

**Potrero Hill Democratic Club  
District 10 Supervisor Candidate Debate  
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 on Zoom**

**Candidate Questionnaire**

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*Please write a brief response (up to 200 words) to each question. **Please email the completed questionnaire to [contact\\_us@phdemclub.org](mailto:contact_us@phdemclub.org) by Sunday, August 28.** The questionnaires will be made available online to club members.*

1. Why are you running and why should we vote for you?

I first got really involved in politics in 2019 as an intern in California State Assemblyman Evan Low's district office. In 2020, I started working for the City and County of San Francisco, and in 2021 I decided to run for District 10 Supervisor. I am running to champion the issues I care most about: public transit, housing, and public safety. I am running as a candidate that will focus on showing up every day throughout the district 10 and fighting to expand the power of local neighborhoods.

2. What sets you apart from your opponent?

3. What are the top three issues facing District 10? How will you address these issues? How would your answer to this question be different if it considered only Potrero Hill and Dogpatch?

Housing, transit, and public safety. I don't think these issues would change if only Potrero Hill and Dogpatch were considered.

Housing:

1. Eliminate obstacles to new housing
2. Provide more funding for public housing or cooperative housing
3. Expand support for renters' buying a home

Public Transit:

4. Fight to make Muni zero fare; restructure existing tax revenues to ensure consistent funding for Muni so it doesn't suffer in times of emergency, e.g. a pandemic
5. Improve the speed and dependability of Muni by working to reduce the number of cars on the road, promoting rapid transit lanes, or expanding options to ride a bike / walk
6. Expand service, create more bus shelters, and improve signage

Public Safety:

7. Improve lighting around the District; expand foot patrols in commercial corridors or near parks, where desired
8. Establish additional cameras in commercial corridors and expand reimbursement for residents who choose to purchase a private security camera
9. Expand support for Street Crisis Response Team, the Street Overdose Team, and CART to reassign more nonviolent calls, freeing up existing sector patrol officers.

4. If you are the incumbent, what accomplishments are you most proud of?

Not applicable.

5. If you are the challenger, describe something the incumbent did that you would have done differently.

The incumbent opposes keeping JFK drive car free and opposed it based on concealed racism or segregation.

I believe that we need to address the shortcomings in public transit in District 10 and the lower quality service the District receives. Rather than focus on GGP, the incumbent could have called attention to the in-progress Blue Greenway (e.g. India Basin Park) or expanding amenities at McLaren Park to give it a similar position as the Southeast side's own jewel of green space.

6. How would you address the unfair burden the east side of the City has suffered from bearing the lion's share of market-rate development?

Adopt the new Housing Element which promotes more housing on the City's westside.

Oppose Prop D since it removes Board of Supervisor approval for specific "affordable housing" projects.

7. How do you define affordable housing? What should SF be doing to get more of it?

Housing that costs people a third of their income or less to live in.

Building more affordable housing by *paying for it* and selling more City-owned units at a loss to house current City renters.

The current approach, i.e. relying almost entirely on market rate homes, buying old market rate homes to convert into public housing, or requiring some units be offered below-market-rate (unless the developer pays a fee) have largely been ineffective. More than half the City's affordable housing portfolio was built more than 50 years ago.

8. How would you protect vulnerable families and communities from displacement?

Expansion of rent control and rapid rehousing in the case of eviction combined with the construction of more housing.

9. Do you support overturning the Ellis Act? Costa-Hawkins?

Yes.

10. Considering the longtime history of fraud and coverup, and the increased climate-related dangers highlighted by the recent Civil Grand Jury report, what will you do to encourage the Navy and the City to correct and complete the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund site cleanup?

As recommended in the Civil Grand Jury Report, we need a dedicated set of staff or oversight committee to address this issue.

Based on World Health Organization recommendations, San Francisco may accomplish this by requesting help from the State government or the EPA to mediate and lead the process with the Navy, the SF Department of Public Health, the Public Utilities Commission, Public Works, and the Port collaborating to successfully remediate.

Issues with the Hunter's Point work were exacerbated due to a lack of full understanding of what was in the soil, a complex process that did not effectively involve the local community, and a lack of accreditation for contracted work.

*Thank you for taking the time to fill this out, and thanks for running!*