

Why central city voters should vote for me

Central City Extra contacted each candidate for elective office in San Francisco on Nov. 4 – mayor, sheriff and district attorney – and asked for a 150-word answer to the question: Why should central city voters vote for you? Photographer Mark Ellinger would take their picture in the central city location of their choosing. Seven of the mayoral candidates, two district attorney hopefuls, and the sheriff, who has one rival for office, took us up on our offer; several did not come to the neighborhood to have their picture taken, but did answer our question.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY



Bill Fazio

"I care about the victims"

I'm running on my record of 20 years of experience and a 90% conviction rate, while trying over 150 violent felony cases. I listen to people as I campaign. People want results. They are tired of politicians who promise the moon and deliver nothing.

I care about the victims of crime. Many people whose lives I touched as a prosecutor are helping me. Every time a case is lost or compromised, a victim of violent crime suffers pain and frustration.

I have an excellent record on hate crimes and domestic violence prosecutions.

I'm the only truly independent candidate so I'm the only one you can be sure from the start is free to prosecute corruption.

I will be the district attorney for the people because I care about people and their suffering. I have the record that shows I can help them begin to heal by getting justice for them.



Kamala Harris

"It's time for a change"

My personal and professional life has been dedicated to the principle of equal treatment under the law. As district attorney, I will focus the resources of my office on protecting our most vulnerable citizens. I will prosecute corrupt public officials, toxic polluters and landlords who endanger the lives of their tenants.

The incumbent has had eight years to show what he can do. I am concerned that his bungled investigations, headline-driven prosecutions that collapse, lack of protection for witnesses and victims, failure to support alternative courts for nonviolent offenders, and lack of proactive community involvement to defuse gang violence have discredited the progressive ideals he claims he supports. Public frustration with his ineptitude is creating opposition to the innovative approaches that are our best hope for meeting San Francisco's unique public safety needs.

I will fight to promote policies that are progressive and effective. It's time for a change. We need to keep San Francisco moving forward.

FOR SHERIFF



Michael Hennessey

Jail programs turn around ex-offenders

As sheriff, I recognize that almost everyone gets out of jail and comes back to the community. Because of this, I have developed jail programs designed to help ex-offenders live law-abiding lives. In the jail and in our post-release center, we have programs in substance abuse, AIDS education, anti-violence counseling, high school education and job preparation. We also work with community groups to assist victims of domestic violence and to turn women away from the sex industry. These programs have proven successful for many ex-offenders.

I have also worked with central city residents in neighborhood cleanup programs through our SWAP program. I regularly work with the SFPD and other law enforcement agencies to arrest state parolees who prey on central city residents and who have violated their parole conditions.

It is my great honor to serve as your sheriff. I would appreciate your support for my re-election.

Tony Carrasco

"I can do a better job"

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department can do a better job with public safety. We have many trained staff just minutes from central city voters. We can be first responders to any activity the citizens may need assistance with. I would transfer some programs from our department to the communities to enable the SFPD to assist citizens to a greater degree. I would research and develop an anti-violence program with young children to cut into street violence and domestic violence. Central city voters will have accessibility to the sheriff's office. I will raise morale and improve the leadership capabilities of our supervisors. This will cut down on the lawsuits that we have recently read about. I'm a strong believer in working with the feds and Port Security. I have been to Washington, D.C., to speak with Homeland Security on issues of citywide concern.

FOR MAYOR



Tom Ammiano

"I champion the city's forgotten"

I have a longer record of public service than the other candidates. A side-by-side comparison of my record shows an unmatched commitment to social and economic justice and clean government. As a former public school teacher and member of the board of education, I am also uniquely qualified to partner with the SFUSD to improve our public schools.

No other mayoral candidate has

worked as hard on behalf of working people. I have always done my best to support our neighborhoods, the disenfranchised, women, communities of color, the homeless, the LGBT community, seniors, and youth. I have maintained true to my commitment, even during years when I had to fight alone. I've brought warring parties to the table to develop mutually agreed upon solutions for San Francisco.

With experience and commitment, I am ready to work to make San Francisco a city with a future – our future.



Tony Ribera

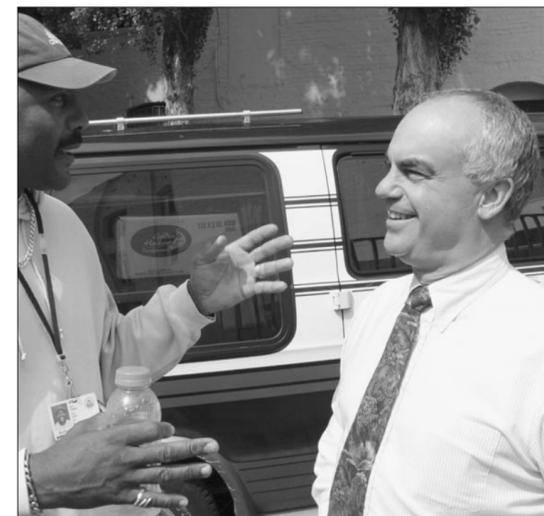
"I have the experience, leadership ability"

I have decided to run for mayor because I love San Francisco and I am fed up with the way the city has deteriorated.

