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SFDCC Short Answer Questions on Issues

1.

Homelessness is OUR ISSUE:

We cannot continue to blindly subsidize homelessness in San Francisco. We've all heard the comparisons. The dirtiness and hazardous street environment is on par with third world countries. The wealth disparity is compared to that of Rwanda. Our homeless cannot continue to live in tent cities and under freeway overpasses. We need to get them help, mental health attention, placements and into permanent housing. We don't have enough public bathrooms. As a consequence, our streets are being treated as public bathrooms. Mental health is a serious threat to derail the homeless from getting themselves into a better living situation. Homelessness is not a 10,000 people problem. I believe homeless problem is closer to 15,000-plus unaccounted homeless epidemic. All people deserve the dignity of having an opportunity to get back on their feet.

My Solution:

Eliminate navigation centers that do not work nor attract homeless placements. Case managers are already stretched thin. We need to immediately and deliberately get these individuals support services. The city needs to partner with SF based companies willing to provide proper resources to them. I believe we need to concentrate block by block, on a case by case, basis to identify these homeless individuals, log them into a system and begin the hard work of connecting them to family and leads that would get them off the streets compassionately. I would ask the Board of Supervisors, with the potential extra \$380 million from the Our City, Our Home ballot proposition bond, to solely use the monies for basic human services, mental health services, relocation services and permanent housing assignments. We have to creatively find ways to house the homeless. Churches and denominations should be a part of this dialogue.

2.

The tech industry has become the single biggest driver and industry behind this push. San Francisco is losing its diversity of sectors, cultures and communities of color. While there is a lack of new affordable housing, the city continues to approve plans for developers to build new units out of the price range of many San Franciscans. Elected officials are looking to fast-track housing units taller than 3 stories in residential areas. Demand is outweighing supply. I would ask the City Hall and Supervisors to sponsor and support legislation that we allow for more than the 12% affordable housing stock for new building units fewer than 25 units. And for new developments that have 25 units or more,

Prop C (2016) is supposed to allow for 18-20% affordable housing. The Planning Department and Controller's Office must study any zoning changes adopted or considered within each district accordingly.

3.

Affordable housing means that housing needs should be met with having the rental and housing stock increase at an extraordinary rate where renters cannot afford to stay in a unit. Affordable housing means that everyday working San Franciscans have the means to remain in San Francisco with the support of rent control and without the constant threats of raising illegal, unaffordable rental practices by greedy landlords. According to San Francisco housing and planning standards, affordable housing is defined for the low income to middle-class income. If we are building more market rate housing, we have to ensure that minorities are able to find housing to remain in SF. I do believe that current AMI levels should be redefined. If someone is making less than \$117,000, it is considered and qualifies as low-income in San Francisco. That is insane and I am not sure how to address this.

4.

While bureaucrats and compromised elected officials are eager to change zoning laws to benefit their developer friends, I think it is a mistake to allow housing units to be built up to between 5 stories like that of the failed SB827 . That is not the Sunset. This is not what we want. My family grew up in the Sunset. It was a real neighborhood of single-family Doelger and Rousseau homes where families knew and supported each other. I support having a compromised measure where residents look to allow new units to exceed the 3 stories limit only along the Irving, Judah and Taraval traffic/ merchant corridors. I will not allow developers and land speculators dictate the future of the Sunset and Parkside. I propose that the residents of District 4 organize and mobilize to start a homeowners association. This gives us leverage to stand up to any new height proposal. Let's stand together to keep the Sunset family friendly!

