

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: David Ferguson
- * 2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number): Board of Supervisors, District 4
- * 3. Are you the incumbent? 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.

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

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QUESTIONS

Are you currently a member of the San Francisco Young Democrats in good standing?

NO

Why are you running, and what makes you qualified for this position?
I am the candidate who will pay full attention to my district of 45 years and stay in this position to provide the best service to the Sunset and my home City. My slogan Service to the Sunset is a three pronged promise I make to the residents, property owners and small

businesses here. I have demonstrated over 30 years of hands on action in improving the living experiences and facilities of San Francisco neighborhoods.

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.

To maintain our middle class, to develop good jobs, to improve the City's infrastructure and provide home ownership opportunities. These areas must be addressed through intelligent design and regional planning. Also, I will explore what has worked around the Country and Globally to provide solutions.

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?

Young people here face challenges finding affordable housing and the multi quagmire of starting a new family here. Tax breaks for young people who will take on low salary or unpopular careers which are essential to San Francisco as a whole are one possible remedy as is stabilizing our Education System and how it is administered. I will be a Bully Pulpit for these problems when I am elected.

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

Although I am the older candidate of my group, I look and exude youthfully. I will be happy to mentor any public events or programs which your group feels I could be an asset to pull in more young Democrats for active participation in the political process. I currently teach Public High School students.

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?

In my past work I was a Community Mental Health Worker for RAMS, a community mental health outreach center in the Richmond District. I have also worked as a recreation leader and I have worked with many younger adults while helping produce local bicycling and entertainment events like the Le Tour de San Francisco ride. I have learned that many young people have high energy, love to have fun, are at times impatient and need to experience working with a good Mentor. Young people who know me are wearing my campaign buttons and helping me with signs and telling their friends about me. I will bring young volunteers with me as I walk my district and work on volunteer projects in the Sunset.

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.

1974-Youth Recreation Leader at Mt. Saint Joseph's Home for Girls

1975-SFUSD Children's Center Teacher for after school programs

1976-Project SAFE Neighborhood Crime Prevention Organizer

1984-Substitute Public School Teacher, High School level

1987-Job Developer for Friends Outside ex-offender program

1994-returned to Public High School Teaching

1995-2002-worked on campaigns of Frank Jordan, Angela Alioto, Leland Yee and others.

Currently still Teaching High School in SF