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Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, 415-554-6131

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED UNVEILS MASONIC AVENUE
STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Improvements will increase safety and beautify the busy transit corridor

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed joined City leaders, safe streets advocates, neighbors and merchants to celebrate the Masonic Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project. The project brings transformative safety upgrades for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders and motorists, along with new infrastructure, landscaping, street trees and public art.

“For years, Masonic Avenue has been the site of too many traffic-related injuries and fatalities,” said Mayor Breed. “I am committed to investing in transportation safety upgrades like this one so that everyone can feel comfortable choosing to walk, ride a bike, or take transit in San Francisco.”

Mayor Breed was joined by Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, SFMTA Director of Transportation Ed Reiskin, SFPUC General Manager Harlan L. Kelly, Jr., District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown, District 2 Supervisor Catherine Stefani, and San Francisco Bicycle Coalition Executive Director Brian Wiedenmeier for the announcement. The unveiling was

held at a new public plaza on Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue, which was a major facet of the project.

“The City has come together to make a better Masonic Avenue for all San Franciscans. I appreciate the patience of neighbors during this important work and look forward to working with the community to continue improving our corridors,” said Supervisor Brown.

From 2009 to 2014, there were 113 traffic collisions on Masonic Avenue between Fell Street and Geary Boulevard. This included 14 pedestrian collisions and 24 bicycle collisions, including two fatalities.

“The Masonic Avenue Streetscape Project will provide safer and more efficient transportation for cyclists, motorists, and transit riders. Roadway improvements, including a landscaped median, wider sidewalks, bus bulb-outs, and a new open park space are an important part of the City’s Vision Zero mission to eliminate all traffic deaths by 2024,” said Supervisor Stefani. “Thank you to Public Works, Planning, the SFMTA, and Masonic residents and businesses for all of their efforts on this project.”

The two-year, \$26 million project began a decade ago with a community petition signed by more than 500 people, which led the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution to improve safety on the corridor.

“We have transformed Masonic Avenue from an outdated, mini-freeway that divided neighborhoods, into a beautiful, welcoming street that knits communities together,” said SFMTA Director of Transportation, Ed Reiskin. “The SFMTA’s sweeping safety improvements to Masonic Avenue include new, separated bikeways and safer pedestrian crossings in support of Vision Zero, the City’s goal to eliminate traffic fatalities. Thanks to our tenacious community organizations, strong City leaders and committed City staff, we have remade Masonic Avenue into a safer, more livable and sustainable street for all.”

The streetscape improvements on Masonic Avenue extend from Fell Street to Geary Boulevard, with additional roadway repaving that stretches to Haight Street and Presidio Avenue. The upgrades include improved pedestrian access to transit, new bus bulb-outs and cycle tracks, widened sidewalks, water and sewer upgrades, new lighting in medians, pedestrian-scale lighting on sidewalks, new trees, and the conversion of the southwest corner of Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue into a dynamic public plaza.

“The redesign of Masonic Avenue brings much-needed improvements to this busy corridor,” said San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “The project serves as a great example of successful collaboration among City agencies in partnership with the community and our elected representatives to enhance neighborhood safety and livability.”

“As one of the most important thoroughfares in San Francisco, Masonic Avenue now has the modern infrastructure it has long deserved. A project of this magnitude required the close coordination of multiple City agencies, community groups and civic leaders, and the SFPUC was proud to take part in this collaborative process,” said San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager Harlan L. Kelly, Jr. “These critical improvements, which include new sewer lines and water mains, will ensure that Masonic Avenue meets the need of everyone who uses this vital corridor.”

“The San Francisco County Transportation Authority is a proud supporter of the Masonic Avenue Streetscape Project, which began with the community's advocacy for safety and access improvements,” said Transportation Authority Executive Director Tilly Chang.

For the new plaza, the San Francisco Arts Commission commissioned artist Scott Oliver to create a site-specific installation, titled *Points of Departure*. It consists of three signposts featuring multiple arrows pointing in all directions with a total of 111 place names – both familiar and exotic—and their respective distances. In keeping with the project's commitment to community input, the place names were derived from a questionnaire the artist presented to individuals he encountered near the plaza and adjacent bus stops.

“The San Francisco Arts Commission was thrilled to contribute to this incredible new streetscape feature with this fantastic installation by Scott Oliver that celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of our beautiful City,” says Director of Cultural Affairs Tom DeCaigny.

For more information on the project, please visit <https://www.sfpublicworks.org/masonic>.

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Everyone,
Please accept this letter on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Central SoMa Public Benefits Package and the Old U.S. Mint.

Sincerely,

**Chanbory Son, Executive Secretary
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, 415-554-6131

***** STATEMENT *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ON INCIDENT IN TWIN PEAKS
TUNNEL**

"We are saddened to hear about the passing of a signal technician who was working in the Twin Peaks Tunnel yesterday evening. Our sincerest condolences are with his family, friends, and colleagues at this time.

This is a tragic incident and I want to commend the Twin Peaks Tunnel laborers who quickly sprang into action to help their colleague.

We are treating this matter seriously and immediately alerted the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the San Francisco Police Department to conduct a full investigation so we can better understand what transpired. The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has stopped work on the project at this time."

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Friday, August 10, 2018

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF
MAGGIE WEILAND AS DIRECTOR OF THE
ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION**

San Francisco, CA—Mayor London N. Breed today announced the appointment of Maggie Weiland as the Executive Director of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

“I know Maggie Weiland will continue to successfully lead the Entertainment Commission’s important work of promoting, supporting and regulating a robust, responsible and safe entertainment and nightlife community in the City,” said Mayor Breed. “Watching her work firsthand gives me great confidence that she will also balance the important public safety and neighborhood concerns in our City.”

