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Q2

Affordable Housing: How will you support infill development throughout the City along with affordability measures to keep residents in SF? How will you respond to pushback from your constituents regarding height and/or density? How will you support more compact walkable mixed-use neighborhoods as the City addresses its housing needs? (please limit your response to 250 words)

Keeping people in their homes is not only common sense housing policy, it’s necessary to build sustainable communities. As an eviction defense attorney and school board member, I have seen the impact displacement has on our city and have actively worked to protect and build affordable housing. I am dedicated to working tirelessly to find sites, make deals, and bring in funding from private, state and federal sources to actually build thousands of units of affordable housing. I already have experience leading initiatives to build affordable housing for teachers and identifying land for a new school in Mission Bay. We must focus on expanding housing for low, moderate, and middle income levels, not simply continuing to focus on luxury housing development as if that will trickle down. We should do more to compel local governing agencies--including the City/County, School District, SF Port, and others--to prioritize using surplus land for infill development, affordable housing, parks, and open space. As Supervisor, I will also advocate for the expansion of municipally owned and controlled housing, including investments in social housing, purchasing of vacant SROs, and expanding the small sites acquisition program. I will push my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to prioritize the provision of services-- transit, retail, schools, bike lanes, etc.-- in areas like Central SOMA and Mission Bay where growth is happening rapidly. We need to implement vacancy controls on commercial properties and increase transit impact fees and other community benefits we negotiate from developers to make our neighborhoods more livable.

Q3

Walkable and Bikeable Streets: How will you support safer streets? How will you help implement Vision Zero? How will you support walkable and bikeable streets in the City? Please include your thoughts about existing initiatives other than Vision Zero and what your response would be to opposition to better bike infrastructure in your neighborhood (such as traffic calming, bike lanes, bike and bike share docking stations?) (please limit your response to 250 words)

District 6 has brought in 10s of thousands of new residents, and will be home to thousands more in the coming years. But our residents lack necessary and easy access to transit, and safe and accessible streets for pedestrians and cyclists. The massive growth in housing and jobs without adequate transit services and infrastructure has caused record congestion, and has severe impacts on our environment and pedestrian safety. As Supervisor, I will make sure that people in District 6 and across the city can navigate our streets safely on foot or bike. I will enact transit impact fees and congestion pricing to curb use of cars, and make sure that residents’ transit needs are being met at a more rapid pace, including reversing cuts to MUNI. I will invest in--and build public support for--bike lanes and safer streets for pedestrians to get people out of cars. I will also support separated bike lanes (I have participated in numerous protected bike lane events), efforts to reduce speeding like Automated Speed enforcement, and fees for private companies and developers using public bus stops and infrastructure. I have been an avid supporter of our Safe Routes to Schools Program, and as School Board President, I passed a policy requiring the School District to develop our first long-term, comprehensive transportation plan for students and families to dramatically reduce their reliance on driving and increase bicycling and walking. I also co-authored the resolution committing SFUSD to Vision Zero. As Supervisor, I’ll make sure we get serious about a plan for moving people around the city in safe and sustainable ways.

Q4

Reliable, Fossil Free Public Transit: How will you close the MUNI funding gap identified in the Mayor’s Transportation 2030 Task Force? How will you help fund vital new BART cars and station improvements? How will you address opposition to transit lanes in your neighborhood? Will you recommit MUNI to its fossil free pledge and ensure our future procurements eliminate diesel from San Francisco's public transportation fleet? (please limit your response to 250 words)

San Francisco’s lack of a clean 21st century transportation system is one of our biggest failures as a world-class city. Our inadequate transit structure has led to a dramatic rise of TNCs and people driving. We need to get control of it. First, we must make it easier for people to get around without cars by expanding public transportation. And second, we need to disincentive driving by implementing measures like congestion pricing, I fully support progressive revenue measures to increase funding for MUNI and BART, and would also support transit impact fees, commercial gross receipts tax, or other measures that groups like SFLCV put forth. We can’t, however, continue to put the burden on low and middle-income riders who already rely on these transportation systems to get around. I am committed to MUNI’s fossil free pledge, and will work with the MTA to ensure that our procurements are clean. I also pledge to work with the MTA and environmental groups to educate my community about transit lanes. Beyond MUNI, it will be a top priority as Supervisor to not just lead transit planning for the City, but for the entire region. I’m happy to see big projects--like the CalTrain extension and Central Subway--being built in my district, and I support more massive investments like infilling BART and an East-West subway.

