

JASON JUNGREIS FOR DISTRICT 1 SUPERVISOR

I am a candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for District 1, the Richmond District.

This document is an outline of who I am, my priorities, and the specific legislative enactments and positions I will take if elected. It is my belief that candidates should be elected based upon their integrity, agenda, and judgment, and it is my hope to present you with information to enable you to weigh the merits of my candidacy.

To review my video statement, please go to
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQjjwExMHPw>

I also wish to encourage you to provide me with your feedback and suggestions.
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BIOGRAPHY

I am a civil attorney and a long-time resident and home-owner here in the Richmond District. My wife is a lawyer in public service, and we are both active parents in our two young children's public school.

I am active in the community as a Superior Court Judge Pro Tem (i.e., I volunteer with the Court as a Judge), as a Director of the Planning Association of the Richmond, and as a member of Friends of Sutro Heights, Coalition to Save Ocean Beach, and Friends of Lands End. My experience includes years of environmental and global population activism, both here and as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

More personally, I am 46 years old, a runner, a motorcyclist, a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, and a member of the San Francisco Electric Vehicle Association. I am a coach assistant with my sons little league team, an avid follower of science and technology issues, and a mechanical tinkerer. We have chickens and a garden in our backyard (drip irrigation, of course), and I am hopeful that someone can recommend a solution to gophers.

PRINCIPLES

POLITICAL AFFILIATION

I am a long-time registered independent (my state and national candidate voting record is almost uniformly democrat). While I understand the origin and bases for political parties, I prefer to avoid alignment to better enable me to look at each issue on its own merits and to develop innovative ideas. Therefore, some of my political positions may be alternatively considered liberal, mainstream, or conservative: I create my positions after thoughtful independent review, without influence or manipulation.

CAMPAIGNING

I do not intend to wage a funded campaign and I am not soliciting any campaign funds. I believe that only this type of self-initiated, very direct campaign 'reform' would allow me to make the best judgments for our district without owing any favors to special interests (indeed, I believe it is essentially impossible not to be beholden to a person or entity who gives you money). Instead, I focus my candidacy on providing as straight-forward a platform as possible with a conscious effort to directly answering all questions and stating my positions clearly, and I intend to be a Supervisor who puts actions over words.

PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

I believe every person – and certainly every political candidate – should have a plain set of guiding principles, upon which political priorities and positions are measured. Here are mine:

1. Community sustainability
2. Safety
3. Environmental/resource sustainability
4. Well-being (health and education)
5. Leveling the playing field and providing opportunity for self-improvement

Guiding principles should yield a plain set of political priorities given the circumstances. Here are mine:

1. Fiscal responsibility
2. Security
3. Resource management
4. Health and Education
5. Free enterprise

PLATFORM

SPECIFIC ACTS AND POSITIONS

I believe governance requires discipline and vision to deal with the present issues facing San Francisco and to promote a smooth course into the future. As a candidate, I seek to avoid non-useful generalities. As an attorney, I will be uniquely able to understand, and to write, the Board's legislation.

Below you will find the specific enactments and positions that demonstrate the intent and quality of my candidacy. I have sought to present my enactments and positions under appropriate headings, but because I only want to list each once and because they may not fall exactly under a particular heading, please review all of the listed items (which of course you ought to do anyway).

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 1) Avoid funding projects through costly bond measures: fund through annual budgeting or limited taxation (bond costs are 20% higher than direct funding and inevitably include extraneous elements).
- 2) Rigorously negotiate with all unions and insist upon a clear hand to terminate for incompetence and dereliction.
- 3) Rigorously seek enforcement of incompetency rules to terminate City employees.
- 4) Reduce overtime costs by contracting for services not legally required to be performed by city employees.
- 5) Reduce non-essential departmental and mayoral grant availability; mandate grant oversight and accountability.
- 6) Require genuine one-year proof-of-San Francisco-residence to receive any form of City aid.
- 7) Reduce social services funding by only providing services to legal residents.
- 8) Enforce quality of life laws to reduce abuse of social services.
- 9) Avoid privatization of any City asset or project (eg.; City Zoo) (the City is a non-profit agency and, if well managed by those in charge and accountable, a non-profit agency is always more cost-effective).
- 10) Require Board approval for unbudgeted overtime.
- 11) Increase requirements for pension and health benefit qualification for City employees.
- 12) Oppose expensive, disruptive \$332M Geary BRT project: **implement inexpensive and expeditious alternatives.**
- 13) Repeal 2003 Proposition K that enabled a half cent sales tax to go wholly to the San Francisco County Transportation Authority.
- 14) Remove all contract or suppliers bidding preferences.
- 15) Remove superfluous contract bidding requirements.
- 16) Institute competitive bidding for all contracts over \$10,000.
- 17) Prevent the introduction of any legislation that addresses matters that go beyond the bounds of San Francisco.
- 18) Avoid arbitrary budgeting for any program: instead, seek appropriate funding for each program.
- 19) Integrate available public and private social services to prevent duplicative efforts.
- 20) Seek to cap all City salaries at the level of a Superior Court Judge (\$171,648).
- 21) Whenever possible, pass legislation rather than encourage more ballot propositions.

