

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 want government to work for everyday people again. The establishment has long grown complacent, clinging to power, being beholden to corporate interests, and ignoring the needs of working people.

City College is the economic engine of San Francisco. Nurses, firefighters, paramedics, teachers, mechanics, childcare providers, and dental assistants all train at City College. It is the one institution where every San Franciscan has an equal opportunity to build a better life, regardless of background.

Affordability is the defining issue facing San Francisco, and education is the key to affordability. Education is a human right. The stay-at-home mom reentering the workforce, the new immigrant learning English, the high school student earning college credit. Every San Franciscan is equally worthy of the chance to learn.

Free City College is under threat. The most recent budget negotiations at City Hall prove it. I am running to protect free City College, to secure its long-term finances, and to grow it so it reaches San Franciscans in every corner of the city.

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

My personal values are rooted in community organizing, coalition building, and the unwavering belief that working people deserve institutions that serve them. This comes from a decade of my career in Chinatown nonprofit work, electoral politics, and community-based advocacy. This comes from a household with two union parents. My mom could work part-time with good benefits. That allowed her flexibility to raise me and my siblings. Organized labor is the reason my family got by and could build roots in the Bay Area. Now I want to pay it forward. I want to give immigrants, SRO families, and working people the same opportunities that were given to my family. City College is how San Francisco delivers those opportunities to residents. City college is the economic engine of San Francisco. It provides access to higher education to all San Francisco residents for free. That's why I am running to defend it.

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

I represent the Chinese community, the queer community, and working people across San Francisco.

Chinatown has been a refuge for my family for three generations. I work there. I organize there. I answer to the leaders and institutions that have helped protect Chinatown for 180 years. As president of the Rose Pak Asian American Club, I advocate for the needs of the community at rallies, committee meetings, and public demonstrations. Every SRO family desperate for adequate affordable housing holds me accountable. Every low-income senior scavenging the compost bins nightly in Chinatown in search of food holds me accountable.

During redistricting, long-standing communities of interest came under attack. I pushed back against the mayor-aligned majority and fought for marginalized communities. I put my reputation at stake in order to bring attention to the destruction of historic Black and Pacific Islander communities in District 10. I am a firm believer that broad coalitions are the only way to create lasting change in San Francisco and in this country. I've been through the fire, put under pressure, and stood firm in my values of protecting our city's most vulnerable communities.

What three endorsements are you most proud of?

Reverend Norman Fong, Aaron Peskin, and Vick Chung.

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

1. Strengthen the Cantonese program. Cantonese is part of the fabric of San Francisco. City College is one of the only places where residents can formally study Cantonese. Demand is high. There is only one Cantonese teacher, who is on the verge of retirement.

2. Secure the college financially for the future. My day job focused on compliance, budgeting, and financial auditing. City College has built up its reserves, but revenue is flat. State funding is frozen under hold harmless. Funding levels cannot fall. It also cannot rise with inflation. The college holds over \$60 million in reserves. Investing reserves now into more classes and faculty is necessary to grow enrollment.

3. Grow City College as the economic engine of the city. Nurses, paramedics, mechanics, childcare providers, and dental assistants all train at City College. Currently we are turning students away before even starting their careers. For fall 2026, more than 1,000 students are waitlisted in four subjects alone — 388 in English C1000, 376 in Biology, 244 in Chemistry, 46 in Financial Accounting. City College must grow to meet existing demand. As trustee, I will oppose further consolidation to Ocean Campus. City College must remain accessible from every neighborhood, every corner of the city.

Protect free City College. Secure its funding. Grow it into every corner of the city.

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

SF Redistricting Task Force 2021-2022

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

Rose Pak Asian American Club; Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club; CA Working Families Party

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

Rose Pak Asian American Club (President)

What campaigns have you worked on?

Jane Kim for State Senate 2016 (super volunteer), Jane Kim for Mayor 2018 (staff), Labor and Working Families DCCC Slate 2024 (candidate), Chyanne Chen for Supervisor 2024 (staff), as well as mobilizing for a large number of progressive candidates and ballot measures.

What recent candidates and ballot measures have you supported financially?

Connie Chan for Congress, Jane Kim for CA Insurance Commissioner, Natalie Gee for Supervisor, Michael Nguyen for Supervisor, Mai Vang for Congress, Sharon Lai for Supervisor,

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 voter guide has been one of the most effective tools I've used since getting into politics 10 years ago. I have personally distributed League voter guides during every single election cycle. The moment I mention "pissed off voter guide", people on the street literally stop and turn around to take a guide. The League's easily digestible explanations and strong reputation have built an incredible brand in SF. I would be absolutely honored if I were to receive the League's endorsement.

What experience do you have with City College or Community Colleges in general?

In 2016 I Campaign heavily for the passage of prop W, the real estate transfer tax that funds free city college. I was ecstatic when it passed by nearly 62% of San Francisco voters. Following Prop W's passage, I became an intern in Supervisor Jane Kim's office. At the time, Mayor Lee didn't want to spend the funds. His administration said it wasn't the right time. I stood alongside Supervisor Kim and the members of AFT2121. We held public demonstrations to put pressure on Mayor Lee to heed the will of voters. In the end, the mayor relented and agreed to make free city college a reality—making San Francisco the first city in the nation to make community college free again for all residents.

