

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? To bring responsible representation back to city government based on the entire community's concerns. Why should we vote for you? You should vote for me because I can win against the same old politicians running, I have a diverse based community support system (within and city wide), I can get the many different multi-cultural communities within our district to work together, and I have the qualifications as results orientated business manager with the educational background, to work in a positive, cooperative business like manner on the city's budget problems.

2. What sets you apart from your opponents? I have no wish for a political career; I want a city government that runs on sound business judgment and not political grandstanding. I am a fiscal conservative who believes you help as long as you have the dollars to pay for it. I believe that we are going to have to make a lot of tough choices in the next few years to put San Francisco back on the road to economic health and those choices need to be made on sound business practices as well as social considerations. It will also take the ability to get all of the factions, both labor and management groups, both working for the city and in

the private sector to work together to accomplish this goal, I have the contacts and the commitments from many of these different factions to work toward that goal.

3. Potrero Hill Democratic Club endorses fiscally responsible and socially progressive candidates. Please give examples of why you fit these criteria. As I have stated above, I am by nature and training (BS in Business Management) a fiscal conservative. I know what the definition of a social progressive is, what I do not know is what as a San Francisco political group you consider it to be. If you ask if "I advocate "universal access to affordable, high quality healthcare," fair trade agreements, living wage laws, right of workers to organize, abolition of significant portions of the Patriot Act, legalization of same-sex marriage, campaign finance reform laws, a complete pullout from the war in Iraq, a crackdown on corporate abuses, an increase in income tax rates on the higher income bracketed individuals, tax cuts for the poor and working poor, and an increase in welfare spending by the federal government, the answer is yes where it is fiscally responsible to do so. But as we are talking about a city government and budget we do not belong spending city dollars and time discussing the Israelis actions when a proclamation from the board condemning their actions would have accomplished the same with less cost to the city.

4. What are the top three issues facing San Francisco? What will you do about those issues? The budget deficit is the number one issue and could eventually bankrupt the city without immediate action. I will work with the many different factions within the city employment sector to find new and creative ways to reduce the budget, some labor groups have already told me they would be willing to discuss everything, including the pensions systems, as long as there sufficient safeguards in place, but not with the existing Board due to a lack of credibility. We need more permanent jobs with future advancement possibilities and more affordable housing. I would work with the labor and the business communities to get the developers to set aside the funding to accomplish the needs of the community, based on community concerns, not city halls.

5. What are the top three issues facing District 10? What will you do about those issues? District 10 has the same issues only on a more basic level. I will work for the creation of a charter school within the community, preferably in the BVHP area as it is more centrally located based on the old John O'Connell school where a young person could come out with a high school diploma and a basic knowledge of a given trade, that would allow the individual go on to collage, take and pass an apprenticeship test, or go out and gain employment in any field they chose.

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 I do not think the tax burden is shared equally by either businesses or individuals. The whole city tax base needs to be revamped and taxes need be equally distributed amongst all residents with no increases until it has been revamped.

7. How do you propose to address the needs of District 10 youth, in the face of drastic cuts to youth programs? I would propose to appeal to the private business dollars and private groups within and outside the city to provide basic programs for these neglected youth. I believe that if you know how to get in the door of most of these different factions most if not all will have the ability to help in a very positive way.

8. How do you envision bringing more jobs to all parts of District 10? By working with the business and labor community's to encourage responsible development of mixed use projects within the district and by making sure that the oversight of those projects and the jobs they are supposed to create go to the residents of the community.

9. Please give your views on Rebuild Potrero. I think this project, as it is projected, is a perfect example of how a viable project can be designed when the entire community is involved from the beginning; and would like to see it used in the future as a model for community input.

10. Please give your views on Lennar's plans for Candlestick/Hunters Point. The Lennar plan is the best of what could be had from a developer with one of the highest recorded percentage of low income housing in any project of its kind. There was also an excellent jobs package negotiated with the final project, but as usual with the city as it stands today there is no oversight to see that the developer follows through on any of those promises, and so they have not. Even the EIR is now clouded under secrecy and misinformation casting doubt over the credibility of the report its self even before it is released.

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

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