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

20th and Church because of the awesome city views and cool mix of San Franciscan's. I don't do epic street parties, but I'll definitely eat burritos in the park and talk about my ideas for education.

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of:

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

1. Increasing the student voice on the Board of Education; student's aren't often heard because only 1 of the 7 current board members has worked in the classroom. Some of the members have never taught, been in a school, or had children. In other words, our Board of Education isn't very connected to schools and kids. I think we need people on the board who understand public education in SF from the inside of schools, and can help students to voice their ideas to the Board of Education.

2. Focusing on holistic pedagogy for student growth; research is clear that students develop into healthier adults when their schools provide community services like sports, healthcare, family nights, and weekend community activities. I believe schools should be equipped to be a community resource for families, and that a holistic teaching pedagogy better prepares students for college + adult life.

3. Being a STEM leader; Silicon Valley is 30 miles away, yet our public schools are often afraid of innovation and technology in learning. SFUSD only adopted a resolution to require computer science courses two years ago, and the program won't reach scale until 2020. I favor better relationships with tech to get 21st century skills into classrooms.

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

I run a financial education non-profit for high school students in SF called Student Investment Lab (SILAF.org). I am also the District Chair for Interact, a group of youth leadership clubs across San Francisco public schools. Finally I am a Board Member for the Youth Services Committee of the Rotary Club.

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? Yes, for Green 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.

First, the Board of Ed has nothing to do with this. I have also committed to never run for Board of Supervisors, so my opinion isn't important. Personally, it's clear SF doesn't want to build big and tall, BUT places like Oakland, South Bay, Alameda, and even Vallejo are ready to build BIG (and they want to). SF should form better municipal relationships with these cities and get its transportation act together across BART + ferry modes. I'm inspired by cities like Hong Kong (with amazing water transit) and Paris (with clean, safe metros). We should help those cities grow by funneling developers to them, working on better transit, and preserving the charm of our small neighborhoods.

Do you support the NAACP's call for a moratorium on charter schools? No

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? No

Who are you supporting for D2 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

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Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?

Who did you support for Mayor?

London Breed 2nd

Jane Kim 1st

Mark Leno 3rd

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?

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?

Joel Engardio 1st

Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?

Hillary Ronen 1st

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

Ahsha Safai 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?

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

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

In a nutshell, here is my pitch: Board of Education members are part-time, with no staff. Therefore, let's not expect Board of Ed members to be experts across all fields of education; anyone who has an opinion about everything, or can answer every question, is wrong. Instead,

we should pick Board of Education members based on the current expertise of the Board to try and elect a group of 7 who each have subject expertise in different areas. (Then together, the Board can function expertly). I don't know anything about food service contracts, teacher housing, or facilities budgets. Where I am an expert is in class pedagogy, innovation in education, and what's happening inside of schools. 50% of my role running a financial education non-profit is getting into public high schools to teach. The last 10 years of my career has been working in innovation education programs with public schools. This is great, because only 1 of the 7 current Board members was ever a teacher. If you believe we need more real educators sitting on the Board of Education, then I'm your candidate. I'm different than the other career educator candidates because I also have experience running multi-state programs inside departments of education, starting my own non-profit, and working across public schools in Philadelphia, SF, NYC, and Singapore. In other words, I have diverse experiences at the school, district, and state level I can bring to help all SF public school kids shine.