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Board of Supervisors Questionnaire

1. What should the Board of Supervisors do to address San Francisco's housing problems? What resources should the Board of Supervisors use to address these problems?

I support requiring higher levels of affordable housing in new developments. I've supported Props I, K, and M (2020) and am a fervent supporter of social housing and was proud to support as co-commissioner with Dean Preston on the LAFCo, a study on municipal housing to be completed this year. I do think the definitions for what counts as affordable in this city are insufficient as the question that follows is always "affordable for whom?" when the Average Median Income for a single person is \$100,850. As Supervisor I would work to change the definition of affordability to include no-income, extremely low-income, and low-income people to the furthest extent possible.

My full platform is at jackieforsf.com/housing

2. What should the Board of Supervisors do to address issues around homelessness?

San Francisco is one of the wealthiest cities in the world, and home to dozens of billionaires. It's a failure of leadership to let 2,300 SFUSD students go homeless and to not dedicate more resources and coordination to getting people housed. San Francisco's homelessness can be best understood when compared to a pipeline. Too many people are falling into a bottle-necked pipeline and not getting out. We need to prevent people from entering homelessness, expand the capacity of our transitory shelter and housing infrastructure to absorb those who do, and exit people from the system into permanent housing as soon as possible. We also need to tackle this issue from a regional and state-wide perspective, as San Francisco can't do it alone. Houston curbed their homelessness 63% by following a Housing First model. The "housing first" model is supported by decades of research. It entails moving the most vulnerable people straight from the streets into apartments, without stipulations. In San Francisco, it takes about six months for someone to be placed into housing after filing the necessary paperwork. In Houston, it takes just 32 days, thanks to the years-long collaboration among more than a hundred organizations and community leaders. In a city with thousands of vacant commercial and residential spaces, this isn't just a matter of resources, it's a matter of political will. You can read more of my homelessness platform at jackieforsf.com/homelessness.

3. What is your stance on public transportation vs TNCs? Are there ways to make transportation more accessible? Should we be

increasing or decreasing fares, or even make public transportation free for all? How can the Board of Supervisors effectively address these issues?

As a regular MUNI rider who rides the 14 and 49, I know that low income working class people, students, and the elderly are the ones who suffer the most when we cut lines. The 14 and 49 are often packed at peak hours. In parallel to carving a path towards free MUNI with Supervisor Dean Preston, I will make sure that lines are not cut on the backs of the working class who depend on them most. That means pushing our state and federal legislators to fight for funding for our transportation, and looking at progressive taxes to expand our revenue sources. I support the citizen-led initiative to tax TNC's to fill the gap in funding for MUNI. At the same time, we need to staff up MTA and ensure the city's HR department is held accountable for the slow hiring process that is impacting all aspects of city services, including transportation. Wherever MTA convenes community meetings, I will also ensure the outreach plan has been vetted by neighborhood leaders and translated into relevant languages. My full public transportation platform will be available the week of May 5th and it was written in partnership with MUNI and cycling advocates.

4. What should be the role of TNCs and autonomous vehicles in your ideal future San Francisco? How will you work with the other members of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's office and state agencies to accomplish this vision?

TNCs & AV's should be taxed for their use of our public roads and reduced to reduce traffic and emissions on our roads. I will execute my public transportation platform so that fast, frequent, and safe (and free, down the road) service becomes a more attractive option than TNCs & AVs.

5. Should we increase or decrease the number of police on the streets of San Francisco, and why? Please describe the financial impact this would have on the city budget and on other departments.

At the moment, the Mayor is asking for every department to cut their budget by 10% and proposing millions more dollars for the police so they can stand outside the Louis Vuitton store in Union Square. We must prevent law enforcement resources like expensive overtime from undermining other city services that are pillars to community safety and well being. During budget season I will fight for city services outside the police including the Dept of

Human Services, Dept of Public Health, Dept of Children and Families, and other programs. Real and enduring safety requires a more effective use of law enforcement resources, stronger crime prevention programs, real solutions to our fentanyl crisis, staffing up our public safety system, victim support services, community-led crime prevention programs and rehabilitation programs that disrupt the cycle of violence. To achieve this, we need to fully fund our public safety system while focusing on accountability at all levels. This plan is a comprehensive approach to ensure that every resident in the Mission, Portola and Bernal Heights feels safe on the streets, in their businesses, in their homes, and on public transit. Prioritize armed officers for emergencies and violent crimes. San Francisco police often point to their workload when asked about slower response times to unfolding violent crimes. Part of this is the over 60,000 calls police receive annually for non-emergency incidents. It's also due to many high paid officers being put on desk work which could be done by civilians. We can improve response to violent crimes and emergencies by focusing officers on the high-priority situations that demand their expertise and training. Deploy unarmed professionals to handle non-violent incidents like traffic enforcement, nuisance complaints, and assisting those in mental health crises or experiencing homelessness. By redirecting these non-emergency calls away from the police, we can free up valuable law enforcement resources for genuine emergencies. A key element of this strategy is consolidating the city's various non-police response teams under 3-1-1 and scaling them up to meet the demand. We can also deploy unarmed, identifiable retired officers to walk the beat, build relationships in the community, and free up active duty police for emergencies.

My full public safety platform is jackieforsf.com/publicsafety

6. Do police make our streets safer and how? Explain? What alternatives to policing should the Board of Supervisors consider to make San Francisco safer?

