

# 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](mailto:TheLeagueSF@gmail.com).

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## Motivation

### Why are you running for *this* office?

San Francisco is a wealthy city that should be a national leader on housing, public health, and economic justice. And yet, too many people are struggling to afford rent, access life-saving treatment, or trust that City Hall can deliver real results. That is why I sought the appointment for District 2 Supervisor over a year ago and what I have been working towards ever since. We've made a lot of progress, and I hope to continue moving us in that direction.

I'm running to secure a full term because I bring a wealth of public policy and government experience to the Board. In my first year, I pushed for faster emergency responses near schools and parks, extended the First Year Free program to help small businesses open and grow, and helped cut red tape so neighborhood storefronts can fill vacancies instead of sitting empty. I have sponsored or co-sponsored more than 20 pieces of legislation focused on public safety, economic recovery, and government accountability.

Before joining the Board of Supervisors, I served as Director of the Mayor's Office of Innovation, where I worked across City departments to improve coordination, streamline processes, and use data to make government more responsive. Earlier in my career, I worked for New York City on clean streets initiatives and emergency response efforts following Hurricane Sandy.

I hope I can count on the League's support to continue representing District 2 so proudly and keep moving our City in the right direction.

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

My core values are fairness, accountability, and opportunity.

I grew up in a politically conservative household, but early on found myself passionately aligned with values of inclusion, civil rights, and equal dignity. Through my work in public service, I came to believe deeply that our government has a responsibility to protect all our vulnerable populations, expand opportunities, and correct systemic inequities.

At the same time, I value competence and follow-through. Good intentions are not enough. If we say housing affordability is a priority, then we have to actually build it. If we say we care about people struggling with addiction, we have to fund treatment that works and demand accountability for outcomes.

My values come from experience: working inside the government, seeing where it fails, and believing it can do better. Compassion and accountability are not opposites – they're partners.

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

I represent the Marina, Cow Hollow, Pacific Heights, Presidio Heights, Jordan Park, Cathedral Hill, Anza Vista, part of Russian Hill, part of NOPA, and the Presidio. District 2 is often perceived as affluent, but 70% of District voters are renters, and many working families, seniors, and younger residents face real affordability pressures. My job is to give everyone in my District a voice in City Hall.

Additionally, my constituents hold me accountable through direct engagement – and that’s exactly what my office prioritizes as well. I walk neighborhoods regularly, conduct merchant corridor walks, hold office hours, and respond directly to constituent concerns. On average my office resolves over 50 constituent cases every month. If something isn't working, I want my office to be one of the first to know.

## What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I’m most proud of the dozens of leaders in District 2 that have endorsed me, especially early on in my race. After all, it’s the neighbors, parents, business owners, and so many other community members that inspire me to roll up my sleeves everyday for them at City Hall.

Meanwhile, I’m also proud to have the sole and early endorsements of Mayor Daniel Lurie, Firefighters Local 798, and the Sierra Club.

This signals I’m the right choice for the District. I have both the grassroots and institutional support to be successful at City Hall, and I’m the hardest working candidate across the issues that impact both our District and our City: housing, public transit, affordability, safe streets, and the environment.

For a full and updated list of endorsements, please visit  
<https://www.votestephensherrill.com/endorsements>

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

First, I want to make San Francisco affordable for the families who work so hard to serve it each and every day, like our first responders, teachers, and social workers. That starts with affordable housing. When visiting Station 16 in my District I learned that over 50% of firefighters don't live within or walking distance to our City's borders. That's unacceptable for our emergency preparedness. Homelessness is also inherently a housing supply and access issue. It's for these reasons I'm a proud lead co-sponsor of the Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District for 3333 and 3700 California Street, which will deliver over 1,200 new homes including affordable senior housing. I'm also supporting 750 Golden Gate Avenue, which creates over 100 units of affordable housing for public school teachers. Increased housing and affordability will remain a number one priority for me and my office.

Second, we need to continue making progress on the fentanyl crisis so that every neighborhood, but especially downtown, can have clean and safe streets that residents and businesses depend on. To date, I've pushed for coordinated enforcement against open-air drug markets paired with expanded treatment capacity, including more detox beds, residential treatment, and long-term recovery pathways. I've supported drug market intervention strategies and pushed for faster emergency responses near schools and parks. We're making good progress as a city but I want to make San Francisco the best place in America to raise your family. We need to keep working hard on this crisis.

