

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?

We need more housing at all levels. I will prioritize building affordable housing first, but Market Rate housing absolutely must be part of our approach. Market Rate housing fees are what powers a large part of our funds for affordable housing. We cannot have one with the other.

We also need to streamline permits. In the midst of a housing crisis, it's untenable that it takes 87 distinct permits to build one new home. This is part of why San Francisco has the longest timelines of any U.S. to build a new home.

I also will fight to protect tenants, which is deeply personal to me as someone who would be only the 2nd renter on the Board of Supervisors. We can do this through expanding legal counsel for tenants, funding SRO collaboratives, and increasing building inspection oversight and enforcement.

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

We spend hundreds of millions of dollars on homelessness each year but we still lack coordination between the web of agencies and partners who work in this space. I will call a hearing to review the effectiveness of our existing programs so that we can decide which programs to cut and which to expand.

We also need to make more investments to prevent homelessness in the first place such as emergency rental vouchers.

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 believe San Francisco needs to significantly expand its public transportation network, from extending the Central Subway to adding more transit lanes to speed up buses and adding protected bicycle lanes. These efforts will all make it easier to get around town, especially for low-income residents who do not own a car. We need to fund a robust paratransit network within this to accommodate everyone. Residents and riders want safe, reliable, frequent public transportation which is my priority. We need to make our Free MUNI for youth program permanent in our budget and protect our Free MUNI for seniors program.

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?

I believe autonomous vehicles offer an exciting new technology that can save lives on our roads. At the same time, the technology is still new and we need to carefully expand its use in our city.

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.

We are 500+ police officers short, so we need to increase the number of police officers in San Francisco. We can do this in a way that prioritizes police officers who will be community-serving, such as target hiring bonuses for officers who speak multiple languages such as Cantonese. We can accommodate this in our existing budget with much of it coming from money that has been spent on overtime funds due to shortage of police officers.

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?

Police officers make communities safer, but they cannot be the entire answer to the problems of safety and community distress. We need to pair police officers with street crisis response teams, mental health professionals, violence interruption programs and foundational investments like robust social services and community youth programming.

7. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure B, and why?
Oppose. This “cop tax” measure was misleading and would not have hired an additional police officer or first responder.

8. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure E, and why?
Support. We need to make our Police Department more effective to solve crimes.

9. Did you support or oppose the March 2024 Measure F, and why?
Oppose. I was not convinced the plan would have increased the number of individuals in drug treatment programs.

10. How do the federal and state budgets impact San Francisco?
We have tremendous challenges in our city and need to compete for, and utilize, state and federal funds as much as possible.

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.

I have not seen the specifics of the proposal. I would look for a way to allow residents to voice their priorities and opinions on matters to the board but also to maintain a priority of our board to first and foremost focus on the civic matters at hand which already consume an incredible amount of time and are of great need.

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.

I have not taken any positions on November ballot measures yet as much of the language, support, and status of the measures is still in flux and I have been focused on my own campaign.

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?

We are not able to coordinate or influence outside spending. We are proud of our grassroots support, being the first candidate to qualify for public financing, attracting the most small dollar donations, and having received 87% of our donations from San Francisco donors.

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

I believe the role of a District Supervisor is to know - and be ready to deliver for - their District from day one. I’m proud of my deep record in District 3 and believe I’m ready to serve this District. From serving on the board of my neighborhood association for the past 8 years to starting the North Beach Farmers Market and serving hundreds of District 3 youth and seniors at the community centers I work with, I am deeply immersed in the needs and communities of District 3.