



## 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](mailto:sfyd.issues.action@gmail.com)

### BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

1. Name as it will appear on the ballot:

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Alix		Rosenthal

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

San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 8

3. Are you the incumbent?                      Yes                      No  X

### 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)
San Francisco Elections Commission	Appointive	2002 – 2004	President and Vice-President

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

Office Title	Year of Run

**QUESTIONS**

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

Yes, I am under 35 years old, a registered Democrat, and have paid my dues for the year.

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

I am running because I am dedicated to social and economic justice, and I want to promote a progressive agenda at the Board of Supervisors. I believe that we must solve the problems of the City in order to solve the problems in our neighborhoods, including making housing more affordable, putting San Francisco at the forefront of environmental sustainability, and making the City more livable for everyone. As Supervisor, I will work to make it happen.

I have been in public service for most of my life. As General Counsel for the Oakland Army Base, I represent ordinary citizens in land use and environmental issues. As President of the San Francisco Elections Commission during one of the most difficult periods in the Department’s history, I made hard choices to get the department back on track. As President of the National Women’s Political Caucus (SF chapter), I have worked to push feminist issues, and recruit and train young women leaders to get involved in politics.

- 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.**

**Main Challenges Facing the City of San Francisco:**

A housing market that is getting harder for young people, working class and the middle class to come here, and stay here; a transportation system in crisis; missed opportunities to improve the environment while saving people money, and violence prevention policies that consistently fail to protect our most vulnerable; our city government is out of step with San Francisco's values.

**Policy Priorities:**

**(a) AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- Protect Renters by Supporting Rent Control and Preventing Speculative Evictions
- Explore Innovative Opportunities to Increase New Ownership and Renter Opportunities
- Eliminate Unnecessary Barriers to Increasing Housing Stock
- Preserve Historic Character and Neighborhood Scale

**(b) TRANSPORTATION**

- Create a World-Class MUNI System
- Develop Increased Opportunities for Walking and Biking
- Better Manage Parking and Congestion

**(c) CLEANER ENVIRONMENT**

- Require LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification of All New Construction, Public and Private
- Facilitate Solar Energy Creation by Providing Incentives to Homeowners
- Explore Options for Promoting "Living Roofs" to Improve Air Quality
- Increase number of Hybrid and Electrical MUNI Vehicles

**(d) SAFETY – VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

- Fund anti-violence projects and intervention services, including job training, mental health and substance abuse programs and programs for youth
- Target resources to the communities hardest hit by violent crime
- Develop a citywide violence prevention plan
- Improve police training and response to Domestic Violence

- 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) AFFORDABLE HOUSING = Because of the high cost of living, young people face a harder time coming to San Francisco -- and staying in San Francisco. Young people need a place to live that is affordable, and accessible to everything that San Francisco has to offer. As Supervisor, I will support new in-fill housing along transit corridors and elsewhere as appropriate, strong rent control protections to help all tenants, and innovative approaches to expand homeownership opportunities without displacement.

(2) TRANSPORTATION = Young people are more likely to take public transportation or bike around the City – but our Muni system is in a crisis and the city is unsafe for bicyclists. A world-class city deserves a world-class transportation system. As Supervisor, I will work to: (1) speed up boarding of buses with lowered floors, prepaid fares and expanded proof-of-payment methods, (2) free Muni from traffic by creating transit-only lanes, (3) speed up trips by increasing the distance between bus stops – where appropriate, (4) complete the citywide bike networks to fill the gaps in bike access, (5) support Supervisor McGoldrick’s “Healthy Saturdays” legislation, which would close part of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park to auto traffic on Saturdays, and (6) work to expand BART access at night.

**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 a proud member of SFYD, I will work closely with the leadership and its members to register young people to vote, and get them involved in my legislative initiatives. We need to articulate an agenda that young people can relate to – addressing their basic bread-and-butter concerns of affordable housing and a better transportation system will be the key.

**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 President of the National Women’s Political Caucus (SF chapter) and as a participant and leader in the Emerge Program, I have worked to recruit, train and retain Democratic women – especially young women – to run for political office. I always enjoy working with young people because of their energy, passion and dedication to social change. Many of my campaign committee members are under 30, and a key portion of the campaign will be aggressive outreach to young people in the Castro-Noe Valley neighborhoods.

## **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.

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I first moved to San Francisco in 1999, when I eagerly accepted the offer to work at San Francisco’s Thelen Reid & Priest, LLP. Specializing in commercial litigation and real estate, I represented numerous pro bono clients in eviction cases, guardianships for indigent children, and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. I currently work as a Deputy City Attorney in Oakland, serving as General Counsel to the Oakland Army Base. In this role, I am shepherding the Army Base over complicated environmental, regulatory and political hurdles, and into the beginning stages of dynamic urban re-use.

When San Francisco took the revolutionary and courageous step of marrying gay and lesbian couples, I was among the first volunteers to serve as a witness for the marital ceremonies that took place in City Hall. As a zealous advocate for women’s rights the related issues of LGBT rights and gender equality, I found an outlet for my civil rights advocacy as President of the National Women’s Political Caucus (San Francisco Chapter).

My most challenging role in government was my experience serving as Vice President and President of the San Francisco Elections Commission in its turbulent first few years. At the time the Commission was

created, the Elections Department was under fire for serious management issues, including cost overruns and ballot boxes found in the San Francisco Bay. On the Commission, I made difficult decisions in the face of intense political pressure, and made tough choices to get the department on track. This experience helped to hone my leadership skills and steeled my commitment to making the right decision in the face of withering criticism.

As a survivor of domestic violence in San Francisco, I am determined to reform the City's handling of cases of violence, and provide leadership where the City's agencies fall short. I have volunteered for the Legal Community Against Violence in its lawsuits against gun manufacturers, and served as Treasurer for the Ban Handgun Violence campaign (Prop H) in San Francisco in 2005.

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

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