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# **VOTE LONDON BREED FOR SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR ON JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**



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# LONDON BREED FOR MAYOR

## *Editorial*

By Amelia Ashley-Ward

**I**t Is With Great Pleasure That The Sun-Reporter Endorses London Breed For Mayor Of San Francisco.

Twice-elected SF Board of Supervisors President, Breed was unanimously chosen by her peers because of her political intellect and leadership. We agree with them and believe that she is without a doubt the best person for the Mayor's job as well.

Breed showed composure, strength and leadership when she immediately became Mayor after the untimely death of Mayor Ed Lee last December.

Breed kept the City together and demonstrated that she was a great fit for the office. But then she was fired and double-crossed by members of her board. They claimed that she had too much power as Board President and Mayor and that she would have the upper hand while being a candidate for the seat. They accused Breed of being a puppet for rich white men - then they put in a rich white man to replace her. That surely backfired and outraged voters because the people are much wiser than the politicians think.

We must still reject and resent the Supervisors for the unfair power play and backroom deal against Breed. Let's elect the Breed Mayor, because she is the best candidate for the



**Breed and Sun-Reporter Publisher Amelia Ashley-Ward**

job. The 43-year-old Breed, born and raised in this City by her grandmother in the ghetto, is nobody's puppet. In fact, a major complaint is that she is stubborn as hell and won't bend until she weighs an issue out for herself. Right or wrong, she is her own person and is willing to live with the consequences of her decisions.

We have been watching this race over the past four months, and Breed is demonstrating that she is the best candidate for Mayor. She's shared her platform on homelessness, education, mental health, crime, housing and transportation.

She has received key endorsements from Senator Kamala Harris, Congresswomen Barbara Lee and Jackie Speier, Former Congresswoman and gun control lobbyist Gabby Giffords and Political Strategist Donna Brazile.

The polls have Breed leading, and her opponents are now desperately trying to stop her momentum. Last week the number two and three mayoral candidates, Former State Senator Mark Leno and Supervisor Jane Kim, joined forces and asked voters to make them their number one and two choices only. Its great Breed

has a record and the trust of so many voters that she doesn't have to resort to mediocrity. In fact, in the interest of electing who we feel is the best person for the job, we urge our readers to vote only for London Breed and no one else in your rank choice voting.

Let's vote in record numbers on June 5. Let's show all that racism, sexism and classism will not be tolerated in this mayoral campaign and in this progressive City.

**Please join the Sun-Reporter in supporting London Breed for Mayor of San Francisco.**

# Meet London

*Board of Supervisors President London Breed recently served as Acting Mayor, leading San Francisco following the tragic passing of Mayor Edwin Lee.*

**L**ondon first won election to the Board of Supervisors in November 2012. In January of 2015, her colleagues elected her President of the Board. She was re-elected as District 5 Supervisor in November 2016 and unanimously re-elected as Board President two months later.

London is a native San Franciscan, raised by her grandmother in Plaza East Public Housing in the Western Addition. She graduated with honors from Galileo High School and attended the University of California, Davis, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Service with a minor in African American Studies. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

A Record of Serving San Franciscans

Before her election as District 5 Supervisor, London served as Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex in the Western Addition for over a decade, transforming the struggling center into a vital, financially-



stable community resource that provides after school arts and cultural programs for youth and seniors. She also served as a San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commissioner for five years and in 2010 was appointed by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom to be a San Francisco Fire Commissioner, where she served until her election to the Board of Supervisors.

London has dedicated her entire adult life to serving our communities and improving the City's housing, environment, public safety, transportation, and quality of life.

London has passed legislation to increase housing along transit corridors and prioritize

neighborhood residents for the affordable homes in their community. She helped transform unused public housing units into homes for homeless families, and is leading the effort to renovate thousands more. London has fought for more navigation centers for the homeless and launched a task force to study if safe injection facilities can help IV drug users off the streets and into treatment. She is also working on improving mental health services for all San Franciscans.

In 2014, London tackled the City's ambulance response crisis, improving safety for everyone, and cutting ambulance response times by over 26%. She has fought for more police



officers, and passed a complete overhaul of the City's graffiti policies, as well as first-in-the-country legislation to protect music and nightlife venues.

London passed the strongest Styrofoam ban in the country, as well as drug take-back legislation that has kept over 40 tons of medical waste out of the Bay and landfills. She spearheaded San Francisco's clean electrical energy program, CleanPowerSF, which

is the City's most important climate change effort, projected to cut more than 940K tons of CO<sub>2</sub> each year while reducing energy costs. London passed legislation to replace hundreds of Muni buses and the entire fleet of Muni trains, creating a more reliable, quieter, and faster Muni. And she has consistently advocated for safe streets for all users, whether on the bus, a bike, car, or on foot.

# LONDON BREED FOR MAYOR



San Francisco Board of Supervisors President and Mayoral Candidate London Breed received support recently from former United States Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. Giffords, a gun control advocate, is a shooting survivor. Pictured above at a fundraiser for Breed are Giffords, Breed and Giffords' husband Mark Kelly.



San Francisco Mayoral hopeful and Board of Supervisors President London Breed has received the endorsements of United States Congresswoman Barbara Lee of Alameda County and U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier of San Mateo County. Both powerful leaders applauded Breed's record on homelessness, affordable housing, quality education and most importantly her service as Acting Mayor during the untimely death of Mayor Ed Lee. Breed has also received endorsements from U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and Political Strategist Donald Brazile.

