



2015 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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PERSONAL WALKING EXPERIENCE

1. Please describe what role walking plays in your life.

I grew up in a walking family. We would regularly take evening walks to stretch our legs, exercise the dog, and engage in deep conversation. I was fortunate to grow up close enough to both my elementary school and high school that walking was my primary mode of transportation from a young age.

Today I live only blocks from where I work and proud to commute on foot. I also live in the shadow of Bernal Hill which leads to lots of scenic walks for my dog Salchicho and I.

BIG PICTURE

2. Describe your vision of a healthy, safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for the city and the role that walking plays in that vision.

I'm proud to live in a transit-first city like San Francisco. I support transit oriented residential development and believe that we should continue investing infrastructure for public transportation users, bicyclists and walkers.

Walkability should be a key criteria for any major planning decisions in San Francisco. We should continue to find innovative ways to support the creation of complete streets that encourage walking and prioritize pedestrian safety.

VISION ZERO

3. If elected, what steps would you take to ensure the implementation of Vision Zero projects? In your answer, please explain how you would address trade-offs that may result from building a safe transportation system (e.g., the removal of parking in order to improve visibility of pedestrians at intersections, or the removal of vehicle lanes to slow traffic and shorten pedestrian crossing distances, etc.).

I am a proud supporter of Vision Zero. Achieving Vision Zero by the city's stated goal of 2024 will require sacrifices to be made – though no sacrifice is too great to justify making our streets free of pedestrian deaths. Removing parking and vehicle lanes is acceptable, particularly if we doing this in conjunction with increased public transportation service. As a member of the Board of Trustees I would be an active advocate for Vision Zero projects on and around City College's nine neighborhood centers.

4. What would you do to ensure there is enough funding for pedestrian safety improvements and Vision Zero projects?

I would advocate at the local and state level for the necessary funding to make sure that all City College campuses are safely walkable for our students and staff. Some of our campuses, including our main Ocean Street Campus are very difficult and dangerous to reach for pedestrians. The Board of Trustees must prioritize the safety of students, staff and all visitors to our campuses and having safe pathways for pedestrians is critical to our doing this.

POLICY/LEGISLATION

5. The most dangerous transportation behavior in the city is speed, as it exponentially increases a victim's risk of injury or death. Two key strategies that have effectively reduced speeds in other states and countries are automated speed cameras and decreased speed limits. Unfortunately, the State of California doesn't permit automated speed enforcement and only allows speeds lower than 25 mph in school zones. Do you support these strategies? If so, how will you work with your community and State legislators to change these (and similar) laws so the City can use these strategies to save lives?

I would use my position as Trustee and my relationships with many of our local and state elected officials to advocate for these strategies, particularly around City College locations.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

6. Given the student assignment policy, 41% of San Francisco elementary school students live within walking distance of school. Unfortunately, only 25% take the short

journey. Studies have shown that children who walk to school enjoy key health benefits and academic advantages, as well as getting more quality bonding time with parents. What would you do to increase the number of children walking and biking to school, and what would you do to increase safety around local schools?

I am an avid supporter of the Safe Routes to School program and think that local elected officials, including College Board members should actively participate in increasing the visibility of this program. The biggest way that we can increase the number of children getting to school by walking and biking is to continue to push for safe complete streets renovations in San Francisco.

WALKABILITY/WALKING MODE INCREASE

7. The City has established a goal to steadily increase the percentage of all walking trips and walking trips for commuting in the next 5 years. Do you support this goal? If yes, what would you do to help the City realize it?

Yes! I will continue to advocate for walkable, transit-oriented development projects and increased funding to make our streets safer for pedestrians.

8. Walk San Francisco believes that everyone deserves equal access to enjoyable places to walk. Walk SF is working with community groups and the City to install '[Intersection Murals](#)' that will advance this goal, as well as other Pavement to Parks projects that reclaim wide/dangerous intersections for public use (e.g., Persia Triangle). How important are these projects to you, and how will you support them?

I think that Intersection Murals are a fantastic intersection (forgive the pun) of public art and pedestrian safety. We should utilize them to not only make our pedestrians safer but as a way to support local artists.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

9. Have you championed or strongly supported any other initiatives that are in line with Walk San Francisco's mission of making walking in San Francisco safe, so that our community is healthier and livable?

Yes, I'm proud to be a member of the city's Late Night Transportation Working Group. Our working group developed a series of proposals to increase non-auto transportation options for

the tens of thousands of workers who commute during the late night/early morning hours. As a late-night business owner I believe that it is a critical worker rights issue for our City to develop a plan to make walking safer for late-night workers.

Our working group commissioned a study of nearly 3,000 Bay Area residents that found that the biggest impediment to walking during late night hours was a concern for personal safety. This included concerns about becoming a target for thefts and assaults as well as concerns about a lack of visibility for pedestrians in the dark. As a member of the Working Group I am committed to ensuring that the City addresses these concerns and makes walking a safer option for all of us who commute at night.

10. Is there anything else you'd like to share with the people of San Francisco, all of whom walk or travel with an assistive device at some point?

Accessibility to City College is a right. Nobody should be deterred from accessing our campuses because they are not safely accessible. As trustee I will prioritize making our campuses safer, more welcoming and accessible than they already are.