

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



**Candidate/Campaign Information**

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Funds raised to date: \$15,000
Percentage of donations under \$50 – 50%

*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 don't like what I've been seeing in the development of District 10. You should vote for me because I have decency and compassion. I am not a career politician and don't owe anyone anything. My only obligation and commitment is to the people of District 10 and S.F.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents? I've been working for the rights of others for over 40 years and have an extensive track record. I am a community real estate broker. If I see a need I don't wait until someone comes along. I have tremendous initiative. I have the experience and qualifications to bring unity and safety to the District.

3. Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorses fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates. Please give examples of why you fit these criteria. I have raised money for schools, seniors and the needy without using City funds. I opened the first Obama Presidential Campaign Office in San Francisco, conducted massive voter registration drive, and I partner with the Police Department.

4. What are the top three issues facing San Francisco? What will you do about those issues? Safety, housing, education, nutrition and senior care, are the top issues. I will introduce my Workforce Development Plan by partnering with SFPD, housing builders and developers, promoting after school programs and initiate supplemental food programs for the elderly.

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Safety- partner with police and community stakeholders.  
Access to jobs, career, retail and commercial opportunities – create community boards comprised with members who are not compromised and have demonstrated their desire to help the people.  
Better education in our own community.  
Housing – I will use my unique real estate skills to create a family friendly housing community.  
Community Info – Request all CBOs reach out to the community and give them ample notice to attend relevant meetings and functions. Hold town hall meetings to inform people what is planned for their district.

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 there should be tax incentives for businesses to hire S.F. residents.

7. How do you propose to address the needs of District 10 youth, in the face of drastic cuts to youth programs? Through my CJA (church jobs alliance.) Getting commitments from churches and businesses to hire youth through partnerships.

8. How do you envision bringing more jobs to all parts of District 10? Through writing legislation that will put residents of District 10 first starting at the Planning Department, on all new job projects. I would establish a criteria for priority hiring practices, and the fines for non-compliance would be greater than compliance. I'd like to see the Mayor's Office of Economic Workforce Development oversee accountability and enforcement.

9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potrero. I like most of what I've seen.

10. Please give your views on Lennar's plans for Candlestick/Hunters Point. I'd like to see a third truly independent party sign-off along with the EPA of condition of the land. Lennar left out career opportunities for real estate brokers in D10. I've written a proposal to address this oversight. Approximately 10 positions utilized when brokers work.

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

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