

David Lee

What is one piece of criticism that people often make about you that is not true or unfair?

One criticism I occasionally hear from political opponents is the rumor that I only moved to my current home to run for office. This is completely untrue.

I have lived on the Westside for over 40 years and served the Sunset for over 30 years. I have educated many students at SF State, registered thousands of voters in this district, and helped build neighborhood parks as a Recreation and Park commissioner. My wife and I recently bought our home on 36th Avenue because we are empty-nesters who wanted to finally settle into a neighborhood we love, close to my job at the university and convenient to the airport.

The truth is, I never intended to run when we moved here. I only decided to enter this race after seeing how City Hall was treating our neighborhood. With all due respect to Beya Alcaraz whom I truly sympathize with regarding how the mayor handled her situation, that initial appointment felt like a profound disrespect to our district. Then, when our second appointed supervisor voted to support the Family Zoning Plan on just his second day on the job, without holding a single conversation with the neighbors, I realized the Sunset desperately needed an independent voice.

I am running because I refuse to let City Hall and downtown developers rubber-stamp projects in our district without bringing the residents to the table. My motivation isn't political ambition; it is protecting the community I have spent my life serving.