



Luis Zamora - *Ride the Vote!*

2024 SF Community College Board candidate questionnaire

1. What office are you running for?

Community College Board Trustee

2. What is your name?

Luis Zamora

3. Do you have a section on your website about public transit, transportation, or mobility? If so, please provide a link.

No.

4. How do you usually get around San Francisco? Please tell us when and why you use cars, trains, Muni buses, bikes, walking, wheelchairs, or any other mode you frequently use for transportation.

I do not own a vehicle by choice, so I use a mixture of public transportation, bay wheels, rideshares, and walking with Muni and BART being my main source of transport.

5. How often do you ride public transit?

Every day (usually twice a day).

6. If elected, what would your top transportation priorities be? This can include priorities related to public transit, active transportation, driving, or any other mode of transportation.

As a CCSF Trustee, we would not have jurisdiction over transportation legislation, but I would explore making transportation for students more accessible and free or severely discounted.

7. San Francisco's [Transit First Policy](#) applies to all officers, boards, commissions, and departments of the city and county, and states that within San Francisco, travel by public transit, by bicycle and on foot must be an attractive alternative to travel by private automobile. How will you use your position to advance the Transit First Policy for people commuting to and from City College?

By practicing what we preach. I already incorporate this in my everyday way of life. I will continue to do so as an elected official setting an example for others.

8. How can City College help make access to campus easier for people who cannot or do not drive?

As mentioned above, by working with stakeholders to make transportation for students free or virtually free. I also support daylighting, and protected bike lanes. When I attended community college, having a car was a privilege most students did not have. I believe accessing education should not have barriers for anyone who seeks it, whether it be for transfer track students or life-long learners.

9. Earlier this year, the City College Board of Trustees approved a [Green New Deal for City College](#), which calls for City College to "promote mass transit methods, including free public transit for students," but sets no specific benchmarks toward achieving that goal. How can public transit help meet City College's climate goals? Should City College set more specific transportation goals to encourage bus ridership over cars and reduce carbon emissions?

I do think we need to set more concrete benchmarks. I would advocate for reducing private vehicle use to school by 20% within the next 5 years. I would also work to increase students use public transit and other modes like biking to 25% within the next few years. We can do this by expanding transit pass programs, following through with proposed bike lane additions, and integrating a student transit plan for each student when they onboard, ensuring that all options are considered. To reduce the dependency on parking, I would also explore dynamic parking pricing to discourage private vehicle use, but understand the need to maintain a balance for our students who can only use a vehicle to get to classes – in instances of financial hardship, I believe financial waivers could be applied to balance out the dynamic pricing.

10. What role do you think law enforcement, fare enforcement, community ambassadors, and private security should play, if any, in patrolling the transit lines that serve City College?

I think this is a much larger issue that SFMTA needs to address but I would be a willing partner in trying to find a solution that keeps our students safe while removing barriers.

11. A [1993 ballot measure](#) made it official city policy that all elected city officials must ride Muni or other public transit to work at least twice a week. If elected, how closely will you abide by this policy?

I already follow this by nature of my day-to-day, so I will be in compliance.

12. Students are working to get fare free student transit passes for all students at City College. This year, City College [received discretionary funding](#) from Senator Padilla (Dem-CA) to start a transit pass pilot program. To fully fund fare free passes, City College will need to find additional funding. Do you support using the funding remaining from past years of the Free City funds to offer fare free transit passes for students who live in San Francisco? What other funding pathways should City College pursue to provide transit passes for all students?

Yes, I support those efforts. I would also try to partner with our state level elected officials to see if we can add a carve out to the 2026 Transportation Bond Measure to secure funding for free transportation to Bay Area community college students.

13. Did you support the SFMTA's [Frida Kahlo Way Quick-Build Project](#), which will remove some curb parking spaces to add pedestrian safety improvements and bike lanes on Frida Kahlo Way and Judson Avenue? Why or why not?

I was not a part of the Board of Trustees when this vote was taken, but I would have been a yes vote for it. In keeping with CCSF's Green New Deal resolution, improving modes of transportation for students to attend college, I believe these improvements are part of that larger goal.

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