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District 11 Meet the Candidate Week 17: What can you, as supervisor, do to ensure District 11 gets its fair share of city services?

I'm excited to bring my **creative problem-solving, fundraising and negotiation skills**, relationships, and organizing and press skills to ensure District 11 gets its fair share of city services. I spent the past five years founding a creative joint childcare and workforce housing model and would bring that same mindset to creative ordinances and charter amendments to unlock city services.

Secondly, I've negotiated eight-figure contracts and will negotiate hard for District 11 in the city budget, and when needed raise outside money for district projects, just like the \$30,000 I raised recently for a new Excelsior neon sign.

Thirdly, I would use **my relationships at all levels** (for example, state-level Attorney General Rob Bonta, city-level Supervisors Matt Dorsey and Joel Engardio, and the Mayor) including with commissioners and heads of agencies (DPW, SFMTA, etc.) to fight for D11. Recently, I spoke to the Mayor about keeping Excelsior Science Workshop from funding cuts.

Finally, **city services respond to pressure from advocates and press**. As an organizer, I recently spoke at a rally to advocate for SFUSD not consolidating the bilingual Mandarin program at Jose Ortega, getting two articles and two TV spots, and would use this organizing ability to put pressure on making sure D11 gets its fair share.