

"What I will do for the Tenderloin"

Candidates tell District 6 voters their plans

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

FEATURE

The Extra wanted to give all 17 candidates running for District 6 supervisor an opportunity to speak directly to voters. We asked them for a photo and to answer the question: "If elected, what will you do for the Tenderloin?" Here are their answers, limited to 150 words, as we requested.



Brenton Holland

Having lived and worked in District 6 for five years, I understand the challenges that are presented to building owners, renters and visitors to District 6. I have managed a 29-story, mixed-use high-rise, a miniature city, for five years. This experience has enlightened me to the problems property owners face in the district and the city. The homeless sleeping and defecating on your property. Lack of or delay of city services, including police and or DPW in cleaning their portion of the problem. Seniors and disabled persons have difficulty in getting around San Francisco. Taxis, public transportation and the lack of everyday services or amenities plague the many seniors and disabled persons in District 6. All of the districts have a similar problem keeping the streets clean. It is not just one supervisor trying to get the job done. It will take a collaborating effort to clean the city of San Francisco. Treasure Island should be another community, like Hayes Valley, the Marina, Cole Valley or SOMA. New construction and realistic ideas are needed. It needn't be an amusement park.



Dennis Isner

As a community activist and former S.F. Youth Commissioner, I've seen this district's problems first hand. I am running because I want to end the corruption and backroom dealing that not plague City Hall. I want to bring every resident's voice to City Hall by making our local government more responsive and accessible. My campaign puts people before politics. I will end the 30-day rule for residents of SROs. We must give homeless and working poor a hand up, not a hand out. With so many people running in District 6, it's hard to pick someone you truly support. I am not a single-issue candidate. My campaign focuses on solutions, not mud slinging. I am walking door to door in an effort to meet every resident. I am listening to the concerns and needs of the voters as a full-time supervisor. Together we can move San Francisco forward.



Garrett Jenkins

As President of the North of Market Planning Coalition, I've had the pleasure and honor of being a part of the catalyst for our community's improvements. I will continue to serve our neighborhood and the rest of San Francisco with the passion I have demonstrated for four years. We have developed a revitalization plan that needs continued support from the Planning Department, the Supervisors and the Mayor. I will lead efforts to ensure that the Tenderloin and District 6 are recognized for their cultural and ethnic resources; that our children, youth and families are provided the resources necessary to learn, live and love without leaving San Francisco; that we increase affordable housing for low- to moderate-income people, and develop more community-serving businesses and recreational facilities. I've been a part of efforts to make our streets clean and safe, and will bring more support to our communities to continue those efforts.



Davy Jones

I am president of a cancer resource organization and was recognized by the governor, members of congress and religious/community leaders. I have 10 years experience in business and was a union member. I am a moderate, a consensus builder, outside the system without any political baggage. My vote as supervisor will not be for sale. I pledge to protect tenants' rights; zero tolerance for hate-crime offenders; increase funding for affordable housing for seniors/disabled; arrest indigents high on drugs using the streets as their toilets; reduce traffic gridlock; label all biotech foods. I have a positive vision, experience, credentials, intelligence to deliver. I am committed to deep, long-term improvements. I will bring honor and dignity to the Board of Supervisors and will usher in a period of accountability/responsibility. Vote for Davy Jones, a renter, a humanitarian, trusted, respected, a professional with no political IOUs. HE'S ONE OF US.



Beryl Magilavy

The Tenderloin is a diverse neighborhood that has been underserved by city services for too long. The residents of the Tenderloin deserve clean sidewalks, public restroom facilities adequate to the needs of the community, and sufficient beat police officers to vastly reduce the street prostitution and open drug dealing. The City should return to its responsibility, abandoned years ago, of cleaning the sidewalks. I would prioritize funding for building and, when necessary, staffing, public restroom facilities. And I would work closely with the Tenderloin Task Force to determine what policing level is necessary, then fight for that level within the budget process. While it is crucial that we preserve the Tenderloin's affordable housing, private owners of single-room-occupancy hotels should not profit from renting out rooms in unsafe, unclean buildings. They should bring their buildings up to code immediately, or sell them to the city, which could operate them affordably.



