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2	Transparency	San Francisco provides guides on ethics rules for campaigns and committees, but provides nothing to educate contributors on ethics laws affecting who may give, what reporting is required, and caps on contributions. Los Angeles has a web-based Guidefor Contributors that could be a model for San Francisco.	Will you sponsor or co-author a measure that requires Ethics to create and post a Guide for Contributors by July 1, 2013 so that it will be available for the next election?	Yes	Instances of improper contributions in the mayor's races last showed that this is necessary. In many cases, donors are simply unaware of the regulations for contributors. In cases where donors are knowingly contributing outside of the laws, not having a Guide to Contributors gives such contributors an excuse, enabling them to claim that they were unaware of the regulations.
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4	Transparency	In July 2011, the Ethics Commission determined that current public disclosure requirements do not apply to committees formed to encourage someone to become a candidate, and only apply when a candidate has filed. The Commission asked that staff draft a measure to close this loophole, but the staff has taken no action and the Commission has never discussed it further.	Will you sponsor or co-author a measure that requires Ethics to institute public disclosure of political spending regardless of whether a candidate has filed or a ballot measure committee has formed by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	As we saw last year, this loophole was used to skirt the intent of the disclosure laws. We have also seen committees formed to “encourage a potential candidate to run” not aimed at the candidate, but aimed at the voters.
5	Transparency	San Francisco law banning contractors from making contributions has a large loophole that allows these same contractors to solicit contributions, to bundle them, or to serve on a “finance” committee.	Will you sponsor or co-author a measure that requires public disclosure of finance committee members by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	Again, voters have the right to know.
6	Transparency	The San Francisco Ethics Commission stopped providing public summaries of lobbyist activities two years ago, and has never provided a public listing of city officials who failed to file required Economic Disclosure Statements. Before 2005, the Commission issued detailed quarterly reports. Today the public only learns this information by searching Internet files.	Will you sponsor or co-author a measure that requires Ethics to make quarterly or regular releases with detailed summaries of lobbying, conflict of interest non-filers and political spending by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	Lobbyists in Washington, Sacramento, and in San Francisco have more power and influence than is healthy for a democracy. Thus we see lawmakers taking action (or failing to take action) that contradicts numerous public opinion polls on the subject, and which benefits special interests.
7	Transparency		N/A	N/A	
8	Transparency	Last year the Ethics Commission asked the Board to approve changes to the city’s public disclosures of campaign financing that would reduce the frequency of information and reduce reporting. Those changes remain waiting for further Board action.	Will you oppose any proposals that reduce public disclosure, its frequency, or otherwise provide less information and vote against those proposals?	Yes	I oppose any proposal that reduces information and reporting frequency.

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9	Transparency	San Francisco's requirements that city decision-makers, including elected officials and commissioners, file annual statements of economic interest that can reveal financial conflicts. The city also requires city officials who sign contracts to provide the Ethics Commission of a list of all signed contracts within days of signing. To date, the Commission has resisted creating a system for electronic filing that would save money and provide substantially improved public access.	Will you sponsor or co-author a measure that requires Ethics to adopt electronic reporting and posting of all Statements of Economic Interest, including those filed at the Department level, and all reporting of signed contracts, by the end of 2013?	Yes	The lack of electronic filing is a little baffling in the 21st century. There is no reason to continue the more expensive and less accessible paper filing system.
10	Pay-to-Play Politics	It is legal to walk into the Mayor's Office or anywhere at City Hall and give campaign contributions, but it is prohibited in Los Angeles, the State Capitol and the Nation's Capitol. It can be a contribution for a candidate or an officeholder's preferred ballot measure or other candidate.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole to ban contributions being made in City offices to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	The workplace of elected officials is no place for collecting contributions. This should be done outside of city property, and on the officials own time not during office hours.
11	Pay-to-Play Politics	Lobbyists are banned from making contributions to candidates and office holders in Los Angeles, and Board Analyst Harvey Rose suggests that San Francisco might consider enacting a similar ban.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole to ban contributions from lobbyists to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	This is a practice that must end. As with the other practices above, pay-to-play electioneering and contract awards increase costs to taxpayers and results in conflicts of interests and unethical behavior.
12	Pay-to-Play Politics	City commissioners and city officers are banned from making contributions or soliciting contributions in Los Angeles, as noted by Board Analyst Harvey Rose. This serves to build public trust that pay-to-play politics are curbed.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole that opens the door to pay-to-play politics as commissioners and city officials make or solicit contributions to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	

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13	Pay-to-Play Politics	San Francisco bans contributions from those seeking city contracts but allows contributions from those seeking city permits for development and other projects. More than 90 percent of all City Hall lobbying is on behalf of those seeking permits.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole to ban contributions from those seeking permit or other approvals and adopting the Los Angeles standard that covers a longer period to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	
14	Pay-to-Play Politics	Last year a state judge recommended that the Recreation and Park Commission adopt a policy prohibiting recommending a specific lobbyist to assist in winning a contract. However, the Commission never acted on this recommendation	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole to ban recommendations of specific lobbyists by any city commissioner or Department official for in all cases involving a prospective contract lobbyist to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	I was outraged when I heard about this instance. This was highly inappropriate. It also leads to public distrust in the Departement.
15	Pay-to-Play Politics	San Francisco does not require all committees active in city elections to disclose the contributions they receive because it does not apply the law to committees formed at the state level like many industry and political organizations. They are free to spend in local candidate and ballot measure campaigns without disclosing their sources of funds	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole so that all funds spent to influence San Francisco candidate and ballot measure elections are publicly disclosed contribute to take take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	These committees are some of best funded, and are in need of disclosure for the public interest. A requirement for disclosure should not be based on where the committee is formed. It should be based on where the money is spent

