



Candidate Questionnaire November 7, 2006 General Election

Deadline for Submission of Questionnaire: Thursday, August 31, 2006

Submit electronically, with resume and photo, to sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Rodney		Hampton Jr.

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number):

San Francisco Board of Supervisors- District 10

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes No

CAMPAIGN CONTACT INFORMATION

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

1. Beginning with the most recent position, please list public offices which you have held. Include positions on appointive Boards or Commissions.

Public Office	Elective or Appointive?	Dates Held	Leadership Role (if any)

2. If you ran for public office but were not elected, please list those races below:

Office Title	Year of Run

QUESTIONS

1) **Are you currently a member of the San Francisco Young Democrats in good standing?**
No.

2) **Why are you running, and what makes you qualified for this position?**

I want to support the residents of District 10. The neighborhoods represented in District 10 (Potrero Hill, Bayview Hunters Point, Dogpatch, Portola, Visitacion Valley, Little Hollywood, Silver Terrace) are going to be undergoing a lot of change in the coming years. With redevelopment on the horizon we need a leader who is from the neighborhood. We need a leader who understands the issues and concerns of its residents. We need someone who can effectively fight for community needs and desires. I believe I am this person. This is why I am running for District 10 Board of Supervisors.

3) **What are the main challenges facing the city of San Francisco in the context of this position and how will you address those issues, if elected? If you are the incumbent, please list three accomplishments while in office.**

Jobs/Economic Development: the city of San Francisco is the midst of wave of violent murders. Every day we open the newspaper we see that another person has been shot and killed. We need to provide a more compelling alternative to this way of life. By aggressively promoting job training, apprenticeship, and continuing education we can help shape the misguided youth in this city. By investing heavily in small business growth we can show people a road to financial/social independence. F

Community Development: we need to push for community driven development. Redevelopment is the hot button topic in Bayview Hunters Point and most of District 10. Many people worry that their days are numbered in District 10. It doesn't need to be that way. We can strike a balance between private redevelopment and community interests. We must only stand for this as it is our community!

- 4) Identify two challenges to San Francisco's young people in the context of the position you seek. What specific commitment will you make to address these issues if elected? If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed these challenges while in office?**

Home Ownership: Does affordable housing exist anymore? I agree with Rob Black that there is a growing forgotten segment of this city that is neither rich nor poor and can't dream of buying a home. Affordable housing seems to me like a fairy tail. Solution: we need more housing. The creation of more housing will give people more options in an ultra competitive market. The creation of more housing will give families barely struggling to get by a chance at owning or renting some at a more reasonable price. The creation of more housing demonstrates to our residents that we value their future in this city.

The Youth and Schools: Neighborhood schools are a must. We must find a way to keep kids in the neighborhood and in thriving schools. My background is extensive in youth development and physical fitness as a road to social and economic prosperity. Nowhere else in the state do our youth face as many day to day challenges. No where else in the city do our youth face such an uncertain future. No where else in this city do we have as much room for potential growth. We need to take a stand and make the schools in the neighborhoods world class along with the kids who attend.

- 5) If (re-)elected, how, specifically, would you work with SFYD to engage more of San Francisco's young people in the political process?**

Voter registration drives, youth outreach,

- 6) Have you collaborated with young people in your work in the past (list specific examples)? What value did you experience in working with young people? How are young people involved in your campaign?**

For close to five years while at Young Community Developers I ran their "Boot Camp" program. I was instrumental in taking troubled kids, young adults, and adults and turning their lives around. Through a combination of physical fitness, education, and on the job training I would help people to believe in themselves. The result? I helped over 1,000 people get motivated, get educated, and get jobs! I am a firm believer that I can build on this as supervisor.

Young people helping in my campaign? I am young, my campaign manager is young, and I have many kids who help pass out fliers on a weekly basis.

EXPERIENCE

Please list or describe your current and past activities in the community in which you have acquired skills that relate to the office you seek. Include your role in the activity and the year(s) in which you were involved. Involvement consists of many areas such as family, neighborhood, community, employment, or public life. Please explain how your experience would make you an effective advocate for young people as an office holder.

My Background

I am a life long resident of San Francisco, born and raised in the West Point housing projects of Hunters Point. In 1990 I became the first member of my family to ever attend college when I enrolled at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. For the past five years I have been a workforce development and job training leader in Bayview Hunters Point. During this time period I've helped put over a thousand people to work through my efforts at "Young Community Developers" and the "Ella Hill Hutch Community Center". I am heartened by these results but I know I can do so much more. I know there has to be a NEW way of thriving and growing things together.

My Platform

1. Jobs: as Supervisor I will be aggressive in workforce development for the underserved in Bayview Hunters Point. We need to continue to deliver job training, apprenticeship, and continuing education to the residents of District 10.

2. Economic Development: we need to invest heavily in small business growth in all of District 10. My goal is to actively promote small business ownership as a means to financial/social independence for all residents of District 10.

3. Community Development: we need to push for community driven development. Redevelopment is the hot button topic in Bayview Hunters Point and most of District 10. Many people worry that their days are numbered. It doesn't need to be that way. We can strike a balance between private redevelopment and community preservation. Our interests, our goals, our community!

Advocate for the Youth of San Francisco

I believe that I offer a unique in that I grew up on the street of San Francisco. I've seen the deficiencies on a daily basis. I lived the tough side of this city and I'm still standing. Over the past five years I've worked extensively with the youth of Bayview Hunters Point to give them hope in an otherwise hopeless environment. As Supervisor I would work to as a tireless advocate for the kids and youth of this city.

Please include the following when you submit your candidate survey: a resume and a photo.

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