

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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It is essential to handle encampment sweeps with intention and compassion. While maintaining accessible sidewalks is important, it is equally important to treat our unhoused neighbors with respect. To achieve this, we must ensure that enough shelter beds are available for the unhoused population and create opportunities for stabilization by utilizing the extensive services in San Francisco's ecosystem, including mental health clinicians and support services.

As Supervisor, I will:

- Invest in and increase the availability of **permanent supportive housing** options, integrating housing with support services to help individuals maintain stable living situations.
- Focus on providing comprehensive **mental health and substance abuse treatment programs** to address the root causes of homelessness and support long-term recovery and stability.
- Expand the availability of **shelter beds** to ensure that more individuals experiencing homelessness have a safe place to stay.
- Implement thorough **reviews and restructuring of the Department of Homelessness budgets** to ensure funds are used efficiently and effectively, with clear accountability measures in place to track progress and outcomes.