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PARK ADVOCATES VOICE PRIORITIES TO CANDIDATES

Urge voters: elect park-friendly leaders in 2010

San Francisco, CA, (October 1, 2010) – San Francisco voters in five districts have the opportunity to recast the role of supervisor in the fall election. In a year of budget deficits that affect park funding, the need to elect park advocates is becoming even more vital.

Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) announces today the announces today the 2010 City Parks Forums. Over the next two weeks, NPC will host a series of non-partisan forums for District Supervisor candidates. These meetings, to conclude mid-October, will highlight key park, recreation and open space issues that are important to voters. The goal of these forums is to give residents the opportunity to learn more about each candidate's knowledge of and positions on these subjects.

“Ensuring that there is a strong voice for parks and open space at City Hall is paramount to the success of our neighborhood parks,” Meredith Thomas, Executive Director of the Neighborhood Parks Council explains. “It is through the work of dedicated community volunteers that our parks flourish as an oasis to our daily lives, but it is with the support of their supervisors that our parks can continue to thrive.”

All forums are from 6:00pm-8:00pm, doors open at 5:45pm.

Locations of the forums are listed below:

D2: Tuesday, October 5, CPMC Pacific Campus, Enright Room (2223 Buchanan St.)

D6: Thursday, October 7, Genentech Auditorium (near 16th and 3rd Streets),
UCSF Mission Bay (partnership with UCSF and League of Women Voters)

****Note:** due to the Giants' playoff game, we suggest using public transit to join us for this forum.

D8: Tuesday, October 12, Glen Park Elementary School Auditorium (151 Lippard Ave)
A partnership with the Glen Park Association

D10: Wednesday, October 13, Joe Lee Recreation Center (1395 Mendell Street)

The hosting organizations will not be endorsing any candidates, and look forward to a lively discussion about these important issues. NPC encourages community members

to ask candidates their most burning questions, which can be submitted at the event or prior via e-mail sent to supervisordebates@sfnpc.org.

Further, NPC recognizes candidates who demonstrate an interest in neighborhood parks with a “park friendly” rating. NPC has rated candidates as “park friendly” based on a questionnaire each completed. Responses, ratings and questionnaire are available at sfnpc.org/park-friendly-ratings.

Minutes from all of our City Parks Forums (and most other NPC meetings) are available on the Neighborhood Park Council’s website at sfnpc.org/meetingminutes2010/

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The Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) has been providing leadership and support to park users through community-driven stewardship, education, planning and research for over 14 years. Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) advocates for a superior, equitable and sustainable park and recreation system. Find out more about NPC at sfnpc.org

If you would like more information about the City Parks Forums, “park friendly” ratings or the Neighborhood Parks Council, call the NPC main office at 621-3260 or e-mail supervisordebates@sfnpc.org.