

# Candidates for supervisor of District 6



## Elaine Zamora

**Date of birth:** Dec. 12, 1951  
**Date of District 6 residency:** November 2007  
**Occupation:** Attorney (semiretired) and district manager of the North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District  
**What I do best:** Work very hard and smart and able to facilitate collaboration of very diverse people.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My legal experience and law practice business ownership. Also, the many accomplishments achieved for the Tenderloin during running my law office and while running the North of Market/TL CBD.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** I believe it is land use issues. I will engage residents, businesses, property owners, city departments/agencies, developers and any other stakeholders in developing common sense, fair and reasonable land use decisions and solutions for balanced, safe and healthy District 6 neighborhoods.



## George Davis

**Date of birth:** Sept. 17, 1946  
**Date of District 6 residency:** August 1968  
**Occupation:** Writer  
**What I do best:** Listen and act.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have written about and am familiar with San Francisco's political, economic and cultural history. I have owned several real estate agencies and small businesses. ... have demonstrated for a U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, the Free Body Cultural Movement and against the death penalty.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The bullet points of my campaign are:  

- Freedom of expression
- Freedom from censorship
- Free dental, vision and hearing care for seniors.

 My target electoral demographics are "free thinkers" and seniors. Freedom of expression and freedom from censorship are greatly expanded, whether or not I am elected, by the nude walks throughout the city. ... If elected supervisor, my only legislative priority is free dental, vision and hearing care for seniors. ...



## Jim Meko

**Date of birth:** Feb. 13, 1949  
**Date of District 6 residency:** March 1977  
**Occupation:** Printer. I own The Best Impression, a print shop at 366 10th St., with my partner, Roy.  
**What I do best:** 33 years living and working in District 6 has blessed me with a rich network of community contacts to help work out community-based solutions that everyone can live with.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My 10 years as chair of the SoMa Leadership Council and my service as an Entertainment Commissioner since 2003 are very valuable, but the experience most relevant to my candidacy comes from the hundreds of hours of community meetings that I've organized as chair of the Western SoMa Citizens' Planning Task Force. I have learned that what matters the most is our shared vision of creating complete neighborhoods for everyone.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The Board of Supervisors has got to stop talking about pension reform and must act now. This unsustainable cost is resulting in more and more cuts to city services every year. Removing the set asides that now lock up 85% of the budget is another priority so that available funds are distributed more fairly and justly among all departments.

The budget deficit is our most pressing problem. It has priced families out of the Gene Friend Rec Center and forced United Playaz to find a storefront for their safe communities program. ... We can't keep spending money that we don't have. What we do spend must serve the greatest good.

## Nate Payne

**Date of birth:** Jan. 24, 1979  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 2002  
**Occupation:** Small business owner  
**What I do best:** I listen and act on facts not fiction. This allows me to bring people together.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** Growing up in District 6 from a child to an adult and then father, I have seen the good and the bad in District 6 as well as the whole city. ... My experience working and talking with youth and our senior citizens has given me a great amount of wisdom and respect. ... I can and will always remember who I represent, that is the people and businesses of District 6.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The safety of residents and businesses is one of the most important resources needed in District 6. We rely as well as those who visit on being able to walk freely and safely at all hours of the day. I will work with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's Office and with the police to maintain the levels of safety required by our citizens. There is not an option to reduce the safety resources that protect the quality of life we all work so hard for. I will also make sure that the resources allocated for safety and security are efficient and not wasteful.



## Theresa Sparks

**Date of birth:** Declined to state  
**Date of District 6 residency:** August 2009  
**Occupation:** Executive director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission  
**What I do best:** Job creation and human rights advocacy

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I started up, built and managed new businesses for 25 years, primarily in the clean-tech industry, have been president of the Police Commission and executive director of the Human Rights Commission.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The most pressing problems facing District 6 are unemployment, the absence of good jobs, affordable housing and public safety.

As supervisor, I intend to immediately introduce legislation to stimulate growth in our local economy by creating economic zones of innovation for clean tech, high tech and biotech startup companies, encourage developers to create more housing opportunities for low-middle-and working-class residents by offering incentives, and work with the SFPD to not only increase funding for more beat cops on the street but adopt a restorative justice model to first-time offenders instead of immediate incarceration.



## James Keys

**Date of birth:** Nov. 6, 1961  
**Date of District 6 residency:** August 1999  
**Occupation:** Unemployed  
**What I do best:** Advocacy

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My work in the D-6 supervisor's office as a legislative intern, my work on the S.F. Mental Health Board, my past job at Senior Action Network has had me working on health care, children and education, equal rights, balanced budgets, citizenship, ethical corporate leadership, environmental responsibility, secure energy policies and fair trade issues.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** Housing — I want to continue the work in this district that has prioritized the construction of affordable housing and the protection of our existing rental housing stock, especially the SRO hotels. As someone who has lived in affordable housing in the Tenderloin, ... I will work to provide real opportunities for low-income individuals in hotels to improve their quality of life by moving into better housing. This in turn would open up units, which would allow homeless individuals to obtain housing.