I would like to prioritize crime prevention. I will work to:

Allocate substantial resources to community-led, proven crime prevention strategies that enhance the safety of our neighborhoods. Notably, the Cure Violence program, formerly known as Chicago CeaseFire, has demonstrated remarkable success in numerous U.S. cities. Richmond, a city across the Bay that not long ago was one of the most dangerous in the country, established its Office of Neighborhood Safety in 2007 to establish

violence intervention programs, and now sees single digit homicides. We need to scale up our violence intervention programs in San Francisco and track their outcomes.

Triple the presence of community ambassadors in high-traffic, high-crime areas within the district to bolster safety. Research confirms that a higher likelihood of being caught acts as a powerful deterrent to crime. Scaling up the community ambassador program, launched in The Mission in May 2023, will help maintain the gains achieved in community safety.

Invest in youth programs that prevent teenagers and young adults from engaging in criminal activities and break the cycles of violence. In District 9, many youth organizations offer at-risk youth a sense of belonging, purpose, and mentorship. However, limited resources, especially for retaining staff, hamper their effectiveness. It's time to adequately resource and embrace these youth organizations as a fundamental part of our crime prevention strategy.

Increase resources for youth mental health support to address the growing crisis in youth mental health. Recent data shows 100 student conflicts on and off campuses, including 31 incidents involving firearms. The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened these challenges, severely interrupting the socio-emotional development of our youth. We must prioritize mental health counselors and social workers in schools, deploy Prop G community school funds in the 2024-2025 school year, and foster collaboration between SFUSD and the city government to protect the wellbeing of our young people.

7. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure B, and why?

No position.

8. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure E, and why?

Oppose. I do not believe relaxing police accountability will make us safer.

9. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure F, and why?

Oppose. This will only lead to more homelessness and poverty, and do nothing to address the overdose crisis.

10. How do the federal and state budgets impact San Francisco?

Tremendously! The more money we have for militarism and corporate tax cuts, the less we have for basic human needs at the local level like housing, food, healthcare, and education.

11. Do you support the proposal to limit the authority of the Board of Supervisors to take action on issues such as the War on Gaza? Why? If yes, please detail the limitations you would place on the Board of Supervisors and explain your response.

No. We've always weighed in on foreign policy matters and even domestic matters that pertain to other states such as abortion and gay rights. As well, the War on Gaza is a local issue. We have numerous Palestinian families in San Francisco who have lost loved ones to Israel's war on Gaza. State and federal governments need to be able to hear from local bodies about all issues.

12. There are at least 4 local petitions being circulated for consideration on the November 2024 ballot (<https://www.sf.gov/reports/november-2024/potential-local-ballot-measures>). What is your position on each of them? Explain.

Mayor's Authority: oppose. We have a strong mayor city already, and I don't trust anything Together SF is behind.

Citywide Board of Sup's elections: oppose. This has always been a big business power grab.

City commissions & mayoral authority: Oppose. I support folding some commissions that have become obsolete, but giving the Mayor more power in the same breath, I do not support. Folding of commissions should be a community-led process. And again, I don't trust anything Together SF is behind.

TNC & AV tax: support. It's the least we can do to fill the gap for MUNI funding.

13. If the other candidates in your race would agree, are you willing to reject all PAC and "dark money" support for your race and to publicly denounce spending on your behalf through such entities?

Are there entities from which you would reject support and/or publicly denounce spending on your behalf? Will you publicly denounce dark money expenditures against your opponents?

- Yes
- Luxury real estate developers, law enforcement organizations, fossil fuel interests
- Yes

14. What makes you the most qualified candidate to be your District Supervisor?

I'm running to fight for working people against powerful special interests. I've been a city commissioner, educator, climate advocate, everyday MUNI rider, and co-founder of the San Francisco Public Bank Coalition, and am the proud granddaughter of Mexican immigrants and Native American grandparents. I founded the SF Public Bank Coalition in the wake of the #NoDAPL movement to break our city's ties from Wall Street and invest in our own communities. As an educator at SF State, I took over Alicia Garza's former course, "Race, Women, and Class." I also worked in communications with Mijente, focusing on immigrant rights and the ties between Silicon Valley and ICE. In 2020, I challenged Scott Wiener, and secured 42% of the vote, including a majority in District 9. Most recently, I served as Commissioner and Vice Chair of LAFCO overseeing CleanPowerSF and am the Co-Director of a national coalition that works to curb fossil fuel financing.

- **Passing the first state bill in the nation to legalize municipal public banks (2019)** -- was a part of the grassroots lobbying effort alongside groups like LCCR and PODER SF, representing the San Francisco contingent
- **Passing the Reinvest in SF Ordinance (2021)** -- helped write the legislation with Sup. Dean Preston's office to establish the [Reinvestment Working Group](#)
- **Board of Supervisors unanimously adopting the findings of the Reinvestment Working Group (2023)** -- findings include a business and governance plan for establishing a public bank as well as a predecessor entity called a Municipal Finance Corporation. I researched governance models of successful public banks around the world and drafted the first iterations of those models, as well as the original principles for a public bank. This year-long process of deliberations involved community members, financial experts, city officials, and banking lawyers
- **LAFCO Resolution Urging the SFPUC to Adopt a Workforce and Environmental Justice Policy for Energy Procurement (2023)** -- I authored, introduced, and helped pass this resolution as Vice Chair of LAFCo, where I served from November 2021 to March 2024.

As of the last disclosure period (ending Dec 31, 2023), our campaign was leading in fundraising with \$112,000. To date, I've raised \$141,000 and I've qualified for all of my public financing (\$255,000, available in June) which amounts to \$396,000 total raised, just \$64K short of my total fundraising goal.