



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
Jaynry	W.	Mak

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.

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

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

Office Title	Year of Run
n/a	

QUESTIONS

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

Yes.

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

I am running for Supervisor in District 4 because we need a representative that will make solving our neighborhood issues their top priority. I have the proven experience to produce real results. My recent legislative experience working in the District 4 Supervisor’s office makes me the best candidate for addressing the needs of residents in the Sunset District.

As a Sunset District resident for almost 30 years, I want to continue advocating for the neighborhood I call home. I have remained an active member of our community as legislative aide to Supervisor Fiona Ma for nearly four years and as a leader in local community organizations like the Outer Sunset Merchants & Professionals Association. I am also a practicing attorney with an office in the Sunset District. As a native San Franciscan raising my own family in the Sunset, I understand the challenges facing

families trying to stay in the City. That is why I am committed to improving the quality of life for our working families, children, and seniors.

As a legislative aide, I demonstrated my ability to navigate the complex City Hall bureaucracy and deliver results to the residents of the Sunset District. I vigorously fought to improve the public safety in our neighborhoods. After listening to constituents express their concerns about the deteriorating safety conditions in and around our public schools, I drafted the School Crossing Warning Ordinance and fought for its passage. During the City's budget process, I advocated for full funding of our public safety personnel, including our firefighters, police officers, and sheriffs.

As a child of immigrant parents, I experienced firsthand her parents' difficulty in adjusting to a new life in a foreign country and of the need for legal representation for the underrepresented. I have clerked with the highly respected Judges Lillian K. Sing and Kevin McCarthy. After graduation, I worked at a private law practice before I decided to start my own law office in the Sunset, where I now represent many non-English speaking clients.

As a small business owner, I know that small businesses are a core component of the district and City's economy. As President of the Outer Sunset Merchants & Professionals Association, I worked with neighborhood small business owners and police to clean up graffiti on Irving Street. This past May, I collaborated with the AsianWeek Foundation to set up the Asian Heritage Street Fair on Irving Street, bringing thousands of dollars of additional revenue to our local merchants. I am a strong supporter of neighborhood legislation that will protect contracts for local minority and women small businesses.

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. Affordable housing: San Francisco is one of the most expensive cities in the U.S., and many people who work here can barely afford to live here, or live in substandard conditions. Many families find it impossible to even dream of owning a home. I will strongly protect rent control which enables low-income individuals to live in the city and support affordable housing initiatives that increase low-income and middle income housing opportunities. I believe that if you work in San Francisco, you should be able to live in San Francisco.

2. Programs for our children: As the mother of a newborn son, I have a vested interest in making sure our children have access to quality child care, after school programs, and public schools near home. I am also committed to having clean and accessible neighborhood parks and recreation centers.

3. Services for our seniors: I will protect our growing senior population by making sure they have the services they need, when they need them. I will continue to improve safety on our City streets and safeguard our pedestrians.

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. In this race, many people discounted the legitimacy of my candidacy simply because of my age. I do not believe that age should ever be a barrier. If I am elected, one of my goals in office is to encourage more young people to become involved in electoral politics. I strongly believe that one of my responsibilities as a public official is to be a mentor to young people.

2. Another challenge that faces many young women is the false choice between having a family and having a career. During this campaign, I have shown that it is possible to have both. I will always be supportive of women who want to have a family and pursue a career.

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 will always have an open door policy to the SFYD and to young people. As a fellow young person, I will encourage more young people to become involved in electoral politics. I strongly believe that one of my responsibilities as a public official is again to be a mentor to young people.

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?

As a current board member of CYC-SF, I am involved in creating programs that address issues such as family conflict over acculturation, difficulties in school, economic hardship, and gang membership. These programs include substance abuse prevention, domestic violence education and prevention, higher education/financial aid counseling, and services assisting recently arrived young immigrants as they transition into the public school system. CYC is also a site for the County Community Day School, where youth referred by the juvenile justice system and the school district can complete their GED or work toward their high school diploma. CYC also conducts city-wide parent counseling and empowerment training programs for Chinese immigrant parents.

I am a Community Council member of the Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center. The SNBC provides support and opportunities to ensure the healthy development of children, youth, and adults in the Sunset community.

In Supervisor Fiona Ma's office, we created meaningful internship opportunities for young people to expose them to the real world of politics.

On this campaign, we have created internship opportunities for young people to provide real experience with political campaigns.

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.

As a legislative aide from 2002-2006, I demonstrated my ability to navigate the complex City Hall bureaucracy and deliver results to the residents of the Sunset District. I vigorously fought to improve the public safety in our neighborhoods. I helped to draft key City legislation to address the deteriorating conditions in and around our neighborhoods including:

- **School Children Crossing Warning Signs Ordinance:** Ordinance requiring all public and private parking lots and facilities within 500 feet of K-12 school sites to post "Caution - School Children Crossing" signs at all parking lot exits.
- **Graffiti Rewards Fund Ordinance:** Ordinance rewarding persons who have provided information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons for graffiti vandalism.
- **Computer Rental Businesses Ordinance:** Ordinance prohibiting minors from using game controllers or renting computer time for purposes of gaming during school hours.

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