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What San Francisco street/intersection would you choose for an epic street party and why?
Frieda Kahlo Way (formerly Phelan) because City College rocks!

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of:

I am proud of my endorsements from recent Mayoral Candidates Jane Kim and Mark Leno. I supported both during their campaigns and am honored by their support now. I am also proud of former Assemblymember Tom Ammiano's endorsement. Receiving the endorsement of a legendary politician and a lifelong advocate for progressive causes like Tom is truly humbling.

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

Making Free City permanent & fully funding it

Free college tuition opens doors for people who otherwise would not have access to it. Unfortunately, the current Free City program is set to expire next year, and is currently not fully fund. If re-elected I indent to work to make the program permanent and fully funded

Building affordable housing for students, faculty & staff & City College employees

I have been working to have affordable housing built for students, faculty, and staff at the Ocean Campus and at other City College land. Last year I authored a resolution with Trustee Brigitte Davila to enable City College to acquire land at the lower Balboa Reservoir. The College is now proceeding along the lines that we proposed in our resolution. At this point, we are working towards several hundred units of new affordable housing at Ocean Campus.

Growing enrollment

Student enrollment dropped by nearly 40% during the accreditation crisis. I am committed to growing student enrollment to pre-crisis levels, which I call "full enrollment." We can do this by offering new programs that students need and including faculty and staff in all planning for growth. Though only a year old, this multi-year effort is succeeding.

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

Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter:

- Political Chair, current, since 2007
- Chapter Executive Committee (Current)
- San Francisco county Executive Committee (Current)

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

- Trustee, City College of San Francisco (Community College Board)- Current
- Member, Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee for City College 2005-2007

- Member, Board of Directors, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority 1999-2009

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? Yes, for SuperGreen service

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.

In addition to Balboa reservoir, I support building affordable housing for students and staff at other locations owned by City College. The 750 Eddy building, which needs earthquake retrofitting, is a good prospect for a mixed-use housing and classroom building. Other locations at Ocean Campus are a part of it. I am working on the current effort for a 10-year-capital planning effort.

The Board of Trustees has approved a housing project at Gough Street that will be 33% affordable. I believe that this should have been a 100% affordable project because it is public land. The Board of Supervisors could increase the affordable housing in the project, which I would support.

In general, though, I don't believe we can build our way out of the housing crisis. Evictions and rent control need to be addressed, and the proposed repeal of Costa-Hawings will help. It will then be up to the Board of Supervisors to create a replacement. At the Sierra Club, we have been part of the progressive coalition supporting ballot measures to address these issues. We will continue to need to take housing issues to the ballot.

Will you demand the Board of Supervisors and Mayor fully fund Free City College?
Yes

Recently, the Board of Supervisors moved \$2 million from taser funding to Free City College. How will you work with the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to identify these types of funding sources for Free City College?

The \$2 million was for student tuition during the 2019 and 2020 summer sessions, which is a great victory considering the city refused to fund summer sessions before this. Prior to the supervisors acting, I started a petition to get Mayor Farrell to fund summer sessions, but was unsuccessful. This type of funding source was helpful, but it's not near enough if we want to make City College free in the long term. We need lasting solutions that don't rely on opportunistic re-appropriation of funds if we don't want Free City to expire next year.

The city is also underfunding Free City by \$2.5 million per year because it put a cap on the program. This \$2.5 million comes out of the City College budget, which means fewer services for students. Meanwhile, the Prop W tax that pays for Free City is raising over \$50 million annually. The funding source already exists, approved by voters.

I intend to work with Supervisor Mandelman, who is aware of all this, along with AFT 2121, on a strategy for the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Breed. I believe we can win this. However, if the Board and/or Mayor don't fully fund Free City as intended by voters, I advocate taking the question back to voters.

There is a proposed housing project on City-owned land along Balboa Reservoir, adjacent to campus. Do you support the proposed housing development? If yes, how do you envision working with the City, the SFPUC who owns the land, the developers, and your colleagues on the Community College Board to support the development of affordable housing? If you do not support the development, please explain your position fully.

As I mention above, as a Trustee, I am already working with the SF PUC and the developer to build affordable housing for students and workers.

I coauthored a resolution that the Board passed that asked the city to include affordable housing for teachers and students at the Balboa Reservoir. The City told us that they could not, by law, designate housing for any sector – unless the College owned the land.

So I authored a second resolution, with Trustee Brigitte Davilla, to ask the City if they would enter into negotiation to transfer the land so that student/faculty housing could be build. Putting this resolution on the agenda caused the developer to enter into negotiations with the College to do what we proposed in our resolution. Although negotiations are not complete, the current concept is that the developer would give us some of the lower Balboa Reservoir land and designate up to 200 affordable units for staff, in trade for some City College land. Additionally, the agreement would include up to 500 beds for students on current City College land.

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?

Nicholas Josefowitz 1st

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?

Gordon Mar 1st

Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?

Matt Haney 1st

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?

Rafael Mandelman 1st

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?

Shamann Walton 2nd

Tony Kelly 1st

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Monica Chinchilla

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Thea Selby, John Rizzo, Brigitte Davila

Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?

Who did you support for Mayor?

Jane Kim 2nd

Mark Leno 1st

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

Jonathan Lyens 2nd

Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?

Aaron Peskin 1st

Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?

Dean Preston 1st

Who did you support for D7 Supervisor?

Norman Yee 1st

Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

Kimberly Alvarenga 1st

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)

As a Sierra Club activist, I have been working on CleanPowerSF since Tom Ammiano was a supervisor. There is more work to be done:

- We need to get the SF PUC to produce a plan for building local renewable energy generation.
- We need to ensure that CleanPowerSF is rolled out city-wide.
- We need to fight the continuing attacks on Community Choice Aggregation in the State Legislature by the investor-owned utilities.

Another City College priority of mine is Building a Performing Arts Center.

City College is in need of a modern performing arts facility for training students not only in the arts, but in the associated trade crafts (set staging, lighting, audio, camera work, etc). Voters approved the project in 2005, but the project was cancelled when the state took over the College during the accreditation crisis.

A Board resolution I authored and passed at the Board of Trustees brought the Performing Arts Center back. I am now working to make sure the designs are updated to the latest standards for approval by the state.

As a final note, I'm also working to completely modernizing our facilities. The College is in need of some \$1.3 billion in building modernization. I am pushing for a bond measure in 2019 or 2020 to pay for a portion of this work.