



## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

**Name:** Ellen Lee Zhou, Master of Social Work

**Age:** Just turned 49 (not too old, not too young, it is the right age for Mayor)

**Family:** Lee's family before I married. Now Zhou's family.

**Hometown:** I was born and raised in a farm in Canton, China

**Lived in San Francisco since:** 1986, 32 years in San Francisco.

**Education:** A.S. in H & R Management, B.S.W. and M.S.W in Social Work.

**Occupation:** Behavioral Health Clinician (aka Social Worker) for public health.

**Employer:** City and County of San Francisco since January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**Political experience:** Student leader when in college. A bargaining team member and a union representative for public employees for more than 12 years.

Community activist for more than 25 years. No justice, no peace!

<https://www.ellenleezhouformayor2018.com/community>

**Notable affiliations:**

I am Public Health Worker for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

I was a Civil Grand Jury Member of San Francisco for two terms, 2014/2015 and 2016/2017 (<http://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/report.html>). I participated to improve government functions to better served our residents and visitors.

I was appointed by former District 9 Board of Supervisor David Campos for the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee, 2016/2017, served seat number 14.

(<http://sfbos.org/pedestrian-safety-advisory-committee>). I participated to promote public safety and to reduce pedestrian deaths, vision zero.

I have been a NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team) member for more than three years, trained by S.F. Fire Dept. (<http://sf-fire.org/neighborhood-emergency-response-team-nert>). I participated to use my skills to help my community in case of emergencies.

I graduated from the Community Police Academy, class of 2006, trained by the S.F. Police Dept. (<https://sanfranciscopolice.org/community-police-academy>). I

have been working with the Police for crime prevention to protect people's well beings.

I graduated with both of my B.S.W. (1996) and M.S.W. (2003) degrees from San Francisco State University (SFSU). I went back to share my work and life experience with my students at SFSU. I taught the AAS 591 Asian American Community Health Issues class in Fall 2015. (<http://aas.sfsu.edu/content/aas-welcomes-our-new-lecturers>).

**I am a member with the following agencies:**

Coalition of Asian American Government Employees, for more than 12 years  
(<http://www.caagesf.org>)

San Francisco Morse Lodge 257 for more than 15 years  
(<http://www.morselodge257.org>)

San Francisco Evangelical Free Church for more than 23 years  
(<http://www.sfefc.org>)

San Francisco Community Empowerment Center for more than 11 years  
([www.sfcec.org](http://www.sfcec.org))

Asian Pacific Islander Social Worker Council for more than 13 years  
(<http://www.apiswc.org>)

SEIU1021 for more than 13 years (<http://www.seiu1021.org>) Example: SEIU1021

One city, one fight rally, 04/18/2012 San Francisco

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WZYlwjFWmk> (I stand up for our public workers)

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

Government corruption! For example, we spend some much on homeless, the more money we spend, the homeless we have. The more police we hire, the more property crimes and car-ins we face. We have lack of government accountabilities. The sanctuary city status has been promoting a wrong message for criminals to hide in San Francisco! The illegal drugs and drug dealers have been dominated our livelihood. Our housing crisis created by unfair housing policies. The ill-responsible or career politicians created a lot of mess for our residents such as helping the criminals to fight with the federal. Our moral is very low. Homeless suffer and die on the streets. When I elected as mayor, the first thing I do is to create an unit to fight off corruption to hold all government employees and elected officials accountable, put people in jail when I have too.

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

Political parties between democratic and republican. Our local government and the federal government are not in alignment to protect our public. President Trump said yes, government Brown said no. We the people, the public say yes, the city officials said no. It is lack of ethics at city hall right now. We need government reform to rebuild a better San Francisco. But it takes a lot of effort to find the right people to team up as one body to fight current corruption. When I elected as mayor, I will empower the public to advocate for themselves. I will train the residents how to navigate for public resources and hold all government employees accountable. In fact, my mission is to promote public awareness on how to run a self-regulated government, so our people power is at work, our democracy power is truly alive in San Francisco. We are a classic city, yet our current living condition is worse than the poorest areas in Africa! Shame!

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

I am a Family Social Worker and my main mission is to help people to recover from their crisis or hardship back to a normal state. I have no desire to be a mayor in power. I just want to stand up for all residents who obey the laws. I want to put law and order in place. If I am elected, I would be the most important leader to re-direct San Francisco back to the right direction. We are too left now. I was dominated by the San Francisco Coalition of Good Neighborhoods to run for this mayor's race. We, as one coalition from all 11 districts in San Francisco, have been fighting with the mayor's office and all board of supervisors against recreational cannabis stores open next to residential areas and next to facilities that serve minors. Yet, all the recreational cannabis regulations passed with loose restrictions. Ed Lee signed the legislation on 12/06/2017 and he passed away on 12/12/2017. We, the coalition did not finish our fight, so I was kicked out by this group to continue our fight by joining this special election. We fight to protect our children and youth from early exposure to drugs. Cannabis is still an illegal drug under the federal laws. We, the only group, has gone to seek federal help to stop local government misleading our public for illegal drug and illegal activities. Only God's love and hope can revive our deep city and deep state problems.

**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?**

Our whole world is changing due to hi-tech. We learn as we grow. As mayor, I will explore with this area to promote our next generation to use these tools to advance, but not addiction to games or related to online or website information. It is important for all families have equity and access to computers, TV and online access to prepare our residents to be part of this self-disrupted world. Many of the poor families don't even have a place to sleep, how can they have equality life to advance technology? As mayor, I will locate housing for every family first, when we have a place to sleep and food to eat, then we can talk about hi-tech stuff. Thank you ABC, may God expand your viewers to learn the reality of San Francisco politics. Vote Ellen Lee Zhou on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, together, we will make historic changes in San Francisco government. Please visit our campaign website: [EllenforMayor.com](http://EllenforMayor.com)