



## 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](mailto:sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com)

### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Sophie		Maxwell

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

San Francisco Board of Supervisor 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)
San Francisco Board of Supervisors District 10	Elective	January 2001-Present	<b>Chairs the Select Committee on ending gun and gang violence, Land Use &amp; Economic Development Committee</b>

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?**

For the past six years, I have worked to give our neglected neighborhoods the voice we've never had. I have created jobs, improved parks and playgrounds, safeguarded our children's health, negotiated the closure of the Hunters Point Power Plant, and fought for environmental justice. My district and San Francisco as a whole have real problems and need people in elected office who are willing to work for real solutions. I feel I have done this in my six years as a member of the 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.**

**1)Economic development**

San Francisco needs to create a middle class, not import one. I have worked to create jobs for families living in poverty, to create and keep blue collar jobs, and require developers to build more affordable housing in our city. I will make the continuation of

such efforts my first priority.

## **2) Combating Violence**

It is unfortunate that voters rejected Proposition A on the June ballot to provide additional funds to combat violence. We were able to restore some of these monies through the budget process, but more needs to be done.

## **3) Environmental Justice**

We have done much to improve environmental justice, including shutting down the Hunters Point Power Plant in District 10. San Francisco can and should be a model of a green city, and I will work to institute environmental safe green building practices.

- 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?**

### **1) Economic development**

This is important to young people because they need economic opportunity. As things stand now, there is little opportunity for young people and young adults to earn a decent enough living to be able to live in San Francisco if they aren't in management positions. I believe the city needs to do more to create blue collar jobs that pay good wages. Along with quality wages, housing needs to be affordable. I sponsored an amendment to the Inclusionary Housing Act that increase the amount of below market rate housing from 15% to 18% in new developments.

### **2) Combating Violence**

The issues of violence are very important to young people in my district. The vast majority of victims and perpetrators are young people. I will especially focus on crime victim assistance, community policing, witness protection, and additional funding to ensure that parolees in the community have adequate resources to make a successful reentry into society.

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

I believe that the best way to engage young people is to register them to vote and then reach out to them and let them understand how the issues affect them. Issues such as violence, health care, employment, and housing are very important, regardless of age and as the young people take on more responsibility, they will realize that these issues do affect them. It is in their best interest to get involved in the political process as early as possible so they can do their part in forming the world in which they will ultimately be responsible for.

- 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?**

Yes, my district is the youngest and the oldest in the city. This gives a good mix of energy and wisdom. I have tried to use this mix to help me as a representative of District 10. I have helped create programs like City Build, that help train and employ our young people and I have worked with them to help the chronic violence that plagues our city. The only way we can make the situation better is by having a dialogue with the young people, because it's the young adults who are involved in most of the killing and it's the young adults who will help bring the violence to an end. The value I have had from working with young people is immeasurable. I work with young people on a day to day basis, whether it's my staff as a Supervisor, and the other staff around City Hall, or it's my campaign staff as a candidate. Government can not function with out the help of young adults.

## **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.

For the past six years, I have worked to give our neglected neighborhoods the voice we've never had. I have created jobs, improved the parks and playgrounds, safeguarded our children's health, negotiated the closure of Hunters Point Power Plant, and fought for environmental justice.

Today, I am one of San Francisco's strongest leaders in the battle against the guns and gangs that are killing our youth. I am fighting for answers...and an end to the violence by:

- Demanding action to create community policing for neighborhoods hardest hit by violence.
- Established and Chaired the Select Committee on Ending Gun and Gang Violence to find solutions to the city's tragic murder rate
- Strongly support reform measures to make our police department more effective and accountable
- Secured additional funding for public safety in our neighborhoods
- Researched out to victims of crime with new assistance programs

As a native of District 10 and 20-year Bayview resident, I know that the long-term solution to the epidemic of violence is jobs and economic revitalization. That's why I have strengthened our First Source Hiring Program and created the CityBuild employment program, fought for and won jobs for neighborhood youth, protected blue collar jobs at local small businesses, and helped initiate City action against AIMCO which resulted in \$1 million towards a state-of-the-art Boys & Girls Club on Hunters Point Hill.

More than anything else, I have worked hard to empower the residents and neighbors of District 10 to fight for the services we need and deserve, and to give us a voice that is finally being heard.

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

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