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GREEN PARTY SF MAYORAL CANDIDATE TERRY JOAN BAUM CELEBRATES CANDIDACY WITH MID-CAMPAIGN KICK OFF SUNDAY

SAN FRANCISCO – Terry Joan Baum, the sole Green Party candidate for Mayor of San Francisco, running on a platform of The Green New Deal, kicks off her campaign on Sunday, October 9 with peace activist Cindy Sheehan, performers Blackberri and Tommi Avicolti-Mecca, among others.

WHAT: Campaign Kick Off

WHEN: Sunday, October 9, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Doc's Clock, 2575 Mission Street, between 21st and 22nd streets

FEATURING: Performers Blackberri and Tommi Avocolli-Mecca, peace activist Cindy Sheehan, a Clipper Card raffle, and Campaign Promises

"It's time for San Francisco to elect Green mayor," said Baum. "It's time for San Francisco to elect an artist mayor and a lesbian mayor. It's time for San Francisco to start generating its own energy. It's time for San Francisco to make Muni so magnificent that you do not want your car and you do need your car. It's time for San Francisco to take control of its own financial destiny and enact a progressive local income tax and tax the rich, DUH! It's time for San Francisco to establish its own municipal bank instead of relying on Bank of America or other commercial institutions that played such large roles in the mortgage fiasco – and then got bailed out with our taxpayer dollars."

"It's time," said Baum. "It's time for all San Franciscans to join the Occupy SF movement and fight back against the rhetoric of the Tea Partiers and the religious right, all of whom have made the Republican Party stronger. It's time for true change." "It's time for San Francisco to woman up and become the city that outsiders already think it is," said Baum. Baum added, "I believe that the election of a Green mayor will shake up halls of political power from San Francisco to Washington, DC – and dramatically move the discourse away from the Tea Party and the extreme right wing to a more sensible place where Americans acknowledge that we are the government, and that our government must be our best effort to come together for the common good of humankind and the planet."