## Jane Kim

**Date of birth:** Declined to state  
**Date of District 6 residency:** January 2009  
**Occupation:** Civil rights attorney. Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, and Board of Education president

**What I do best:** Through my work as a community organizer and now as a Board of Education member, I personally understand how effective and smart policy-making, engaging the community, can bring about change that matters in our communities.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I am currently the president of the Board of Education and an attorney for the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Before law school, I was a senior community organizer and Youth Program director at the Chinatown Community Development Center.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6 and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The mantra of our campaign has been making neighborhoods more complete and livable. One of the most exciting things about District 6 is that it is a work in progress. Each of its neighborhoods has its own distinctive needs and assets. Development encompasses everything from job creation and housing to implementing community benefits like transit, schools and innovative use of public space.



## Dean Clark

**Date of birth:** Nov. 10, 1965  
**Date of District 6 residency:** January 2007  
**Occupation:** Special education teacher and business owner  
**What I do best:** Collaboration and communication with others.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have been a teacher and small business owner in San Francisco for years. I have worked in public and private education and I was in the Marine Corps. I attended S.F. State University for a special education credential, City College for early childhood education certificates, and the University of Wisconsin, where I received a bachelor's in Administration with a minor in Economics.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** I plan on working hard to provide affordable housing for all residents. Every citizen deserves a safe and vibrant community. Our police force must focus on violent crimes such as arson, assault, illegal drug trafficking and homicide. Vandalism and graffiti have long been a concern for residents and business owners alike. ... We need good-paying jobs and to get those who are unemployed back to work. Social programs should be supported. Programs like Healthy San Francisco should not be cut.



## Glendon "Anna Conda" Hyde

**Date of birth:** Sept. 18, 1967  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1996  
**Occupation:** Community organizer, drag queen fundraiser  
**What I do best:** I am a champion against the war on fun, gentrification, human rights abuses and community inclusiveness.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** Housing issues are the greatest problem in District 6 by far. Tenants of many SROs must face bedbugs, limited and filthy toilets and showers, drug use and dealing, as well as lack of common space. To combat these issues we must ensure that all SRO buildings have wraparound services that include front desk attendees, fair visitor policies, the ability to hold landlords accountable for their actions and building issues, and many other needs of the community. ... Shelters are not the answer for helping those with mental health issues and we need funding to help these individuals to find care instead of leaving them on the streets to injure others.



## Debra Walker

**Date of birth:** April 23, 1953  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1981  
**Occupation:** Artist/Small businesswoman  
**What I do best:** Working with individuals and communities to create solutions that work for all of us.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have worked and lived in District 6 for over 25 years and during that time I have fought to make our neighborhoods a better, safer place for tenants, families and small business. ... I've been a land use activist for decades ... participating in every planning discussion in this district and I was particularly active in shaping the recent Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning plan. ... I will use my experience with land use gained as a Building Inspection Commissioner to guarantee we are building adequate affordable housing and complete neighborhoods that serve us all.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** It's difficult to zero in on one, but land use and development. Over the past 10 years, District 6 has seen more development than anywhere else and we anticipate much more to come. As old uses like light industry diminish, we must address current needs, like housing. We must also make sure that we foster our economic engine to produce goods and create jobs and revenue. As supervisor, I will use my vast land use experience to ensure that development brings real community benefits (like open space), provides affordable housing for individuals AND families, protects small business and doesn't destroy our neighborhoods.



## Matt Ashe

**Date of birth:** Feb. 17, 1965  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1996  
**Occupation:** Union stagehand and multi-source technician  
**What I do best:** Contract enforcement and on-site negotiations

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have worked as a union member/supervisor at IATSE for the past 18 years. During that time I've learned to balance management's budgetary concerns while simultaneously protecting workers' rights and wages.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** As a 20-year resident of San Francisco I've seen dramatic and devastating changes to the San Francisco community: educational, law enforcement and park budgets slashed, profligate spending by our municipalities, tolerant S.F. citizens pushed to the brink and small businesses plagued by a myriad of permits and escalating fees.

**Candidates responded to a Central City Extra questionnaire. Candidate h. brown declined to participate, and George Vazhappally did not respond. Matt Ashe did not want his photo used, and Nate Payne's photo was unretrievable by our computers. Candidates' order was based on design considerations.**

### District 6

Where the candidates live

- 1 Ashe, Matt  
95 McCoppin #407
- 2 brown, h.  
44 McAllister #415
- 3 Clark, Dean  
345 Fulton #22
- 4 Davis, George  
422 Valencia St. #310
- 5 Drake, Matt  
855 Folsom St. #909
- 6 Hyde, Glendon "Anna Conda"  
4 Jennifer Place
- 7 Kim, Jane  
1655 Mission St. #431
- 8 Keys, James  
270 Turk St. #208
- 9 Meko, Jim  
364 10th St.
- 10 Payne, Nate  
225 King St. #501
- 11 Sparks, Theresa  
601 Van Ness Ave. #746
- 12 Vazhappally, George  
363 Avenue C
- 13 Walker, Debra  
540 Alabama St. #217
- 14 Zamora, Elaine  
118 Jones St.