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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?

San Francisco is facing a housing affordability crisis – not a crisis of available housing. As Supervisor, I will be a champion for the protection and preservation of rent controlled housing and acquiring existing buildings to remove them from the private market; the most cost-effective way to preserve affordable housing and crack down on fraudulent evictions. We must protect and preserve our existing affordable housing and not allow the Mayor and her allies to demolish rent controlled buildings.

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

Regular updates should be reported to the Homeless Oversight Committee by the City's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The Committee should review the status and progress of policies and use reports to create policy, select and audit service providers and refine the city's programs. The Board needs to hold our Mayor and department heads accountable. It's inexcusable that in a city with a budget of \$14 billion dollars we have not figured out how to supply enough mental health beds, get folks who desperately need treatment into treatment and hold accountable the agencies and individuals who are responsible for performing these functions. I will use the City's money more efficiently to invest in both short-term shelter and long-term supportive housing – and provide services that address the root causes of homelessness, addiction, and mental illness. Mental illness is deeply personal to me as it is something my mother has battled her entire life and I have seen how support and treatment have kept her safe and housed. We must fight to destigmatize mental illness and addiction and focus on solutions. We cannot allow people to die from overdoses on our streets. We need shelter space and options that provide basic services to put our unhoused neighbors on a path to more permanent housing.

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?

I support local control of our transportation systems and am generally anti-TNC and pro-transit. In these tough budget years, the City should be looking for any and all opportunities to cut down on redundant costs and deliver better services to the taxpayers. I would support using the money saved from reducing expenses – or from an additional tax on TNCs – to reevaluate public transit fares and bring transit dollars back to our public transportation system.

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?

The role of TNCs and autonomous vehicles should be decided by cities, not the state. That's why I support Senator Cortese's SB915, which gives municipalities the authority to decide whether they will allow autonomous vehicles in their communities or not. Our streets belong to the people of San Francisco, and I don't believe in selling them to the highest bidder – or to Sacramento.

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.

The City of San Francisco has been experiencing a staffing crisis for years. Public safety jobs have become increasingly more demanding, leading to even higher turnover. The City should invest in initiatives aimed at recruiting, training and retaining a diverse police force including women, BIPOC individuals and multilingual individuals until our department is fully staffed at just over 2,100 officers. I will call for a similar comprehensive recruitment and retention program for our healthcare providers, 911 dispatchers and firefighters. While the city budget already allocates funds to staff these positions, I want to ensure that money is being used as intended. Taxpayer dollars should be used to fortify essential services and foster a safer and more resilient San Francisco.

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?

An increase in the number of police officers does make us safer, as does and increase in available shelter beds and mental health resources. Additionally, I believe that there are calls for service that should be responded to by departments outside law enforcement. As a nation we should be assessing our structure for responding to emergency situations and prioritize social services, mental health services, youth services and more. We should also be appropriately funding our police department and ensuring transparency, accountability and oversight of law enforcement departments.

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

I voted against Prop B because I believe the Board of Supervisors and the office of the Mayor should use our existing budget to fund public safety departments; police department, fire department and 911 dispatch. I do not believe the charter is the appropriate place to fund basic government operations and the failure to do so sits on the shoulders of the Mayor.

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

I supported Prop E because policing in San Francisco has become far too complicated compared to other jurisdictions in the Bay Area. Public safety is the #1 concern of residents and businesses in San Francisco and protecting our communities is just common sense. Many of the policies that have been in place over the last few years have hindered our police force's ability to do their job. This change was long overdue. While the Mayor should've had better control over the commission and city departments in order to achieve these goals, I supported Prop E as another pathway to put San Francisco back on track.

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

Yes, I supported Prop F. I see Prop F as a protest vote by the public against the Mayor's failed administration with respect to the drug crisis. There's no denying that something needs to change. Realistically, this proposition alone is not likely to do much of anything. However, Prop F presented an opportunity to identify individuals who are struggling with substance abuse and addiction and connect them to treatment. While I see this as a supportive approach to achieving our goal of a safer and healthier future, as Supervisor, I will demand accountability from our Mayor and city department heads without wasting time and putting the responsibility on voters' shoulders. We need a new administration to take a fresh look at

how we are dealing with the drug crisis in our City and ensure that recovery is part of the conversation.

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

The state and federal budgets directly affect our city's ability to fund infrastructure projects, social services, transportation, economic development initiatives and more! Funding that comes down to the city from the state and the feds is essential to our quality of life. As our state enters tight budget years, our city is going to have to budget wisely to ensure our city's ability to thrive.

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.

As a member of the board, my focus will always be on issues of importance to the residents and merchants of San Francisco. Our City needs to get back to basics and this community deserves for the focus of its local government to be on our community's bread and butter issues; public safety, clean and safe neighborhoods, support for small businesses, finding solutions to the unhoused crisis and protecting housing.

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.

A. Mayor's Authority Relating to City Department Heads and Mayoral Staff

B. City Commissions and Mayoral Authority

C. Election of Members of the Board of Supervisors.

Charter reform is worth discussing, but we need a robust policy process where legislation can be drafted carefully and with a structured process for public comment and input – rather than simply collecting signatures.

Crafting public policy should always be transparent as it's the best way to hold our elected officials accountable.

District elections are vitally important, and should not be altered.

D. Additional Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses

I support a TNC tax to bring transit dollars back to our public transportation system.

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?

Since the US Supreme Court’s unfortunate Citizens United decision, campaign finance remains elusive. While I don’t condone outside money coming into races like this, we must live with election laws as they are and I’m not willing to demand that my supporters tie their hands behind their back if I were to get attacked. I’ve been incredibly appreciative of the grassroots support I’ve received from individual donors so far – my neighbors and community members. I plan to use the funds I raise from individuals and the city’s public financing program to win the support of voters.

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

As Supervisor, I’ll hold our City government accountable for standing with our communities and ensuring our neighborhoods are clean and safe. I know City Hall inside and out from years of experience in the City Attorney’s Office and as a community leader. I’ll bring strong leadership to City Hall to re-establish trust, make sure District 3 residents are heard, and address everyone’s frustrations with the state of the City. I will remain open and accessible, actively meeting with – and listening to – voters’ concerns. By doing so, I’ll demonstrate that I’m committed to transparency and responsiveness as District 3’s next Supervisor.