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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)

Within my first three months in office I sat down with every neighborhood organization and merchants association in the area around Divisadero before meeting with representatives from three big developments to negotiate 20% affordable housing for two of the developments and 23% for the other — up from the 13-18% mandated at the sites at the time. I think it's important to be able to work with all parties in order to get more affordable housing built, and I've shown that I can effectively make that happen. I'm also focused on identifying underutilized City land to build 100% affordable housing. I've already identified more than five sites for 100% affordable housing, including the former McDonald's site on Stanyan. In addition to building new housing and increasing supply, we also need to preserve existing housing. As Supervisor, I've expanded the "Small Sites" acquisition program by \$40 million to buy buildings with existing tenants threatened with eviction under the Ellis Act. Moving forward, these "Small Sites" will be 100% affordable. I helped to negotiate our first acquisition at 520 Shrader, saving tenants — many of them seniors — from Ellis Act evictions. With a mix of new construction at 100% affordable and middle-class rates, coupled with the preservation of existing rental units, we are preventing San Franciscans from being displaced and preserving the unique character of our neighborhoods.

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)

In 2019 there have been over a dozen deaths from vehicle collisions with pedestrians and cyclists. It is tragic and unacceptable. We must all work together to implement Vision Zero, along with the SFMTA, SFPD, and the State of California. I worked for ten years to see Masonic a more safe street, with a lowered speed limit of 25MPH and a designated bike lane. I've continued to push for protected bike lanes throughout the district, specifically on streets like Fell and Oak — thoroughfares more akin to mini highways than city streets. Facilitating safe, walkable, bikeable streets in the City has been and will remain one of my highest priorities as Supervisor. When people complain to me about the loss of a parking spot in order to create better visibility, I tell them that it's a matter of saving lives. We cannot allow these preventable deaths to keep occurring. As we ask people to consider other modes of transportation like walking and cycling in this critical time for our climate and environment, we must ensure that it is absolutely safe for them to do so.

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)

Like so many of my D5 neighbors, I spend hours every year waiting for the N Judah. We need new funding to address a number of issues on Muni. My office commissioned a City Analyst's report that uncovered Muni's shortage of 400+ operators each and every day. We lose well trained operators every year to better paying agencies in neighboring cities because they cannot afford to live in the city where they work. Operators need to be paid a living wage so Muni can improve hiring and retention rates. I'm proud that thanks to this exposure, the operators union and the City reached an agreement to dramatically increase benefits and end the operator shortage. We need to work with the State to find more funding for transit infrastructure, emphasizing the economic imperative of a major business and economic center like San Francisco lacking the world-class transit system it requires. Finally, I am a co-sponsor of a ballot initiative to be on the November ballot that will tax each ride in a TNC to provide transit funding. Uber and Lyft, while sometimes convenient, are undeniably contributing to climate change and siphoning funding away from transit. These companies need to be taxed and operated under the same regulations as taxi operators for the benefit of labor and to contribute to our public transportation system.

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)

There is a lot we can do to encourage energy conservation by residents but there is even more we must require of our largest commercial citizens and energy users. It isn't enough to encourage conservation, we have to mandate changes. I am the primary cosponsor to the Mayor's legislation to mandate commercial spaces over 50,000 sq. ft. to use 100% renewable energy by 2030 — this is a big step to reach carbon neutral status by 2050. For residential energy use, I introduced legislation to mandate multi-family residential buildings over 50,000 sq. ft. report energy usage to the City. We need this data to measure our progress with energy, encourage conservation among residential users, and use when writing legislation to address climate change.

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 worked for a decade to create CleanPowerSF — I think it needs to be expanded. Over 350,000 households have signed up so far, but we need to do more to get every household in San Francisco into the program. One way to make folks more aware is through a robust marketing campaign that is easier to read and understand. Campaigns to date have been difficult to understand, which could be one reason some people do not make the switch. Data shows that when you make it simple, folks will make the change. Also, in this year's budget I fought for and got an expansion of a working families tax credit that will put more money in the pockets of low-income families. I am looking at how to work with the PUC and Mayor's office to publicize the benefits of switching to CleanPowerSF at the same time that folks get information on the tax credit they will receive next year.

