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

45th and Judah. I used to live half a block from here (now live in the Outer Richmond) and I love all the local small businesses within the surrounding blocks (Outerlands, Other Avenues, Beach Burrito, Thanh Long, Java Beach, Trouble Coffee, Hook Fish, etc.) and I think it's important would to support them and their involvement in community building. Plus, most big events are planned for more central neighborhoods (understandable, important, and good most of the time) and it's nice to invite SF residents to neighborhoods they may not frequent as often! Our city has so many great places to explore.

Please list the 3 endorsements you are most proud of:

Shamann Walton, London Breed, Margaret Brodtkin

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

1. Keep students at the center of our decision making, recognizing their unique challenges, strengths, interests, and abilities. Examples include: a)Close achievement gap through targeted interventions/supports, training for teachers, family partnerships, etc. b)Provide equitable opps for math acceleration to ensure competitive access to college STEM programs c)Expand Career & Technical Education programs d)Provide rigorous K-8 arts instruction that provides more equitable access to RA SOTA e)Support students experiencing homelessness and foster youth with wrap-around supports and partnerships
2. Attract and retain excellent educators in all our schools: a)Increase educator salaries b)Address housing affordability - build teacher housing, homeowner assistance programs, etc. c)Provide more training and supports for teachers d)Support high-quality teacher pathway programs
3. Communicate and partner better with families and other stakeholders. We must implement different structures, different resource allocation, different partnerships. We must proactively communicate and include stakeholders earlier in decision making. We need more interpretation services and ways to support families who are trying to navigate a complicated system.

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

Performing Arts Workshop (non-profit), Board President www.performingartworkshop.org
City Democratic Club, Vice-President

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

None, though I have served in several appointed positions for oversight and advisory bodies: Co-chair of the QTEA Oversight Committee for SFUSD (parcel tax passed in 2008) 2010-2014, appointed by School Board

SF Rec & Park Failing Playgrounds Task Force 2014, appointed by Rec & Parks Commission
California Statewide Pupil Assessment Review Panel, Member, 2010-2013, appointee of CA
Speaker of the House, John Perez

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.

San Francisco needs to increase the housing stock accessible to low and middle income residents. I would support an affordable housing bond for this purpose. We should also streamline the process for building housing, making it easier and faster to build what we need.

I will support and lead efforts to increase housing affordability for teachers, as mentioned above in my priorities. SFUSD needs to be aggressive and creative in addressing affordable housing with multiple solutions, and recognize that one size does not fit all. Mark Leno's bill, that the Governor signed before Leno left the Senate, allows California school districts to use federal tax credits, as well as local and state funds, when leasing property for the development of affordable housing for teachers and other school district employees. This was a very helpful step as it allows us to use affordable housing funds for people with specific occupations (previously not allowed). Now that we have one project going in the Sunset, we need to begin others before waiting for this one to be complete. I'm supportive of the legislation passed last year that disallows teachers to be evicted by the Ellis Act during the school year, and think we need to continue to address that law to reduce displacement. While some teachers are single and don't need a large living space, we need to be prepared to also house teachers who have families, including through middle-income housing (since teachers make too much to qualify for low-income housing but not nearly enough to afford market rate) and home buyer assistance programs like that out of MOH and organizations specializing in this service. We should explore options like group housing and encourage more Accessory Dwelling Units (in-law units and the like) because they tend to be affordable by design. We should also explore state legislation that

would allow us to deed-restrict affordable units in market-rate housing for paras, educators, and other district staff. And of course, if we pay teachers more, it will also be easier for them to afford housing in San Francisco. Families will also be well served by programs that increase the stock of low-income and middle-income housing.

One of the significant expenses many families in San Francisco experience, that makes living here unaffordable and sometimes causes them to leave the city, is paying for private education for their children. I am a product of public schools. All three of my children have attended SFUSD schools since kindergarten (now in 9th and 11th grade, with one just graduated from high school). I have invested countless time and energy towards making sure SFUSD schools are a place where every child can be successful, and that families also perceive that to be true. When my oldest child started in SFUSD, many families would only consider a handful of schools for their child. Now, thirteen years later, many families would consider dozens of schools. I believe I had a hand in changing this dynamic and perception of our schools - and in making San Francisco more affordable for many families. There is still more work to do in this area, which is why I am running for this office.

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? 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?

Catherine Stefani 1st

Who are you supporting for D4 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D6 Supervisor?

Who are you supporting for D8 Supervisor?

Rafael Mandelman 1st

Who are you supporting for D10 Supervisor?

Shamann Walton 1st

Who are you supporting for Board of Education?

Who are you supporting for Community College Board?

Victor Olivieri, Thea Selby

Who are you supporting for BART Board, D8?

Jonathan Lyens

Who did you support for Mayor?

London Breed	1st
Mark Leno	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? Yes

Who did you support for D1 Supervisor?

Jonathan Lyens	2nd
Marjan Philhour	1st

Who did you support for D3 Supervisor?

Aaron Peskin	1st
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Who did you support for D5 Supervisor?

London Breed	1st
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Who did you support for D7 Supervisor?

Who did you support for D9 Supervisor?

Joshua Arce	1st
Hillary Ronen	2nd

Who did you support for D11 Supervisor?

Ahsha Safai	1st
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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? No

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

I am a single mother of three children who attend/ed SFUSD schools (9th, 11th, just graduated). I have invested my time and energy into the important work of supporting and improving San Francisco public schools for over a decade because I believe that investing in our public

education system is the key to improving opportunities for economic mobility and strengthening our communities. I am one of, if not the most qualified, prepared, and experienced candidates running for a seat on the school board and can hit the ground running as soon as the election is over. This is critically important because we don't have time to waste to make sure this system effectively serves its students.

Some of my past work supporting public education includes:

- Volunteer grassroots positions at school sites, including as PTA President and School Site Council Chair, and as a leader for various community initiatives
- Legislation Chair and then President of the District PTA, supporting more than 60 schools to develop parent leadership and advocacy skills, and build effective partnerships at their sites
- More than a decade in various leadership positions in and around SFUSD, including four years as co-chair of the QTEA (2008 parcel tax) oversight committee where funds were used to preserve teachers' jobs, provide salary increases, and provide professional development
- Statewide committees leading advocacy efforts for increased education funding, improved policies to serve our students, and to provide better tools for community engagement.
- Steering committee of every ballot measure our school community has taken to voters over the past decade
- Co-founder of SF Parent PAC to elevate the parent voice in SF politics, and successfully influenced SF leaders to make family issues a priority; helped make Afterschool for All a reality; successfully advocated for smaller math classes in 8th grade and math coaches at middle schools, as well as ensured SFUSD established benchmarks that will determine how successful the new secondary math course sequence is.

I've led efforts district-wide to help families understand how to effectively navigate voicing concerns. I've worked with UESF leadership to help parents better understand the negotiation process and what a contract looks like. I'm the president of the board of directors for an arts education nonprofit where we prioritize racial justice with our board, staff, and students.

I have always been able to work well with colleagues who have varying perspectives from all across the political spectrum, and strongly believe different voices and experiences strengthen whatever it is we are trying to do. I'm known as a hard worker, pragmatic, and easy to work with.

Finally, this is an election I can win. I have strong support from parents, teachers, community members, and elected officials. I would be honored to have your support. You can read more about my background and platform on my website at www.michelleparker.org.