everyone in need of compassion. This is in large part an accountability of conscience- I can only tell you that I refused to let hate drive my family and its future from this city, and I will make any sacrifice needed to ensure my tenure in office will not be one of failure to meet the challenge of greed and evil. I was raised to be tenacious, I've kept us here by being so, and I will fight in office to keep all of us here- no intimidation, no "corporate speech" no PAC, will ever stand between me and my conscience.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I am running a first time, and grassroots campaign. I hope to be found deserving by many significant organizations and by you. But I am the only candidate without some 15 years of experience and history with SF's clubs and orgs.

Therefore, and in truth, my three most important endorsers are figures who may not be well known outside of District 4, but who mean an immense amount to our neighborhood.

Liam Hennessy, President of the Irish Cultural Center which has been a model for what proactively building solidarity and political power can do for working communities.

Rich Correa, Retired Police Commander, who acted with his conscience when Joel Engardio acted against his district, and his word.

Wei Rapaport, Owner of Quiao-Ji Mandarin School, whose commitment to both preserving and sharing Chinese culture has been an inspiration, and a pillar of our community during a time when we have needed to resist bigotry and misunderstanding on the street, the media, and at the polls.

What are the top three issues you will work on, and what is your plan for achieving your goals?

Firstly, a transparent and accountable leadership to District 4. For far too long, we've had supervisors who disregarded the priorities of their public, and whose government turned out to be radically different from what they campaigned on. We must reduce the influence of big money over our democracy. We've had leaders who not only permitted themselves, but openly celebrated themselves for paternalistic unilateral decisions, for violating the platform they campaigned on, for working for a handful of oligarchs ahead of the people they were elected to protect and assist; announcing that they were smarter, more deserving, than our community.

Secondly, ensure that my district and city remain a place where everyone can thrive. District 4 on my watch will not shirk its obligatory responsibilities to the housing crisis, but we must have a voice in the process, and I intend to do all in my power to ensure that we construct what working people actually need, and that we maintain a necessary physical and social infrastructure to our population, and insist on the public and expert's control over urban planning. I believe in proportionality- that there need to be so many hospitals, parks, etc per capita. We cannot put the cart before the horse and expect infrastructure to come along, and we cannot allow profiteering through induced displacement. We need public input for safety and community cohesion.

Thirdly, public safety. We're short of emergency services, especially fire fighters in D4. I intend to vigorously pursue full staffing of such services. My philosophy around policing is to prevent as many crimes as possible- no retribution will ever bring back a life or reverse damages to mind, body, or property. Restorative justice, community policing and ambassadors, and I do also believe we must rectify our major staffing shortages in all emergency services in D4 including police. I want to have conscientious, accountable locals who can walk foot patrols, communicate with our ESL population, and ward off as many crimes as possible before they occur. Overuse of overtime, and pushes to fill shortages with those let go for misconduct elsewhere are serious problems I want to proactively avoid,

What local and state commissions or policy bodies have you served on?

None, I am a first time candidate.

What political organizations are you a member of (e.g., democratic clubs)?

I am president of People of Parkside-Sunset, or PoPS

What for-profit or non-profit boards have you served on, including political organizations?

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What campaigns have you worked on?

No on K (2024), and the 2025 Recall of Joel Engardio

What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

The recall on Engardio

What is one concrete thing about the League of Pissed Off Voters (for example, something we have done, said, or published) that you appreciate and that would make you proud to have our endorsement?

The most recent concrete example I can think of is your November 2024 mass texts, which helped ensure many wonderful folks- Connie Chan, and Chyanne Chen, for instance- were able to prevail. That said, every year you've acted, you've made a meaningful difference in championing true neighborhood and community representation.

Board of Supervisors

How long have you lived in your supervisor district? If you have not lived in your district continuously, when is the most recent time you moved back to your district and why?

49 years!

How would you explain the biggest challenges your district faces?