And third, I want to reform City Hall to improve accountability and service delivery. San Francisco spends hundreds of millions on programs without adequate transparency into whether they're working. My goal is for the City to launch a publicly accessible dashboard of all city contracts and grants showing objectives, measurable metrics, number of people served, and quality of services. This will help government officials and the public more easily see how our dollars are being spent and the quality of services being provided. It will help us better understand and redirect dollars to more meaningfully serve our most vulnerable populations, like at-risk youth, LGBTQ+, seniors, immigrants, and our historically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

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

I currently serve District 2 on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, where I am also the Vice Chair on the Rules Committee, and a member of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee, the SF Downtown Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing District, and the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. I am also proud to serve as the Board of Supervisors' representative on the Family Violence Council as well as the Employee Retirement System.

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

I am a dues paying member of the D2 Democratic Club and the United Democratic Club. I maintain active relationships with neighborhood and civic groups in District 2 and regularly engage with community organizations, small business associations, and other Democratic clubs through my work on the Board and in the district.

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

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What campaigns have you worked on?

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What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

Theo Ellington, Alan Wong, Danny Sauter, London Breed are a few that come to mind.

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?

I'm in admiration of the League's longstanding and consistent prevalence in our City as a trusted voter guide and voice for so many residents. It's not easy to sustainably build such a large movement and it's a model that so many other communities in San Francisco can follow and depend on.

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?

Nearly 11 years.

How would you explain the biggest challenges your district faces?

The biggest challenges are interconnected: the fentanyl crisis destabilizing street conditions and public safety; a cost of living that is pushing families, seniors, and workers out of the city; and commercial corridors that still have too many vacancies. District 2 also feels the effects of citywide governance failures. When city services are fragmented, unaccountable, or slow, it's the neighborhoods that suffer.

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

District 2 is one of the most resourced and high-opportunity areas in San Francisco. That creates both privilege and responsibility.

Our biggest opportunity is to contribute more meaningfully to solving citywide challenges – especially housing production. High-resource neighborhoods like ours should play a larger role in building family-sized housing, senior housing, and mixed-income projects so that opportunity is not limited to those who can already afford it.

We also have an opportunity to strengthen neighborhood commercial corridors, expand transit access, and invest in climate-resilient infrastructure along our coastline.

District 2 can demonstrate that historically exclusionary neighborhoods can evolve – adding housing, supporting small businesses, and remaining vibrant – without losing character. If we get that right here, it sets a precedent for the rest of the city.

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

I greatly respect the work of then-Supervisor Catherine Stefani and believe in building on her efforts around public safety and neighborhood conditions. I'm especially proud we are aligned on gun violence – including our work together with Pierce's Pledge to promote safe firearm storage.

I'm especially focused on housing production, including supporting zoning updates and financing tools to unlock stalled projects. I've also prioritized modernizing how City Hall operates by improving interdepartmental coordination, strengthening accountability for large public contracts, and tying funding more directly to measurable outcomes.

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

No. District elections ensure neighborhoods have direct representation and that Supervisors are accountable to the communities they serve.

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

1) We have been making tremendous progress on street conditions and safety, so I believe our budget has to continue to prioritize our first responders and the workers who directly impact our street conditions.

2) I also want to stress that the Office of Victim and Witness Rights is critically underfunded and has been turning people away. That is unacceptable, especially for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and family violence.

3) Early childcare is another area where cuts would be devastating.

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.

I am very familiar with the City Charter. The Charter shapes everything from the Mayor–Board balance of power and the role of commissions, to budget authority and civil service protections. It is both a guardrail and, at times, a source of fragmentation.

One area that deserves reform is the proliferation of commissions and overlapping authorities that diffuse accountability. When responsibility is spread across multiple bodies, it becomes harder for residents to know who is responsible for results.

Thoughtful consolidation while preserving civil rights protections and public oversight would improve transparency and delivery.

I also believe we should clarify lines of authority in budgeting and contracting to strengthen performance-based accountability.

What I believe is essential to preserve are checks and balances, public transparency requirements, and protections for workers and civil rights. Any reform must make government more responsive without concentrating power in ways that weaken democratic oversight.

I look forward to working with the Mayor and Board President on a reform package for November 2026.

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?

