

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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Governor

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Motivation

Why are you running for *this* office?

As a community organizer and school social worker in one of the Bay Area's last black and brown neighborhoods, I've seen first hand how hard it is for working class people to make ends meet despite working long hours. I've personally had to live without health insurance and secure housing. California has the highest rates of poverty in the nation, but it's also the 4th largest economy in the world. The fact that the state government cannot ensure a dignified standard of living for all its residents is not an issue of scarcity, but a rigged political and economic system controlled by billionaires and the ultra-wealthy. This results in the lack of political will to use California's \$4 trillion economy to benefit its people, but instead allow a tiny few to enrich themselves at the expense of the rest of the people and the planet. While working people create all the wealth, we are treated as an afterthought while politicians cut back room deals to enrich their donors and divert our funds to excessive police budgets and profit accumulation for its own sake. I'm sick and tired of career politicians selling us out, and that is why I decided to fight for the demands of millions of Californians, by running as a socialist, people-powered campaign to make California work for the people, not the billionaires.

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

I am a proud socialist organizer! Capitalism made me a socialist. I spent twenty years of my life working multiple jobs but still having to make the choice between rent and healthcare. I've had to live in unregulated apartments without showers to try to afford a roof over my head. So many people in my community have faced the same desperation, and yet the billionaire class continues to amass huge amounts of wealth. I saw that at each of my low wage jobs. Working people would do all the work, create this \$4 trillion economy in California, but see none of the benefits. I believe that socialism is a political system where working people have political power to plan the economy to meet our needs and the planets. I believe that for humanity to survive, we need to take power away from the billionaires and put it in the hands of the organized working class.

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

I represent working and oppressed people of California. I represent the single mom working two jobs just to pay the bills and afford childcare. I represent the young black college students who fear they could be killed by police for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. I represent the people living in their cars while working full time minimum wage jobs because housing is too expensive and the jobs don't pay enough. I represent my students who struggle with mental health because of the pressures of poverty that make it so hard for them to advance their education. In short, as a socialist organizer, I have been working with these folks for years, and that will not change one bit if I am elected as governor.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I'm proud to have the endorsement of the Peace and Freedom Party, Young Democratic Socialists of America Berkeley Chapter, and Kalimah Priforce of Emeryville City Council.

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

While there are so many urgent policies that I am proposing, I would prioritize these three first:

1. Declare a statewide housing emergency to freeze all rents and halt all evictions and foreclosures.
2. Create a universal single payer healthcare system that is free for all residents regardless of immigration status.
3. Guarantee union jobs at a minimum \$30/ hour living wage to all CA residents.

The reason I would prioritize these three proposals is because they would do the most to immediately provide relief to the millions of working class Californian's who are suffering under the current billionaire regime. I also believe that these policies would allow us to build working-class power by building the broadest coalition needed to push through these badly needed reforms. This would provide momentum for my other progressive policy proposals.

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

I have not worked in government institutions as I have not been elected to office before.

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

I am a member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and part of the State Central Committee of the Peace and Freedom Party.

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

I have not served on the boards of any for-profit or non-profit organizations.

What campaigns have you worked on?

I supported the presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom party, Claudia De La Cruz in 2024.

What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

I made a personal donation to the Claudia De La Cruz campaign.

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 League has done a remarkable job of staying politically independent, in a world where very few organizations can do so. I think this is reflected in the League's endorsement of PFP candidates Nathalie Hrizi and Meghann Adams in 2022.

Statewide Office

What is a top legislative achievement or policy you are most proud of delivering for California?

I have not yet been an elected official with legislative achievements, but I have a long history as an organizer fighting for change. I am very active in the anti-war movement and Palestine solidarity movement. I helped organize the demonstrations immediately after October 7th that had the attendance of tens of thousands of people, and helped forever change the narrative around Palestine in the United States. I helped organize the movement against Brooke Jenkins when Banko Brown was murdered for the crime of being hungry. This movement put enough pressure on Brooke Jenkins to release the footage of the murder. I

What are the unique challenges California faces and how will you address them if elected/re-elected?

California stands out in the country with its extreme disparity between the ultra wealthy and the average resident. California's 194 billionaires hoard more wealth than the poorest 27 million of us. That isn't an accident - that's a rigged system working exactly as it's supposed to. There is more than enough wealth in California to guarantee housing, healthcare and jobs as rights - not luxuries. In a state as wealthy as ours, poverty is a political choice. As Governor, I would permanently tax the billionaires to fully fund the life of dignity we all deserve: housing as a human right, universal free healthcare, public childcare, and guaranteed jobs at \$30 an hour.

