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Graffiti

Graffiti and Vandalism have real financial impacts on the small businesses they target and if continued unchecked could result in food deserts in D9 with grocery stores closing. Our current strategy of graffiti abatement which simply provides new blank canvasses for taggers and penalizes small businesses for the City's inability to prevent graffiti in the first place has failed. You can read my full Small Business Plan <u>here</u>.

Trevor's Plan for Graffiti and Vandalism

- → Enforce graffiti and tagging laws and fully staff the graffiti team at SFPD which has been deprioritized due to the staffing crisis.
- → Increase DPW staffing of the graffiti abatement program which currently only has 6 abatement staff for the entire City and increase awareness of the free graffiti abatement program.
- → Implement community service for first time graffiti and vandalism offenders as an opportunity for restorative justice with increases in accountability for each future offense. I will support the City Attorney in pursuing civil cases and stay away orders against repeat offenders.
- → Only fine the owners of vacant storefronts for blight and graffiti. Small business owners are already fighting graffiti by being vibrant members of our communities and should not be punished for the City's failure to enforce the law.
- → Ensure evidence is acted on by SFPD when provided by small business owners. Every small business owner I talk with has said they have attempted to provide conclusive video evidence of a crime only to be refused by SFPD. I will ensure processes are in place where small businesses can submit evidence and ensure it is reviewed and acted upon.

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