

Connie Chan

Meet the candidates, week 25: “During Outside Lands in Golden Gate Park, this year and in the future, how will you make sure the festival has a minimum negative impact on neighbors in the Richmond?”

I live in the Outer Richmond, and I share my neighbors' concerns about the impact Outside Lands has on our neighborhoods. This is why I pushed the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) to conduct meaningful outreach to our community and ensure our concerns are heard, while still bringing the benefits of a concert series to the Richmond District and the whole city.

While I voted against the mayor and RPD's proposal for an additional weekend of concerts in Golden Gate Park after the Outside Lands Festival weekend, I knew these additional concerts would likely be approved so I worked with RPD and Another Planet Entertainment (APE), **to secure additional community benefit funding for Districts 1 and 4 to offset the impacts** on our neighborhoods, residents, and small businesses. With the additional funds, we are hosting community events to boost our small businesses, planting dahlias at Cabrillo Playground and getting new ping pong tables for seniors and families at Richmond Recreation Center. There also will be free concerts to bring visitors to downtown based on the new community benefit agreement.

I will continue to hold city departments and partners like Another Planet Entertainment accountable to mitigate their impacts on the Richmond.