Denise D'Anne

City services for the Tenderloin have been severely neglected. One thing I would do is streamline service programs under one agency. These programs, such as food stamps, housing services, substance abuse services and child care should be housed in one easily accessible building. I would negotiate for a partnership between banks and the existing credit union for smart cards for food stamps and no-cost check cashing. I would lobby for the establishment of Section 8 vouchers that are 120% of fair market rent. I would insist on funding for drug treatment on demand. I would fund services and provide options for sex workers who choose to leave their profession. I would help facilitate community safety measures. The above measures could be funded with an expansion of my resource recovery program that I established in the Department of Human Services. This program has the potential to save millions of dollars.



Joseph Blue

As your next supervisor from District 6, I am an independent, grass-roots candidate who will get things done. My priority when elected will be to represent the forgotten and overlooked citizens of the district. What you will have is an advocate who will work for the issues most concerning the Tenderloin such as crime, drug dealing and general quality of life issues. I can do this because I am independent and owe nothing to special-interest groups. I will address accountability in housing programs and quality of life issues like homelessness and crime by identifying and addressing the root causes. I will put police back on the beat to deter crime and drug dealing, and will make sure the streets are regularly steam cleaned and kept clean. I will restore honesty and integrity to the city government programs on which many of our forgotten and overlooked citizens depend.



H. Brown

"I've been to the jungles and the lowlands beneath.../where lions question jaguars/about their teeth." - Brecht. This district looks like the set from a Mad Max movie, only it's real. The people you step over and around or cross the street to avoid are not acting. They are really crazy and violent and drunk and high, and they really are looking upon you as a predator looks upon his prey. You think Mayor Brown is gonna help you? He drives past in his limo every day. You think his anointed candidates will help? I am a hard-core behavior teacher with a Master's in treating the emotionally disturbed. I am an ex-firefighter and emergency medical technician. I've worked from inner-city playgrounds to padded cells. I'm about cleaning the streets and public safety, and we'll talk about the rest as that gets done.



Gilbert Criswell

I am here because of the over 250 registered voters of District 6 that have placed me here. They have given me this opportunity to once again serve the people of San Francisco. I'm a U.S. Air Force veteran, I want to get us moving in the right direction. I'm a six-year resident renter of the district. I have worked as a journalist for a District 6 newspaper with citywide distribution. I have the ability to develop functional and constructive legislation that will protect the people of District 6 and the City of San Francisco. Issues critical to our District that I will protect: I will work on legislation to keep affordable housing, Section 8 housing and to protect tenants, rights. Also, community planning of our diverse neighborhoods that puts people first, such as students, seniors and the disabled. Please take your vote one more step on November 7, 2000.



Chris Daly

As a resident of the Tenderloin, I am concerned about public safety, housing and health care in our neighborhood. I have worked closely with Ana Bolton-Arguello from Adopt-a-Block and other public safety leaders. As Supervisor, I will convene a Tenderloin Public Safety Task Force to study the issue, take extensive community input, and make recommendations on ways to improve public safety. I will work to guarantee universal health care, including coverage for prescription drugs, and to secure full funding for San Francisco General Hospital. This universal health care will include substance abuse treatment on demand and mental health services. On issues of housing, I will work to explore creative housing solutions.



Chris Dittenhafer

I moved to San Francisco because it accepts and encourages cultural and economic opportunities. After almost 20 years, I want to make sure that the opportunities that drew me here stay open for all city residents. I want to put my experience to work for the Tenderloin in District 6. As supervisor, I will: support increased community policing; make our neighborhoods safer; support local businesses; improve public transportation; fight for greater community services; work for social justice. I believe the future of San Francisco is in the Tenderloin and District 6. We have the opportunity to develop a planned new community that integrates safe neighborhoods, effective transit, affordable housing, quality commercial districts, and cultural forums. I will bring this commitment to the Board of Supervisors for the Tenderloin and District 6.



James Leo Dunn

Renters of San Francisco: Eviction is greed; everyone deserves a place to lay his head. Imagine 6,000 homeless digging a tunnel under Nob Hill for \$49/hr. plus shelter. I speak for the homeless, evicted, single moms, seniors, working poor. JFK said, "Let us begin anew." Let us begin with Shelter Tunnel, transforming the Tenderloin into a palace with immaculate sidewalks and parking garages with parks on top for the children. Let us call it the "Golden Triangle" melting pot, 84 blocks, 46% of District 6, City Hall, Union Square, 27, 600 renters. We need many 25¢ buses stopping at every block. We are entitled to residential parking permits. A \$25 exit fee at SFO will allow lower cab rates. Cab-depot-dispatch-garages in all the districts will improve service. Unions dignify work. I humbly ask for 2,000 votes. My occupation is inventor. You're going to love me at City Hall.



