

## **Connie Chan**

Meet the candidates, week 15: “What is your plan to help businesses in District 1?”

When I talk to business owners in the Richmond (big and small), they all have the same ask for city support: clean and safe streets. This is why I have pushed the Breed Administration for more public safety resources and we successfully secured retired police ambassadors patrolling our streets, and expansion of street crisis teams, ongoing graffiti abatement, and street cleaning. I also worked with merchants to mitigate negative impacts from city construction projects.

I have advocated for and funded fee waivers for new small businesses and helped existing businesses get support to negotiate lease and rent increases, to secure grants and access other resources so they can stay and thrive in the Richmond. I'm proud that due to our amazing businesses, Time Out Magazine declared the Richmond as one of the coolest neighborhoods in the world.