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**What San Francisco street/intersection would you choose for an epic street party and why?**

Mission Street, the underappreciated stepbrother of Market that if one follows it, can end up in Gilroy. It'd be a great street to do Sunday Streets from San Francisco to San José or even a modified Bay to Breakers ending at John Daly and Skyline boulevards.

**Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of:**

At this time, I have not officially sought endorsements.

**What are the top three issues you will work on, and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner? (1250 character limit)**

Address a reduction in fares, starting with the roll out of reduced midday and late night fares for all, a means tested BART fare that would be lower for those below a particular income that is still revenue sustaining, and an introduction of free fares for disabled, seniors and youth to the BART system.

Develop a plan to ensure any new train lines are capable of 24 hour service, skip stop service when right of way is available, and that achieve capacity enhancements in the core of the BART system (San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley).

Develop a space utilization program that increases the use of vacant space in stations to place more eyes on station corridors without increasing police presence, create supportive services in station areas that attract houseless individuals or people seeking shelter from the elements or to hide drug use, and prioritize all underutilized land on BART property for affordable housing, workforce housing, homeless and drug prevention services, and appropriate revenue generating retail or office space with new parking only built vertically and to support these capital priorities.

**What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?**

San Francisco LGBT Pride, California State Democratic Party Assemblymember Delegation, UC Berkeley Studies Student Association

**What local and state commissions and policy bodies have you served on -- currently or in the past?**

Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee, SFRA Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee, City College/San Francisco Community College District Board, Student Senate for California Community Colleges, DPH Special Programs for Youth Community Advisory Board

**Do you support San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS) fully divesting from fossil fuels within three years and holding SFERS accountable at the ballot if they do not divest?** Yes

**Have you signed up for CleanPowerSF?**

**Do you support California Prop 10 that repeals the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act?**

Yes

**Do you support renewing SFPD's involvement with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force?**

No

**Do you support congestion pricing for the downtown core? Yes**

**San Francisco suffers a continued affordability and housing crisis. Please explain how you think this crisis should be addressed (in general), then list actionable concrete steps you would take, if elected, to move toward those solutions. Include an explanation of whose interests you will prioritize.**

A tax on vacant rental units is needed. A directly elected Rent Board could be beneficial for tenants. The proposition that just passed to provide legal counsel for tenants facing eviction is critical. Classes on what to do in this situation for the public would be beneficial. I have lived in a bank controlled rental unit for five years. They have tried to evict me and I have fought it successfully thus far.

It is difficult to understand what coalitions are supporting what in this fight, but I am in the side of tenants. I've been one my whole life. My mom as well.

Repeal of Costa Hawkins, creation of a regional body like the MTC to govern housing that is directly elected in the 9 county Bay Area, and a vacancy tax are all policy steps. I am committed to joining the PAC that moves these.

**Voters approved Measure RR in November 2016 to give BART \$3.5 billion in bond funding to address the most critical safety projects and improve system reliability and service. As you speak to voters during this campaign, what do you tell them you see as the most important projects to BART riders? Are these projects currently funded by Measure RR?**

Relieving overcrowding, accessibility improvements and repairs to tunnel and track are critical whether sexy to riders or not. These are definitely funded by Measure RR. Safety barriers to prevent people from obstructing the tracks and closing parts of the right of way to trespassers are likely one of the major delays in day to day service that could be addressed in future revenue bonds.

**How do you understand the impacts of the Supreme Court ruling of Janus v. AFSCME on BART's labor force? Will you support organized labor during the next set of negotiations? How do you envision that support looking like? (Please answer all three questions.)**

I support organized labor's right to organize. I would be happy to explore what can be done at the state or local level to protect labor's right to organize under this decision. I also support ensuring that my role as Labor negotiator as a BART director puts worker rights first. My mom

was an SEIU shop steward. My mom was TWU Local 250A president. I am committed to the rights of workers.

