



SF PARKS ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES 2022 PUBLIC SPACE FORUM

The First Annual Public Space Forum Will Convene Board of Supervisors Candidates on Issues Relevant to San Franciscans on October 3

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (September 22, 2022) – As part of the San Francisco Parks Alliance's ongoing commitment to advocacy for parks and public spaces, the organization will host its first annual Public Space Forum on October 3rd from 6–8 p.m. at the Golden Gate Park Bandshell. The public event will convene Board of Supervisors candidates in the November 2022 election for a discussion on issues relevant to San Franciscans with a special focus on urban policy and public space.

Moderated by Meaghan Mitchell of the SF Standard and Manny Yekutieli of Manny's, a space for civic and political engagement, the event will include a Q&A session with the opportunity for audience participation, as well as a brief meet and greet with the candidates.

"Open space is the ultimate unifier in a city, and our city leaders are critical decision makers in determining the future for how our public spaces are used. This Forum creates an opportunity for residents to hear directly from candidates about what their beliefs are about parks and public space," said Drew Becher, CEO of the SF Parks Alliance. "We thank the candidates for taking the time to join us and sharing their views."

While participation is subject to change, candidates who have confirmed their attendance are: Catherine Stefani (District 2); Gordon Mar (District 4); Billie Cooper (District 6); Matt Dorsey (District 6); Cherelle Jackson (District 6); Honey Mahogany (District 6); Rafael Mandelman (District 8); Kate Stoia (District 8); and Brian Sam Adam (District 10). All candidates for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors were invited to participate in the forum.

For more than fifty years, the SF Parks Alliance has advanced the interests of parks and public spaces, dating back to its earlier iteration as the Neighborhood Parks Council. The SF Parks Alliance is continuing that legacy this year with a renewed focus on advocacy to create and preserve spaces that welcome and belong to everyone.

The Public Space Forum is hosted by the SF Parks Alliance in partnership with SPUR, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association. Special thanks to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for their support in making this event possible.

About San Francisco Parks Alliance

SF Parks Alliance is San Francisco's only citywide parks nonprofit. For over 50 years, we've been partnering closely with communities and public agencies to create, sustain, and advocate for parks and public spaces across the city. We believe that everyone deserves access to safe and welcoming community spaces, regardless of where they live in San Francisco.

About SPUR

SPUR — the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association — is a nonprofit public policy organization. SPUR brings people together from across the political spectrum to develop solutions to the big problems cities face. Based in San Francisco, San José and Oakland,

SPUR is recognized as a leading civic planning organization and respected for its independent and holistic approach to urban issues.

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