

Week 31: Name one specific issue affecting residents in the Excelsior. How would you address it as their supervisor?

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**Parking.** Anyone living in the Excelsior has likely experienced the frustration of coming home late — whether from work or a night out — only to face the struggle of finding parking. By the time everyone is home, parking spaces are scarce. Many residents have to park far from their homes and walk late at night, which can be risky — especially for our working mothers and women. Others park on the sidewalk, risking traffic citations.

The challenge is similar on our main streets with businesses. Whether people are running quick errands or picking up takeout, finding parking can be nearly impossible, leading to double-parking or parking far away.

My solution is to work with the community to establish residential parking zones that take effect during peak hours, such as after work and into the early morning. Each residence would be allotted approximately two free permits, as it would not be fair to charge for this. One of the main reasons for the parking issue is that many homes in District 11 house more than one family, resulting in multiple cars and a significant increase in parking demand. This ties into my pro-housing stance, as we need to build more housing citywide to address these underlying challenges. Additionally, I propose introducing more short-term parking zones — such as approximately 30-minute spots — on our main streets to make it easier for people to park and run quick errands.