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Q2

What are your qualifications for Community College Board Member? (please limit your response to 250 words)

I am a product of public schools and have sent both of my children to public schools here in San Francisco. I have taught at a college and regularly take classes at City College to keep in touch both with students and faculty.

I have been a Trustee over the last four years and we have turned CCSF around; we hired a permanent Chancellor, reaffirmed our accreditation for seven years, and, with the support of the those who voted for Supervisor Jane Kim's Proposition W, implemented FREE CITY. If re-elected I would continue implementing improvements by further increasing enrollment, adding a Rams Transit Pass, creating a permanent and safe home for our Diego Rivera Mural in the new Performing Arts and Education Center, and ensuring that our facilities are rehabbed in a sustainable way.

I know that I can take what I have learned over the last four years, governing City College at a very difficult time, and help guide us to fiscal stability and strong enrollment once again.

Q3

How would you increase walking, biking, and public transit use by CCSF students and employees? (please limit your response to 250 words)

-Work with SFSU, SFMTA, and the Associated Students on a Rams Transit Pass. We are the only higher ed undergrad institution in San Francisco without one, yet many of our students take public transit. Especially since our students have the lowest average income among all higher ed institutions in the city, I would use my time to get a pass that is subsidized with state or local money. I have already identified a grant that was used by SFSU and am working with the Chancellor to apply for it.

-Close off Frida Kahlo Way (formerly Phelan) to auto traffic and only have it open to buses, bikes, and

pedestrians. Frida Kahlo Way cuts the campus in two. As we continually build more on the west side of Frida Kahlo Way, it makes sense to have the autos go on the outside, where at the moment more parking lots than I am comfortable with are being planned.

-Separate bike lanes. As someone said to me today, when we are creating bike lanes we should think, would you have your six year old bike here?

-Places that pedestrians can cross safely. For example, there is no crosswalk at the portal to BART on Ocean. Yet, people cross there all the time. Some people have suggested putting up a wall between the two sides of the street to stop people from crossing. I take the opposite approach; if people are naturally creating a path, follow their lead, and design a safe way for them to do it.

Q4

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

I agree with Trustees who feel that it is important to, when possible, look at rehabilitating buildings rather than razing and building new ones. We know that fewer resources are used when you rehab, although more time, thought, and sometimes dollars have to go into the rehab itself.

Q5

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

1. Building and maintaining the college in a sustainable way. Specifically constructing the Performing Arts and Education Center (PAEC), a massive project, and maintaining and rebuilding the numerous buildings that have not been properly maintained for decades.
2. Continuing to build enrollment while switching students who have the option from cars to bikes, buses, BART, and walking.
3. Xeriscaping and planting native plants that are low-to-no-water.

Q6

How would you improve facilities planning at CCSF? (please limit your response to 250 words)

One of my priorities over the next few years is to make sure we have a good Facilities Master Plan that is connected both to the Education Plan and Sustainability Plan. Unfortunately, while the Sustainability Plan has existed since 2009, most of it has not been implemented due to the school's recession caused by the instability created by ACCJC's attempts to shut us down.

A good Facilities Master Plan includes the staff necessary to implement changes and maintain grounds and buildings. For example, we are still very understaffed for custodial and grounds services.

An example of what happens when we are understaffed is our recycling history. We have one person who is in charge of doing all the recycling with the assistance of student volunteers. The Department of the Environment called us and was on the verge of penalizing us because we were creating too much trash and impeding their goal to zero waste. Fortunately, we applied and received a \$300,000 grant that started this year. The grant gives us the resources to do our composting, recycling, and landfill sorting correctly. It costs money to do these programs, and we need to ensure we keep the money coming in.

Q7

What should CCSF's role in neighborhood planning around its campuses be? (please limit your response to 250 words)

CCSF should ensure that their students have access to affordable housing around the campuses. I've had two opportunities to increase access to affordable housing since I have been on the Board. In the first instance, we negotiated a 50% affordable housing rate for the building at 33 Gough Street that we leased for 75 years.

We have been active and good neighbors at the Ocean campus regarding Balboa Reservoir. Our current President, Brigitte Davila, has been our representative on the CAC for four years now. We also worked with the City and County and the developers who are developing a parcel next to City College; we negotiated that they would build 500 units slated for students next to our Ocean campus at no cost to CCSF. If re-elected, I will continue fighting for increased access to affordable housing for our students.

Q8

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

I am both a student and a Trustee at City College. If re-elected I would continue implementing improvements by further increasing enrollment, adding a Rams Transit Pass, creating a permanent and safe home for our Diego Rivera Mural in the new Performing Arts and Education Center, and ensuring that our facilities are rehabbed in a sustainable way.

As the former Publisher of the online magazine "Greenlight: Your Guide to Earth Friendly Living, and Organic Style," many of my clients come from the world of sustainability and it is built into how I think of the world. I have raised my two kids without a car in San Francisco, and I realize I have been very fortunate to do so. I am dedicated to making San Francisco and City College a place to live and study for generations to come.

I am committed to serving once again to get City College to a fiscally stable point, remain a good bridge-building Trustee, impart my passion for improving transit, implement building sustainably, and use my women's rights focus to retain the jewel that is City College of San Francisco.

