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Q2

What are your qualifications for Board of Education? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I am a mother, organizer and community builder. I have lived and worked in SF for 15 years helping low-income families get access to higher paying jobs, supports to go to college, access to the arts, creating safe/supportive spaces for children to play after school and addressing early childhood health and literacy in SF. I have a history of bringing substantial results to the community and build multicultural coalitions. I led the Soda Tax campaign in 2016 which now brings in \$15 million a year into our City's budget, I was the Coordinator of the Latino Parity and Equity Coalition which got a net new investment of \$800,000 into the Latino community last year, and as a Commissioner I worked on multicultural coalition building between the Black and Brown community. I work hard, I bring people together and get things done.

Q3

How should the school district add more school buses and improve its coordination with MUNI and BART in order to provide better, greener transportation to schools for students and employees, many of whom currently drive? (please limit your response to 250 words)

We certainly need to prioritize funding for more school buses in the short term. In the longer term, we need to make our schools more equitable across the board to eliminate the race for the "top" schools

and ending the policy of sending so many of kids to schools across town. By expanding the community schools model, we get a greater investment by the community for these schools which will result in increased test scores, programs provided to students, and increased enrollment. I also want to partner with SFMTA to provide free muni for all children under 18 years old.

Q4

What should the school district do to improve bicycle and pedestrian access to its schools? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I am in support of programs like Safe Routes that help create more access to biking and walking for families within SF. I am grateful they are expanding to 103 schools and would like to see that program available for families at all sites. We need to ensure that every child has the opportunity to Bike, Ride Bus, or walk safely to school. I also want to partner with SFMTA to provide free muni for all children under 18 years old.

Q5

How would you promote and implement green building elements for new and renovated school district buildings? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I would encourage any new development to incorporate green building elements. I am a strong proponent of sustainable building and helping our children be more conscious of the environment. This is the technology of the future and our children should be exposed to innovative thinking and structures that are green. We need to make each new building requires LEED certification and will incorporate sustainable design practices. We should also start implementing cool roofs and create public/private partnerships for sponsorships and allow students to be involved in the creation of their own roof.

Q6

What should the School District do to improve its environmental practices? (please limit your response to 250 words)

First is build up its environmental and health safety team who can ensure that all children and buildings are safe. Second, we should strive for the highest sustainable practices: green insulation,

cool roofs, using biodegradable and recyclable materials, stormwater management and efficient water use systems.

Q7

What is your opinion of the School District's current environmental education curriculum? How can it be improved? What is your opinion on SB 720, the environmental education bill currently in the State Senate? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I support SB720. Environmental literacy should be embedded in school education and we should require this training for our educators. Linking environmental principles and concepts, not only to the curriculum but also career and technical/vocational training.

Q8

How could school district policies encourage the most environmentally beneficial use of school property surrounding its buildings? (please limit your response to 250 words)

We should require efficient stormwater management design in and around school properties. This would not only benefit the community and reduce the environmental footprint of the building, but could also serve as a perpetual teaching example for students. Examples would include using native plants, plants that absorb stormwater and creating classroom gardens.

Q9

SFUSD has done a lot to improve student access to locally grown, healthy and organic foods. What more can be done in this and related areas (for example, to address the issue of food waste)? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I believe the strongest tool we have is education advocacy. I think we ought to stress in our curriculum the exact amount of food that is wasted every day and use it as teaching tool to help our students understand the importance of living sustainably. This is also important given the dire homelessness crisis facing our city -- students need to learn from early on that their choices have far-reaching impacts and food waste is a serious issue. Also, I am the only candidate currently working with SEIU 1021 to build out more kitchens in our public schools so all food can be prepared on site, using locally

sourced ingredients. This will drastically improve quality, reduce our carbon footprint and allow us the opportunity to teach cooking classes, our kids understand the farm to table process.

Q10

Why should SFLCV endorse you? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I believe I can make a valuable contribution to the SF School Board board and help elevate our public schools to a top priority in our city. I am a mother and a fighter. I will move heaven and earth for my child and for the children in this district, because they matter. I am passionate, hardworking, relentless, and I get things done. I am also a stakeholder with a daughter that will soon enter the district.

I am the only candidate who is currently working with community to create the action plan, timeline, and systems of support so that together from Day 1 we are working to close the achievement gap. I am running for Board of Education because our public schools impact generations and we need strong leaders who will do what it takes to make sure all children in SFUSD are safe, supported and have all the tools they need to graduate.

As the first in my family to finish high school and go to college, I relate to the challenges many of our students face. I am a child of working class parents who struggled to provide me with a good education. As a Latina and a mother, I bring a perspective that has been missing from the Board of Education for a long time. I hear and see the fear many of our immigrant families face everyday. I also believe that it is important to build unity and multicultural coalitions to tackle the issues of education, because no one is going to save us but us.