My district's challenges are the same as the rest of the city I'd say- a leadership class elected by outside donations from billionaires, PACs, and IEs, governing either deliberately to displace and profiteer or without any sense of responsibility to democracy or vulnerable communities during a time of national terror. In short, a lack of real representation.

What do you feel are your district's biggest opportunities?

Actualizing our youth, supporting our incredible small businesses to be the nationally-unique assets they can be. If we can create support, education, trade or academic to enable our city's younger generation to remain here with bright futures, the sky is the limit. D4 overall is generally mischaracterized by all sides of our current political tribes- our concerns are more similar than many realize, together we can unify the majority of our city who believe government should help those in need, not dismantle itself for the profit of major industries with no concern for us or the city's future.

In what ways would your work as supervisor align with, or be different from, the last supervisor from this district?

I would work for the district- and democracy, participation, working people, immigrants, and people of conscience everywhere, and not for 6 or so billionaires and their plans to make money or create insane executions of their own self determined ideals for our lives and those of our children. This may be brief in phrasing, but I cannot overstate how much of a philosophical difference just this represents to our recent "leadership."

Do you support getting rid of district elections for the Board of Supervisors? Why or why not?

No I do not- my whole candidacy has arisen from criticism of a supervisor who felt no obligation to value an overwhelming majority of his public against something that polled well citywide. Even when you don't understand the priority people hold, your public, your constituents popular sentiments should lead you to investigate who you may be failing to understand or value, not override and demean them. As we saw, the power of the district is a necessary protective power when that trust is broken. A return to at large elections would mean an even greater disparity in the ability of working class and grass roots campaigns to consistently win against concentrated money- the opposite direction of where the need to be moving.

Which specific city services do you feel should be protected from budget cuts, but have not been?

It would not be responsible for me to give strictly categorical answers, I intend to both conduct a careful review as candidate, and if successful, as officeholder before determining- my own notions must be borne out by evidence, and given fair hearing with the public and experts before being pursued, either for or against such changes.

That said, I have grave initial concerns with the cutting of HIV services in our health department for one- I'm deeply about the prospect of overall supportive housing being targeted for privatization or dissolution, and particularly concerned that San Francisco is down to its last live in residence for HIV positive people, and that its future is uncertain.

We must create the funding for healthcare, housing, and support- it is the smart thing to fund now rather than pay more later, it is the right thing to do.

Similarly in broader subjects, I believe that prevention is worth a pound of cure, to use a cliché- general medicine, housing, homelessness, fire prevention, education, homelessness. In all of these cases and many more, the economic "pain" of making smart, evidence based investments now saves time, and lives when preemptively invested in. A "savings" now can really be an irrevocable cost- morally, financially, and in terms of irreplaceable human life, later.

Please describe your familiarity with the City Charter. Please give specific examples of what you would change in the charter, and what you think is important to preserve.

It would be antithetical to the philosophy of my candidacy to promote charter changes without the informed consent and input of my constituency and neighbors. I believe our status as a distinct charter city has been key to San Francisco's history as a moral leader of minority rights, and I value it highly.

The proposed changes being rumored would be harmful- our percentages of signatures for voter led ballot measures etc needed for instance, are not the issue- I know better than nearly anyone how hard it is to reach 20% even for a popular and just cause. The issue is how easily money- there are no contribution limits and no public financing- controls it.

The changes rumored to be proposed are anti democratic, we already have a strong mayor system as well, I'm not at all convinced further strengthening would be beneficial. '

Please describe your familiarity with the Board of Supervisors budget process. How would you approach the City's budget? What would you prioritize? How would you ensure community voices are represented?

Being in such a massive deficit does not inspire confidence in our government's ability to manage funds, especially when voters are still faced with many issues in their day to day lives. I would cut failing capital projects, unnecessary staffing positions, duplicated services that produce no results.

I would prioritize public education, public health, food, shelters and services that help those in need.

