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SF BERNIECRATS Questions:

What do you think the problems are with housing? How will you address them? *

--The problems with housing are layered. We need to make it affordable to ensure that individuals can sustain their housing. Right now, as I type this to you there are individuals that will lose their housing. They no longer can afford the increased rates that are proposed. Simultaneously, I can look out my window to see individuals struggling on the sidewalks. People are coming out of a pandemic trying to pick up the pieces of their lives, and get back to a sustainable living. It's time we get ahead of this situation and protect those of us still here in this city. To do this we need to start working collectively. Some individuals need access to high paying roles so that they can afford to sustain their living. While others need access to skills, and educational resources to obtain employment that will allow them to have successful lives. This is just a small part of my solutions. I propose that we cap rental rates so that we can get a hold on obtaining housing for our vulnerable communities. I also believe that we need to cut the rate of housing to 25% of minimum wage \$16.50. A portion of housing rates would be \$600 for single studios, and \$850.00 for 3 bedrooms. This decision was made to help with vulnerable communities in mind including seniors, disabled communities, and veterans that live on fixed incomes. There also those living on fixed incomes that have mental health conditions, and substance abuse in which investment in housing facilities, and reinvestment in facilities that already exist with additional care liaisons such as case management, clinicians, and other service workers. This will take substantial investment.

How will you address the issues around homelessness? *

*See answer above

Lower the rates, cap the expense. Provide access to higher wage roles, and ensure those have the skills to obtain higher wage roles. Investment in existing facilities to help with those with mental health, and substance abuse.

What do you think the problems are with transportation? How will you address them? What are your views on free and accessible public transit, and how can the Board of Supervisors work to achieve that? *

Some elderly, and disabled communities have trouble accessing the stops to get to the bus. Others have to travel far distances. Other problems are the cleanliness of some of the facilities. There should be investment in more maintenance engineers as well as efficient cleaning equipment, and increased cleanings. Keeping safe, and efficient transit will help reduce the spread of disease, and ensure people feel safe when taking public transit. I support free, and accessible public transit if it's done the right way, and doesn't impact the wages of Union workers. I was thinking a bit about this. It might be easier to have a Resident & Employee Card that's separate from let's say tourist. Meaning if you live or reside it's free, and if you work in the

city it's free. Yet, sometimes we still need to be careful because vulnerable families, and individuals move here too with not a lot of money, and we don't want cause a hardship either. I also know some people that can outright afford it without thinking about it, and also I must mention tourists their now relying on public transit because of the outrageous rates that private share rider companies are charging to people. There might need to be a discussion on policy in regards to capping those rates as well. Either way we all just want what's best, and that's what my intentions will be.

What do you think the problems are with public safety? How will you address them, especially regarding policing, alternatives to law enforcement, and non-911 response teams? *

We want to keep people safe. I believe that our community ambassadors which by the way provides jobs for so many are doing an excellent job. If you get a chance to say hello, their very friendly. This is something that I hope we continue to keep because as I continue to talk to voters they have a positive response to them. I want to increase their wages, and request that they have evening neighborhood watches. Sometimes people get out of the concerts late, or opera shows late, or go on evening runs it is useful to have them around. Now as far as the mental health, and substance abuse we will need an additional investments in the overnight safety teams. Safety teams are there for a few reasons redirect to services, and redirect to shelters.

What are your thoughts on the SFPD's proposal to expand police and government agency power to monitor private camera feeds in non-emergency situations to arrest and prosecute? *

This is a form of invasion of privacy. I believe in privacy. It's one step too far in my opinion, and it feels like "BIG BROTHER". Some are already abusing this authority through other methods of access of information so therefore you must protect your data, and information.

What have you done to address systemic racism, sexism, economic inequality and discrimination in SF, and how will you address it as supervisor? *

Well, I usually protest or march. I will go outside to march alongside many of you, and support the issues we care about including women's rights, rights of black lives, rights of lgbtq, labor rights, climate justice issues, and BIPOC communities. I have so many suggestions to help. For systemic racism I would like to see investment in all of the work were doing. For example, investment in jobs, education, community skill-building. As the communications director for Justice Equity Diversity Inclusion Committee. I was able to learn new ways to address, confront racism, and create more inclusive

What are the problems facing SF's public school systems and how do you intend to support their programs? *

There are so many issues due to the pandemic. As an educator I have seen firsthand disparities of under-resourced, and disadvantage schools.

INTERNAL (In-school) ISSUES: I have seen wonderful schools that are working efficiently that just need different specific resources to continue the work their doing. Across the board last school year we watched students who have struggled coming back from the pandemic, and staff/teachers who have equally struggled.

Curriculum Updates: Some schools are operating in advance measures of teaching, and curriculum with some of the most superb levels of teaching. While other schools are barely getting through the bare minimum of curriculum.

***Investment in programs:** I would like to see specific funding going towards new curriculum programs, and equipment. I also would like to see investment in special education programs, and paraprofessionals.

I have seen students who need access to mental health services onsite, as well as counselors. I watch some schools put together mindfulness programs but not all schools have them. I believe that helps give students a reset). (I have seen schools with no school nurse. I also believe there is a need for student behavioral corrections program or **restorative discipline practices**, as well as **classroom management liasons** to ease the burden of stress towards staff, and teachers. The reason being is that in certain schools the behavior of students have become a distraction to other students quality of education. Another recommendation is an **alternative school**.

Increase Wages:

My intent is to raise the wages of staff for Teachers & Administrative to about \$98,850-\$125,000, this includes advisors, office clerks, counselors, and custodial. This is in efforts to have a sustainable living, I would also like to increase the benefits package. (You shouldn't have to stress about affording housing while helping the future generations learn). I also would recommend cutting the eligibility requirements of testing so that individuals are hired, and can combat the staff shortage. For 11th and 12 Grade students I would like to require an investment in more school advisors onsite, and investment in programs that help get students exposed to Careers/College they are interested in. Some schools have this program, not all do. We also need an investment in **Community Student Case Managers**, and **student health advocates**.

Infrastructure:

There should be an investment in renewing schools. Some schools are old, and the wear and tear will eventually become a safety issue. As well as sports infrastructure i.e gyms, sport fields, auditoriums. Due to the amount of housing being built in District 6 there will eventually be a need for more schooling, we will need to start thinking about where to place it.

Overall, I want to achieve this by advancing educational opportunities for historically underrepresented and underserved youth. K-12 education is about helping students identify their life journey, and dreams. Together we will do this by providing access to learning, opportunities, and support they need to make it reality. We know that our Black students and students of color face additional barriers on the path to their life dream, it is my hope that we mitigate the traumas associated with generational poverty and racism. When students reach college, their path to graduation requires navigating a system that wasn't built for them, racial discrimination, and low expectations, so providing that equipment, resources, will truly be beneficial. Just remember excellence can be taught, and together we can do it!

(This is not all, it's just a start because I recognize that).

Should the San Francisco Charter be rewritten, and if so, what changes would you make? *

I have not formally taken a position on this at this time.

What work have you done to improve our community? *

I work closely with underserved and marginalized communities. I have taught black and brown communities. I have helped housed the unhoused, and also help on other volunteer initiatives to work on social justice issues labor rights, women's rights, climate justice, lgbtq and BIPOC.