- 22) Only allow City ballot propositions on scheduled general elections (i.e., every other November).
- 23) Streamline the Sunshine Ordinance to cohere to Freedom of Information Act requests.
- 24) Reduce the cost of prisoner maintenance through simplified prisoner residence.
- 25) Reduce Supervisor staff sizes.
- 26) Restrict the board's power to trump low-bid awards.
- 27) Increase allowable rent-increases under rent control laws.
- 28) Allow cost pass-through to tenants for any property tax or fee increases.
- 29) To the greatest possible constitutional limit, severely restrict campaign financing in conjunction with mandatory uniform media coverage.
- 30) Mandate all political candidate and issue contributions to be anonymous.
- 31) Deny subsidies (including through tax breaks) to retail stores, but do not block per se big-box stores.
- 32) Encourage the City Attorney to pursue consumer-oriented litigation that is self-funding and/or fund generating.
- 33) Encourage the City Attorney's office to seek attorney's fees in worker's comp fraud cases.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- 1) Efficiently time traffic lights throughout the City.
- 2) Coordinate all city services to identify homeless so as to track their utilization of services and criminal activities.
- 3) Encourage home ownership through allowance of Tenancies In Common and through reduction of mandatory below-market housing development.
- 4) Prevent increase in maximum zoning heights in residential neighborhoods so as to preserve their character.
- 5) Create and promote a clearing-house, accessible on-line, of volunteer projects in the city: encourage participation by providing low-cost incentives (free Muni tickets, free parking meter cards, free health screenings, free museum passes, etc).
- 6) Discourage vandalism through increased criminalization.
- 7) Increase use of crime-prevention cameras.
- 8) Put crime-prevention camera feeds on-line and reward anyone reporting crime that leads to successful prosecution.
- 9) Promote family-friendly City policies in day care, health care, schooling, and recreational programming.
- 10) Provide health system care primarily through the City's own facilities; allow private purchase into the system.
- 11) Decriminalize natural-state drugs (examples: marijuana, mushrooms, coca leaf), while significantly increasing police enforcement of personal, property, and quality-of-life crimes.
- 12) Legalize limited prostitution in a severely restrictive and highly regulated manner, while significantly increasing police enforcement of illegal prostitution.
- 13) Require inter-agency cross-communication for personal or business issues requiring multi-agency action.
- 14) Encourage City-wide email-contact database creation for notification of City issues that effect residents.
- 15) Create public bathrooms on or near Ocean beach.
- 16) Seek GGNRA replacement of information center at or near the Cliff House.

