

Drug Use and Treatment

While the overdose and drug contamination crises have moved some politicians to discuss the importance of harm reduction services, our local and statewide laws and budgets still prioritize punishment rather than a public health response to drug use. For over 50 years, the criminalization of drugs and of people who use and sell drugs has failed to curtail drug use and substance use disorder; the policy has also led to the arrest, punishment, and imprisonment of hundreds of thousands of people — a majority of whom are people of color — and limited resources for education, treatment, economic empowerment, housing, and other social services outside the criminal legal system.

If elected or reelected to the City Council, will you support curtailing law enforcement responses to drug use, ending arrests for personal possession and small sales of all drugs, and instead implementing a public health referral response based on human rights?

At Large

- Alejandra St. Guillen: Yes
- Althea Garrison: No response
- Annissa Essaibi-George: See full response
- David Halbert: Yes
- Domingos Darosa: No response
- Erin Murphy: No response
- Herb Lozano: No response
- Jeffrey Ross: No response
- Julia Mejia: Yes
- Martin Keogh: No response
- Michael Flaherty: No
- Michel Denis: Yes
- Michelle Wu: Yes
- Priscilla Flint-Banks: Yes
- William King: No response

District 1

- Lydia Edwards: Yes

District 2

- Ed Flynn: No response

District 3

- Frank Baker: No response

District 4

- Andrea Campbell: No response

District 5

- Alkia Powell: Yes

- Cecily Graham: Yes
- Jean-Claude Sanon: No response
- Justin Murad: No response
- Maria Farrell: No response
- Mimi Turchinetz: Yes
- Ricardo Arroyo: Yes
- Yves Jean: No response

District 6

- Matt O'Malley: No response

District 7

- Kim Janey: Yes
- Roy Owens, Sr.: No response
- Valerie Rust: No response

District 8

- H el ene Vincent: Yes
- Jennifer Nassour: No response
- Kenzie Bok: Yes
- Kristen Mobilia: See full response
- Landon Lemoine: No response
- Montez Haywood: Yes

District 9

- Amanda Smart: Yes
- Brandon Bowser: Yes
- Craig Cashman: Yes
- Daniel Daly: See full response
- Jonathan Allen: Yes
- Lee Nave, Jr.: Yes
- Liz Breadon: Yes

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