

## Connie Chan

Meet the candidates, week 20: **“Is public safety the top priority in District 1? If not, what is?”**

The challenge we face around public safety is not just whether people are safe based on data, it is **whether people are feeling safe**. This is why it has been my top priority to keep the Richmond clean and safe with the continuing increase of retired police ambassadors and street crisis teams, and graffiti abatement and street cleaning by the Public Works team.

Now we also have night markets, film festivals and community events to activate spaces, help people connect and support our small businesses. All with the goal of building community hubs in different parts of the Richmond so people know they are part of our neighborhood, they are welcome and safe.

But it's about so much more than public safety — when it comes down to it, I think **people worry that we are headed in the wrong direction as a city** — that the concerns of regular people have been pushed aside for the wealthy and well-connected. They do not believe the administration is listening and they are extremely concerned about electing supervisors who will just be rubber stamps for City Hall special interests over the best interests of District 1 residents. That is why I fight so hard for District 1 — because I am accountable to them and them alone and I will always work for the people of this district.