

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 am running because San Francisco's kids rely on our public schools, and it is paramount that we have a district that takes care of all of them.

I began attending School Board meetings when my oldest child entered kindergarten because I wanted to understand the decisions affecting her education. I kept showing up as I saw how often teachers, paraeducators, families, and students were left to absorb the consequences of unstable leadership, broken systems, and poor follow-through.

I am now a parent of three SFUSD students, a former PTA president, and a current PTA executive vice president at a Title 1 school. Through that work, I have developed a strong understanding of what teachers, paraeducators, and school staff are being asked to carry. I have returned to School Board meetings again and again to fight for our social worker positions and to make clear that these essential investments in our kids cannot continue to be cut from our schools.

I am running to help build a district that supports its educators and staff, uses its resources to improve student outcomes, and creates a system where every child is known, supported, and given a real opportunity to thrive.

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

My values are simple: work hard, never give up, and always uplift and fight for the rights of others along the way.

Neither of my dad's parents graduated from high school. My grandfather was the son of Portuguese immigrants and stayed home to work on the family dairy farm. My grandmother was not able to finish school either. They were smart, capable people, but education was not an opportunity available to them.

My dad grew up in Watsonville and decided early that he would go to college. He started at community college and worked incredibly hard to create a different future for our family. He is now 71 and still paying off the student loans he took out to get that education.

Watching him taught me the value of hard work. It also taught me that kids should not have to navigate their futures alone. My dad had to figure out the system for himself, and because no one had shown him how, I often had to do the same.

That is why I believe public schools have a responsibility to make opportunity real. A child's success should not depend on having connected parents, understanding a complicated system, or getting lucky enough to find the right adult. Every child deserves a strong education and people who will help them see what is possible and find their way there.

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

I'm rooted in San Francisco's public school community, particularly among families raising kids in SFUSD. I'm a parent of three SFUSD students, have spent years as a PTA leader at a Title 1 school, and have built relationships with families across the city through school advocacy and helping parents navigate SFUSD.

I've also spent years working alongside teachers, paraeducators, and school staff. I wouldn't presume to say I represent them, but their experiences have shaped how I understand the district and what our schools need.

The accountability part is pretty simple: these are people I actually know and see all the time. They text me, disagree with me, tell me when I'm missing something, and ask me to help when something isn't working. My own kids are also in SFUSD, so the decisions the Board makes aren't abstract to me. My family and my community live with them too.

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What three endorsements are you most proud of?

I'm still early in the endorsement process, but I'm really proud to have the support of SF Parents Action, State Senator Scott Wiener, and Board of Supervisors President Rafael Mandelman.

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

1. Make sure every kid is getting a strong education.

Too many students are not on grade level in reading and math, and the experience can vary dramatically from school to school. I want the Board to set clear academic goals, regularly look at results by school and student group, and hold the Superintendent accountable for making sure teachers have the curriculum, training, intervention staff, and other supports they need. We should know what is working, invest in it, and stop accepting persistent gaps as inevitable.

2. Support the people who actually make our schools work.

Teachers, paraeducators, social workers, and other school staff cannot do their jobs well when they are underpaid, paid incorrectly, stretched across multiple schools, or constantly worried that their positions will disappear. I have already spent years showing up at School Board meetings to fight for school-based positions like social workers. On the Board, I will push for budgets that protect the people closest to students, reliable payroll and staffing systems, and a district that treats its employees like people we actually want to stay in SFUSD.

3. Make SFUSD easier for families to trust and navigate.

Families should not need an unofficial expert in their group chat to figure out enrollment, understand a budget decision, or know whether their kid is actually doing well in school. I want clearer enrollment information, straightforward communication about student progress, and much more transparency about how the district spends money and why. The Board can demand that information be understandable and accessible, ask better questions publicly, and hold the Superintendent accountable when basic systems aren't working.

None of these are problems one Board member fixes alone. My approach is to learn the system, listen to the people closest to the problem, be clear about what the Board can actually control, and then keep pushing until we see results.

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

I have not served on a government commission or state policy body. I did serve on the SF Parents Parent Leadership Council, where I helped provide input on organizational strategy, local priorities, family needs across SFUSD, and endorsements for local candidates and ballot measures.

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

I am not currently a member of a political club. Most of my civic involvement has been through SFUSD, my school community, parent organizing, and my work with SF Parents.

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

I served as President of the PTA at my children's Title 1 public school and currently serve as its Executive Vice President.

I served on the SF Parents Parent Leadership Council, providing parent and family perspective on strategy, local goals, community engagement, and endorsements.

Before having kids, I also served as an advisory board chair for a collegiate women's organization at UC Berkeley, mentoring student leaders and supporting chapter governance. I later volunteered nationally on bylaws and programming, with a focus on making the organization more inclusive and aligned with its values.

What campaigns have you worked on?

This is my first candidate campaign. My organizing experience has largely been around public education: advocating at School Board meetings, organizing families, supporting school communities, and helping parents understand and navigate SFUSD.

What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

I have not recently made financial contributions to candidates or ballot measure campaigns.

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 really appreciated the way the League talked about the teachers' strike in the June voter guide. You were clear that supporting educators and building great public schools are not competing priorities. They are connected.

That really resonates with me. I have spent a lot of time in our schools watching teachers, paraeducators, social workers, and families stretch themselves to fill gaps, and I don't think we should accept a version of public education where everyone is constantly being asked to do more with less.

