

## D4 Gordon Mar

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### **What park in your district do you use the most, and what do you love about it?**

The Great Highway Promenade has become my go to park to connect to nature and support physical and mental health. It's a unique and expansive car free space for walking, biking and community building events.

### **Are there any parks in your district that you feel need help? If so, which one do you feel needs the most help and what do you propose?**

Pine Lake Park is in need of more care and maintenance, and it will likely require major infrastructure work. The clubhouse and bathrooms need to be rebuilt plus the hillsides are slowly eroding and the water level in Pine Lake is low. I will work with Rec and Park, SFPUC and Pine Lake Park Neighborhood Association to develop an improvement plan.

### **What do you see as the biggest challenge facing SF parks in the next 4 years? How do you intend to address this?**

Many parks in my district are impacted by the ongoing drought and lack of watering of landscaping. I've been supporting the Westside Recycled Water Project which will provide grey water for irrigation in Golden Gate Park in 2023 and have developed a plan and secured initial funding to connect the grey water line to Sunset Boulevard for irrigation as well. We should also continue to expand drought resistant landscape plants.

### **What were some of the successes and failures of COVID- era public space programs in your district? Be specific.**

I'm proud of our work to transform roadways to create Great Highway Promenade and the Outer Sunset Farmer's Market and Mercantile on 37th Avenue between Ortega and Quintara during the pandemic. District 4 had the largest miles of Slow Streets, but they have not been successful.

### **How do you plan to move forward with COVID-era changes made to parks and public spaces in your district?**

I'm working to make the Great Highway Promenade and Outer Sunset Farmer's Market and Mercantile permanent. I'm also working with SFMTA to transition the four District 4 Slow Streets to nine Sunset Neighborways which will hopefully be more successful because they are being planned with robust neighborhood input.

**What involvement do you have with volunteer community groups in your district?**

On the Great Highway Promenade, we support groups like Friends of the Great Highway, Community Spaces SF, Kidsafe SF to create community building events on the Great Highway (ie The Great Hauntway)

On Sunset Boulevard, we work with Friends of Sunset Boulevard, Climate Action Now!, CA Native Plant Society Yerba Buena Chapter to improve and activate the boulevard. This includes working with DPW on the Sunset Boulevard Master Plan.

We're also working to make one block of the Outer Sunset Farmer's Market a permanent pedestrianized street which we envision as "The Sunset Commons" working with Sunset Mercantile, the Sunset Chinese Cultural District, Sunset Youth Services and other groups.

**We've heard from our partners that they believe the city permitting process is the greatest hurdle to serving public spaces. If you believe any changes need to be made, what would your proposals be?**

(No answer provided)

**According to the SF Recreation and Parks Department, they currently have about \$1.5 billion in deferred maintenance. How do you plan to tackle this?**

The Parks Alliance played a major role in passing Proposition B in 2016 to increase and extend baseline funding for parks maintenance and improvements. General Obligation bonds are also a source of funding for capital improvements. We need additional funding sources to address the deferred maintenance needs of our parks, and I'm committed to working with the Rec and Park, the Parks Alliance and others to make this a higher priority.