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What park in your district do you use the most, and what do you love about it?

McLaren park --- the pickle ball courts! I love that it's one of our larger parks and lends itself to biking, walking, sports, music events, and more!

Are there any parks in your district that you feel need help? If so, which one do you feel needs the most help and what do you propose?

All parks in District 10 deserve a little more shade --- either in the form of trees or artificial covers. We also need to accelerate the blue greenway to better connect parks on the east side.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing SF parks in the next 4 years? How do you intend to address this?

Improving the quality of amenities and the size of green space around the City to give residents greater access in their own neighborhoods.

What were some of the successes and failures of COVID- era public space programs in your district? Be specific.

Slow streets and safe streets, e.g. slowdowns in Minnesota or Mariposa, have given more access to pedestrians and bike riders. Unfortunately, similar measures have also pushed traffic around neighborhoods.

How do you plan to move forward with COVID-era changes made to parks and public spaces in your district?

I support the maintenance and expansion of slow streets throughout District 10 wherever residents would like them. I would also support measures to keep high speed traffic on main thoroughfares instead of spilling into residential.

What involvement do you have with volunteer community groups in your district?

I regularly volunteer with the Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Hill Green Benefit District and churches affiliated with SF Marin Food Bank on Shafter and 3rd street. I have also volunteered for the Visitacion Valley Greenway. I plan to volunteer with the India Basin Neighborhood Association.

We've heard from our partners that they believe the city permitting process is the greatest hurdle to serving public spaces. If you believe any changes need to be made, what would your proposals be?

Streamline the process, reduce the costs, and expand outreach.

According to the SF Recreation and Parks Department, they currently have about \$1.5 billion in deferred maintenance. How do you plan to tackle this?

1. Community outreach to expand green benefit districts --- neighborhoods can raise tax dollars to pay for repairs and maintenance immediately. (compare with DPW/PUC adopt a street or storm drain volunteer programs)
2. Bond proposals or legislate set-asides to assure funding is available for non-emergency preventative maintenance and capital improvement.
3. Expand deterrents specific activities, e.g. littering, graffiti, damage, etc. that contribute to request-driven maintenance.

Is there anything you'd like to add or expand on?

We need to expand efforts to convince residents to replace private car trips with public transit, biking, or walking. This may come in the form of congestion pricing w/ a rebate for SF low-income residents, expansion of bike lanes / pedestrian amenities, and traffic calming measures + narrowing of roadways (sidewalk expansion).

The majority of travel in the City happens via car; mode shift has the potential to expand pedestrian and bike amenities, in addition to converting old car space into new park or green space, e.g. as has already been done with parts of the Great Highway, JFK Drive in GGP, and roads in McLaren Park near Philosopher's Way.