- 17) Encourage placement of a snack stand near Ocean Beach.
- 18) Seek safety repair of Ocean Beach seawall.
- 19) Organize weekly farmers markets in each neighborhood.
- 20) Encourage ESL courses; encourage ESL courses that focus on civic life (curriculum courses on bill paying, computers, government interaction, jury duty, voting, earth-quake preparedness, etc.).
- 21) Create a public beach on the east shore of the city along the Bay.
- 22) Allow mopeds and motorcycles to park in front of fire hydrants at their own risk once.
- 23) Allow mopeds and motorcycles to park on sidewalks if not impeding flow.
- 24) Provide incentives for parking in after-hour business parking lots and driveways.
- 25) Increase issuance of tickets for any vehicle blocking the intersection box.
- 26) Increase issuance of tickets for blocking City streets (including Muni buses).
- 27) Promote taxi availability and use in the outlying Districts.
- 28) Make 500 more taxi medallions available and require medallion holders to use their medallions exclusively.
- 29) Discourage creation of unenforceable or inequitable driving restriction laws regarding downtown San Francisco.
- 30) Encourage the construction and use of space-efficient parking garages throughout the City.
- 31) Provide regulatory stream-lining and assist in the organization of day care facilities.
- 32) Encourage increased funding for all schools by re-directing for classroom use current District-paid after-school program monies; the after-school programs will then be self-funded through both for-fee on-site after-school day care programs and through enrichment programs (thereby encouraging middle-class use of public schools).
- 33) Encourage placement of students in their neighborhood schools.
- 34) Encourage classroom "banding" so that students of similar abilities can be taught at speed-appropriate and depth-appropriate levels.
- 35) Encourage greater emphasis on vocational and trade training for non-academic-achieving students.
- 36) Promote availability of JROTC program in public schools.
- 37) Fine entities that fail to fully return City streets to their original condition.
- 38) Increase fines and enforcement efforts against debris and pollution dumping.
- 39) Establish permanent studio space for artists and artisans at Hunters Point, Presidio and Treasure Island.
- 40) Allow the licensed operation of late night dance clubs.
- 41) Require mailed notice to neighbors of permits that presently only require direct posting.
- 42) Enforce the state's vehicle code regarding vehicle lighting in the interest of public safety.
- 43) Allow traffic enforcement of two-wheel brake system(s) for bicycle safety.
- 44) Encourage police videotaping of traffic accident scenes rather than laborious manual measurements in order to speed the return to normal traffic flow.
- 45) Impose the heaviest-possible regulation of gun ownership and ammunition within Constitutional limits.
- 46) Aid parking availability and revenue by requiring handicap parkers to pay meters, and work with the state to greatly increase the mere \$100 citation for illegal use of handicap placards.
- 47) Require rigorous annual law enforcement and safety official physical performance testing.
- 48) Maintain weekly residential street sweeping schedule.
- 49) Encourage the District Attorney to vigorously pursue all criminal charges at their maximum possible sentence, and to ensure the full prosecution of identity theft crime.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- 1) Mandate citywide business recycling.
- 2) Create a citywide energy policy that includes development of Community Choice Aggregation plan.
- 3) Create Berkeley-style voluntary tax-district method for funding residential solar energy generation.
- 4) Promote wind power for city energy generation.
- 5) Create wholesale-cost buyer program for electric bicycles.
- 6) Create wholesale-cost buyer program for compact florescent light bulbs.
- 7) Create wholesale-cost buyer program for auto-off light switches.
- 8) Encourage the creation and increased use of bike-lanes.
- 9) Encourage the use of electric bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles and small electric vehicles.
- 10) Encourage Project Better Place electric vehicle installation.
- 11) Free distribution of low-flow restrictors for showers and faucets.
- 12) Provide information regarding recycling of construction materials.
- 13) Allow criminals to generate power as offset to fines owed.
- 14) Block SFO's efforts to create landfill runways extending deep into the San Francisco Bay.
- 15) Develop City-wide tree-planting program.
- 16) Establish a regular motor-vehicle racing event for electric vehicles.
- 17) Promote gray water and rain water use.
- 18) Repeal the paper bag law but encourage entities to charge \$.05 for bags so as to encourage shoppers to bring their own.
- 19) All dogs on City and federal lands must be under leash or demonstrable voice command: develop program for volunteer deputies to issue tickets regarding leash/voice command and pooper-scooper violations.
- 20) Encourage the GGNRA to seek submissions for proposals to rebuild the Sutro Baths using renewable energy.
- 21) Provide for homes and businesses free audits of energy use and water use.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- 1) Encourage the construction of downtown high-rise apartments.
- 2) Encourage maintenance of existing neighborhood character through appropriate zoning limitations.
- 3) Ensure the preparedness of city agencies for the next powerful earthquake.
- 4) Encourage earthquake preparations at the individual level: sell prepared packs, and offer free instruction courses.
- 5) Discourage residential development of Treasure Island due to seismic instability.
- 6) Sponsor a national organization of local governments to address climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- 7) Encourage the use of volunteer funds and labor for public works projects by providing information to the community requesting suggestions and then coordinating the projects with the appropriate city department.
- 8) Encourage all city employees to live in the city by providing appropriate tax incentives.
- 9) Encourage the teaching of family planning issues in schools.
- 10) Invite the Treasure Island installation of a permanent Burning Man art exhibit and annual festival.