In addition to taxation, there are numerous policies that my campaign stands for that will actively take power out of the hands of the billionaires, and put it into the hands of working people in California.

Making corporate lobbying illegal: buying influence in Sacramento through lobbying is a foundational way the voices of the rich are heard over the voices of the many.

Banning Corporate Landlords: Banks and private equity companies like Blackstone own hundreds of thousands of homes across the state. It will be illegal for any entity to own more than 10 homes. Those that currently do will be required to sell their housing stock to the state of California, which will be turned into public housing.

Create a State Department of Anti-Discrimination – run by elected leaders from historically oppressed communities—with the power to strike down or rewrite laws that uphold systemic racism in housing, policing, education, labor, and more.

In what ways would your work in this office align with, or be different from, the last person elected to this office?

As Governor, I would have a significantly different program than Gavin Newsom. He actively serves the interests of California's billionaires by standing in the way of policies that support working people. He is actively campaigning against the billionaire tax. He didn't use his power as the commander in chief of the California National Guard to order them to stand down when they were sent to LA. He campaigned on a promise of universal healthcare but came out against it once he won the race. In short, Gavin Newsom served the billionaires of California. My campaign is about using the vast wealth of our state to meet the needs of all 40 million Californians - regardless of immigration status.

How will you use your office to help the state address chronic wildfires and other impacts of climate change?

Investor owned utilities cause hundreds of fires because they prioritize investor profits over delivering safe and affordable energy. I would transform the disjointed and underinvested investor owned utility system into one connected grid - publicly owned and run in the public interest.

With the fourth largest economy in the world, California can implement a real climate transition plan. With urgent and massive investments in green energy, California can phase out fossil fuels and start repairing the damage done to our environment.

Will you support overturning the Costa-Hawkins Act, allowing cities to control their own rent control policies?

Absolutely. We are in a housing emergency, and repealing Cost-Hawkins is absolutely necessary for solving it.

Do you have a realistic strategy for repealing Prop 13?

Yes. We need to build support across all of California for the repeal of Prop 13. That includes home owners, especially long term home owners, who benefit from the law. By using California's \$4 trillion economy to guarantee a dignified retirement, fully funded college from cradle to college, and free universal healthcare we will significantly economically benefit the same constituents who are supportive of Prop 13. By lightening the economic burden on these voters, they will be in a better position to support the repeal prop 13.

What is your opinion of the statewide initiative process?

Statewide initiatives are an important expression of California's being able to democratically impact our laws. However, it has been co-opted by billionaires and their corporations to push anti-worker legislation that becomes very hard to repeal. Prop 22 is an excellent example of this - with rideshare companies spending over \$200 million to ensure it passed. Corporate sponsored statewide initiatives and corporate spending in support or against a ballot should be banned. This would ensure the integrity of the statewide initiative process.

What is your opinion of California's redistricting process?

I supported Prop 50, because it will help make life harder for the ultra-right billionaires attacking our wages, working conditions, and healthcare while recklessly cutting taxes on the rich and spending trillions on war. But redistricting alone will not solve these problems. Newsom and the Democratic elites across the country are a major reason we are in this situation in the first place. Despite having multiple chances, and a clear mandate, Democrats failed to defend voting rights, making gerrymandering like what is happening in Texas easier.

The true solutions are proportional representation, banning big money from politics, and ending the two-party monopoly. Working people need their own party and socialist solutions to the problems billionaires create.

What role do you see AI playing in our public sphere?

AI is one of the consequential developments of the last few years. AI has the capability to be extremely useful and reduce our workload, but at its current trajectory is leading to mass job displacement and environmental devastation. This is because AI is being developed for the benefit of Billionaires. For AI to be used to the benefit of working people it will need to be in the hands of the people, not the billionaires.

Endorsements and Support - June 2026

Who will you support in the June 2026 election?

US Congress, District 11

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Supervisor, District 2

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SFUSD School Board

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SF Superior Court, Seat 16

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Governor

Ramsey Robinson

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Attorney General

Marjorie Mikels

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Insurance Commisioner

Lalo Vargas

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Frank Lara

Past Props

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

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

Upcoming Measures

How will you vote on upcoming ballot measures?

Nov 2026 Statewide Billionaire Tax

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?

Shalimar - Chicken Karahi and Onion Kulcha

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

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