



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

For Lanier Coles, AD 19

300 words max for each question with an asterisk ()*

*To ensure participation in our forum, please return completed copy by
Wednesday, 12/06*

1. Are you registered as a Democrat? Yes
2. Are you a member of the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club? No
3. Are you a member of the Noe Valley Democratic Club? No
4. Why should the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club support your candidacy?
I have a track record of organizing neighbors and friends to support common-sense initiatives and politicians in San Francisco. I am also serving in my 2nd term as a CA Dem. Party delegate and a board member of the United Democratic Club (UDC). On the UDC Board, my role for the past 2 years has been V.P. of Member Engagement and my primary task has been to recruit and retain members; an experience I will leverage to get SF residents to register as Democrats. As a member of the DCCC, I will endorse candidates and propositions that champion evidenced-based policies and not ideology to address housing, homelessness, drug addiction, economic recovery and education.
5. Did you support the Board of Education Recall? Why/Why Not?*. Yes. I advocated to my network for the school board recall and also marched to City Hall to support public schools re-opening. The BOE failed to get children back into school long after private schools in SF had re-opened and public schools had re-opened in other Bay Area counties. The BOE's inability to manage the re-opening process in a timely manner caused academic loss and a mental health crisis that we are still seeing in our children today.

6. Did you support the District Attorney Recall? Why/Why Not?*. Yes. I gathered signatures for the petition to get the recall on the ballot, hung door fliers in Russian Hill and the Sunset and appeared in a print advertisement supporting the D.A. recall. I serve on the board of Huckleberry Youth Programs, which offers a juvenile diversion program to teenagers who have committed crimes; and, I volunteer at San Quentin. I engage in these volunteer activities because I want to be part of the process of making our systems more effective e.g. reducing recidivism. I believe we should have an effective and fair criminal justice system; these 2 aspects of a justice system are not mutually exclusive. Under Chesa Boudin, our criminal justice system was out of balance and not effective. Repeat offenders ended up killing innocent people under Chesa Boudin's leadership and this could have been prevented with a more effective justice system where the D.A.'s office prosecuted repeat offenders.

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7. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the eastern half of the city the most?*
8. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

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9. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the western half of the city the most?*
 - a. Fully staffed police department that is held accountable to high standards and code of conduct so that we can have more community policing (1) near our small businesses and chain stores (Walgreens and CVS) to prevent shop lifting and (2) near tourist areas to prevent car crime. Without the rule of law, we will not be able to attract businesses to San Francisco to fund our government programs and support our more vulnerable populations.
 - b. Housing policies that will increase housing supply at all levels; this includes up-zoning in strategic locations. I believe abundant housing supply will result in lower housing prices and in turn alleviate the flow of new unhoused residents.
 - c. Drug addiction policies that focus on outcomes and accountability.
10. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*. I will draft resolutions targeted as Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to influence ordinances and local laws. I will encourage more SF residents to register as Democrats so they can have a voice in the Democratic Party and influence the Party to be more thoughtful and pragmatic about our most pressing issues.