

## **Connie Chan**

Meet the candidates, week 29: “Neighbors report more sightings of coyotes around the neighborhood, and parents and dog owners are concerned. Tell me about your thoughts and how we can live in harmony with wildlife in our neighborhood.”

It is concerning that people and their animals have been attacked by coyotes in San Francisco. We must renew our efforts to outreach and educate about how to live with wildlife like coyotes in our urban environment.

For more than a decade, city departments such as Rec and Park and Animal Care and Control have partnered with Project Coyote, an organization founded to educate local governments on how to coexist with coyotes, especially in urban environments like San Francisco. We must keep up with this partnership and our efforts of outreach and education to our residents and visitors so we can prevent harmful interactions with coyotes, such as feeding these wild animals, that often result in coyotes getting familiar with and too close to humans, and contribute to the attacks on our domestic animals and people. This is why I urge our city departments to continue to proactively offer information and updates on how we best interact with coyotes in different situations so that we can protect ourselves, our animals, and the coyotes.