



Ballot Forum Questionnaire

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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? Yes
4. Why should the Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club support your candidacy?

The Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club should support my candidacy because I have a track record of public service both in the career I chose (higher education) and in past service on a variety of San Francisco commissions (Human Services Commission), non-profit boards (e.g., SF Bay Area Credit Union - now part of the SF Federal Credit Union), and community boards (e.g., Jamestown, St. Philip's Parish Council). As an educator, I value and bring critical thinking, logic, and integrity to decision making, especially in making decisions affecting others.

5. Did you support the Board of Education Recall? Why/Why Not?* No, because recalls are expensive; I prefer the alternative of a challenge at the next election.
6. Did you support the District Attorney Recall? Why/Why Not?* No, because recalls are expensive; I prefer the alternative of a challenge at the next election.

For AD 17 Candidates

7. What are your 3 core policy issues you care about which affect the eastern half of the city the most?* Education, Public Safety, and a Reduction in Homelessness.

8. If elected, how do you see yourself as being able to influence these problems?*

Education: My focus is on higher education. I was elected to the City College Board of Trustees in November 2022 and then as Vice President of the Board in January 2023. I sponsored a policy resolution (which passed) to bring back the remaining tenured and tenure track teachers who were laid off in Spring 2022; the result of that layoff was that many classes critical to graduation or to workforce training were canceled harming current and future students and the community. (I'd like to see the nursing program returned to 2 student cohorts/year for the sake of future students and for our community which needs these medical professionals.) I serve on the Budget Committee and am working to increase budget transparency through improved reporting, oral and written, that is needed to make better financial decisions such as precise information on all contracts and expenditures, including those under the maximum required for prior board approval. I will continue to work to ensure the sound financial future of the college, to increase enrollment, and to improve student access to the classes they need. I will share insights with DCCC colleagues and also would hope to engage with public school colleagues in addressing our mutual issues.

Reduction in Homelessness is an issue for City College because many CCSF students are experiencing housing and food insecurity; we have some measures in place but our students could use more help. Tiny Homes occupy CCSF's Gough Street Campus, a good use of public land until the property is more fully developed. I served on the Human Services Commission in the 1990s appointed twice by Mayor Willie Brown, and much that I learned through that service would also guide my work. This issue is one that we as a City must address for the good of all.

Public Safety is another concern because our CCSF Campus Police force is an invaluable local asset in providing a secure campus environment for students and employees. As a retired CCSF faculty member, Dean of Students, and Vice Chancellor of Instruction I deeply understand these challenges. (I was the student conduct dean who worked with Campus Police and others to address disruptive incidents on campus.) As a long-time resident of Noe Valley married to a third generation San Franciscan who grew up in Noe Valley and as a San Francisco taxpayer, I am personally concerned about these seemingly intractable issues that will take patience and persistence to address, starting yesterday. As a member of the SFDCCC, I would bring this cumulative life experience/knowledge to the work of the DCCC. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on an uncompensated city-wide group to work for the benefit of all San Franciscans.

The San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee endorses candidates for all elective offices in San Francisco; those endorsements circulate through mailers voters take with them to the election booth. The SFDCCC also hears concerns from citizens and addresses them as well as other issues that arise in meetings. I do my homework before making decisions on positions and endorsements, something reinforced by my long career in higher education.

For AD 19 Candidates

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