



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
Doug	S.	Chan

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

Supervisor, District 4

3. Are you the incumbent? Yes X 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)
California Small Business Development Board	Appointed by Governor Grey Davis	2001-present	Member
San Francisco Police Commission	Appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom	2004-2006	One of 7 Commissioners
San Francisco Revenue Advisory Panel	Selected by Supervisor Fiona Ma	2003-2004	Advised the Board of Supervisors to reform local taxation and propose potential revenue enhancements
Board of Permit Appeals	Appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan	1993-1996	One of 5 Commissioners
Tax Assessment Appeals Board	Appointed by Board of Supervisors	1987-1993	One of 3 Commissioners
San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board	Appointed by Mayor Dianne Feinstein	1983-1987	Commissioner and Tenant Representative, participated in rule-making and enforcement of local rent stabilization

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Member, San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee	1984

QUESTIONS

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

Unfortunately, I am currently ineligible for membership per your by-laws.

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

I have a deep and abiding interest in this city, the Sunset/Parkside community, and I am committed to improving the safety of our neighborhoods and the quality of life for all San Franciscans.

I am the most qualified and experienced candidate to represent the residents of District 4. I have 30 years' experience in public service, beginning as an aide to U.S. Senator Alan Cranston in 1977. I served four Mayors on the San Francisco Police Commission, Board of Permit Appeals, as a Tenant Representative on the Rent Board, and the Assessment Appeals Board, and two Governors as a member of the California Small Business Development Board. I have built a reputation for fairness, integrity, prudence, and a concern for the rights and interests of taxpayers, citizens, labor and small business owners. I am a fourth generation San Franciscan, attorney and homeowner, raising my family in the Sunset District. As Supervisor, I pledge to improve our environment, public safety, economic opportunities, neighborhood schools, care for seniors, and our quality of life.

I have the support of Senator Dianne Feinstein, Mayor Gavin Newsom, Supervisors Fiona Ma and Sean Elsbernd, as well as the San Francisco Fire Fighters Local 798, the San Francisco Police Officers Association, Transit Workers Union 250A, Sign & Display Local 510 and Rescue MUNI because they all believe in the depth and breadth of my experience to lead and to represent the residents of District 4 and San Francisco.

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.

Safety: I am deeply concerned about the personnel crisis in the police department which is currently operating 15% below its voter-mandated strength. I will fight to bring the SFPD to its legally required staffing levels and improve the safety of our city.

Affordable Housing: If San Francisco is to retain working families in the city, the production of affordable housing must increase by public and private sources. The transition of former industrial areas in the eastern part of the city provides a unique opportunity to develop housing units in accordance with design standards as informed by the local communities of interest. I expect to continue Supervisor Ma's commitment to this objective.

Quality of Life: Increasing access to quality education and health care services to San Francisco's families. It is critical for the health and well-being of our children and families to give them access to the best public education and expand health care coverage, especially to women and seniors. We must promote preventative programs to reduce health care costs, and provide sufficient support services for children and working families.

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 is an obstacle facing young people who want to build a career and potentially raise a family in this city. I believe that if you work in the city, you should be able to live here and have a reasonable prospect of owning a home one day. In today's economy, young people are faced with more debt from student loans, graduate and undergraduate alike, higher costs of living and a competitive job market, which all factor into whether they will be able to save enough money to own their own home in San Francisco. I will work to make home ownership opportunities more available to our young community.

Affordable healthcare is another big concern for young people in this city. 82,000 San Franciscans lack healthcare coverage, and young people ages 19-24 are at the highest risk of being uninsured. I fully support Mayor Newsom's efforts to expand healthcare coverage to this segment of 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?

As the father of two young sons—aged 17 and 14—I am deeply committed to engaging more of San Francisco's young people in the political process. For almost 30 years, I have volunteered to register voters in the Asian American community, focusing on getting more young Asian Americans registered to vote. I will continue to encourage voter participation and education through programs designed to educate young people from all of the diverse communities we have in San Francisco about how politics directly affect the lives of each and every one of us.

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?

Throughout my 30 years' experience in public service and more than 25 years as an attorney, I have been privileged to work with dozens of young people in political and professional settings. I supervised student interns while I was a legislative aid to U.S. Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) in assisting personal staff with responding to requests by constituents for assistance. As a director and officer of the Chinese American Democratic Club I trained young precinct workers to engage in field work and fundraising for candidates for partisan and nonpartisan elected office. During my long tenure as a volunteer and director of the nonprofit Chinese American Voters Education Committee, Inc., we have trained many young people in voter registration and GOTV operations. In my law practice, I have hired young law clerks and associate attorneys for careers in the legal profession. I recently served as a law student mentor for the Asian American Bar Association.

I have several young people who are regular volunteers on my campaign, coming in to work at the headquarters, assisting my staff with duties around the office and helping to reach out to voters in the field. Also, I am visiting classes at high schools and colleges in the area to discuss how important it is that young people get involved in politics and offering opportunities for young people to intern and volunteer with my campaign to help them gain valuable experience in local politics.

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.

2001-Present Member, Community Advisory Group (Transportation Committee), California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California.

2000-Present Member, Advisory Board, San Francisco Planning & Urban Research Association ("SPUR"); Member, Board of Directors, 1998-1999.

1992-present Founder and member, Association of Asian American Attorney and CPA Firms, Secretary and Issues Committee member 1988-1991; Vice President 1988-1989; Member, Political Action Committee 1987-1988 (secretary), 1994-95; Steering Committee member (1987-1989, 1998-present).

- 1992-1996 Member, Board of Directors, Chinatown Economic Development Group, Inc.; Chairman and President, 1995-1996; chairman, Working Capital Loan Program Committee 1993-1995.
- 1987-Present Director, Chinese American Voters Education Committee, Inc., (a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education and voter registration organization). Member, Board of Directors, 1995-present; Vice-President, 2003-present; Chairman and President, 1995-2002; general counsel, 1987-1995; volunteer registrar - 1974-1976, 1982-1987.
- 1986-Present Member, Council of Asian American Business Associations of San Francisco.
- 1976-1997 Member, Chinese American Democratic Club, Inc.; President, 1990-1991; Member, Board of Directors, 1982-1988, 1990-1993; Chairman, Appointments Committee, 1988; Vice President, 1984-1985, 1987; Chairman, State & National Committee, 1986; Parliamentarian, 1983.
- 1973-1993 Member, Chinese for Affirmative Action (volunteer public affairs/news writer, radio programmer, Chinese Media Committee, 1973-1977).

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

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