

Questionnaire for candidates for the office of  
**San Francisco Supervisor, District 10**  
**General Election, November 2, 2010**



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*Please write a brief response (fewer than 150 words) to each question.*

1. Why are you running? Why should we vote for you?

I am running because I believe there is a real need for open and informed dialogue about the future direction of our district, with direct input from residents. District 10 needs a supervisor that is accessible and present, and one who has experience with the pivotal issues facing the district.

I hope to earn your support by demonstrating that my experience as an education advocate, a land use professional, and a progressive elected leader in San Francisco makes me the best choice for District 10 residents. If elected, I will continue to place a high priority on being available and active in my post. I respectfully ask for your support.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

In my capacity as a Trustee for San Francisco Community College (CCSF), I have direct experience in crafting a budget, legislation and navigating the municipal process. I will

bring that experience to City Hall as a Supervisor.

With District 10 poised to become the center of redevelopment in San Francisco for the foreseeable future, our next Supervisor must know the details of smart urban planning from the inside-out. My work in land use policy, much of it at the San Francisco Labor Council, has provided me a deep perspective on how best to utilize land use and redevelopment. Along with a coalition of labor, faith-based organizations and the broader community, I negotiated the Core Community Benefits Agreement for the BVHP shipyard redevelopment project, and fought to provide for the diverse needs of our communities here in District 10.

3. Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorses fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates. Please give examples of why you fit these criteria.

As the Budget chair of CCSF, I am proud to have crafted a balanced \$200 million budget that did not lay off one single teacher or front-line worker. In addition, I was able to save our \$300,000 subsidy to City College's Childcare Center, and with the Board, added 200 classes to CCSF's roster, 50 at the southeast campus.

I will bring progressive values to the Board of Supervisors. I will prioritize services and programs that help the community while soliciting the input from all of my constituents. I will not balance a budget by resorting to fees that disproportionately impact the middle class. I will push for progressive revenue-generating measures that allow middle class families continued access to the city services on which they depend. Finally, I will prioritize smart development that stresses affordable housing, green, open public spaces, efficient public transportation and safe streets.

4. What are the top three issues facing San Francisco? What will you do about those issues?

1. Economic Development
2. Affordable Housing
3. Public Transportation

I will advocate for policies providing tax incentives, diversified skilled worker training, and a community-based credit union to promote local job and business creation. I will also incentivize multi-sector industry growth to create job opportunities for people of all education levels.

The lack of affordable housing in the City has strained many families beyond the breaking point. To address this issue, I will look to additional affordable housing models, such as expanding our zoning for land trust and co-op housing.

The Third Street rail project has injected new life into D10's historic downtown area, but there are still neighborhoods in the district that are cut off from vital transportation hubs.

My goal is to work with the city and MUNI to restore transit cuts and expand lines to more isolated areas, ensuring a thriving transit backbone for our district.

5. What are the top three issues facing District 10? What will you do about those issues?

1. Neighborhood First Land Use
2. Affordable Housing
3. Safe Streets

As a land use professional and District 10 resident, I truly understand neighbors' frustrations at land use decisions that involve little or no neighborhood input. As Supervisor, I will listen to the advice of the neighborhood and community to guide my development decisions.

The flight of the working and middle class from District 10 is partly caused by the lack of available affordable housing. I will look at outside-the-box affordability options to help ensure working and middle class families can continue to call District 10 home.

Instead of looking for short-term solutions to long-term public safety problems, I will advocate for solutions in collaboration with the community. I will push for expanded foot patrols and street lights in high-crime areas, and expanded in-language reporting centers. I also strongly view workforce development as a public safety issue.

6. Do you think the overall tax burden is shared equitably among businesses and individuals in San Francisco? If not, what changes in tax policy would you advocate to remedy any inequity and/or what would you do, if elected?

I believe that working and middle class families and small business in San Francisco face an overwhelming burden in paying for basic services and infrastructure. When service cuts are made, the working and middle classes in San Francisco suffer disproportionately from the cuts.

I am primarily interested in progressive taxation- taxes that do not unduly burden those they purport to help, as well as those that ask larger corporations to pay for operating in this great city. The Hotel Fairness Initiative on this year's November ballot is an example of the type of revenue measures I will support as a Supervisor.

I am also interested in exploring a shift from payroll taxes to a gross receipts tax to incentivize hiring across business sectors.

7. How do you propose to address the needs of District 10 youth, in the face of drastic cuts to youth programs?

I would like to explore ways to work with SFUSD and provide additional funding in order to keep elementary, middle and high schools open during the evening and on the weekends. Instead of just providing youth programs, I believe in a youth model that provides greater educational instruction along with programming. We should pool the City and SFUSD's resources to provide a more impactful youth development program model.

I believe that youth programs should share a foundation with our existing educational spaces, and as Supervisor I will look to work with the School Board to implement this model.

8. How do you envision bringing more jobs to all parts of District 10?

Through redevelopment, we need to think more deeply than just providing construction and retail opportunities. As Supervisor, I will work to create a Maritime Trades industry in the Shipyard, similar to B&E at Pier 70 and Suisun Bay. I am also interested in expanding current Production, Distribution and Repair (PDR) zoning into our existing redevelopment projects.

I am committed to supporting the creation and expansion of local small businesses, particularly businesses targeted to the everyday needs of District 10 residents, through targeted micro lending programs. I am also interested in instituting a community-based credit union to increase capital in our neighborhoods.

I want to use the power of government to empower local businesses. The City of San Francisco spends \$ 2.4 billion annually in General Service contracts. I am interested in strengthening our "Most Responsive Bidder" language to ensure that local small businesses can compete for these contracts.

9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potereo.

I believe that the Rebuild Potereo project is a model for real, ground-up community redevelopment. I know that the neighbors and the residents in the Terrace and Annex have been very involved in the project, and I commend leaders such as Tony Kelly and the Potereo Hill Boosters for their effort.

10. Please give your views on Lennar's plans for Candlestick/Hunters Point.

While I support redevelopment, I believe that there are ways that the current project can be strengthened to provide economic and community development opportunities for a neighborhood neglected for decades.

First, I support a full clean up of the Shipyard, especially Parcels E and E2. I also believe we should be look beyond the environmental clean-up for opportunities to improve the project. I will focus on a Supplemental EIR to create a Maritime Trades industry in the Shipyard, creating hundreds of permanent jobs in District 10.

I will also look at ways to utilize special use districts within the project to create expanded affordable housing and open space.

Finally, I will work with groups such as the Alliance for District 10 and ACCE to create zoning for a health clinic in the development, specifically to address citizen concerns about health issues as a result of the landfill.

*Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.*

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