With the budget deficit slated to rise each year and the ongoing effort and 10-15% reductions already mandated, I think it's important not to be too cavalier in identifying targets for cuts, though the significant increases to the Department of Public Health's budget are worth scrutiny, especially as what cuts are being made are disproportionately hitting HIV care, language services, and harm reduction to the great harm of public interest.

Overall, the ideal outcome is to improve revenue- we're overdependent for instance on downtown offices and hotel income in an era of declining usage post-Covid (and overproduction in many cases of commercial space development which goes vacant).

I'd like to get these filled or repurposed economically with a vacancy tax or other incentives, and I want to drive income into the pockets of working people who will spend locally- city services like CCSF used to create some 200 million dollars annually of new salary for new graduates locally each year cost effectively. Create taxes for large businesses who don't hire locally, and otherwise utilize Keynesian stimulus and stimulating local lower and middle income employment as a guiding policy, and focus on a tax policy that minimizes methods that fall as flat or regressive taxes disproportionately harmful to low and fixed income folks and which reduce consumer spending in the city.

Under what circumstances do you think it's appropriate for the Board of Supervisors to delegate its oversight function to the Mayor?

Frankly, I can think of none- we are already a strong mayor city, it seems a further strengthening of that power is likely to be pursued. The board is an essential oversight, the separation of executive, legislative, and judicial branches, are essential. Brash plans being held back by the de facto veto, filibuster, the sole objector are not a failure of democracy, they are the point of it, and have been since antiquity. Protecting your constituency from the tyranny of the majority, the tyranny of money, and the tyranny of ideology are all core to why I am running. I believe firmly in the power and responsibility of the local leader, the constituent member or members of our electoral bodies, etc as a restraint when needed, excepting in totalizing cases of ethical or intellectual-scientific necessity.

How did you vote or would you have voted on Mayor Lurie's Family Zoning Plan? How would you explain your position to your constituents?

I did not support the family zoning plan as written due to the lack of community input my district had in it. It is a priority of mine when I am elected to legislate changes to our local zoning plan that tailor our housing growth to the district in a better way.

I was deeply concerned that the Family Zoning plan would risk causing major displacement in our community. The Sunset is filled with many working class residents who are living paycheck to paycheck, yet for some reason are seen as wealthy homeowners, this is simply not true.

The Sunset district has always been a place where working class, multigenerational, and immigrant families could find an affordable place to live. Massively upzoning our district with unaffordable homes would drive these families away and create a future that leaves them out.

I also have concerns about the impact to our small businesses along merchant corridors. Our district is home to many legacy businesses like my own, who have served our community for generations. These businesses are important to the convenience, food safety and quality of life in our district. There are already enough challenges to running a business, we do not need to add rising rent and risk of evictions to that list.

While I don't think the Family Zoning plan delivered more affordable housing for my district, I would like to help grow this city and make it more affordable.

I think we have to start by looking for areas of our district and even our city, where there is space and desire to add more housing and where it makes sense for the people who will be living there. We need to focus on building affordable and market rate housing instead of just luxury housing.

I think it is important that we make sure we are not displacing anyone and that when we build for affordability and families, we really mean it.

Whose voices are not being heard at City Hall? What new voices would you bring in to City Hall?

Any number- the Sunset in general, working people in general. My campaign is about sticking up for the little guy, and one factor I think is particular to my district, is that low income, elderly or disabled homeowners are prevalent and ignored. Pro developer forces insist that these people living on as little as 60,000 a year between a family of 4 or more, are in fact the wealthy forces thwarting the major developers who wish only to make life more affordable for us all. So to do other forces disregard them relative to renters etc- I believe such folks deserve dignity, not to be driven out so the profit of their to can be realized, that their children deserve a chance to benefit from their parents and grandparent's lifetimes of work to build a legacy to remain here. I'm running to unite the low income homeowner and renter, the small business, the mom and pops landlord with the traditional advocates of anti displacement politics. We need a majority to do something, and I think these groups are truly unheard, to the detriment of all the 90% or more of us without a financial stake in deliberate displacement and gentrification.