Both of my parents attended City College. With that education, they landed good-paying jobs through their local unions. My mom was able to work part-time as a package clerk at UPS with good benefits, while raising three kids. My dad worked as an engine inspector at United Airlines for over 20 years and was able to provide for us. My family achieved the American Dream with the help of City College.

Did you support the City College Parcel Tax on the November 2022 ballot?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Given that many of the policy and funding decisions for City College are made by other entities, what is your vision for fully funding City College, and what actions can the Board of Trustees take to that end?

Currently, state funding levels for City College are frozen due to the hold harmless provision. This means funding will not decrease but also that funding cannot increase to meet rising costs and inflation. The college must grow in order to come off of hold harmless. When I become an elected member of the City College Board of trustees, I will have the power of the purse. Currently the college has over 60 million dollars in reserves. The college is in a much more stable financial situation but it is woefully unprepared to grow. The current Board is essentially slowly starving the college with the hopes that enough of it dies off. It has effectively closed the downtown campus and other facilities are on the chopping block. Unless the Board is willing to spend and grow, City College will experience a slow and painful demise.

What strategies would you support for growing enrollment, the college's main revenue source?

First I would increase the number of course offerings for basic classes like English, Chemistry, Biology and Financial Accounting. At this very moment, there are over 1,000 students waiting to get into these classes for the fall 2026 semester. 388 in English C1000, 376 in Biology, 244 in Chemistry, 46 in Financial Accounting. All 48 Biology sections, all 17 Chemistry sections, all 86 Art sections, all 6 Financial Accounting sections — zero open seats. Second, I would use reserve funds to prepare the college for getting out of hold harmless. Third, I would grow the Cantonese program at City College. There is high demand for the Cantonese language at City College. Cantonese is the fabric of the city. City College is the only recognized institution in SF where residents can study Cantonese in a formal setting. Currently, there is only one remaining qualified Cantonese teacher in the department who is on the verge of retirement.

How do you plan to close the opportunity gap for students of color?

In my view, Geographic equity is at the center of the opportunity gap, and City College is moving in the wrong direction.

The current administration's answer to budget problems has been to consolidate classes to the Ocean Campus. The Downtown campus closure is the clearest example. Every time we move classes to Ocean, we quietly decide that a student in the Bayview, the Mission, Chinatown, or the Richmond has to endure an hour-long commute on Muni to take classes. That is redlining education. The students who must endure these long commutes are overwhelmingly Black, Latino, working class, and immigrant. We must keep the centers open and put real classes in them. A skeleton schedule just guarantees low enrollment. Then low enrollment is cited as proof the center should close.

The Board must also protect the Free City program and make its funding permanent. Free City disproportionately serves students of color. We witnessed how Mayor Lurie put the Free City College program grants on the chopping block this past budget cycle. Thanks to Supervisor Chan, the Free City grants are able to continue and fund books and supplies for low-income students.

What specific qualities would you look for in a new chancellor?

Hiring and firing the Chancellor is one of the few things a Board actually does. Most of the damage at City College over the last fifteen years traces back to Chancellors that did not understand the history of the college or committed gross financial mismanagement.

I'm looking for a chancellor who wants to grow the college and is willing to spend funding to get us there. City College cannot continue to march towards further consolidation, attrition, and "right-sizing." That type of Chancellor will put us further down the death spiral — fewer sections, less enrollment, less apportionment, more cuts. It's like starving your family with the hopes that your least favorite child dies.

What metrics would you use to determine your success as Board Trustee?

As trustee I will know I've succeeded when I see:

- *Enrollment growth, measured in more full-time students
- *Shorter waitlists for basic classes like English, Chemistry, Accounting, and Biology
- *Getting the City College on a viable path to get out of hold harmless
- *Equivalency for Cantonese teacher hiring passed

Endorsements and Support - November 2026

Who will you support in the November 2026 election?

Supervisor, District 2

1. Brooke, 2. Sherrill

Supervisor, District 4

1. Gee

Supervisor, District 6

Supervisor, District 8

1. Nguyen, 2. McCoy, 3. Patel

Supervisor, District 10

SFUSD School Board

Cheung, Tello, Fisher

Community College Board

Lee, LaCroix

Past Endorsements

What candidates have you supported in past elections?

November 2024 Supervisor, District 1

Chan

November 2024 Supervisor, District 3

1. Lai, 2. Jamil

November 2024 Supervisor, District 5

Preston

November 2024 Supervisor, District 7

Melgar

November 2024 Supervisor, District 9

Fielder

November 2024 Supervisor, District 11

1. Chen, 2. Jones

November 2024 Mayor

1. Peskin, 2. Breed, 3. Lurie

November 2024 District Attorney

Kojasteh

November 2024 State Assembly, District 19

Lee

November 2024 School Board

Alexander, Huling, Cheung

November 2024 City College Board

Wong, Chisti

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?

As a D6 resident, my favorite branch is the main library. it is a Community hub for all San Francisco's to have access to knowledge and resources, regardless of background, status, or income. I go to the main library at least twice a month. I am impressed by the professionalism of staff and their ability to provide for all patrons.

Is there anything else you want to tell us?

I love the League!!!!

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