Q5

Energy Efficiency: What should the City do to encourage energy conservation by residents, businesses, and the City itself? Please include your thoughts on how the City can work, or continue to work, with homeowners and landlords to improve overall housing efficiency with efforts to upgrade windows, insulation, thermostats, fuse boxes, refrigerators, etc. (please limit your response to 250 words)

San Francisco should continue to lead the nation by achieving full enrollment in CleanPowerSF and advancing our goals of phasing out fossil fuels. As School Board President, I co-authored a resolution to aggressively reduce water and energy use, and achieve carbon neutrality at the School District by 2040. With this policy, we became the first school district in the country to make this commitment. I was happy to see Prop A put on the ballot this year as a potential financial solution to speed up the building of renewable energy facilities in the city. As Supervisor, I will do everything I can to ensure we enroll all San Francisco residents quickly in CleanPowerSF. I will support a local clean energy bond put forth by the SFPUC so we can finally get the renewable energy infrastructure we need and expand GoSolarSF. In terms of improving housing efficiency, the City must continue to support and expand programs like the SF Energy Watch program to help small businesses and homeowners assess and invest in energy efficient upgrades. And as we continue to build new residential and commercial buildings, it is imperative that we hold new developments to the highest environmental standards. Beyond improving our energy efficiency and infrastructure, it is critical that we heavily invest in our public transportation system and making our streets safer to meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Q6

Renewable Energy: What specific changes would you make to CleanPowerSF to expand residents’ awareness of the program, affordability, and environmental impact? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I would like to see CleanPowerSF offer customers a Balanced Payment Plan very soon to offer a more predictable monthly bill and encourage more people to enroll. I would also be thrilled to see SuperGreen become the default for customers, given increased subsidies for residents who need it. I am in full support of the recent efforts to enroll the first wave of commercial properties and enter new deals to build new wind and solar projects, and will support in whatever ways I can.

Q7

Water Sustainability & Conservation: How will you ensure the City sustainably manages its water supply, wastewater, and stormwater runoff? How will you enhance the City's water resiliency and reduce its reliance on imported water through efficiency programs, recycling, distributed and green infrastructure, regional coordination, and/or stormwater management? (please limit your response to 250 words)

San Francisco must lead the way for California and the nation in mandating water efficiency and management. I support the expansion of programs like the Plumbing Fixture Replacement Program, water-wise evaluations, rainwater harvest program, and other services and incentives provided by the SFPUC to reduce water waste across the city. I’m happy to see the City upgrading and improving our sewage treatment plant in Bayview--it has been an environmental justice issue for too long. We can’t just make basic improvements; we must build upon existing policies and projects to divert stormwater from our sewer system.

Q8

Zero Waste: What specific actions would you take to ensure the City meets its Zero Waste by 2020 goal? Have San Francisco’s recent steps to meet its goal, including banning styrofoam containers, some bottled water sales, and plastic bags (and potentially soon plastic straws) been successful? What’s next? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I fully support the City’s moves to ban single-use plastic and styrofoam products, and think they have had a tremendous impact not just on our city, but on forging a path for other cities as well. To ensure that we meet our goal, we need to invest in expanding awareness among residents--too many recyclable and compostable items are still ending up in our landfill. I support SF Environment and environmental group efforts to advocate for legislation mandating a “producer responsibility system” so that products are more friendly to the environment and produce less waste.

Q9

Combating Climate Change: How would you update and implement San Francisco’s Climate Action Plan? How would you push City departments to meet their Climate Action Plan goals? Would you support divesting from fossil fuel investments? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I absolutely support divesting from fossil fuel investments. I am proud that San Francisco is among the first cities requiring city departments to report their greenhouse gas emissions with our Climate Action Plan. I look forward to working with the Department of Environment and LCV to push departments to meet their goals, and will advocate for timely implementation of other ongoing plans like the Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan.

Q10

Your Environmental Priorities: Why should the San Francisco League of Conservation Voters endorse you? What will your top environmental priorities be in office? If you are an officeholder, please highlight the environmental achievements you are proudest of. (please limit your response to 250 words)

I am proud to have had the support of the SF League of Conservation Voters during my previous School Board campaign. As a School Board Member, I have authored a number of environment policies I am proud of: In recognition of the threat to our planet caused by climate change, authored a resolution establishing new energy use, water use, and sustainability standards and goals for SFUSD. Fought to expand Bottle Filler Water Stations in all of our schools, including securing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the city for the expansion. Co-authored a resolution to achieve carbon neutrality at the School District by 2040. Passed a policy requiring the School District to develop our first long-term, comprehensive transportation plan for students and families to dramatically reduce their reliance on driving. I have already been endorsed by the Sierra Club, a majority of the Board of Supervisors, all of my colleagues on the School Board, US Senator Kamala Harris, Green For All Founder Van Jones, and dozens of other individuals and organizations. As Supervisor, I plan to prioritize building affordable housing, and addressing environmental issues of particular concern to District 6: combating sea-level rise and expanding and preserving open space (D6 has the least open space). As we continue to grow, I pledge to make sure we develop environmentally and economically sustainable communities.