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## TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BALLOT INITIATIVES AND MAYORAL CANDIDATES

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TOP THREE MAYORAL VOTES	
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NOTES	

### CANDIDATE POSITIONS ON SELECTED BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

	MICHEL A. LIOTO-PIER	JEFF ADACHI	JOHN AVALOS	TERRY BAUM	DAVID CHIU	PAUL CURRIER	BEVAN DUFTY	EMIL LAWRENCE	TONY HALL	WILL MA PANG	JOANNA REES	PHIL TING	LELAND YEE
SUPPORT PROP E ›ALLOWS SF SUPERVISORS TO AMEND OR REPEAL SOME VOTER-APPROVED BALLOT INITIATIVES OVER TIME	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N
SUPPORT PROP G ›WOULD INCREASE SF SALES TAX BY 0.5%, UNLESS THE STATE SALES TAX INCREASES	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N
SUPPORT PROP H ›PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE STUDENT'S PROXIMITY TO NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

### THE CANDIDATES ON CITY POLICY OPTIONS

	MICHEL A. LIOTO-PIER	JEFF ADACHI	JOHN AVALOS	TERRY BAUM	DAVID CHIU	PAUL CURRIER	BEVAN DUFTY	EMIL LAWRENCE	TONY HALL	WILL MA PANG	JOANNA REES	PHIL TING	LELAND YEE
LOWER VOTING AGE TO 16	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
SUPPORT TWITTER TAX BREAK	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
ESTABLISH CITY BANK FOR SMALL BUSINESSES	Y	NOT NOW	Y	Y	DON'T KNOW	Y	DON'T KNOW	NOT NOW	NOT NOW	Y	Y	NO ANSWER	Y
CITY SHOULD ENTER MARKET FOR ELECTRICITY	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
NON-RESIDENT VOTING FOR SCHOOL BOARD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
SUPPORT 3-YR MORATORIUM ON CONDO CONVERSIONS	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
SUPPORT CONDO LOTTERY BYPASS PROGRAM	N	Y	N	N	DON'T KNOW	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	NO ANSWER
SUPPORT CARE NOT CASH	Y	Y	DON'T KNOW	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	NO ANSWER
STRICT STANDARDS FOR KIDS' FAST FOODS	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
IMPOSE FEE ON ALCOHOL FOR HEALTH COSTS	N	DON'T KNOW	Y	DON'T KNOW	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
SUPPORT "SIT-LIE" POLICY	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N
PROHIBIT LOITERING OUTSIDE CLUBS	Y	Y	NO ANSWER	DON'T KNOW	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
BAN BUILDINGS OVER 40FT THAT SHADE PARKS	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	DON'T KNOW	DON'T KNOW	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
LEASE PARK FACILITIES TO FUND PARKS	Y	Y	DON'T KNOW	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
TRY EVENING, SUNDAY METER STREET PARKING	N	N	DON'T KNOW	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N
DELAY CENTRAL SUBWAY PROJECT	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N
HIGH EARNERS PAY MORE FOR PENSIONS	Y	NO ANSWER	Y	DON'T KNOW	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
POLICE/FIRE TO PAY MORE FOR PENSIONS	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	NO ANSWER	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	LARGER CONTRIBUTION	SAME AS OTHERS	SAME AS OTHERS
NON-RESIDENT ENTRY FEES FOR CITY GARDENS	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N
SUPPORT LOCAL INCOME TAX PROPOSAL	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	DON'T KNOW	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y

# CANDIDATE QUOTES ON KEY POLICY QUESTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD HAVE LESS HIGH-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT AND DO MORE TO PROTECT THE TRADITIONAL CHARACTER OF SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS.

I BELIEVE THAT SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD DO MORE TO KEEP ITS STREETS CLEAN AND FREE OF PANHANDLERS AND WORRY LESS ABOUT PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF HOMELESS PEOPLE TO USE PUBLIC SPACES.

I BELIEVE THAT SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD INCREASE TAXES AND FEES TO PAY FOR MORE AND BETTER SERVICES, AND WORRY LESS ABOUT KEEPING TAXES LOW TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO LOCATE HERE.

