

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

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<b>Anticipated budget:</b>	\$143,000 + contingency
<b>Funds raised to date:</b>	\$42,000 raised
<b>Percentage of donations under \$50:</b>	63% are \$50 or less, 41% are \$49 or less

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

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

I'm invested in this community, I care about the people who live here now, and I want to help us achieve our potential for being the most vibrant and prosperous part of San Francisco. My experience in the community has given me the specific knowledge to do this. I know as much about land use and more about the tools of Redevelopment than any other candidate. I know where we can change the Shipyard plans to make them work better for the people who live here now. I know what services the residents of public housing need to participate fully in the revitalization. I have a plan for strengthening our commercial corridors. And more than any other candidate, I have the relationships, temperament and independence to pull this off. We are stronger united than divided, and I am the candidate who can bring us together.

**2. What sets you apart from your opponents?**

As chair of the Technical Committee of the Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board and administrator of the EPA's Technical Assistance Grant, I have a deeper understanding of the environmental conditions in the Shipyard than any other candidate.

I've served on the Bayview Project Area Committee for four years, giving me insight into the Redevelopment Agency and influence over their decisions.

I have run three businesses of my own and worked for corporations large and small. I absorb new technology like a teenager. I'm a lawyer, award-winning author and documentary filmmaker with a unique ability to communicate our strengths to the rest of San Francisco.

I live in Hunters Point. When my neighborhood successfully faced down powerful interests to landmarked the Shipwright's Cottage, I brought together former opponents and united the community in support.

According to records online as of June 30, I have more contributions from District 10 than any other candidate.

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

I worked for a software company that went from startup to a \$2B run rate faster than any other software company in history at that time. I was an integral part of that growth. I closed deals that literally brought in the cash to meet payroll. My private sector experience and a Masters in Business Administration keep me sober about budgets and projections, and I approach planning and policy decisions with a voice of reason.

But I'm not a stuffy numbers person. I built my legal practice by being the lawyer you *do* want to put in front of clients. My friends and colleagues come from all walks of life, all ages, all colors, all orientations. I've been to Burning Man, twice. I support marriage equality. I believe government has no business legislating personal choices that don't harm anyone else.

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

Budget – We need revenue. Tourism is the biggest revenue generator in San Francisco, and smart land use policy can create tourist attractions in District 10, so let's make some money with our gorgeous sunny waterfront. Beyond that, we need rainy days funds so that government spending can buffer swings in the private economy instead of magnifying them.

Transportation – A transit-first City has to fix transit first. New developments need more transit service, not cuts. We need balanced land uses in the southeast sector so that people can meet more of their needs within walking distance of their homes.

Education – Only 8% of San Francisco households having children under 18. Renters are not required to help fund to our public education system. Our public school system is anemic and undervalued. We need to find new ways to fund schools, to attract families back to San Francisco and better serve our children.

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

Safe neighborhoods – Through community policing and crime prevention efforts, we can break the cycle of violence that drives people out of town and decimates our commercial corridors.

Strong schools – Neighborhood school assignment is great for those neighborhoods that have schools. Right now, we are closing schools in District 10 with no plans to replace them. Redevelopment can play a role in reducing the cost of opening new schools in Bayview by paying for the buildings. Lennar and the Shipyard community fund can pay for school buildings as well as programs that fund their operations and hire quality teachers.

Smart development – We need to stop the housing overdose. District 10 already has the most affordable homes by Citywide standards. It's time to focus on the rest of what makes a neighborhood great. That will attract back the people who moved out of District 10, and bring us as many jobs as jobseekers.

**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'd like to reframe this question by saying that one of our problems is treating small business the same as large business. I would support substantial tax breaks for small businesses, as well as improve services to small business. With respect to large corporations, we need to take care not to fall for tax proposals that sound fair but are in fact unconstitutional, such as a gross receipts tax: such proposals will simply drive large corporations to locate their satellite offices elsewhere, as no global company will consent to paying a City tax based on global receipts. One hundred percent of zero is zero. It's better to have a lower tax rate on a larger tax base.

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

My work with the Old Skool Café has taught me that what most teenagers in our community need is a job. For \$10/hour, we can provide self-esteem, purpose and skills to a teenager who has been or is at risk of being incarcerated. Paid, on-the-job training in entry level jobs is the single biggest opportunity we can offer our teenagers.

Redevelopment and land use policies can lead to small business opportunities for the 18-24 population. I know firsthand that there is no stronger drug than entrepreneurship. More of

our young adults should know the joy of holding in your hand a product that started as an idea in your head. We have entrepreneurial talent here that we need to cultivate.

We can connect our younger children with our seniors to provide adult guidance to our most vulnerable population, plus expand childcare options for working mothers.

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

We need more job-generating land uses and a shift in Redevelopment priorities from housing construction to economic development.

We must complete the conversion of M-1 zones to PDR. We should prohibit residential uses along the Bayshore Corridor and most of the India Basin Shoreline. We can create economic opportunity in the Shipyard by subdividing Small Builder parcels into individual lots that can be purchased and developed by a local contractor – a “Build Local” campaign.

Redevelopment can and should be an economic catalyst fund for our Third Street commercial corridor, allocating funds to existing and new merchants. Lowe’s has exceeded our local hire goal, hitting 60% where other Redevelopment-projects have reached only 25% or less. We can repeat this success story by revising Redevelopment’s Local Hiring policy to allow more than one job placement organization to compete for placement funds.

### **9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potrero.**

I strongly support the HopeSF effort to dilute the concentration of poverty in public housing. Rebuild Potrero should draw on the lessons learned from the first HopeSF project at Hunters View by making sure that residents have a clear path to “good standing” status. We need to acknowledge that the landlord has played a role in allowing missed rental payments to stack up for years and generations, leaving tenants are thousands of dollars in the hole. Rebuild Potrero should use the same rental assistance program as in Hunters View, where backrent payments were rewarded by partial debt forgiveness, to help get tenants back on the path to good standing.

Rebuild Potrero is of course part of a larger community that will be affected by increased density. The public process so far seems to have successfully balanced the needs of Rebuild Potrero residents with the increased transportation and other burdens on neighbors, and that collaborative process should continue.

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

There’s no way I could fit all my views into 150 words so I will summarize by saying that as a resident who has more at stake personally than just about anyone else in District 10, I believe the community is better off with this development than without it, despite its many flaws and the shallow and rushed public process surrounding its inevitable approval. I have and will continue to request amendments before final approval. I have no doubt that the EIR will be litigated and I am optimistic that litigation will resolve the more egregious transportation impacts. I expect the final plan to look much different than what’s before us now, with so many variables in play, particularly the location of the 49ers stadium.

However, if the plan were not approved and the community were sent back to the drawing board, I am convinced we'd be left with abandoned and contaminated land for decades.

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

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