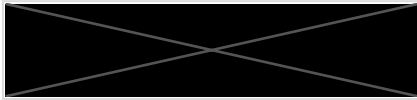


SF League of Pissed Off Voters 2026 Questionnaire

Hello candidates! Thank you for filling out the League's questionnaire. Please complete the questionnaire **by 5pm on Friday, August 7th** 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 spent 13 years at SFUSD as a student. I've also spent the last 13 years as a parent at SFUSD. I am mother to a 7th grader at James Lick with an IEP, and a 12th grader at June Jordan School for Equity. I also work with an active multigenerational group of community members, that include SFUSD families. As a community organizer, I've spent decades advocating for good governance of our public school system and our city. Good governance means ensuring that the government works for everyone, especially impacted communities.

I am ready to represent and uphold our San Francisco values, I will not play games with our children's education. This is not a stepping stone to higher office, I am focused on creating the best schools, our children deserve that.

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

I am a second generation organizer, daughter of a dedicated and active Teamster. My parents instilled mutual aid, and equity from an early age. My parents were extremely active in my education, serving as District Advisory Committee Chair and Bilingual Advisory Committee Chair respectively.

I believe in working collaboratively to create real solutions, with a seat at the table for those most impacted.

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

I have been working with low income, working class, and immigrant community members to build solutions and hold people in power accountable. I believe and have asked them to hold me to a higher standard than we hold others, because I should be accountable to my community.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Honestly I am proud of all my endorsements, I've worked really hard to work with integrity and to build my rapport with each of them, but the three that hold special meaning:

1. United Educators of San Francisco (UESF)
 2. Art Agnos former Mayor (my father worked on his campaign and took us door knocking as children)
 3. Teamsters Local 853 (My father's local, and they also represent the truck drivers for SFUSD)
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What are the top three issues you will work on, and what is your plan for achieving your goals?

1. Fixing the Enrollment System: Creating a user-friendly, predictable system that assigns families to schools reasonably close to their homes.
2. Invest in Student-Facing Resources: Ensure all schools are fully staffed and well-resourced, ending the narrative that only "certain" schools in certain neighborhoods are "good".
3. Expand Community Services: Build out the community school model so that families view SFUSD as a one-stop hub for student success and family support.

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

I attended and graduated from the Board and Commissions Leadership Institute (BCLI), but have not served on a commission.

My relationship with policy has been through the Public Bank Coalition and the California Environmental Justice Alliance

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

Currently I am a member of the D11 Democratic Club, and the Working Families Party

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

I am currently on the board of:

1. The Community Council of Housing Organizations (CCHO)
2. People Power Media
3. Homies Organizing the Mission to Empower Youth

What campaigns have you worked on?

I've volunteered for a few candidates,

Ballot initiatives Prop M: Vacant Homes Tax

Will be working on initiatives this November:

1. Public Bank
2. Affordable Homes Guarantee Act
3. No on Prop 45

What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

Jackie Fielder

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 use your voter guide every election as far back as I can remember you are the most aligned voter guide aside from the SF Rising voter guide

Board of Education

What was your position on UESF's strike? Did you join the picket lines, and if so, at which school and why? What is your understanding of why UESF went on strike?

I believe the sole responsibility of the strike was the mismanagement of the negotiations by SFUSD.

I joined the picket line at June Jordan School for Equity and pivoted to support an early education site who had less support.

UESF went on strike demanding better & safer classroom conditions for our students. They deserve a living wage (we are not there yet)

Do you commit to supporting all elements of the [UESF public school pledge](#)? Which part(s) do you think are most important? Are there any parts that give you concern?

Yes, I support UESF's Public Education Pledge fully. I'm running because I believe our public school system is a huge component that enables low income and working class families to continue to stay in San Francisco. I was born and raised in San Francisco. I attended Daniel Webster, Everett and graduated from Mission High School. Our schools have been struggling but educators, students and families have been an untapped resource that is ready to offer solutions and invest in the success of our schools and students.

We have heard for years about the underenrollment of our public schools specifically in the Southeast and in areas in the City where families have access to wealth so they pay for private schools. There has to be a change in our enrollment policy. All of our public schools are exceptional because professional educators are committed to their students and communities. Families trust their children's teachers, social workers, nurses, secretaries and principals which is why we need to ensure that we challenge the narrative that only certain schools are "good".

How would you have voted on the Feb 2026 emergency resolution that gave Superintendent Su the power to fire educators for speaking to students about the strike?

I was in opposition of the resolution. And I still believe it would have been more beneficial for students to know. I have learned from my daughters therapists it is better to give enough information rather than have our children fill in the blanks with assumptions.

What is your plan for keeping San Francisco's public school educators in the district?

I am not an educator but I know we need to find a way to pay our school site staff livable wages. One district away teachers are makes between 20k and 30k more! We need to keep SFUSD funds as close to the classroom as possible. Teachers need enough prep time to be ready for class, without working off the clock to be ready.

I plan to work with educators to find out their needs, and get them met.

What is your plan to grow our public schools?

We need to highlight the beauty and programs at our schools. Right now the board talk about our schools as if our schools were a decrepit burden. As a graduate of SFUSD, I attended Mission High School when it was described in a similar manner, yet we had two amazing pathways, the law academy and a tech academy. We need to bring specialty programs in house to serve more children. That way we attract those paying too much for private school.

What changes will you fight for at state and local levels to increase investment in our public schools?

At the state level I plan to support the enrollment based income to the district rather the attendance based income we have currently.

At the local level, we must attract more families by partnering with our early childhood programs, make the transition easy.

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

Tech is important, we must keep up our knowledge with the times. However it is important for our students to have a foundation that is not dependent on technology. It should also be accessed at an age appropriate level, except in the case of accesibility.

Leading up to the USEF strike, it became apparent that SFUSD had been making inaccurate revenue projections, projecting large deficits that didn't come to pass, and building up an enormous reserve fund while making harmful cuts to schools ([see this article for context](#)).

What size budget reserve do you support for SFUSD? When you're on the Board, what will you do to ensure that today's dollars are spent on today's kids?

I think it is important to have a reserve for a "rainy day". However the cycle of disinvestment has cause a brutal storm for our children. We must invest in today's kids! If the board is so concerned on declining enrollment, what is the purpose of the reserve?

I will fight to make sure programs are kept whole so that they are effective.

Endorsements and Support - November 2026

Who will you support in the November 2026 election?

Supervisor, District 2

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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SFUSD School Board

Virginia Cheung, Ryan Hazelton

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City College Board of Trustees

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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

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 5

Dean Preston
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 7

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November 2024 Supervisor, District 9

Jackie Fielder
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November 2024 Supervisor, District 11

Chyanne Chen
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November 2024 Mayor

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November 2024 District Attorney

November 2024 State Assembly, District 19

November 2024 School Board

Matt Alexander

November 2024 City College Board

Past Props

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

June 2026 Prop D: Increase Business Tax

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

In Closing

What is your favorite branch of the SF Public Library and what is the last thing you checked out from there?

Excelsior Branch, I don't remember, but it was a book for my daughter

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

Thank you for the 10pm extension, this is the endorsement that would have been in my top 3

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