I BELIEVE THAT SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD DO MORE TO MAKE TRAVEL BY CAR EASIER AND WORRY LESS ABOUT ADOPTING POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO WALK, BIKE OR USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

**STRONGLY AGREE**

- Terry Baum  
I believe in transit-oriented development but note that much of what has been approved in San Francisco recent years ... (for example, One Rincon Hill) is freeway-oriented, overparked, and overpriced.
- Jeff Adachi, Tony Hall, Wilma Pang (no added comments)

**SOMEWHAT AGREE**

- David Chiu  
In neighborhoods that are already extremely dense with buildings that reflect the traditional character of those neighborhoods, we need to be careful to not threaten [their] character
- Paul Currier  
[Supports raising the height limits to four stories in the Richmond and Sunset; supports a new subway with about 100 miles of new very-high speed urban public transit; supports preservation of historic neighborhoods.]
- Emil Lawrence  
San Francisco has areas that need development and others that do not.
- Phil Ting  
While I believe that the iconic architecture of our city is one of its greatest attributes, I also believe that we should work to provide high density, affordable housing, especially near transit stops.
- Michela Alioto-Pier (no added comments)

**SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**

- John Avalos (no comments)

**STRONGLY DISAGREE**

- Bevan Dufty  
I initiated [the Upper Market Plan] that brought hundreds of Castro stakeholders together and formed a vision for new development. As Mayor I will do this citywide
- Leland Yee  
I believe in prioritizing high-density development, especially along transit corridors. But I also believe that should be done in the context and character of the neighborhood.

**NO ANSWER**

- David Chiu  
Our city's homeless debate often swings between a law-and-order approach that criminalizes behavior associated with homelessness and a service-based approach that does not always get to the root of the problem. We must integrate the two.
- Paul Currier  
Pick people up who are on the streets and put them in transitional housing. If court-ordered detox is required to get them assistance ... let's do that. Sick people should not be delivered onto the sidewalk.  
› Tony Hall
- Wilma Pang (no added comments)

- Michela Alioto-Pier  
Balance can be difficult to achieve, but we have to focus on balancing the rights of everyone to have access to public space without fear.
- Bevan Dufty  
I've endorsed George Gascon because he's committed to restorative justice through strong neighborhood courts. I'm proposing "wet" or pre-treatment housing [for] chronic public inebriates.
- Emil Lawrence  
Tourists like to come here and so do panhandlers. And, as the world economy contracts, for every panhandler we ship out, two more show up. So, this is a revolving or evolving story.

- Joanna Rees  
We need to have a comprehensive, centralized, accountable and transparent homeless support program that puts its focus on getting individuals on the right pathway of support and leads to self-sustainability or long-term care.
- Phil Ting  
Successful programs, like Care Not Cash, can go a long way to help transition the homeless off the streets
- Terry Baum  
We are a very wealthy city, and we need to invest money in creating supportive housing.
- Jeff Adachi, John Avalos (no added comments)

- Leland Yee  
I reject the notion that San Francisco can't do both. Is there more we can do to keep our streets clean? Yes. Do I believe that homeless people have rights? Yes. Is there more we can do to make sure homeless people are getting the types of services they need to get back on their feet? Yes.

- Terry Baum  
I support levying a local progressive income tax and creating a local Municipal Bank of San Francisco.

- John Avalos  
I favor taxes over fees, which tended to be applied more regressively.
- Joanna Rees  
Our payroll and stock-options taxes are incentivizing too many businesses to leave our community as they scale, and should be eliminated across the board. ... We must [also] recognize that a high quality of life, modernized infrastructure, diverse neighborhoods and strong public schools are an integral part of any effort to attract and retain businesses in our community.

- Leland Yee  
I support finding additional revenue to fill our budget gap and ensure adequate services ... That's why I support reforming the current business tax to a more equitable gross receipts structure.
- Wilma Pang (no added comments)

- David Chiu  
Replacing the payroll tax with a fairer and more broad-based alternative like a gross receipts tax with varied rates for particular sectors of the economy has the potential to both increase revenue and create jobs.
- Bevan Dufty, Michela Alioto-Pier (no added comments)

- Paul Currier  
One PUBLIC UTILITY we must charter now is a Public Bank, owned by our County of San Francisco. This Bank would receive title to all our public property, parks, buildings, watersheds, and cash or other instruments of value as our "value basis" of our reserve.
- Emil Lawrence  
This City has a tax problem, because wages and pensions are out of control. You just cannot keep raising taxes, citations, fees, schedules and the lot, and still expect people to keep coming here for economic and business reasons.
- Jeff Adachi, Phil Ting, Tony Hall (no added comments)

- Wilma Pang (no added comments)
- Tony Hall (no added comments)

- Terry Baum  
This is another one of my campaign planks -- Transit so good you do not need your car, transit so good you do not WANT your car. I also believe that we should make Muni artistically magnificent
- David Chiu  
To become a true Transit First city as was mandated in our Charter by voters, we need to encourage more people to use transit, walk, bike, or use car share.
- Bevan Dufty  
My five year-old has to live in a world that is dramatically less reliant on single-passenger cars, if it is to be sustainable.
- Emil Lawrence  
The one car per passenger era is chaos on the streets ... We should give the taxis, jitneys and peddle carts more business.
- John Avalos, Phil Ting, Jeff Adachi, Paul Currier, Michela Alioto-Pier, Leland Yee (no added comments)

- Joanna Rees  
I do not believe those two priorities are mutually exclusive.

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