I also appreciate that the League is willing to be direct about what is working, what isn't, and what you think voters should know. That kind of plainspoken accountability matters to me, and I would be proud to earn your endorsement.

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 supported our educators and understood why UESF went on strike after months of negotiations over pay, healthcare, staffing, special education supports, and working conditions.

As a PTA leader I was helping families on both sides of the issue get the information and support they needed. In my personal capacity, I donated to the fund supporting school staff during the strike and helped provide food. I have also participated in previous pickets in support of our teachers.

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 already signed the UESF Public Education Pledge.

Fully staffing our schools is particularly important to me. I have spent years advocating to maintain positions like social workers because I have seen what happens at a school when those supports disappear. I also strongly support the pledge's focus on academic excellence and making sure educators have the training, time, and tools they need to help students succeed.

I do not have concerns with the pledge.

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 would have voted yes. Families at my school were worried about very basic things: whether their kids would be fed, what would happen with after-school care, and whether parents would be able to go to work. My understanding of the resolution was that it gave the Superintendent temporary authority to make those kinds of time-sensitive operational decisions during a strike.

I would not support using emergency authority as a pretext to retaliate against educators for protected speech. But I did believe the Board had a responsibility to make sure essential services for kids and families did not go unmanaged.

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

First, pay people correctly and on time.

Then we need to make SFUSD a place where people want to stay: competitive compensation and benefits, fully staffed schools, meaningful professional development, and a district that respects educators' time and expertise. Retention is not just about salary. When positions are cut and everyone left behind is asked to absorb more work, we make it harder for good people to stay.

What is your plan to grow our public schools?

Build schools that families want to choose.

That means strong academics and investing in the programs and people that make SFUSD special: arts, libraries, language programs, special education, social workers, and strong teachers. We also need to make enrollment easier to understand and give families much better information about what is happening in their schools and how their kids are doing.

I don't think we can market our way out of declining enrollment. Families need to trust the schools we are asking them to choose.

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

California needs to invest more in public education, particularly in high-cost districts like San Francisco. I would work with our legislative delegation, other school districts, labor, families, and city leaders to advocate for increased and sustainable state funding.

Locally, I want a stronger partnership between SFUSD and the City. Housing, transportation, after-school programming, mental health services, and other supports for families all affect our schools, and there are places where working together allows us to stretch public dollars further.

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

AI is something students will need to understand, but it should have a clear purpose in school. Students should learn how to use it responsibly and how to question its accuracy, bias, and limits.

At the same time, students still need to learn how to read, write, think critically, and solve problems for themselves. I do not want AI becoming a shortcut that replaces those skills, or another technology schools use simply because it is available.

For me, the basic question is the same as with any technology in school: Is this helping students learn, and is it worth the time and attention it takes away from something else?

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 support maintaining the reserves required by the state along with a reasonable additional reserve so that SFUSD is prepared for unforeseen challenges without immediately having to make cuts at schools.

Beyond that, I want our dollars going toward the things we know students need. Kids should be receiving the special education services they are entitled to, and students who are behind in reading and math should have the support they need to get on grade level.

I also want the Board to have much clearer and more accurate information about our finances. We should regularly compare projections with actual revenue and spending, understand why those numbers change, and adjust our decisions when the financial picture changes.

Endorsements and Support - November 2026

Who will you support in the November 2026 election?

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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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SFUSD School Board

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City College Board of Trustees

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Past Endorsements

What candidates have you supported in past elections?

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November 2024 Mayor

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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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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?

The Mission Branch is my local library, although it is currently under construction, and I am very eager to see the remodel finished for our community. I have three kids, so most of what we check out from the library these days is children's books. My own recent reading has included "Transforming Sanchez School" by Raymond R. Isola, which documents the importance and power of educators through the story of one of the schools in our district, and "Class Action: Desegregation and Diversity in San Francisco Schools" by Rand Quinn, which examines the history and politics of SFUSD's student assignment and busing policies from 1971 through the post-desegregation era.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I have received the League's voter guides for years, and it would honestly be a little surreal to see my own name in one. I have read your explainers through many election cycles over the 15 years I have lived in San Francisco, and I know how many San Franciscans rely on them when they are trying to make sense of how to vote.

The other thing I want you to know is that public education is not an abstract issue for me. My husband and I are raising three kids in San Francisco, and we have chosen SFUSD for our family because we believe in public schools and know how important it is to be in community with others, listen to what they need, and understand where our system is not working for them. I know teachers, paraeducators, social workers, and staff across many school sites who pour themselves into our kids every day. I am forever grateful for the love and care they have provided to my own children and to kids across the city.

I have sat in School Board meetings fighting to keep these people in our schools, helped families navigate a system that can be unnecessarily hard to understand, and kept showing up because I believe ALL of our kids deserve better than accepting dysfunction as normal. I believe we have a real opportunity to do better for our educators and our kids.

I am not running because I see the School Board as a stepping stone. I am running because I care deeply about this district. I have spent years learning how it works because I care, and I know how much is possible when we actually listen to the people in our schools and follow through for them.

Earning the League's endorsement would mean a tremendous amount to me. I know people trust your voter guide because you do the work to understand the candidates and tell voters what you really think. I would be incredibly proud to have you tell San Francisco voters that I am someone worth trusting with our public schools.

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