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United States Senator Kamala Harris has endorsed Breed



President Barack Obama with Breed



Breed with community activists

# LONDON BREED FOR MAYOR



# BREED SPEAKS OUT

By *Lauren Poteat*

**1. Whether you win or lose, have you considered the kind of precedent your run for SF Mayor will make on future generations to come?**

I never thought I could become Mayor. Seeing my name on the ballot the other day when I voted was something I never imagined. Someone at the time asked me how I felt in that moment; it was a bit surreal. I am proof that no dream is too big. There will be obstacles and setbacks but each voice is powerful. We need more voices in politics from people who come from different experiences.

I grew up in poverty in San Francisco public housing. I was raised by my grandmother Ms. Brown, a strict disciplinarian who required my siblings and me to do our homework and make our beds each day. My teachers supported me and showed me that I could go on to attend college. The people at my first job at the Mayor's Youth Employment and Training Program taught me important skills and also encouraged me to go to college. With the help of these mentors, I earned my bachelor's degree from UC Davis and eventually my master's degree from the University of San Francisco. For ten years, I ran the African American Art & Culture Complex, and transformed a failing center into a thriving haven for hundreds of youth. We saved lives at that center. I knew that I wanted to accomplish that on

a greater scale and that's why I'm running for mayor.

All of these experiences have shaped who I am and have allowed me to make better policy decisions. Every time someone stands up for what they believe in and are willing to work hard for something, it gives others permission to do the same. In the last two years, we have seen a tremendous shift in what we accept as status quo. So when you ask me what precedent I hope to set for the next generation, it would be that. I hope that young people, no matter where they come from, what they look like, or how much money they make are inspired to rise up and make sure their voices are heard; because each and every one of us-- counts.

**2. What has the millennial response been to your campaign?**

I am inspired every day by the outpouring of support from millennials, and encouraged by their desire to become involved in our democratic process and have their voice heard on the policies that impact our city.

Many of my campaign staff and all of our Fellows are millennials who are committed to actively participating in the future of our city. Our campaign has registered hundreds of new voters just in the past couple of months, many of who just turned 18.

One of the greatest attributes of millennials is their willingness to challenge convention, to push back on conventional

thinking, to find solutions on the hardest issues we face as a city. I had the honor of introducing one of the student speakers at the San Francisco March for Our Lives. I was inspired by the students who participated in a national day of anti-gun violence, mobilizing millions of people across America and throughout the world by using Facebook, Twitter and other social media. These students are fearless, articulate, and ready to fight for the things they care about. It's important for all of us, no matter which generation we come from, to galvanize our efforts to make San Francisco a better place.

The young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, and we need to give them the opportunities to change our world for the better. They have already started and I welcome them as part of my campaign.

**3. Assuming you win, what major policies/projects would you like to put into place when it comes to securing the future for millennials?**

We have a booming economy and an unemployment rate below 3%--one of the lowest in the country. But we also have a large number of people who feel left out of, or worse, pushed out by our own economic success. A recent study found that more than three-quarters of tech jobs, one of our largest industries, are held by men, and African Americans and Latinos represent only 5% of the workforce. The technol-



**SF Board of Supervisors President, London Breed**  
ogy industry is creating world-class companies, innovating and designing products the rest of us use every day but we cannot call that work a success if women, and people of color are excluded from it.

As mayor, I will challenge the tech industry and other sectors like healthcare and even the City, UCSF, the School District, and Wells Fargo to do a better job of hiring and promoting women, LGBT, and people of color.

We must confront the tragic dichotomy of homeless people suffering right at the feet of multi-billion dollar company headquarters.

I want to create a San Francisco where no one is forced or allowed to sleep on the street; where we help prevent people from falling into homelessness in the first place by preserving affordable housing and helping tenants stay in their homes; where we expand our navigation center shelter system and build modular homes to house people as quickly as possible; and where we make the tough investments in mental health

and substance treatment to get people the support they need.

First, we need affordable places for people to live. From 2010 to 2015, one home was built for every eight new eight jobs created. It's a consequence of city policies that make it extremely difficult to build homes. And it's no surprise rents and home prices have skyrocketed as a result. I am committed to changing that and building at least 5,000 new homes each year.

We also need to connect the dots between the students of today and the jobs of tomorrow. We need to build bridges for our students with employers, unions, and industries early on, help them secure internships, apprenticeships and mentorships, and ensure they have access to the classes they need to excel in their chosen field. We also need training and placements for students interested in the blue collar jobs of the future; San Francisco can, and must, still be a center of manufacturing, building, and design.

**As Mayor, I will work with the private sector to get real commitments for internships and jobs for our students. We have extremely talented students right here in our own backyard and we need to help them transition into skilled local professions, whether in information technology, public safety, banking, building and other trades, city jobs, service, healthcare, or whatever the future may hold for our local economy.**

# ON JUNE 5, VOTE **LONDON BREED**

*A Mayor for All San Franciscans*

London Breed was born in the Western Addition, and raised by her grandmother.

London was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2012 and re-elected in 2016. Her colleagues have twice elected her Board President.

As Acting Mayor following the tragic death of Mayor Ed Lee, London led our city through a stable transition and put the city on track to address critical issues such as housing, homelessness, and public safety.



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