

**“As a candidate, do you believe San Francisco's government has a systemic corruption problem? Or do you believe these were just a few bad apples? As mayor, what would you do to reduce corruption and what makes you uniquely suited to do so?”**

London Breed

It is imperative that City business is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and with the utmost integrity. Nothing is more important than the trust the public has in its government. The overwhelming number of city employees and city contractors are doing good work to support our city and our residents, and I value their work and commitment to public service. Early in my time in office, we were hit with a corruption scandal as part of an investigation by the federal government. At the time, I directed all city employees to work cooperatively with the investigation and asked the Controller and City Attorney to initiate a public reform process to prevent this kind of behavior from occurring again.

Since that time, we've instituted over 60 reforms recommended by the Controller and City Attorney. I've issued seven good government directives to shore up accountability, transparency and contracting procedures. We've changed laws and I authored a ballot measure to reform our waste management rate setting process, which is now operating with more transparency.

With these procedures in place, we've been able to identify when non-profits and contractors violate our laws, which has led to 14 contractors being debarred from doing business with the city. We've been able to redirect \$30 million in funding away from these organizations to contractors who are doing a good job delivering services. We've recovered \$100 million from Recology for ratepayers.

While we've made progress, this work never stops. Last month I introduced new legislation to further tighten our rules around non-profit contracting, including:

- Provide additional oversight, accountability, transparency and controls on City contractors and grantees.
- Ensure that public funds are awarded fairly and managed effectively
- Protect public funds from being misused for improper purposes such as political activity or lobbying City officials or bringing costly and burdensome lawsuits against the City itself.

In addition to this legislation, I introduced an Executive Directive to effectively implement new laws and strengthen oversight under existing laws by

- Standardizing contracting practices across departments
- Providing fair processes for selecting grantees
- Guiding departments in monitoring grantee performance,
- Better retaining records to allow for effective audits and investigations.

This is the work we must do and will continue to do. And we have had an open and collaborative relationship with the federal government, including the US Attorney's Office. I've worked closely with them particularly on bringing in unprecedented federal resources to combat drug dealing in our city. I value their partnership in any and all matters.

Mark Farrell

Mayor Breed accepted over \$5,000 in gifts from disgraced former Director of Public Works Mohammed Nuru who was indicted by the FBI and convicted of public corruption. Some of her

closest friends and allies, and now her signature initiative as Mayor, are under investigation for potential fraud, waste, and misuse of taxpayer resources.

Starting on Day One, I will bring new transparency and accountability to City Hall. I will centralize all third-party non profit contracts under the City Administrator's Office to reduce fraud and waste, while bringing greater accountability. I'm also committed to making City services digital by default within two years to increase transparency and accessibility for all of our residents.

The buck will always stop with me as Mayor, and I will set the tone and direction for the type of results and behavior I expect.

### Daniel Lurie

It's clear there is a systemic corruption problem in our city. City Hall insiders have created a culture of lawlessness in San Francisco. Be it open-air drug markets, organized retail theft, or reckless driving, they've sent a message that misdeeds don't have consequences in San Francisco anymore — because their own seldom do.

Public officials are responsible for enforcing our laws. When they themselves engage in corrupt practices—like accepting bribes, laundering campaign funds, or engaging in cronyism—it erodes public trust and sets a dangerous precedent. Their misconduct sends a signal: that unethical behavior is tolerated and even rewarded, leading to a cascading effect of dishonesty and disregard for the rules.

The lack of accountability fosters an environment where transparency is absent, and the voices of ordinary citizens are drowned out by the interests of the insider machine. This not only hampers effective governance but also discourages civic engagement, as residents lose faith in their government. It is imperative to address these issues head-on and implement stringent ethics reforms to restore integrity and trust in our city's leadership. Through my City Hall Accountability Plan and Ethics Agenda, I will:

- Close the slush fund loophole and prevent money laundering in campaigns.
- Fully fund the San Francisco Ethics Commission.
- Increase scrutiny of officials with past misconduct for two election cycles.
- Restructure the bureaucracy by centralizing contract management.
- Develop a transparent Contractor Scorecard to track contracts over \$1,000,000.
- Require large nonprofit representatives to register as lobbyists.
- End corrupt pay-to-play permitting and reform the Department of Building Inspection.

The City Hall insiders I'm running against are molded by a system that rewards infighting and corruption rather than working together to deliver results. I am the only candidate who will dramatically reshape the bureaucracy, clean out the rot of corruption and hold every department accountable to delivering measurable results.

### Aaron Peskin

San Francisco has a corruption problem that has become systemic because we have never had a systemic approach for combating corruption. That is why I authored Prop C to create the national gold standard for combating corruption, waste and fraud: an Office of the Inspector

General in the Controller's Office. As Mayor I would help to establish that new office to aggressively investigate and expose corruption. I am not just doing this because I am running for mayor. Prop C builds on my 25-year record fighting corruption. Most recently I forced Recology to refund over \$120 million in intentional over-charges back to small businesses and residents.