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## **What is the state of business in District 7 and how do you plan to support businesses? (both big and small)**

The state of businesses varies from location to location. Stonestown seems to be thriving despite security concerns. Parkmerced mall was recently victim to a van smashing through a laundromat to steal an ATM machine. West Portal has become the latest battleground in the culture war between activists and local businesses, many of whom have existed for generations. Ocean Avenue is hanging on despite break-ins such as at Lucho's. Inner Sunset is bouncing back fairly well. Every business district has slightly different concerns, but no matter what, security, street cleanliness, and accessibility remain top priorities for everyone. I will work with merchants to protect their businesses from abuse by city hall and city agencies.