



Jane Kim Responses:

1. What was your childhood like? How did your childhood affect your decision to run for mayor?

As a child of immigrant parents, I often acted as an interpreter to our world - helping them communicate with people who did not speak their language or understand our culture. I saw how my parents were treated differently because they were immigrants and this experience cemented my belief that every person should be treated fairly and with respect. As a child, I never thought I would run for office-- I was shy and awkward and did not view myself as leader. However, in high school, I started volunteering at my local Coalition for Homelessness and every Saturday night for four years, regardless of holidays, I delivered meals to people who lived on the streets, parks and under freeways and talked to them. When I was in high school, many homeless individuals were war veterans who served our country. This experience shaped the person I am today and I'm running for mayor is to make sure we watch out for each other and help each other get fair treatment.

2. Why do you want to be mayor? If elected, what would you do as mayor?

I love San Francisco and I am running to take care of all our residents. I want to build homes for individuals, families and seniors without stable housing. I want to enrich our schools and make childcare and college affordable. And I want to double our efforts to clean our streets.

3. San Francisco is very diverse. How would you represent everyone?

I have served as an elected official for 11 years and I have spent time visiting every neighborhood and getting to know our residents and community leaders. I have learned to build coalitions to make San Francisco the only city in the nation to make community college free and build coalitions to negotiate and win the most affordable and middle income housing of any member of this Board of Supervisors.

When I first ran for office, people told me I would need a different platform for each community in San Francisco. I went doorknocking in many neighborhoods and found that, actually, most people want the same things-- they want our neighborhoods to be safer, our schools to be high quality and everyone wants to build more affordable housing.

It takes hard work to bring people together, but when we are united, we can win for all of us!

4. What are your thoughts on SFUSD?

I served on the School Board and was elected as President of the School Board. We must invest in our students and educators in order to have a strong City. Investing in our youngest residents, our students, will make San Francisco a successful city.

5. How are you going to help kids in San Francisco?

Our kids deserve the very best. I support FREE Muni for all children 18 and under and I fought to make City College free for all San Francisco residents. We should not have any barriers to education.

Right now, I'm working to make early childhood education - for kids 0- 3 - affordable for every family in our city.

6. What do you want to do to improve the homeless situation in SF?

One of the first things I'll do as Mayor is ask our state leaders to help us - we need to all work together.

Many people on the street are very sick. We need to help them get well so they can stay off the street. And I'll work to create more medical beds staffed by nurses so they don't have to live on the streets.

7. What would you do if there is a school shooting? How would you prevent that from happening?

We must end school shootings and all shootings in our country. I am so proud of young people for standing up and holding us adults accountable.

We need strict gun laws on sales and possessions. We need to take the most dangerous guns off the market. And we need to invest in mental health services and help.

We also have to be prepared -- we must continue to train students, teachers and staff how to communicate and work together, safely exit buildings, and be active in a situation so we don't freeze up.

8. Do you have to be rich to be a mayor?

No! I am not rich - I still have a roommate and rent an apartment. You don't have to be rich to be a mayor. But you do have to love your city and serving your city to make it a City for all of us!

9. What do you like most about San Francisco?

San Francisco is a beautiful city! And I enjoy meeting my neighbors and learning from them every day.

10. What is your hobby?

I enjoy listening to music and reading books. I also like walking and hiking San Francisco trails (when I have time!)

11. Can you bake? If so, what can you bake?

I can bake "ready-made" cookies!!

I do enjoy cooking dinner when I can and sharing food with friends and family.