



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
Michela		Alioto-Pier

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

Board of Supervisors, District 2

3. Are you the incumbent? **Yes**

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)
Port Commissioner			
Board of Supervisors			

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

Office Title	Year of Run
US Congress, for California's 1 st Congressional District	1996
CA Secretary of State	1998

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 am the current Supervisor for District 2, a mother of three, and a life-long San Franciscan. Before serving on the Board, I worked as a Port Commissioner and Policy Advisor to Vice President Al Gore.

One of my main goals as Supervisor is to activate young San Franciscans and encourage their participation in public service. I have authored a charter amendment appearing on the November ballot that would allow pregnant members of the Board of Supervisors to telecommute in the event that they experience pregnancy or childbirth related health complications. This will allow young women greater opportunities for participating in the process of governing our city.

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.

We need to make our school system accountable to our children, parents and teachers; improve our city's emergency preparedness and disaster response capabilities; promote job growth opportunities, and work to better protect our environment.

While serving on the Board I have:

- Made city government more efficient and responsible by authoring and successfully passing Proposition I, requiring an economic analysis of any proposed law prior to passage to ensure that the law does not create hidden costs, drive away jobs or otherwise hurt our economy;
- Worked to promote job growth through measures like promoting cruise ship attendance in our Port and granting film companies incentives for movie production; and
- Worked to improve health care access through support of universal health care legislation.

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?

Due to the high costs of living, young San Franciscans frequently have a difficult time remaining within the city of San Francisco once they establish families or begin raising children. We need to work to keep young families in San Francisco, and encourage young adults to remain in the city of San Francisco even as they consider starting a family. To address this, I will work to make housing affordable, improve our schools and promote job growth in areas such as the environment and other technology oriented industries. That is why I sponsored the film company incentive plan mentioned above, as well as the biotech payroll tax exemption that has already helped to create these kinds of jobs.

We also need to ensure that young women and men have equal opportunities to participate in government and serve as elected officials. That is why I authored the charter amendment allowing pregnant women holding elected office to telecommute upon the advice of a physician.

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

As mentioned above, I have authored a charter amendment that will ensure that young women are not prevented from participating in the political process due to pregnancy or childbirth. I will also work to help place young people on San Francisco boards and commissions to ensure San Francisco's young adult population is effectively represented.

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?

It is important to note that I first ran for Congress at the age of 26 and won the Democratic party nomination, and was 29 when I won the California Democratic State primary for Secretary of State. Setting examples is very important.

Both of my legislative staff members at the Board of Supervisors are thirty or under and have provided me insight and perspective on the issues facing younger San Franciscans. I also have a series of young activists involved in dealing with neighborhood issues in coordination with our staff. One such activist

is Lily Fricker, who is working to make the Seacliffs community accessible for persons with disabilities.

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.

I was appointed to the Board of Supervisors in January 2004 by Mayor Gavin Newsom, and was thereafter elected in my own right. While on the Board, I have worked hard to improve the quality of life for my constituents. Among the other achievements discussed above, I have worked successfully with neighbors and merchants throughout my district to ensure their issues and concerns are addressed.

In addition to my regular Board duties, I also serve on the Government Audits and Oversight Committee. I am a member of the San Francisco Disaster Council and am the Board Representative on the State Legislative Committee. Prior to serving on the Board, I served as a San Francisco Port Commissioner, focusing on port security issues.

Before entering the political arena, I graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart School in San Francisco, and received a degree in Anthropology from the University of California at Los Angeles. I also spent a year studying at Sophia University in Japan.

I am also a national disability rights advocate. After an accident in 1981 left me unable to walk, I decided fighting for my own civil rights wasn't enough. In 1984 President Ronald Reagan appointed me to the National Council on Disabilities Advisory Board at age 17. I decided on a life in public service after seeing first-hand how effective advocacy can dramatically improve the lives of people. I later worked for Vice President Al Gore, as an advisor on domestic policy matters and a liaison to the Department of Health & Human Services.

Like many working moms, I balance my job with an active family life, raising three children with my husband. Family and public service have been prominent in my life since birth: my grandfather Joe Alioto was the Mayor of San Francisco from 1968 – 1976 and was a gubernatorial candidate; my aunt Angela Alioto was a San Francisco Supervisor from 1988-1996 and a mayoral candidate. My great grandfather came to America over one hundred years ago to start a new life for himself and his family, and started a small fish market in San Francisco.

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

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