



**Candidate Questionnaire
November 7, 2006 General Election**

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Chris		Daly

2. Office sought (include office, jurisdiction, position/district number): **Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco, District 6**
3. Are you the incumbent? **Yes**

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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)
San Francisco Supervisors	Elected	2001 - present	Chair, Budget & Finance Committee; Past Chair, Finance Committee, Budget Committee, Health & Human Services Committee
San Francisco County Transportation Authority	Elected	2001 - present	Past Chair
Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors	Appointed	2001 – present	Chair, Budget & Finance Committee

I am also a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Joint Policy Committee (of the MTA, ABAG, and BAAQMD), the Regional Planning Committee (of ABAG), Transbay Joint Powers Authority, Committee on Information Technology (SF), Treasure Island Development Authority (ex-officio), Surplus Property Citizens Advisory Committee (SF), and formerly on the First Five Commission (SF Children and Families Commission).

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?

No, but I am a past president of the San Francisco Young Democrats.

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

I am running for re-election because I care about the people of District 6, I have much work left to do to improve people's lives, I believe in progressive politics, and I believe I am the most effective person to represent District 6.

I believe that I am the most qualified person for this position for 5 main reasons.

1) **Experience:** I have the experience of nearly 6 years in the office of District 6 Supervisor. I understand the issues facing San Francisco, how government works, and how to make it work more effectively for the City's residents.

2) **Knowledge of District 6:** I know District 6 and its many diverse and complex populations. Prior to my election, few elected officials gave any attention to the needs of the neighborhoods and communities in District 6. Because of my efforts to work with communities within the district, this has changed. Now, greater attention is given to the needs of District 6, as they should be.

3) **Commitment to the working class and low-income people:** Throughout my time in office, I have always remained committed to low-income and working class people. While the needs of seniors, children and youth, and homeless people have often gone unheard, I have always fought to identify lasting solutions to address their needs. I believe this is as important for the overall health of San Francisco as it is for these particular constituents.

4) **Strong legislative record:** I am proud of the extensive legislative record I have amassed while in office. My legislation includes fundamental advances in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, and social services for seniors, people with disabilities, and small businesses, among others. In addition to the substantive citywide legislation I have developed, I have also been involved in significant victories for the people of District 6.

5) **Passion and effectiveness:** Few candidates can match the level of passion and determination I bring to the office of Supervisor. From the beginning, I have overcome the odds that many insisted were insurmountable. I have worked hard to learn how to be effective in office and how to best approach and resolve many of the issues facing 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.

As Supervisor and as an activist, I have prioritized the following issues and believe they are inter-related: affordable housing, tenants rights, homelessness, public health, workers rights, the environment, and senior and youth/children's issues. We must also ensure that job-producing businesses are not displaced out of our city and that development is smartly planned and benefits the whole community. We need to build much more housing, and ensure that as much as possible is affordable to working-class San Franciscans. I believe these issues are critical in order to attain our goals for economic, social, and environmental justice in San Francisco.

This year, as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, we passed a real "peoples' budget" that included over \$50 million in supplements for families, affordable housing, homeless services, childcare and after-school programs, AIDS/HIV and other public health priorities, community-based violence prevention programs, employment programs, immigrant rights, community arts, recreation and parks, and senior services.

As Transportation Authority Chair in 2003, I authored Proposition K to reauthorize funding for major transportation projects in San Francisco including funding for the Transbay Transit Center.

Some of my most important work has been to maintain and increase the supply of housing that's affordable to the spectrum of San Franciscans. Early in my tenure I co-sponsored the ordinance to close the live/work loft loophole. I authored and then co-sponsored 2 of the strongest pro-renter ordinances in a decade to slow evictions of the most vulnerable. I fought alongside the residents of Trinity Plaza Apartments to protect their working-class community from displacement. Through this struggle we won a guarantee to replace all 360 rent controlled units in the new 1900 unit development. Last year I negotiated an agreement for development in Rincon Hill that will bring \$120 million in community benefits, including affordable housing, to the South of Market. I have directly worked to deliver the approval of over 10,000 new housing units with an unprecedented level of affordability. Just a few weeks ago, we passed into law a significant expansion of the City's inclusionary affordable housing law to make real homeownership opportunities available to everyday San Franciscans.

I have moved the re-building of Bessie Carmichael School in the South of Market area. That school has been non-functioning for years, left to decay and the children in that area left without a real school. It is now being rebuilt. The funding that has been directed to services in this district are going straight out to communities, to provide community supported programming for seniors, for youth. I have supported development proposals that offers community benefit, i.e., grocery stores, after school programming, arts and non-profit space.

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?

Several months ago, a group of young workers came to my office to identify a particular problem they were facing. Many working in the restaurant industry did not receive time off when they were sick and felt compelled to come into work. Working together, we held a press conference and a hearing in front of the Budget and Finance Committee on the issues. We also worked together on legislation that we placed on the ballot. Proposition F will require all employers to allow employees to accumulate up to 9 sick days per year. This measure will be good for young workers, many immigrant workers, and San Francisco families. If passed, this measure will be an excellent complement to the increased minimum wage and to the universal health coverage plan that will begin implementation next year.

Due to the high cost of housing in San Francisco, young people who are students or working in lower-wage jobs have difficulty entering the housing market. San Francisco's rental housing stock is the most promising option for most young people because of San Francisco's strong rent control laws. I have been a leader in the efforts to strengthen our rent control laws.

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

As the youngest ever elected to the Board of Supervisors, getting young people involved in the political process has always been an important part of my work. My Supervisor office generally has the largest number of young interns, learning more about the political process. Several years ago, I helped resurrect the Young Democrats and served as its acting President for its inaugural meeting. I have attended several YD meetings and would like our work together to continue. Specifically, I would like to work together on legislation to empower young people in the political process.

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 political work began with an organization of young people, Empty the Shelters, when I was 18 years old.

When I became the youngest elected Supervisor at 28, I hired 2 legislative aides younger than me.

As Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, I worked with Coleman Advocates for Youth to identify unmet needs facing youth and children in San Francisco.

Throughout many struggles to win rights and protections for tenants, many of the impacted renters were young people.

I am currently working with Young Workers United on Proposition F.

I co-founded San Francisco People's Organization, a diverse organization that includes significant representation from young people from various multiracial San Francisco communities.

One of my 2 campaign staffers is 21 years old.

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 moved to San Francisco in 1993 as National Coordinator of Empty the Shelters, a non-profit organization of youth and students working to end homelessness. In 1995, I

co-founded the Mission Agenda, a local nonprofit organization working with low-income people living in single-room occupancy hotel residents. When fires swept through hotels in the Mission and Tenderloin, I worked with SRO residents to draw attention to their plight and to force City government to respond to the needs of SRO residents.

I have also been a leader for tenant rights. I served on the San Francisco Tenants Union steering committee to help organize proactive responses to the evictions of long-time residents, nonprofits, artists and small businesses. As a tenant of the historic Redstone Building, I worked to preserve the community uses of this “Labor Temple” (and later authored legislation to landmark this building for its role in the 1934 General Strike.)

My background is grassroots community organizing and my campaigns have always reflected that.

For my bio and additional photographs, please visit my website,
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