



**PDA-CA CANDIDATE
QUESTIONNAIRE for the
SAN FRANCISCO NOV. 2020
SUPERVISORIAL RACE
Date of the Election: November 3, 2020**

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PDA-CA is a non-profit state political action committee formed in 2018 by grassroots progressives, active in Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) in California. The primary objective of PDA-CA is to identify highly progressive Democratic Candidates within the state for statewide offices including, but not limited to: Governor, State Assembly, State Senate, and for offices at the county and municipal levels. Candidates may be invited to apply for the Endorsement of PDA-CA. If that occurs, the candidate may enjoy grassroots help from the activists within PDA-CA to include walking precincts, phone banking and other activities to assist the candidate in winning election to the office sought.

We ask that the candidate observe the format of this questionnaire and have it back to the requestor in PDF format by the time designated in the cover letter, in order to be eligible for endorsement.

NOTICE: YOUR RESPONSES TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE PDA-CA WEBSITE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AND USE.

HOUSING

The eviction moratorium is set to end August 31st. Landlords will be able to begin evictions on November 1st. What is your plan and how will it be implemented on keeping tenants from being evicted and potentially becoming homeless?

By supporting tenants' right to counsel.

HOMELESSNESS

1. What is your plan to stop homeless sweeps? To provide low entry barrier shelter leading to permanent affordable housing.
2. What is your plan for working with homelessness organizations to make sure all are housed and isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic? I support the current efforts to house folks experiencing homelessness in hotels.
3. What is your plan for gaining more permanent housing and how will it be implemented? In the coming downturn of real estate prices, I will support the purchase of properties for permanent supportive housing. The City and nonprofit providers should be poised to purchase these properties with State and bond monies.

TRANSIT

Do you pledge to implement Free Muni? If so, how and when?

I will support restructuring the MUNI budget to lessen dependence on fares. We must increase ridership, while making the system safer and more reliable.

POLICE & SAFETY

Do you support the effort to defund police and recommit those resources to:

1. Uplifting underserved communities with job training
2. Providing security, health and wellness
3. After-school programs

...and how will you envision doing these?

Yes – by consulting and planning with communities of color who are most affected.

Do you support firing police officers who beat and kill Black and Brown people?
If yes, describe the plan and implementation process.

Officers who have abused their power should not remain in the Department. I will support the recommendations of the Police Commission and support reform recommendations from the community.

Thank you for participating--Shirley Golub, PDA-CA Chair, SF Chapter