

# “The Gavin Newsom I Know Isn’t Afraid to Roll Up His Sleeves.”



**N**eighborhood parks help hold this city together. Public parks are the city’s front yards, our community centers, gathering places where people from all walks of life can meet and play.

But they have been ignored for too long.



I have long been an advocate for improving our urban environment with more

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parks, playgrounds, street trees and green spaces.

That’s how I met Gavin Newsom.

It was Newsom who rolled up his sleeves and took on the job, along with our neighborhood organizations, of helping to restore San Francisco’s parks and open spaces.

Gavin was the leader of the campaign for Propositions A and C in 2000, the successful initiatives

that are helping to restore our parks and acquire new open space. He worked tirelessly for the campaigns – almost always behind the scenes. For Gavin, it wasn’t about getting credit – he worked to get the job done.

That’s the Gavin Newsom I know. He is somebody who really cares about making this city work better for everyone. He does his homework and learns about an issue. Then he “gets under the hood” of the problem by seeing for himself what is going on.

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He is the rare combination of someone who sees the big picture, but isn’t afraid to roll up his sleeves to get the job done.

And for Gavin, the work for parks didn’t stop with the campaign. Gavin is still working to make our parks better – and to make sure they are better managed.

He supports ParkScan – a simple tool that will help the Recreation and Park Department and the community groups involved in the parks find problems and solve them, quickly and efficiently.

Gavin is fighting to help improve City playgrounds, so every child in San Francisco has a safe place to play.

Parks are not a major political issue. Candidates don’t get elected, or turned out of office,



*Gavin Newsom is one of the City’s leading advocates for parks. He sponsored Propositions A and C to help restore our parks and open spaces.*

because of their stand on parks. But they are a vital quality-of-life issue – and an environmental justice concern. For Gavin, it isn’t about politics. It is about fighting for policies that make this wonderful city even better.

That’s the Gavin Newsom I know. And that’s why I support Gavin Newsom for Mayor.