



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
Ron		Dudum

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

Board of Supervisors-District 4

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)
Landmarks Board	Appointed		Vice-Chair
CDBG Advisory Committee	Appointed		Vice-Chair

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

Office Title	Year of Run
Board of Supervisors-District 4	2002
Board of Supervisors-District 4	2000

QUESTIONS

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

No. I'm too old!

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

I have personally visited 20,000 households three times. I know the working families of my neighborhood better than any other candidate. I founded the Westside Democratic Club and I know my constituents. I am an active Sunset advocate with strong support from my community at large.

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.

Affordable housing: Our city has shown great leadership in protecting the most vulnerable through rent control laws. We have not demonstrated the same leadership to encourage home ownership. This could be done through a two-prong strategy of building more family neighborhoods (the original plan for Mission Bay) and through creative financing such as low-interest loans and grants to long term San Franciscans who work in public safety and education.

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?

The City is very expensive and any vice one wants to indulge in is readily available. Our society does not teach young people the virtues in being thoughtful and deliberate. The only way I can effectively address this is through my example of patience and persistence in pursuing this Board of Supervisors position. Secondly, with the decreasing availability of apartments, I seek to legitimize illegal in-law apartments in the Sunset and Parkside neighborhoods. I would also be open to increasing rental units in District 4. Having affordable housing in the district would keep young people from moving else where. Young people should be encouraged to be active civic participants to improve the quality of life in District 4. As Supervisor, I would seek to get them involved in community improvement projects.

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 would have regular conversations about the virtues and vices of public service. Life can be synthesized into choices between competition and cooperation. The political process encourages competition, but I have found that cooperation is much more fulfilling. WE will work to provide a community that improves upon cleaning our beaches, planting trees in our residential areas and merchant corridors, and creating plausible legislation to improve our transportation options. We'll have plenty to do and talk about...if you're interested.

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?

My family has run a camp for 150 people over the past 20 years. My 20 year old daughter Alia is interning at the DA's Office with Kamala Harris. My son is president of the student body at St. Ignatius College Preparatory. My youngest son, Karim, is assisting with my phone-banking efforts. My Field Director/ HQ Manager is Tuan Nguyen, a wonderful example of youthful enthusiasm. He worked on the Newsom campaign. Most recently, he was the lone Field Organizer for Fiona Ma's bid for the State Assembly. He has invited his network of friends (whom are in their 20's) to join our grass-roots campaign. I am privileged to have them on board.

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 have attended thousands of hours of meetings to address such issues as: the rebuild of Sava Pool, Ocean Beach management, Neighborhood Parks maintenance, Public Safety meetings, Senior Services meetings, protecting neighborhood businesses from chain stores, etc. In addition I have volunteered in clean-ups, homeless services, and my children's schools.

I have been an elected delegate to the Democratic National Convention (1988), spent six months backpacking around the United States and two months through Europe, and participated in every major election for the past twenty years. I have worked for major corporations and run my own firm. I am currently writing a book.

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

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