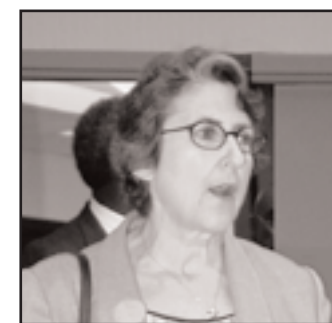
Jim Reid

I am a building contractor with good listening skills, common sense, and a great deal of compassion. I am a tenant and I want to see tens of thousands of long-term tenants own the housing that they live in. There are federal, state, and city agencies ready to help with this. If we moved 10,000 tenants into home ownership, we would bring 10,000 rental units onto the market and lower rents. See my housing at www.SFSupervisor.com. I stayed in our homeless shelters during my run for Mayor and would build a shelter system that provides for the needs of the 17 different categories of homeless people. Homelessness is a very complex problem and there is not one solution that will solve the problem. My 10x10 housing cubicle will give dignity and housing to able-bodied homeless people in exchange for adopting a city block.



Joan Roughgarden

I'm running to improve our neighborhoods and to affirm diversity. I'm a biologist and teach at Stanford University. I live in South Beach. My priorities for the Tenderloin are to stop drug dealing and clean the streets of human waste. I support police initiatives against drug pushers. I'll increase the number of officers walking the beat, and promise that arrests will be fully prosecuted. I will increase the city sanitation workers' efficiency by introducing better management methods. I emphasize education, especially incentives for our children to remain in school now, instead of waiting for a future payoff that never seems to arrive. I believe art is basic. I propose a waterfront plaza with a Statue of Diversity. It will be for the West Coast what the Statue of Liberty is to the East Coast, symbolizing San Francisco as home to all of us. I'd be honored to have your vote.



Carol Ruth Silver

During my years in political life, I have taken seriously the responsibility of "tikkun olam," the Hebrew phrase for the strong obligation to heal our world of its social ills: discrimination, poverty, homelessness, the lack of medical and mental health services, and the abuse of our environment. San Francisco, and particularly District 6, is a microcosm of these problems, and should be an example to the world of success in dealing with them. I am seeking election again to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I have never had any trouble asking for money for community causes, but asking for money for my candidacy is profoundly difficult. However, without money, I cannot take my campaign message to the voters. I hope that I can count on you. Please contribute what you can to my election campaign committee. The contribution limit is \$500. Thank you.



Marc Salomon

Marc, Green for Supervisor, proposes District Councils, elected by precinct, with voting power over city issues to empower Tenderloin residents on neighborhood issues like where to allocate police resources. We need massive campaign finance reform. District 6 is too diverse for one supervisor to effectively represent 40,000 voters and 70,000 residents. We can lead ourselves. Housing is beyond crisis, but without democracy and finance reform, single-issue crises won't get resolved. Evict housing profiteers, declare housing emergency, moratorium on evictions, end musical rooms, bring rental housing under the management of residents. Make streets safe, primarily for seniors and the disabled. Fix schools [for] future generations, adult education towards higher-wage tech work. Quality health care, like housing, is a right. Democratically run nonprofits, with a majority of their boards seating their client community, would have my ear and assistance. End the revolving door between nonprofit workers and city officials. No TNDCC sole-sourcing.



Hank Wilson

City of Love or City of Greed? The humanity of San Francisco is at stake after a record number of homeless died on our streets last year amidst our booming economy. The mayor abruptly closed the largest shelter and his planning commission recently approved the largest live-work development with NO affordable units. The housing crisis is getting worse. I care. I run to make a difference. My 18 years managing the Ambassador Hotel gave me first-hand experience dealing with the complex challenges of District 6. We can do better and differently. Priorities: strengthen renter protections; Yes on H and N; increase affordable housing; Yes on L to stop runaway greed-driven development; strengthen health care including in-home support for seniors and the disabled; substance abuse treatment upon request; more child care; reduce the mayor's power; restore responsive planning and balanced development that does not harm; increase shelter capacity.