Our politicians have failed us. All the other major candidates in this race are either current or former city officials who are responsible for the visible decline in our city services and our quality of

life. They are responsible for increasing the city budget by \$2 billion in six years and for the historic budget deficit we now face.

As your former police chief, with a doctoral degree in public administration, I have the experience and the leadership ability necessary to address these problems. Good government starts with sound management principles. I will set clear priorities and hold our department heads accountable.



Michael F. Denny

"I have solutions that work"

I am the only candidate that understands central city problems and has solutions that work. I've studied central city issues and attended numerous community meetings. Here's what I've found:

City Hall is the cause of the problems. Too many people are being paid to live in the central city. These people are not shareholders. The central city needs people who want to live, work and raise families

there voluntarily. The problems will continue until City Hall stops subsidizing central city residency.

Also, we have a \$600,000 per buildable acre regulatory expense, the nation's highest, double Chicago and New York. Central city property owners would benefit enormously from a reduction and the restoration of property rights.

I appreciate central city activism with its Clean Streets program. As mayor, I will clear out City Hall so you can make the central city reach its full potential.

Only you can do it.



Roger Schulke

Guy "next door" with viable plan

I am the guy "next door" who is concerned about the direction San Francisco has taken. Over the years San Francisco has fallen from a shining light to a broken bulb. The homeless problem is out of control, parking fines have skyrocketed, school educational levels are low and falling, San Francisco is mismanaged and is spending itself into bankruptcy. These problems can be fixed because I know San Franciscans can do better, and deserve better than we've gotten.

With common sense and a reg-

ulator's ability to recognize mismanagement, I'll put San Francisco back on the path of business growth, smaller government, and increased opportunities for home ownership. I will do this by cutting regulations, and reducing the budget by approximately \$500 million without affecting principal services.

My dream is to make San Francisco the cultural and business center that it once was. A city where art, business, and cultural diversity blend together like fine wine. A city where anyone, from any part of the world, feels at home. A city that the world can fall in love with, and would again want to visit.

Angela Alioto

"No one loves San Francisco more"

After six years of successful business experience away from public office, I am in a unique position to make the changes San Francisco needs. I'm not a part of either faction in our polarized city. I can work with tenants and landlords, neighbors and developers, unions and budget managers — no other candidate can make that claim. I served eight years on the Board of Supervisors, two years as its president. I have worked outside of government, owning my own law firm, winning landmark discrimination cases on behalf of individuals who have been wronged by large corporations due to illness or racial prejudice. I passed groundbreaking anti-smoking and needle-exchange legislation when I was supervisor. I won record-setting settlements for my legal clients. And I promise to do an even better job as your mayor because no one loves San Francisco more than I do.

Susan Leal

"I'll create 25,000 jobs"

Our city needs a proven, no-nonsense problem solver as mayor who's focused on creating opportunity for central city residents.

As a child of working-class Mexican immigrants, lawyer and businesswoman, I know that opportunity is the spark that ignites each generation. As treasurer and supervisor, I used my financial and management skills to balance the budget and enhance investments. I designed an Education Trust Fund to protect school funding and authored Proposition I to expand preschool for working families.

As mayor, I'll create 25,000 jobs and support neighborhood businesses.

I'll take responsibility for our homeless crisis and move people into real care and housing. We'll build affordable housing for families and we'll give every kid a quality education, starting with preschool.

I'm the only candidate whose ideas are matched by proven leadership, accomplishments and financial expertise. Learn more at www.susanleal.com.

I'd be honored to have your support.

Gavin Newsom

"I've taken on urgent issues"

I am the only candidate for mayor with a plan to create jobs and stimulate the economy.

During my time on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors I have taken on the urgent issues of the day. When the Municipal Railway was in crisis, I led the fight to reform the system, eventually sponsoring Proposition E, which fundamentally reformed the system and has been an important reason why the system has improved over the last few years.

Most recently I have taken on homelessness, in Proposition N, Care Not Cash, passed by a large majority of voters. This initiative will fundamentally change how the city provides services to those on General Assistance. Proposition N will replace the current cash-based system with a service-based system. This reform will save lives and help people move off of the streets and into productive lives.

These actions illustrate my willingness to take on issues affecting the city, no matter the potential political ramifications.