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Quality of Life Takes Center Stage at Supervisor Debates

San Francisco, CA, (September 9), 2008- The Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC), Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF), and San Francisco Beautiful announced today a series of non-partisan debates for District Supervisor candidates. These debates will take place throughout September and October, and will highlight key aspects of our quality of life such as parks and recreation, environmental and beautification issues. This will be the fifth District Supervisor quality of life debate series to be held since 2000.

"Given such scarce funding, it is extremely important to recognize the significance of our neighborhood parks, urban forests, and unique beauty of our City during this election cycle," said Executive Director Isabel Wade of the Neighborhood Parks Council. "These debates will elevate the discussion, and allow community members to voice their concerns about the livability of their district."

The five contested districts (1,3,4,9, 11) up for election will host one moderated debate with the other two districts (5 and 7) featuring town hall discussions. The moderator will read questions submitted by the hosting organizations as well as audience members. Nicole Sawaya of Project Artaud will moderate Districts 3, 4, and 9; and Burnell Holland, editor of The Usual Suspects, will moderate Districts 1 and 11. NPC Staff will moderate town hall discussions for Districts 5 and 7.

All debates will occur from 7:00pm-8:00pm, doors open at 6:30pm. Locations of the debates are listed below:

District 1: 9/22/08 at the Richmond Police Station (461 6th Avenue)
District 3: 9/24/08 at the Telegraph Hill Recreation Center (660 Lombard Street)
District 4: 10/1/08 at the South Sunset Recreation Center (2601 40th Avenue)
District 5: DATE AND LOCATION TBD

District 7: 9/15/08 Herbert Hoover Middle School (2290 14th Avenue)
District 9: 10/8/08 Women's Building (3543 18th Street #8)
District 11: 10/1/08 Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreation Center (Capitol & Montana Streets)

The hosting organizations will not be endorsing any candidates, and look forward to a lively discussion about these important issues. NPC recognizes candidates who demonstrate an interest in neighborhood parks and their improvement with a "park friendly" rating.

See candidate questionnaires, park friendlies and more at www.sfnpc.org/supervisordebates2008

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