5.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

We must fight to keep housing affordable. This issue should not pit homeowners against renters. Demand heavily outweighs supply in SF. Homes in the District 4 are becoming unaffordable for new, young families. We must explore ways to creatively build more units without displacing residents from existing housing. While bureaucrats and compromised elected officials are eager to change zoning laws to benefit their developer friends, I think it is a mistake to allow housing units to be built up to 8 stories. That is not the Sunset. This is not what we want. My family grew up in the Sunset. It was a real neighborhood of single-family Doelger and Rousseau homes where families knew and supported each other. I support having a compromised measure where residents look to allow new units to exceed the 3 stories limit only along the Irving, Judah and Taraval traffic/ merchant corridors. I will not allow developers and land speculators dictate the future of the Sunset and Parkside. I propose that the residents of District 4 organize and

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NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS FOR OUR KIDS:

As your Supervisor, I will fight to enact policies and help elect school board members who value local public education, keeping our children close to home and our teachers here in the city. The San Francisco Unified School District continues to choose other priorities while struggling local families send their children out of the neighborhood and all across the city everyday to schools. Lotteries put students at a geographic disadvantage, putting more pressure on parents and students to travel across the city. Recent studies have also shown that the lotteries don't necessarily make certain schools racially diverse. The school designation and assignment leaves our children's educational future in the wrong direction. It is just another challenge for struggling families as we unite to ensure that our children have the best possible chance to attend local schools. Let's unite to fight for local schools for kids in District 4!

QUALITY OF LIFE AND A BETTER SUNSET:

Imagine a Sunset and Parkside District where MUNI is reliable and transit lines connect District 4 to Downtown without delays. Our leaders should be fighting for District 4 residents on a daily basis. Yet SFMTA continues to ignore small businesses and resident input on Taraval St. by painting curbs red and eliminating parking spaces that are vital to local residents and mom & pop shops. Power lines are an eye sore and PG & E should partner with the City to explore running some wires along the certain streets underground. Car breaks-ins and property crimes happen near Ocean Beach. Our safety is in question.

6.

San Francisco is a world-class city with third- world problems. The bureaucrats in our city love to have excuses. San Francisco needs to address homelessness. San Francisco needs to address the lack of affordable housing crisis while it continues to promote large developments that the rich can only afford. San Francisco needs to address and fix the problems we have and not create legislation that is meaningless. DPW has not lived up to its goals. Our streets are dirty and it's clear that San Francisco's reputation is taking a major hit. The tourists will tell us. We need to immediately tackle dirty streets. High pressure hosing is a short-term fix. The city needs to come up with a plan to clean all major and commercial corridors. Our budget is over \$11 billion and we have more than enough to make this city functional.

As much as the tech industry has been an economic driver for San Francisco, it has contributed greatly to the polarizing gentrification, loss of small mom & pop businesses that have culturally given San Francisco its neighborhood feel. It is creating a larger rift of wealth disparity than that of any large city in the country has ever seen. We need to support a broad sector of industries to have a vibrant, thriving workforce that embraces

diversity and acceptance. The City is becoming desensitized to what is going on, on a ground floor, street-to-street level. San Francisco's budget has increased by \$937 million this past year to \$11.05 billion. That is more than enough to support public services for our residents. That is not happening. We need to ask the tech industry to give back and impact their local neighborhoods and districts the right way. There is an estimated 650 SF-based companies that gross more than \$25 million annually. Their company and corporate leadership should be asked to support partnerships to build the necessary infrastructure to maintain city services. There should be no more tech tax breaks. I look forward to working collaboratively with the industries to ensure that San Francisco does not lose its identity as a beacon of opportunity for the everyday people.

7.

I think it's important that we continue to challenge our government to be leaders in public and alternative transportation. Investment of our infrastructure should be prioritized. The City seems plagued with constant traffic congestion and poor urban planning. If we look at how SFMTA is has bungled its new rail systems and stops recently, it is a microcosm of the lack of scope and vision this agency possesses. We are a world-class city that lacks a broad and effective transportation plan. Although alternative transportation is encouraged, bicycle lanes and sharrows still need to be added. It was a tragic reminder when Mr. Kevin Manning, a pedicab driver, was killed recently. Our streets are dangerous for drivers, riders, and pedestrians. Designated red zone lanes for buses are affecting local businesses. Lyft, Uber and scooter companies are affecting our transportation plan and there are tremendous strains on our streets. If I am Supervisor, I will be a leader in advocating for more bicycle lanes and sharrows. I would not give rideshare companies any breaks and ask that they re-invest in San Francisco's transportation programs and needs. SFMTA should be held to a higher standard.