**How would you advance equitable public safety? How do you envision police reform within BART's policing services? How do you envision working with BART Police Citizen Review Board? (Please answer all three questions.)**

Equitable public safety is advanced by ensuring that all people riding BART are provided the same experience. This would mean that BART officers should learn to approach riders with civility, greeting passengers, and acting in a manner they would like to see from their riders. Police should be trained to not racially profile their riders. The force should work to diversify its force to ensure it is representative of the ethnic, racial and gender composition of the Bay Area. The police force should also already live in the Bay Area. Recruiting could be done in local high schools and community colleges.

BART Police needs to define its mission. It should be developed in concert with the community. There should be great interaction between the independent Observer responsible for reviewing police practices and the citizen review board.

As a Board Member, I would hope to hear regular reports from the review board and determine how to incorporate their recommendations into Board apologies that govern the police force.

**Please explain your position on maintaining and improving BART's infrastructure, specifically whether you support expanding BART's service throughout the Bay Area versus focus on supporting BART's existing core system. How would you pay for expansions and core system support, given that Measure RR funds are allocated to set projects? (Please answer both questions.)**

The core system needs to be strengthened before any more expansions beyond the urban core. The core includes Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco.

Expansions should be paid for by another measure levied upon the five counties that currently have BART service, congestion management programs on regional freeways, a few levied upon transportation networking companies to be directed back into BART and local transit agencies, and possible coordination with any state programs to fund a high speed rail link between the East Bay and San Francisco Peninsula.

**BART's Board of Directors has only one person of color on this nine-person Board. If you are elected, how will you bring in voices of marginalized communities?**

I am a native born, disabled, gay, African American male who lived in a majority person of color neighborhood only two blocks from a BART station and one block from a freeway, with all of the negative externalities that that causes. I grew up in a single parent HUD built household within blocks of the same freeway and BART line. In my history of activism in San Francisco, I fought to improve public schools and parks, end the prison and military industrial complexes, ensure that transit was not cut in my own lower income neighborhood, and marched for a number of causes including ethnic studies, affirmative action, immigrant rights, language rights,

the right for all to marry, and for civil rights and accommodation for all. I am committed to these communities because they are all my own.

**Please share your thoughts on means based fares to address transit affordability for low income residents.**

I purchased my first car in 2011, because I could not afford to commute from Riverside to Los Angeles. The pass was \$300 a month. The same was true when that car died when I was commuting from San Francisco to Los Altos in 2013. As lower income residents are priced out of the urban core, the round trip fare from Antioch to San Francisco monthly adds up to about \$300-400 per month. We need means based fares in a region where one often rides three transit agencies to get to work.

**Do you support the "Our City, Our Home" tax on gross receipts of businesses to fund homeless services? Yes**

**Do you support the gross receipts tax on transportation network companies (TNCs) and other private transit vehicle services? Yes**

**Who are you supporting for D2 Supervisor?**

**Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?**

Mike Murphy	2nd
Gordon Mar	1st

**Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?**

Matt Haney	Unranked endorsement
Christine Johnson	Unranked endorsement

**Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?**

**Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?**

Shamann Walton	1st
Tony Kelly	2nd

**Who are you supporting for Board of Education?**

Mia Satya, Alison Collins, Faauga Moliga

**Who are you supporting for Community College Board?**

Brigitte Davila

**Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?**

William Walker

**Who did you support for Mayor?**

Jane Kim	1st
Mark Leno	2nd

**Did you support June 2018 Prop C, Tax on Commercial Rent for Child Care & Early Education?**

Yes

**Did you support June 2018 Prop D, Commercial Tax for Housing?** No

**Who did you support for D1 Supervisor?**

Sandra Lee Fewer	1st
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**Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?**

Aaron Peskin	1st
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**Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?**

**Who did you support for D7 Supervisor?**

Norman Yee	1st
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**Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?**

Hillary Ronen	1st
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**Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?**

Kimberly Alvarenga	1st
Francisco Herrera	3rd
Berta Hernandez	2nd

**Did you support 2016's Prop D "Let's Elect Our Elected Officials" to have special elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Supervisors?** Yes

**Did you support 2014's Prop G, the anti-speculation tax?** Yes

**Is there anything else you want to tell us? (3000 character limit)**

Thank you for the opportunity.