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)

There's a lot to be done with our water management. We can start by introducing green stormwater systems along our sidewalks and streets in San Francisco, which has the added benefit of beautifying our streets. I fought for and got more money in the 2019/20 budget for rain and street gardens in District 5. We need to expand budgetary dollars in the citywide budget to install even more. The Bay Area has developed strong regional coordination between its water agencies. Yet, we must always push for stronger partnerships that invest in water infrastructure and resiliency. One particular result of past coordination is the investment in workforce development in the water sector. While other parts of the nation struggle to find workers to build and maintain their water infrastructure, Bay Area water suppliers have been very successful at recruiting and retaining workers in the high-paying union jobs they have to offer. As a sitting member of Workforce Investment San Francisco I am looking at ways to strengthen those programs to ensure the City has the workers to build and maintain our water systems. In addition to investments in workforce, we need to look at investments in flexible infrastructure such as fit-for-purpose water management which matches water of different qualities to specific uses for which they are appropriate. Fit-for-purpose reduces the overall volume of water that must be treated for the most stringent quality standards and is a highly efficient means for managing water for non-potable uses. Finally, we need to restore and manage our natural waterways by daylighting long lost and covered streams.

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)

We need to go beyond reuse and recycle — we need to refuse. As a Legislative Aide, I was proud to have worked on the first plastic bag ban. We received a lot of pushback at the time, but today, major cities across the nation and the State of California have followed the example we set in San Francisco. These measures fostered a cultural shift in how we shop, turning carrying reusable bags into the new normal. But we still have a lot of work to do, which is why I'm now proposing a "Plastic Bag Ban 2.0" to raise the fee for plastic bags from 10 cents to 25 cents and eliminate the use of non-recyclable plastic bags for fruits and vegetables in the supermarket.

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)

Yes, I support divestment from fossil fuels. We should not only divest from fossil fuels, we must invest in clean energy vehicles for our city fleet. We have taken great strides to meet our Climate Action goals, but continue to fall short as the pace of climate change is speeding up faster than projected when we adopted the Climate Action Plan. I will continue to work with my colleagues to push City departments to meet the goals of the Climate Action Plan. Last Fall I was one of four sponsors of legislation to amend chapter 19 of the

Environmental Code to require audits of large refuse generators and to establish enforcement measures for non-compliance. That ordinance goes into effect on July 1, 2019. Several City departments and buildings will most likely be found to be non-compliant and our legislation will force them to become compliant within 24 months. The opposition was strong, but we didn't back down. Last month I co-sponsored legislation to require installation of telematic vehicle tracking systems in public safety vehicles. Use of telematic vehicle tracking systems have greatly reduced the amount of fossil fuels City departments consume and use in another 1500 public safety vehicles will move us closer to reducing consumption. However, we still need to replace all of the City's fleet to hybrid or electric vehicles.

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)

Before I ever became involved in politics, I was an environmental activist. I moved to San Francisco in 1985 and I was an art teacher at the Hunters Point Boys and Girls Club. We were routinely warned to close our windows due to toxic leaks from the old Naval Shipyards and PG&E power plant, and it was easy to see the negative health effects on those living in Hunters Point. I couldn't sit back and let that happen so I rallied with parents and neighbors to address the environmental issues at Hunters Point. When you see how much good you can do by starting small at the local level, it's hard to stop. Back in Lower Haight where I lived, I began picking up trash in my spare time. Along the way I met my neighbors, learned about the issues on our streets and fought to address them: working to address the violence plaguing Lower Haight/Western Addition, preventing a neighborhood school from closing, and planting trees to beautify our neighborhoods. I fought for a decade under two different Supervisors to create our renewable energy provider CleanPowerSF. As Supervisor, I'm committed to improving streetscapes, bringing 200 new trees to District 5, and curbing our plastic use with my Plastic Ban 2.0 to get us closer to Zero Waste. I have always been and will be an advocate for a cleaner, greener San Francisco — it's in my DNA. As an environmental activist for over 25 years, having the endorsement of the SFLCV would be a huge honor.