



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. **What do you see as the greatest challenges when it comes to providing residents with a livable, affordable and safe community?**

The greatest challenge I see with providing residents with affordable, livable and safe community is the lack of transparency & rush-to-build housing behavior perpetrated by San Francisco City Hall officials.

Mayor Lee approved enormous tax cuts for tech companies to come in, creating many new high-paying jobs without a long term plan for housing the influx of wealthy tech workers into our community. Landlords and property owners, recognizing they could be make more money in a scarce rental market, evicted low-rent tenants in favor of wealthier ones. 71% of the people who are currently transient or homeless on our streets used to have homes in San Francisco.

San Francisco leadership at City Hall got us into the pickle we're in when they did not properly plan for the influx of wealthy tech workers who now need housing.

Everyone agrees we need more affordable housing. The issue is we need responsible development which hasn't always happened in the past.

S.F. Board Supervisor & President London Breed & Supervisors Cohen & Kim have all been in politics and held some office at the time of the S.F. Hunters Point Shipyard Development soil toxicity issue was first raised back in 2010.

I don't recall hearing President London Breed, Supervisors Jane Kim nor Malia Cohen sounding the alarm or insisting on further investigation into either the Hunters Point Shipyard Development of District 10 or the Treasure Island Development of District 6 before or after becoming Supervisors.

Instead, Lennar continued to build & we now have 300 families living at the S.F. Hunters Point Shipyard Development on what is possibly toxic soil. We have the same developers planning to pour \$5 billion dollars into Treasure Island for housing that may not be safe for anyone to live in due to possibly toxic soil.

The overriding purpose of civic leadership is the well-being and protection of its citizens. In my view, San Francisco Supervisor Board President Breed, Supervisors Kim & Cohen, failed San Franciscans. We hear a lot of promises during campaigns. Breed, who was elected to the Board in 2012 & Kim, who was elected in 2011, have had their chance to craft policies to better protect San Franciscans. I feel they've put economic interests over the health & welfare of San Franciscans on this particular topic of affordable, livable and safe community.

As San Francisco mayor, I would mandate 60% or more of first responders, cops, firefighters, EMT's and other municipal workers must live in San Francisco by 2025 with the goal being ALL must live in San Francisco since they serve the San Francisco community. I will hold ALL developers accountable to the City of San Francisco so they MUST supply enough homes for first responders to buy. Incentives, such as low interest home loans, opportunities for tax breaks when buying a home at a middle class income rate will be made available by developers for our police officers, fire fighters, EMT's, teachers, social workers and other municipal workers first to help re-introduce the middle class back into our community. For the purpose of long term infrastructure and safety San Francisco desperately needs, cops and firefighters MUST live and vote in San Francisco for the safety, security and connection to our citizens especially in the event of a major earthquake.

2. What is the biggest opportunity for your district or city during the next four years?

San Francisco owns 54 parcels of land, 8 of which have buildings. One of the biggest opportunities I see is to turn this transient/homeless issue around by working with the State of California & Federal government, utilize our state's budget surplus to fund and build a holistic mental health & wellness facility on one of the 54 City owned properties.

This premier medical facility would set San Francisco apart as a leader in training holistic health teams of doctors, nurses, social workers, psychotherapists & career counseling professionals who are all well versed in de-escalation tactics. These teams of medical and career counseling professionals would work with the SFPD to permanently get homeless/transient individuals off the streets and moving forward into healthy, productive lives as a contributing citizens.

3. Describe your commitment to your district or city leading up to your bid for office.

While attending San Francisco's Lincoln High School I was Student Representative to the San Francisco School Board. This opportunity allowed me to meet and become inspired by former City Attorney Louise Renne, & former mayor Art Agnos. My commitment to District 10, where my husband and I live, as well as to San Francisco will be to work with developers to ensure ANY new housing developments include middle-class affordable, safe units for people to live. I would also mandate, once again, that all first responders and municipal workers must live in San Francisco, the city they serve.

4. Silicon Valley and the Bay Area are at the center of global, technological advancement. How do you see technology's role in changing the lives of both longtime residents and transplants?

Prior to starting my small business in San Francisco, I worked in the video games industry which is definitely all about the advancement of new technologies. As Mayor of San Francisco, I would encourage and personally work with technology companies like Twitter, Salesforce & Yelp! so community forums are held on a regular basis including longtime San Franciscans so we all know firsthand what

these technology companies are doing to contribute and directly support our community. Transparency from and with technology companies for the whole community of San Francisco, both transplants and longtime residents will engender more trust and better acceptance of the new and amazing technological gifts these companies offer. If everyone in San Francisco feels included, informed and supported as a community by these wonderful technology companies, we'll all feel less afraid or angry and more inspired to trust these companies and their offerings they bring to San Franciscans and the world. Thank you!