As Supervisor, I've participated directly in the two-year budget process from department hearings to final appropriations. The Mayor proposes the budget, but the Board has the authority to review, amend, and reallocate funding. That responsibility requires both fiscal discipline and value clarity.

My approach is to protect frontline services while scrutinizing administrative overhead and underperforming contracts. We should be conducting regular performance audits, tying funding to measurable outcomes, and eliminating duplication across departments.

Community voices must always remain a part of the process. That means accessible budget hearings, language access, proactive outreach beyond downtown City Hall, and transparency tools that allow residents to see where dollars are going and what outcomes they're producing.

Budgets are moral documents. They should reflect our values: equity, accountability, and long-term resilience.

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

One of the errors the Board has made in previous years is emphasizing oversight authority before contracts have been signed but not spending enough time on oversight after contracts have been signed. It is critical that we exercise oversight on a consistent basis while programs are operating to ensure the goals of a contract are being met, and are constantly being monitored and approved.

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 voted for the Family Zoning Plan because San Francisco has a housing shortage that is driving displacement and inequality, and we must expand the opportunity to build more housing in San Francisco. High-resource neighborhoods like District 2 must be part of the solution.

I held a town hall dedicated entirely to this issue because I believe housing decisions should be transparent and debated openly. If City leaders had pretended to oppose any update to our zoning laws, the State would have stepped in, taken complete control, and allowed development with no regard for our neighborhoods. I supported amendments that clarified standards and protected critical community resources, but I did not support maintaining exclusionary zoning simply to avoid change. I worked with the Mayor and my colleagues to amend the plan to protect the neighborhoods I represent, hosted robust outreach, and made sure the end result was the best outcome given the circumstances. I also supported Sup. Chen's tenant protections legislation.

At the same time, zoning alone does not build housing. We must pair zoning changes with real efforts to lower construction costs and invest in affordable housing.

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

Too often, the loudest voices at City Hall are those with the most time, access, and resources. The voices that struggle to be heard are renters, working families and immigrants, seniors, and so many others.

I want to continue bringing in residents who experience policy failures firsthand, such as our tenants who can barely afford to stay in this city, the families of teachers and first responders who commute hours away, or our small business too busy to advocate for themselves in an often overwhelming and daunting bureaucracy.

If City Hall only hears from those already connected to it, then we won't make meaningful progress on the issues we care about. My goal is to widen the circle of who shapes decisions.

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

Yes. Sherman Elementary and Claire Lillienthal (Sacramento campus). Speaking to teachers directly is incredibly important. I met a teacher at Sherman named [prob don't need to add name] - a single mother of two kids. As she phrased it, "I'm poor but I'm not poor enough." She makes about \$113,000/year, but the "affordable" housing that she qualifies for costs \$3,600/month. At its heart, the teachers' strike was about affordability, about costs gone out of control in our City. We must focus on building more workforce housing to support our teachers, firefighters and working families across San Francisco.

Endorsements and Support - June 2026

Who will you support in the June 2026 election?

US Congress, District 11

Supervisor, District 2

SFUSD School Board

SF Superior Court, Seat 16

Governor

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Attorney General

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Insurance Commisioner

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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Endorsements and Support - November 2026

Who will you support in the November 2026 election?

Supervisor, District 2

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Supervisor, District 4

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Supervisor, District 6

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Supervisor, District 8

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Supervisor, District 10

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Past Endorsements

What candidates have you supported in past elections?

November 2024 Supervisor, District 1

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 3

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 5

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 7

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 9

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 11

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November 2024 Mayor

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November 2024 District Attorney

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November 2024 State Assembly, District 19

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November 2024 School Board

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November 2024 City College Board

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March 2024 US Senator, Primary

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March 2024 Superior Court Judge, Seat 1

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March 2024 Superior Court Judge, Seat 13

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November 2022 School Board

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November 2022 City College Board

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November 2022 Supervisor, District 2

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November 2022 Supervisor, District 4

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November 2022 Supervisor, District 6

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November 2022 Supervisor, District 8

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November 2022 Supervisor, District 10

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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?

This is a totally unfair question but right now I'm craving the tortellini al forno from Jackson Fillmore Trattoria.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I am doing my best to complete a large volume of endorsement questionnaires and interviews by each deadline. I am happy to answer any voting record or preference questions with the League and its membership during any part of the next endorsement steps. Thank you for understanding.

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