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**PDA-CA CANDIDATE**

**QUESTIONNAIRE for the  
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SUPERVISORIAL RACE**

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PDA-CA is 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 and 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 that candidate to win 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

**Given that the eviction moratorium will end August 31st and landlords will be able to begin evicting November 1<sup>st</sup>, how will you keep people from being evicted and potentially homeless?**

Thanks to SF District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston's legislation supported by the Board of Supervisors, to halt evictions and penalties due to rent non-payment for tenants impacted by COVID-19 pandemic earlier during this summer, our local legislation is able to prevail while the state legislation (AB3088) provides limited and short term assistance to tenants. And most recently, thanks to Budget Committee Chair, Supervisor Sandra Lee Few in San Francisco, we have increased funding to fund the City's free tenant legal counsel so that we can ensure tenants' rights are protected and help the tenants fight against evictions due to nonpayment, as well as assisting them to negotiate lower rent payments or termination of lease if necessary. If elected as District 1 Supervisor, I will continue to push forward legislation to enhance tenants protection, close loopholes against speculative investors, and advocate to expand local rent stabilization measures.

I will also continue to advocate for federal and state funding to help tenants get through the hardship of loss of income due to pandemic, be it the increase and/or extension of unemployment or emergency rent relief or an extended period of eviction moratorium due to nonpayment as long as the individual is receiving unemployment benefits.

## HOMELESSNESS

**Will you commit to stopping homeless sweeps and working with homelessness organizations to make sure people can be housed and isolated in hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the intention of gaining more permanent housing?**

Yes. San Francisco's homelessness crisis is a humanitarian one. I am invested in strategies to reduce homelessness and support unhoused people getting off the streets and into stable housing. Homelessness is a symptom of a systemic problem: the lack of economic and racial equity, the lack of equitable access to healthcare, and lack of access to food security for many generations of working people.

The Richmond District has not received our share of city resources, despite the growing homeless population in the neighborhood. We know that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to homelessness, so we need a multi-pronged approach to address the range of reasons that people become homeless in the first place. I am committed to fighting for the resources and initiatives that will get unhoused residents off the streets and into shelter. I support the expansion of shelters and navigation centers, permanent supportive housing, and mental health and substance use treatment facilities for long-term stays.

We need coordinated and equitable services and resources for San Francisco's homeless residents to help them have safe shelter, supportive housing, food and job security, as well as accessible health care.

## TRANSIT

**Do you support Free Muni? If so, how will you make that happen and when?**

I support Free Muni, and immediately, we must make public transit more accessible. I will break down cost and administrative barriers for riders, especially those traveling regionally. This includes asking SFMTA to coordinate with SF County Transportation Authority representing by the Board of Supervisors, to leverage a regional approach to advocating for state and federal funding and resources and develop solutions for a centralized transit fare system, and consistent way-finding signage and transit mapping, as well as on-time and efficient transit schedules for people to travel from one area/county/city to another.

## POLICE & SAFETY

**Do you support the effort to defund police, fire police officers who beat and kill Black and Brown people, and recommit those resources to uplifting poor communities with job training, food security, health and wellness, and after school programs? If yes, describe your plan.**

At a district candidate forum, weeks before the murder of George Floyd, we were asked whether we'd pledge to increase the SFPD's budget — I was the only candidate to say, "No." I support fundamentally restructuring our police officers' role in our community so that they will no longer be involved in homeless sweeps, mental health and wellness calls, or behavioral discipline of our students. Instead,

we need to have health care professionals and social workers provide the services that meet these needs.

I also support reallocating funding to invest in our public health care and public education systems that will serve our immigrants, communities of color and working people, but this conversation must not end this year. We must be vigilant, and continue to build on the momentum of this moment to make the changes we all deserve in the interest of public safety. Our communities can no longer wait for police reform — we have to keep fighting until public safety and justice are delivered.

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