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What San Francisco street/intersection would you choose for an epic street party and why?
I would have chosen Post & Buchanan in Japantown, but that’s what the Nihonmachi Street Fair is all about (8/4-8/5). Instead, I would choose Fulton & Great Highway for an epic beach/street party like Sunday Streets.

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of:
Democratic Women in Action, SEIU 1021, Past UESF President Joan-Marie Shelley

What are the top three issues you will work on, and how will you implement solutions in a timely manner? (1250 character limit)
1. Improving educator salaries. The school board has approved a salary package that will increase educator salaries 25% between 2016 – 2020; while this is still not enough, we are headed in the right direction. Prop G that just passed will afford $50 million in new dollars to catapult SFUSD towards the top of Bay Area district pay scales. I will ensure that SFUSD lives up to its commitment towards improving educator salaries by insisting on regular updates. 2. My next priority is to reassess our student assignment system. As Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Student Assignment, I have led an intensive review of the data. Some of our schools are more racially diverse than before, but we still see a lot of segregation. Now it is time to look at specific recommendations to better serve the goal of more diverse schools. The committee meets quarterly and all meetings are open to the public. 3. My third priority is to expand trauma-informed approaches to addressing student needs. I have partnered with the San Mateo County School Boards Association to organize a conference this September 28 to trained educators, school counselors and social workers, as well as parents on trauma-informed strategies for schools.

What for-profit or non-profit boards do you serve on, including political organizations?
Democratic Women in Action; San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association. In the past, I have served on the boards of Girl Scouts of Northern California/San Francisco Service Unit; Lowell Alumni Association; Japanese American Citizens League Chapters in Washington, Tokyo, San Francisco.

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

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? No, I do not plan to sign 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? Yes

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.

The crisis has hit our educators very hard. For the past few years, we have had to hire 500 new educators because that many left the district, often due to the affordability crisis. In terms of concrete steps, I have committed to improving educator salaries (see above) and the district is well on its way to doing this. My job is to ensure that we deliver on the higher salaries. I have joined my school board colleagues in supporting educator housing at the site of the Francis Scott Key Annex, and my job is to ensure we make good progress on this. Finally, I would like to amplify the program of the United Educators of San Francisco to match landlords with educators seeking to rent places. Clearly, educators are our most important asset next to students themselves. We must do what we can to address the housing and affordability crisis for our workforce.

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?

- Kat Anderson  Unranked endorsement
- Catherine Stefani  Unranked endorsement

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?
Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?
   Matt Haney 1st

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?
   Shamann Walton 1st

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?
Josephine Zhao, Michelle Parker, Emily Murase

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?
Victor Olivieri, Thea Selby

Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?

Who did you support for Mayor?
   London Breed 1st
   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? Yes

Who did you support for D1 Supervisor?
   Marjan Philhour 1st

Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?
   London Breed 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?
   Magdalena De Guzman Unranked endorsement
   Ahsha Safai Unranked endorsement

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

Is there anything else you want to tell us? (3000 character limit)
1. I have some fundamental questions about CleanPowerSF and whether there are any true alternatives to PG&E. My family is considering solar options. 2. I did not have a public position on 2016's Prop D "Let's Elect Our Elected Officials" or 2014's Prop G, the anti-speculation tax. 3. I have not made endorsements in all of the upcoming Supervisors races.