



2026 Candidate Questionnaire: CCSF Board of Trustees

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Section 1 - General

1. Tell us about yourself, what brought you to run for CCSF Board of Trustees, and why Potrero Hill Democratic Club members should vote for you. Please include whether you are a current or former CCSF parent, student, employee, or volunteer and whether you have previously run for or held public office.

Hi! I'm Bunny. I have a doctorate in education, years of classroom experience, and years of organizing here in SF on tenants' rights, environmental justice, education. I'm also a working mom here in San Francisco.

I'm running because I was asked by neighbors and told my perspective as an educator would be critical for a well-rounded and prepared Board. I did not intend to run for office. I am genuinely and fully committed to serving the City and City College in the face of rising technofascism.

I went to community college & taught at community college in New Mexico, where I am from. I have not and will not again run for public office but I was the PTA president at my kids' public school.

Please vote for the working mom with a doctorate in education to be on this educational governing body.

2. If elected, what will you have accomplished by the end of your four-year term?

I hope we are in a stronger position to ask citywide voters to approve whatever the next iteration of Free City (parcel tax) looks like by demonstrating our ability to work collaboratively and effectively manage our City's most important institution.



Section 2 - Governance and Accreditation

3. In January 2024, accreditors placed CCSF on warning, finding that the Board of Trustees had neglected the college's long-term fiscal health, failed to follow its own policies, and improperly interfered with the chancellor's authority. The warning has since been cleared, and Chancellor Messina became the college's permanent leader in July 2025 after years of turnover. What specifically must trustees do differently to keep it that way, and how would you personally conduct yourself in a serious disagreement with the chancellor?

I am looking forward to meeting Dr. Messina and getting to know her. I think she has a big job, and I want to make sure she has the resources and information to perform this job to her fullest ability for the benefit of our students, who deserve someone competent and committed.

One of the most important relationships I want to work on from the first day is our board-level dynamics. We may disagree, maybe even vehemently, but we have a duty that comes first - a duty to the College and to the students. Being professional, polite, and courteous, even in disagreement, is important because we're role models.

By working with my fellow board members and staying focused on our mission, I think we can handle disagreements with our single employee, especially because we all care about our students and want the best for them.

As someone who has done board work before, I am not at all worried about my ability to focus on / stay in my lane.

4. In March 2026, administration decided to stop scheduling classes at the Downtown Center without a board vote. Was that appropriate? What decisions should require trustee approval before they are announced?

From a community engagement and accountability perspective, no. Operational decisions that have a direct impact on larger issues like contract negotiations, campus closures, and public relational impact should be coming up in the Chancellor's regular meetings with her supervisors, both through formal and informal communication channels.



5.

During your term the board will decide a successor faculty contract and, most likely, what becomes of the Downtown Center. Where are you most likely to disagree with the people who endorsed you, and why?

As someone who works downtown at Yerba Buena Gardens, I know firsthand the outsized impact the neighborhood has on how the rest of the City is doing economically. It is a bellwether and a place of nuance. I may disagree with the people who endorsed me on what is at stake if we do not take the Downtown asset seriously and consider the longer term impact of our decisions for both the City (and her People) and for City College. I don't anticipate disagreeing with the people who endorsed me during contract negotiations, as I am confident in our ability to end up with a contract that values our workforce and serves our students.

Section 3 - Finances

6. The FY 2026-27 budget projects roughly \$592 million in expenditures across all funds against \$364 million in revenue, with about 90% of the unrestricted general fund going to compensation and roughly 5% genuinely discretionary. The college also depends on state hold-harmless provisions that don't reflect actual enrollment and won't last. Please name specific cuts and reductions in the budget that you would support.

We are underfunding City College and denying voters their voices by ignoring their will. Voters decided to fully Free City at the ballot, and since then politicians have continued to use it as a

piggy bank. They are robbing our future by doing so, forcing us to negotiate, which really



means “fight each other over scraps” instead of recognizing this is one of the biggest economies in the world.

7. CCSF's reserve policy is out of date and the board is rewriting it this fall. What reserve level should the college hold, and why?

Rainy day funds should directly reflect the cost of operation and meaningful capital improvement set-asides. As such, I will refrain from a political headline here and say that the policy should reflect our values and serve its purpose.

Section 4 - Access and Enrollment

8. Free City has fallen from at least \$15 million annually in its first six years to \$9.3 million in FY2025, and the city has targeted the student cash grants that roughly 6,000 students received in 2024-25. Do you plan to protect Free City and, if so, how?

Yes. Advocacy and relational building.

9. Roughly half of CCSF's degree earners started in noncredit ESL, yet noncredit and adult education generate less state apportionment and are usually first to be cut. How do noncredit and adult education fit into your strategies to increase enrollment?

First of all, noncredit and adult education students are just as important for their desire to seek education as they are for headcount toward enrollment. Our mission should guide us here. Education is for everyone.

Section 5 - District 10 and the Southeast

10. In 2020, voters approved \$34.5 million within the college's \$845 million bond for a Bayview education center at 1550 Evans, planned with SFUSD and San Francisco State. Five years on, no land agreement with the SFPUC exists, and nothing has been built. Will that center be built during your term? If the land problem cannot be solved, what happens to the money?



Who's to say? I do know I'm great at getting momentum back into projects that have stalled out, I've worked on land agreements at the City and even State level, and I can build strong relationships that will ensure progress not only during my tenure but for the trustees who come after me.

Section 6 - Faculty and Staff

11. CCSF faculty have twice faced mass layoff notices, once accepting salary cuts of 4% to 11% to rescind them. Under what circumstances would you vote to issue March 15 notices, and what steps would you take to avoid them?

As referenced above, we aren't giving City College the resources voters already demanded. I don't think it's appropriate to address this without getting to know my fellow board members and understanding what options are on the table. I do know that we need to repair our relationship to self-sacrificing staff who have remained loyal and continue being our bridge between City College and its **students**, who we should put at the heart of our decisions and who deserve a thriving learning environment.