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

I would choose Harrison Street and 26th Street in the Mission because not only is there a park with a soccer field and a swimming pool there, but there is ample street space and it's accessible through various forms of public transportation!

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

I am proud to have the endorsement from the following women who not only have seen my work in education, but share similar values: Jane Kim, Board of Supervisors District 6, Sandra Lee Fewer, Board of Supervisors District 1, Hillary Ronen, Board of Supervisors District 9

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

My first priority will be to ensure all students, families and educators have the language supports needed in order to thrive in our schools. We need more inclusive support for English Language Learners and expanded translation services for families.

My second priority will be to address the racial segregation within SFUSD and the school assignment system's failure to remedy that segregation. Families should be able to apply to their schools of choice online and go on "virtual tours" for those unable to visit. SFUSD needs to move up the dates that families are notified of their school assignments. We must also recognize as a community that the root cause of segregation in our schools run deeper than the assignment process. Parents need to engage with neighborhood schools before they abandon them and SFUSD needs to seek their reasons for leaving.

My third priority will be to implement assessments that are informative and practical, and lessen the anxiety around standardized testing that only show the widening gap between African-American and Latino students and White and Asian-American students. I will ensure that families know their right to opt-out of state standardized tests and district assessments.

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

I am on the executive board of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club as VP of Communications. Within education, I am on the School Site Council and the Union Building Committee at my school site. I also served as a delegate at the National Education Association Representative Assembly for the California Teachers Association.

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

I was appointed by Board of Education Commissioner Mark Sanchez to the Public Enrichment Education Fund Community Advisory Committee for the San Francisco Unified School District. Also appointed by former President of United Educators of San Francisco Lita Blanc to the English Language Learners Committee for the California Federation of Teachers.

**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?** No

**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.**

Another priority of mine is addressing the continued affordability and housing crisis facing educators, families and workers across the city. As an educator and a renter trying to stay in San Francisco I understand that this crisis is first and foremost a salary crisis. Investments in affordable housing for educators are important, but do not replace the need for competitive salaries.

I will support the call for an independent audit to clearly see where money is being spent, making it more helpful to learn how we can raise the 38% of SFUSD budget to something more competitive compared to other schools districts in the Bay Area. I will continue to push for raising the minimum wage. I have helped collect signatures, endorsed and will continue to support the Our City, Our Home and Affordable Housing Act campaigns.

We need to prioritize families and children who are currently homeless. No child in San Francisco should be homeless and they should absolutely get priority. Then, workers in San Francisco who are far from being "low income" which include many educators who are leaving our schools for more competitive salaries. We need to ensure that the people working in our schools to support our students not only get to live in the communities they serve, but that they get to stay.

**Do you support the NAACP's call for a moratorium on charter schools?** Yes

**Do you support the current SFUSD high school math course sequence?** Yes

**Will you commit to visiting a variety of SFUSD school sites in addition to attending Board meetings?** Yes

**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?**

<b>Kat Anderson</b>	Unranked endorsement
<b>Schuyler Hudak</b>	Unranked endorsement
<b>Nicholas Josefowitz</b>	Unranked endorsement
<b>Catherine Stefani</b>	1st

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

<b>Gordon Mar</b>	1st
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**Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?**

<b>Matt Haney</b>	1st
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**Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?**

<b>Rafael Mandelman</b>	1st
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**Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?**

<b>Shamann Walton</b>	2nd
<b>Tony Kelly</b>	1st

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

Alison Collins, Gabriela Lopez, Faauuga Moliga

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

Brigitte Davila

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

William Walker, Janice Li

**Who did you support for Mayor?**

<b>Jane Kim</b>	1st
<b>Mark Leno</b>	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

**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?**

**Hillary Ronen** 1st

**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)**

I am a 28-year-old Latina, bilingual elementary school teacher with a Masters in Education from UCLA, and I have nearly 10 years of education and teaching experience. I have been a para-educator, an arts instructor, a classroom teacher, a prison educator, and a core member of Teachers 4 Social Justice.

Before I was an educator, I experienced what the students I teach every day undergo – being a first generation child of Mexican immigrants navigating the education system. As both a child of immigrants and a bilingual teacher, I have an understanding of the imperative need of language support and the long term academic effects it can have on families who are unable to communicate with their teachers and schools.

I currently teach in the Mission District, and as a bilingual educator I see the value of families being able to communicate with me and advocate for their students' education. In my classroom, I consistently meet the needs of my students by creating a multi-cultural, social-justice focused space and believe that teachers need to take responsibility for proactively developing innovative practices in their classrooms with the support of their school district. Principals, and teachers alike, need to serve as active community members in order to better understand the specific needs of the communities they're educating. This is why, for the past four years, I have conducted home visits with all of my students. This practice has created tangible results in my classrooms: trust, increased parent participation, and student

engagement.

I've been told that my political viability is little to none. But I have what money can't buy; Immigrant families, black and brown education organizers, queer families and educators who believe in my vision for an inclusive, equitable learning experience. I will be applying my community building and work ethic to the door knocking and grassroots fieldwork needed to win.

I am committed to registering new voters; immigrant voters, young voters, people who need to feel engaged in making society reflect our real vision for ourselves. I don't just want to represent SF as a public school teacher and advocate; I want my efforts to build the civic engagement of the poorest, immigrant families, and the people who don't have a voice. If I can register 10% of the voters who I meet while campaigning across the city, I know I will have helped to bring democracy back to this city.

If elected I will be the first female Latina to serve on the School Board in 20 years. I am the only public school teacher running. I am running to represent and advocate for the families and educators of San Francisco, the people who do the work and for families like mine and the ones I work with, who for so long have not had a voice. The education system is nuanced, but I am certain that my experience will serve as a critical asset to the city's Board of Education.