



2012 Board of Supervisors Candidate Questionnaire

Candidates, please complete each question to the best of your ability in order for SFPA to assess your "Park Friendly Rating". SFPA is seeking complete, detail-specific answers. Candidate responses will be posted on our website (www.sfparksalliance.org) for the public to view. Thank you.

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Return electronically to policy@sfparksalliance.org by **Friday, September 7th**

1. In what ways do you feel parks contribute to San Franciscans' quality of life?
2. What park in your district do you use most and tell us what you like most about it.
3. From your observations, what are the 3 most important issues facing recreation and parks in San Francisco? How will you begin to address these issues if you are elected?
4. How do you view the role of volunteer community park groups? What commitment do you make to working with these groups to improve our public open spaces?
5. Many San Francisco neighborhoods lack access to playgrounds and neighborhood parks. How would you address these park and open space deficiencies?
6. Deferred maintenance of things like drinking fountains, pathways and benches continue to plague the park system. With little funding available to fix these types of problems, what would you propose to improve park maintenance?
7. San Francisco currently has no citywide open space requirement for new development. In areas such as the Eastern Neighborhoods, which are already deficient in open space and could see a tripling in residential density in the near future, this oversight could create unlivable communities severely deficient in parks. Would you support a citywide open space requirement for all new residential development so that every neighborhood can have green space for play, exercise, and respite from urban life?
8. The San Francisco Planning & Urban Research Association's (SPUR) report, *Seeking Green*, suggests that the Recreation & Parks Department's (RPD) current budget of approximately \$120 million needs an "additional \$30-\$35 million each year in order to retain safety patrols, the health of trees and plants, and keep facilities open and programs operating." How should that additional \$30-\$35 million be funded?
9. General obligation bonds issued under the City's 10-year capital campaign are currently the best mechanism we have for funding the exclusive capital needs of our park system. The 2012 Clean & Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond will invest \$195 million in repairs to parks Citywide, including failing playgrounds and parks such as Golden Gate Park and McLaren Park. How are you working to ensure the passage of this bond?