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Meet the Candidates, week 32: **Do you support the [list of potential school closures/mergers](#)**? Why or why not.

Before I answer the question, I believe the public must be informed on why the schools are closing.

Schools are closing because enrollment is down. Families are moving out of San Francisco and the people staying in SF are not having enough children to fill the vacancies.

Why are families moving out? Why aren't San Franciscans having more children? Answer: It is way too expensive to raise a family in San Francisco, and the homeless situation is out of control.

My child goes to 95% Asian enrolled public school and it's a great school but my child has to see homeless addicts around the school doing things not appropriate for children to witness.

So yes, I understand why families are leaving SF thus affecting the decrease in student enrollment.

With that understanding, I am **against school closures but only if** whoever wins will be willing to build 100,000 affordable units as I described here on a previous Mission Local question.

By doing this, working families can afford to live in San Francisco. And those living in SROs can move into housing where you can afford to have children and start a family.

Make no mistake about this fact. If SF remains too expensive and too unsafe to raise your family, schools will close.

When schools close, we must consider having SFUSD have the students bussed to the remaining schools left open. Tesla's Robo Busses would be appropriate...we can program them to have great math and engineering lessons on the screens as they ride to school.

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