

What are your thoughts on the current encampment sweeps? Do you think any part of the sweeps should be handled differently?

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My focus will always be on **providing humane and effective solutions to end homelessness** in San Francisco. This means we must treat people with **dignity**. To address the immediate needs of those experiencing homelessness, we should fast-track the development of **emergency shelters**, especially for vulnerable groups like children and families. Additionally, it's imperative to **designate safe parking areas** that include essential amenities such as bathrooms and showers, providing a more stable environment for tent encampments and those living in their vehicles. Tents are occupying the public right of way and as a city we must act upon it and ensure we have adequate access to shelters with meaningful support to help individuals exit homelessness.

Supporting and expanding the efforts of **Street Crisis Response teams and community liaisons** to offer on-site assistance is also crucial. These teams play a vital role in addressing crises with compassion, ensuring that individuals receive the help they need without further trauma. We must ensure that before penalizing those who have no other options, the city dramatically expands access to shelters that are safe and equipped with meaningful supports to help individuals exit homelessness.

While enforcement is necessary to maintain public safety, it should never come at the expense of our most vulnerable residents. My approach is to advocate for **policies that strike a balance between enforcement and compassion**, ensuring that everyone in San Francisco has the opportunity to live with dignity and security.