

Questionnaire for candidates for the office of
San Francisco Supervisor, District 10
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Candidate/Campaign Information

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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 for District 10 Supervisor because I want to make a greater and positive difference in the district in which I was raised. Members of my immediate family have lived in District 10 for 67 years. I have lived or worked in District 10 all of my life. I attended Bret Harte Elementary School and Portola Junior High School (presently Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academic Middle School). I also had the opportunity to work at every middle school and high school in District 10. As a school administrator at these schools I have had the opportunity to work with students, parents, teachers, staff and communities of various ethnicities and cultural backgrounds. Over the years, I gained knowledge on how to work with the various individuals and communities to get things done. I will bring those same skills to the Board of Supervisors. I will work very hard and diligently with the mayor and the other 10 Supervisors, city departments, District 10 citizens and San Francisco citizens at large.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

Some of the other candidates were raised and have worked in District 10. But none of the other candidates have the longevity I have had working on behalf of the students and residents of District 10.

Prior to becoming an educator, I was employed by the US Post Office as a mail carrier

in District 10 for 7 years. My experiences as a mail carrier assisted me in gaining more knowledge about the various communities and neighborhoods in this district. I have a long history with the students and residents of District 10.

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

I believe your expenditures should never exceed your revenue. Deficit spending in San Francisco and the United States has caused major budgetary problems. I tend to lean left in my views. I am probably raising and spending less money than any other candidate. Raising and spending money doesn't necessarily win elections. Major endorsements like the Potrero Hill Democratic Club are very important when running for office in San Francisco.

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

- a) Annual deficits and budgetary issues are very important items to me. I would like to help develop strategies, processes and procedures to deal with the annual deficits and budgetary issues.
- b) Affordable and low-income housing is a major problem in San Francisco. As District 10 Supervisor, I will work hard with the mayor and other supervisors to solve housing problems.
- c) Job training programs and job opportunities are very important to me. I would like to develop a strong partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco Labor Council and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to develop the programs and opportunities.

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

- a) Being an educator in San Francisco and District 10 for 39 years, education is very important to me. If I am elected District 10 supervisors, one of my top priorities will be to improve the quality of education at every school in District 10. For the last 3 years the City and County of San Francisco has given the San Francisco Unified School District about 40 million dollars from the "Rainy Day Funds". It is imperative that the Board of Supervisors make sure that these funds are used to help improve the quality of education for the failing schools in District 10.
- b) Economic Development is very important in District 10. As District 10 Supervisor I will work closely with the various communities to help develop Economic Development opportunities. Especially the Third Street Corridor, where I would like to help retain small businesses and encourage new businesses and provide ample parking.
- c) Environmental justice issues, health issues and the homicide rate, crime, drugs and gang violence will be top priorities for me.

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 personally feel that big businesses get tax “loopholes” so they don’t pay their fair share in taxes. But I don’t know enough about the tax laws of San Francisco to answer this question intelligently but if elected, I would look into these important tax concerns, to make sure equity prevails.

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

As I mentioned earlier we must improve the quality of education in the failing schools in District 10. Despite the drastic cuts in youth programs, our youth must receive a quality education, if they are to be competitive in college and on the job market. I will collaborate with the San Francisco Unified School District, Park and Recreation Department, public and private before and after school programs and community agencies to develop strategies to minimize these drastic cuts. We must still serve our youth to the best of our abilities, no matter the circumstances.

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

As I mentioned earlier, expand Economic Development, especially in the Shipyard, more job training programs and expand more job opportunities through the SFUSD, SF Labor Council and the SF Chamber of Commerce and help to retain and encourage businesses on the Third Street Corridor.

9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potrero.

The Hope San Francisco Revitalization of Potrero Annex and Terrace is part of the City and County of San Francisco in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and the San Francisco Housing Authority that aim at revitalizing public housing. Bridge Housing Corp. and its affiliate, Build, was selected to lead this redevelopment effort in housing apartments. The plan is to replace 606 public housing apartments. This project will also bring affordable housing and market-rate homes to the rebuilt community, a new community center and senior center will be provide, more space for toddler and preschool children will be available. I support Rebuild Potrero 110%.

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

I am favorable to Economic Development plans for Candlestick and Hunters Point by Lennar.