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I am running for District Attorney because I bring an experienced and balanced approach to the field of criminal justice.

By any objective standard, 20 years experience as a San Francisco prosecutor successfully handling some of the most notorious cases in our recent history, coupled with over 15 years experience as a prominent defense attorney give me a balanced approach to the administration of justice. None of the other candidates have ever been in a San Francisco court room. And at least two, including the interim appointed District Attorney, have never been in a courtroom, anywhere.

I am a native San Franciscan and along with my wife, a native Pacific Islander, have raised three children who have attended San Francisco public schools.

I have been a community leader; president of my neighborhood association, active in union activities; president of the Municipal Attorneys Association; active in local Bar Associations, board member of the Bar Association of San Francisco, recognized by clients and colleagues for expertise in the field; highest rating by Matindale-Hubbel, member of the prestigious National College of Trial Attorneys, and selected as a "Northern California Super" Lawyer for six consecutive years.

Based on my personal experiences actually trying several Death Penalty cases I will NEVER seek the Death Penalty.

Based on my experience as both a prosecutor and defense attorney the "three strikes law" will only be used as a viable tool to keep the most violent and serious offenders off the streets

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- A. Lack of competency and respect for the office by the community and lack of “pride in leadership” by the members of the office.
- B. Poor conviction rate due to the above and lack of community outreach.
- C. No identifiable goals by the current administration.

4. There appears to be NO specifics currently coming out of the office. I intend to do the following:

- A. Establish a community based DA to work out of the local police stations to become an ombudsman for problems and concerns that affect the community, the police, and the DA’s office.
- B. Establish “Legal Lives” to mentor school children.
- C. Expedite misdemeanor filings and chargings.
- D. Emphasis on serious felonies.
- E. Increase in alternatives to incarceration; provide for an effective “community court system”.
- F. Leadership by inspiration and experience.

5. Because of my institutional knowledge of the San Francisco criminal justice system I am best qualified to allocate resources in any budget crisis. I will work with the sheriff, probation, pre-trial diversion, professionalize the office, cut back on unnecessary and time consuming misdemeanors, and concentrate on serious felonies.

6. Yes. I believe we should continue our Sanctuary status and not co-operate with any agencies that take an contrary view.

7. No I am opposed to the death penalty and have been so positioned for at least the last ten years. There will be NO death penalty prosecution in my administration.

8. I support SB490

9. I do not believe prosecuting parents of truant children is productive to anyone. Education, support and the implementation of “Legal Lives” will go far in alleviating truancy.

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