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16 Cop or Cop-Out?	San Francisco's enforcement when good government laws are violated has been called uneven and arbitrary and even partial to entrenched interests. The Board Budget Analyst Harvey Rose compared enforcement in Los Angeles with San Francisco and found that Los Angeles heard 158% more cases than San Francisco, that Los Angeles dismissed only 19% while San Francisco dismissed 76%, and that Los Angeles issued higher fines. Last year the Civil Grand Jury recommended that the arbitrary application of fines would be lessened if violations fell within a recognized fine range. This year the Ethics Commission said a lack of staff meant it was not sending fines letters to any of the dozens of city officials who failed to comply with public disclosure requirement of their economic interests.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to set fines within a specific range with a provision that fines outside that range be accompanied with a full public explanation for setting aside the guidelines, to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	Enforcement is very arbitrary. The City College instances 5 years ago dealt with tens of thousands of dollars of public money, and was not followed up by Ethics. Yet, Ethics is very quick to collect \$10 fines for minor infractions.
17 Cop or Cop-Out?	In Los Angeles penalties are also allowed for civil actions brought by citizens independent of an Ethics Commission investigation. In San Francisco, penalties can only be imposed as the result of Ethics Commission or court proceedings.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole to allow penalties for civil actions to take effect by July 1, 2013 in time for the next election?	Yes	This is especially needed since Ethics often takes no action.
18 Cop or Cop-Out?	The San Francisco City Attorney may not endorse candidates for office, but due to an oversight, the District Attorney may make endorsements. At the same time, the District Attorney has the authority to investigate and take action against candidates and campaigns, including those opposed to candidates and measures s/he supports.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to close the San Francisco loophole that allows the DA the ability to make endorsements and also conduct investigations into candidates and campaigns?	Yes	This is one of the worse cases of conflict of interest.

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19 Cop or Cop-Out?	The City Attorney does not have the authority to enforce the city's ethics laws but must turn over any investigation to other officials who may or may not take action to enforce the city's laws. The City Attorney also does not have the authority to introduce laws or measures to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration without the approval of the mayor.	Will you sponsor or coauthor a measure to allow the City Attorney to take enforcement actions when violations have occurred, as the City Attorney can do in other civil cases, and allow the City Attorney the authority to propose legislation for the Board's consideration without the mayor's approval?	Yes	The City Attorney can take pro-active action in other areas. This loophole has no justification.
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Additional Information Provided by the Candidate

I am the only candidate in this race with a record of fighting for ethics and transparency while in elected office. I have a record of successful reform that I am proud of as a member of the City College Board.

I first ran for the College Board at the request of Milton Marks, who wanted some help dealing with a corrupt administration. (This is mentioned above in the preamble to the questionnaire.) There are several fights that I led that took several years, because of the power support these officials (who later pleaded guilty to felonies in money laundering) had at City College. They also had the support of Board members.

Here are some of accomplishments in ethics reform at City College:

-- I fought for 8 months to push 3 administrators out of City College. This was difficult, and the administrators resorted to tactics of intimidation against me, Trustee Marks, and Trustee Julio Ramos. But prevailed in the end.

-- After they left, I brought in outside experts to open up the workings of the City College construction program, which was funded by \$750 million of taxpayer-approved bonds.

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The experts and auditors found unethical, and possible criminal, actions that the District Attorney did not. For instance, there was \$40 million of unapproved expenses.

The auditors also discovered unfiled paperwork that filled 60 boxes. This information was hidden from the public.

-- In light of the above discovers, I authored or co-authored more than two dozen policy reforms to add transparency to the process and make the construction program honest and cost efficient.

The last two buildings constructed under my policy forms were on budget. Previous to this, the cost overruns amounted to nearly \$200 million.

-- I also coauthored and pushed for the City College Sunshine Policy. This policy is based on the City's Sunshine Ordinance, and I solicited the help of some of the city's experts. The Sunshine Policy has made City College meeting more accessible to the public, and made City College a more open place.

-- I also helped reform the City College Foundation, working with Terry Otton of the Foundation. The Foundation recently received a clean bill of health from an audit.

-- Finally, over the summer I led the Board of Trustees efforts in addressing the District's accreditation issues. I lead the effort to bring in outside experts to evaluate the District's finances and provide a path forward. Recently the Board approved the Recovery Plan for the accreditation agency, ahead of schedule, and of the problems have already been fixed.

---John Rizzo

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We must also remember that increased fines don't necessarily reduce corruption: they reduce the size of playing field and restrict it to those who can afford and accept the risk of heavy fines. For some candidates in this race, a \$5000 fine can be a drop in the bucket. For a candidate like me, it means my kids' college fund is suddenly empty.

Ethics should be there to keep people in line, not to catch them afterwards. In my industry, which is publishing, we rely on the audit bureau to vet pieces before they go to print. While running for office, you print and mail thousands of pieces and then go to Ethics with the hope that you read the rules correctly before you put your graphic designer to work.

As Supervisor, I would welcome the opportunity to work with watchdog groups such as yourself to bring greater transparency and inclusion to our political process. I look forward to making the kinds of changes that will allow the Board to best serve residents of District 5 and all San Francisco.