



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Jeff Sheehy

Age: 61

Family: I have a husband and we have a 13-year-old daughter

Hometown: Waco, Texas

Lived in San Francisco since: 1988

Education: BA, History, University of Texas

Occupation: San Francisco Supervisor, District 8

Employer: City and County of San Francisco

Political experience: Founding Board Member California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Mayor Gavin Newsom's AIDS Czar, Member SF Democratic County Central Committee 2000-2004, President Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club 1996 and 1997

Notable affiliations:

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

Affordable housing, addressing homelessness, and ensuring public safety are the three greatest challenges we face. On the Board, I have worked to keep tenants in their homes, increase our housing stock, and expand the number of low income and teacher/middle income housing units. I have put forward a measure, "Housing for All," that will further expand middle income housing and will also move 23,000 homeless individuals off San Francisco streets into navigation centers and supportive housing. I have increased police foot patrols in District 8 and am working to increase the number of police officers so we can have police foot patrols everywhere we need them and staff specialized crime units, such as ones for car break-ins and for home burglaries.

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

Our biggest opportunities are to systematically address our housing and homelessness crises. We can succeed in doing so if we are willing to provide the necessary resources. My "Housing for All" proposal raises revenue by increasing the tax on commercial rent income for owners of skyscrapers and uses it for teacher/firefighter/middle income housing and to address homelessness by moving a projected 23,000 homeless individuals off the streets over the next 10 years. This tax, which will not be imposed on small businesses, non-profits, retail and entertainment, merely claws back part of the Trump tax cuts these large commercial property owners received and using the funds to address San Francisco's most pressing problems.

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

I am currently the Supervisor for District 8. I have initiated police foot patrols in the Castro, Noe Valley and around the District. I have increased safety in and around Dolores Park by adding more patrols, lighting and security cameras. I passed legislation to stop monster homes in Corona Heights. I obtained funding to activate Town Square in Noe Valley helping local businesses and providing entertainment. I worked to install stop signs and crosswalks and added traffic officers in Diamond Heights and Glen Park.

My commitment began over 20 years ago, when as Harvey Milk President, I created and defended the historic Equal Benefits Ordinance, which required all city contractors offer domestic partner benefits. I was a member of ACT-UP, working to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic, which hit my District hard, and to re-invent our responses to public health crises. As a Board Member of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine that originally based in San Francisco, I have worked to advance stem cell cures.

I served on the Community Advisory Board of the Ingleside Police District and worked with the Captain and officers to improve public safety in our neighborhoods.

As a husband, father and neighbor, I am committed to our public schools, one of which my daughter attends, families in my District, and to our vibrant neighborhoods.

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?

Technology is already changing lives. For instance, the sharing economy has been a mixed bag, with some actors like ride share companies providing a needed service, but without a desperately needed local regulatory framework.

The rise of artificial intelligence could facilitate innovations such as driverless cars but could destroy thousands of jobs.

New medical technologies like genetic engineering and regenerative medicine, the area of technology I have intimate experience with, have the potential to transform medical care and provide cures for devastating diseases and conditions.

As a City and as a region, we should embrace the opportunities offered by new technologies, but we must ensure that these technologies serve our communities. This means greater attention to equity so that the products, jobs and wealth generated are shared with all San Francisco communities. We need to be acutely aware of all of the consequences of new technology. For example, ride share is very useful, but public transit use is down, drivers receive substandard benefits and wages, and greenhouse gas emissions from travel are increasing.

Per the biomedical industry, new cures and treatments need to be available to everyone and just for those with the means to afford them.

In short, we are extremely fortunate to live in an area where new technology is emerging almost daily, but we need to lead in making sure these technologies serve humanity and not a select few.