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

An epic street party for me is one where all San Franciscans feel welcomed, local art and music is abundant and there is a community benefit to local businesses or causes. I would choose my own block at Irving & 46th Avenue, where—coincidentally--Surfrider, Hook Fish Co and 3 Fish Studios launched the inaugural Irving Fish Festival last year! It is family friendly with great food and music, and Ocean Beach and Golden Gate Park are just two blocks away. I hope people would come for the party, and come back to enjoy the natural beauty, playgrounds, nightlife and small businesses in the Outer Sunset.

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)

BUILDING ENROLLMENT Too many families opt out of our public schools, dividing resources. As a school board member I would:

Improve enrollment on-ramps - It should be easy to schedule a school tour, and all tours should include information about health, STEAM, literacy and afterschool programs. I would increase support for informative, welcoming tours at all schools.

Challenge assumptions - Families with young kids should be hearing about the many successes and innovations of SFUSD. I'd start a measurable recruitment and retention strategy.

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION Some key sections of the SFUSD website are perpetually out of date. I would request one person be accountable for reviewing and updating the SFUSD website.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – Getting students exposed, engaged and excited about jobs is key to closing the equity gap in our city. 21st-century jobs depend on “soft skills” that develop through arts participation. I would work closely with the City departments to build ties between arts programming, youth internships and workforce development.

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

I administer the City's Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative which awards \$3 million in grants to local nonprofits each year, and I designed the Nonprofit Resiliency Fund to support nonprofit leadership transitions. Because of this I don't currently serve on a board but I have assisted many nonprofits such as Compass Family Services and Community Youth Center to acquire space and expand services for immigrants, people experiencing homelessness and other underserved communities. I am a 2018 graduate of Emerge CA, a political training organization for Democratic women. From 2008-2015 I was the executive director of SOMArts Cultural Center.

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

I co-founded ABBA/Arts for a Better Bay Area with Ebony McKinney and engaged over 500 artists and arts workers to make policy and budget recommendations that resulted in an historic 50% increase to the City's annual Cultural Equity Endowment Fund. I am a member of the steering committee and policy committee for Northern California Grantmakers' Nonprofit Displacement Working Group. I research and advise on nonprofit sector policy as the Nonprofit Business Development Manager for the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

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.

I'm encouraged by the recent wins of affordable housing inclusion and support HomeSF to incentivize more affordable and family-friendly housing. Affordability includes access to child care, transit and health services so I also support (and work daily) on investments that help nonprofits acquire space and stabilize their rent. In the short term I will continue to be vocal in support of affordable housing in my district. I live two blocks from the future site of affordable educator housing and have attended community meetings in support of the project for years. If elected I would continue to advocate for family housing and pipeline programs to prepare educators and families for successful mortgage and below-market rent applications.

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? No

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?

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?

Matt Haney 2nd

Christine Johnson 1st

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?

Rafael Mandelman 1st

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Lex Leifheit

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Thea Selby

Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?

Janice Li

Who did you support for Mayor?

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?

Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D7 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

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? No

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'm running for school board because I love San Francisco and think investing in education is one of the most effective ways to address the equity gap in our city. As a public school parent I'm not satisfied with candidates who say "close the achievement gap" and are unrealistic about the resources to support that. I want a Board with diverse skills and knowledge of the revenue and partnerships SFUSD depends on. Yes I have classroom experience from teaching and running education programs for 11 years but I also know how city budgeting and policy works. I'm a member of SEIU and have negotiated with unions. I've run an aging, school-sized facility and overseen a staff of 33 employees. And I've tenaciously and successfully advocated for City investments in community space and cultural equity. Your endorsement would mean a lot to me as someone who has looked to the League for guidance in many elections. Thank you for your consideration, I truly appreciate this opportunity.