

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

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Percentage of donations under \$50 65%

*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 I can provide the strong and principled leadership our district needs to serve the interests of our working class neighborhoods. I want to be an advocate for our fair share of city services, end our being a dumping ground for the rest of the city, and build on the strengths to be found on our side of San Francisco.**

2. What sets you apart from your opponents?

**I come from a working class background and understand how hard work and adherence to the basic principles of integrity, transparency, and humility can bring real leadership back to our district. I know how to fight and win. I fought to become an attorney and now have a successful practice fighting for the rights of the underprivileged. Since District 10 is the most underprivileged district in San Francisco, I believe I am uniquely qualified to help lead it to greatness. Finally, I am young and feisty. Cynicism about the public process has not yet set in. I believe that I can make the system work for the people in our neighborhood.**

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

**I would support more independent audits of city services so that they are better held accountable for the tax dollars that are spent. People have the right to expect that we spend our dollars wisely. That should not be a political issue, but common sense. We have to tackle some of the difficult issues like public pensions – but not in an antagonistic way. Public employees, on the whole, do a great service to our city. We should not make them scapegoats. But at the same time, we cannot allow them to become sacred cows. By working and negotiating together, I believe that we can come up with common sense solutions.**

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

- a. **Firm guarantees for local residents from any and all development projects including local hiring**
- b. **Creation and preservation of affordable housing**
- c. **Quality schools and children’s services**
- d. **Crime**
- e. **Transportation**

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

**The most important issue has to do with economics. Our residents need jobs and economic opportunity. Our city needs more money and smart economic management to provide the public services we need. But our district, that includes Mission Bay, the Hunters Point Shipyard, the Bayview-Hunters Point Redevelopment plan and emerging business and retail areas, can become the engine that pulls our entire city out of its economic doldrums. Our challenge will be to be creative and demanding to insure that the benefits from these opportunities accrue to local residents and not just to special interests.**

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?

**No, particularly with respect to property taxes. I would become an advocate for a state-level change in Proposition 13 requiring businesses to pay an increased level of property taxes.**

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

**Schools, Quality Childcare, Youth Employment, After-school and Weekend Programs, and programs that provide interaction with other communities are my youth priorities. I would focus on making current programs more accountable, look for cheaper, but more effective community-based alternatives for some of the programs currently offered and would seek**

**more business support such as business sponsorship of schools.**

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

**A strong local hiring ordinance.**

9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potrero.

**I support the Rebuild Potrero Project because there is a desperate need to rebuild the public housing on the hill. Families should be able to live in dignity no matter what their level of income. In addition, there is a great opportunity to increase the amount of affordable housing units that exist in the city. Accordingly, I will support the projects need to acquire more federal and state dollars. However, with the growth in density here on the hill, traffic and parking needs must be addressed. The project must include some underground parking space. I understand this is very expensive, but the alternative is that we lose a very unique benefit to living here on the hill. In addition, we must consider what the studies show us about increased traffic on the hill. Strategically placed traffic calming measures could be a solution to some of the problems with increased traffic.**

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

**I support most of Lennar's Redevelopment Plan, but without the Yosemite bridge and the taking of the state park. The real test of leadership will be to hold their feet to the fire to insure that promises are kept.**

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