Did you join educators at the UESF picket line during the strike? Which school site did you go to, when, and why?

Unfortunately, I was out of town on an unavoidable personal obligation, the strike resolved the day I returned. I did post public statements of support, and will always be in support, and will be present always in support of labor in crisis unless physically prevented by circumstances outside my control.

Endorsements and Support - June 2026

Who will you support in the June 2026 election?

US Congress, District 11

Connie Chan

Supervisor, District 2

No Endorsement (Currently)

SFUSD School Board

No Endorsement

SF Superior Court, Seat 16

No Endorsement

Governor

No Endorsement

Attorney General

Rob Bonta
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Insurance Commisioner

No Endorsement
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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

No Endorsement
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Endorsements and Support - November 2026

Who will you support in the November 2026 election?

Supervisor, District 2

No Endorse (current)
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Supervisor, District 4

Albert Chow
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Supervisor, District 6

No Endorse (Current)
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Supervisor, District 8

Gary McCoy (Manny cannot win!)
.....

Supervisor, District 10

Theo Ellington
.....

Past Endorsements

What candidates have you supported in past elections?

November 2024 Supervisor, District 1

Connie Chan
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 3

No Endorse
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 5

No Endorse
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 7

Matt Boschetto
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 9

No Endorse

November 2024 Supervisor, District 11

Chyanne Chen

November 2024 Mayor

Daniel Lurie

November 2024 District Attorney

No Endorse

November 2024 State Assembly, District 19

Catherine Stefani

November 2024 School Board

No Endorse

November 2024 City College Board

No Endorse

March 2024 US Senator, Primary

Alex Padilla
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March 2024 Superior Court Judge, Seat 1

No Endorse
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March 2024 Superior Court Judge, Seat 13

No Endorse
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November 2022 School Board

No Endorse
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November 2022 City College Board

No Endorse
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November 2022 Supervisor, District 2

No Endorse
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November 2022 Supervisor, District 4

No Endorse
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November 2022 Supervisor, District 6

No Endorse

November 2022 Supervisor, District 8

No Endorse

November 2022 Supervisor, District 10

No Endorse

Past Props

How did you vote on specific ballot measures in past elections?

Nov 2024 Prop C: Inspector General

Yes

No

Nov 2024 Prop D: Mayoral Commission Reform

Yes

No

Nov 2024 Prop 32: Raise Minimum Wage

Yes

No

Nov 2024 Prop 33: Allow Local Rent Control / Repeal Costa Hawkins

Yes

No

Nov 2024 Prop 36: Treat Misdemeanors as Felonies

Yes

No

Mar 2024 Prop E: Surveillance Tools for Police

Yes

No

Mar 2024 Prop F: Forced Drug Screening for the Poor

- Yes
- No

Nov 2022 Prop M: Empty Homes Tax

- Yes
- No

Jun 2022 Prop H: Recall District Attorney Chesa Boudin

- Yes
- No

Upcoming Measures

How will you vote on upcoming ballot measures?

Nov 2026 Statewide CEO Billionaire Tax

- Yes
- No

Jun 2026 Increase CEO Salary Tax

- Yes
- No

Jun 2026 Impose Lifetime Term Limits

- Yes
- No

Jun 2026 CA Public Financing of Elections

- Yes
- No

In Closing

What is your favorite San Francisco restaurant and what would you order there?

Hey- I sincerely could not put one above any other; I'm a lifetime resident, a food lover, a small business lover, and I could never pick.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I'm the only person running who is not a professional politician- my long term agenda is only to protect my neighborhood and not an indefinite career. I'm here to ensure that my community is not displaced, and that my children inherit a working, transparent democracy. My mother always said "leave this place better than you found it."

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