Weiland joined the Entertainment Commission in 2015 as Deputy Director and became Acting Director in July 2017 following the retirement of the previous Director. She previously worked in the administrations of Mayor Edwin M. Lee and Mayor Gavin Newsom, and for the Department of the Environment and the San Francisco Film Commission.

“Acting Director Maggie Weiland ably led the Entertainment Commission during the City’s time of transition and demonstrated an unmatched commitment and great skill in leading key entertainment initiatives,” said City Administrator Naomi Kelly. “I am pleased that she will continue this important work to sustain San Francisco’s well-earned reputation as a first class city for quality entertainment.”

Established in 2002, the Entertainment Commission is a Charter Commission that is responsible for issuing entertainment permits. Since that time, it has become part of the General Services Agency, the City agency managed by the City Administrator.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working closely with Maggie for the last few years on advancing important Entertainment Commission goals, and I know that she will lead the department with vision and integrity,” said Entertainment Commission President Ben Bleiman.

Weiland brings a proven record of success to the Entertainment Commission where she has focused on improving safety in San Francisco’s nightlife, developing new online tools to regulate the industry and streamline the process, expanding the Commission’s reach beyond permitting into policy-making, and building respect for the industry as an important stakeholder in the City’s growth and future.

According to a 2012 economic impact report by the Office of the Controller, the nightlife sector in San Francisco employs nearly 48,000 people and accounts for \$4 billion in annual spending by 80 million customers. San Francisco’s nightlife and entertainment sector is an integral part of the City’s fabric: attracting residents and visitors to our diverse neighborhoods, providing social spaces that are critical to the preservation of vibrant cultural life, and serving as a major source of employment for our City.

Weiland is a native San Franciscan and an avid show-goer and singer. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree and Masters in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco. Her first day as Executive Director is Monday, August 13, 2018.

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Commissioners,
Attached are your Calendars for August 15, 2018.

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Hello Mr Ionin,

Could you forward this PDF of recent photos of the historic brick buildings at the Potrero Power Station to all members of the Historic Preservation Commission? thank you very much, Peter Linenthal Potrero Hill Archives Project

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Please send to the HPC Commissioners via email. Thanks!

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Register by **September 14** to maximize your savings to attend the premier educational and networking event for those who are passionate about saving places. This year PastForward returns to San Francisco to showcase how our city is tackling climate change and urban density while maintaining its cultural landscape and intangible-heritage assets. Register early for savings and to ensure your spot on the exciting Field Studies exploring the preservation work in, and around, San Francisco. Visit PastForwardConference.org to register.

For residents of the nine Bay Area counties, use code **CITYSF18** by **September 14** to receive 50% off [Early Bird](#) registration rates. *Discount does not apply to individually ticketed events and Field Study sessions.*

Best,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****
**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL
FUNDING FOR EVICTION PREVENTION AND LEGAL
SERVICES FOR TENANTS**

\$5.8 million will help prevent unlawful evictions and displacement

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed announced \$5.8 million in additional funding over the next two years to fund legal defense services for San Francisco tenants facing eviction. This funding is in addition to the \$7.5 million the City currently spends on eviction prevention services.

“One of the most important things we can do to prevent displacement and homelessness is keep people housed in the first place,” said Mayor Breed. “I am a lifelong renter and I know what it is like to face housing insecurity. I fought to include this funding in the budget because no one should face eviction alone without knowing their rights.”

With this additional funding, the City now spends more than \$10 million annually on tenant protections—with about \$6.3 million targeted towards legal services, including full-scope legal representation.

“It’s important that we are making great strides to protect renters facing eviction. We now have the necessary resources to fund eviction defense for our most vulnerable neighbors with the recently passed budget,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown. “Thank you Mayor Breed for working with the Board of Supervisors to ensure this critical first step is funded. I hope the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor will continue to work as partners to advance additional programs to help San Francisco renters.”

Voters passed Proposition F in June 2018, which provided residential tenants facing eviction in San Francisco the right to legal representation. While Proposition F did not create a funding source for its own implementation, Mayor Breed worked with the Board of Supervisors to rebalance the City’s budget to include \$1.9 million in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and \$3.9 million in 2019-2020 to fund an unprecedented expansion of legal services.

“After years of seeing the devastating impact the housing crisis is having on our communities—with children being uprooted from their schools and homes, longtime residents being pushed out of San Francisco, and people’s health impaired by the stress of housing instability—we look forward to working with the Mayor and City staff to bring right to counsel to San Francisco’s tenants,” said Martina I. Cucullu Lim, Executive Director of the Eviction Defense Collaborative.

“For 30 years, the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco has rooted much of its work in the belief that housing is a basic human need and has been providing free representation to hundreds of tenants every year who are faced with eviction,” said Yolanda Jackson, Executive Director of the Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco. “And yet, our work has left us keenly aware of the gaps that remain, and the number of tenants who have faced the loss of their home without the benefit of legal representation. Today, we are committed to do whatever we can to see right to counsel in eviction cases become a reality in San Francisco. We are excited to continue to partner with the City to play a role in providing this vital community service.”

“At Legal Assistance to the Elderly, a typical client is in their 70s or older, has lived in their apartment for 20, 30, even 60 years, and spends 60-90% of their fixed income on rent. For this tenant, an eviction means homelessness and having an attorney can mean saving their home,” said Laura Slade Chiera, Executive Director of Legal Assistance to the Elderly. “Legal Assistance to the Elderly’s partnership with the City has allowed us to triple the number of eviction defense cases we take, but the need is still great. We are excited to continue this partnership with the City as we make tenant right to counsel a reality.”

San Francisco is the first city in California and the second city in the United States to provide full scope legal defense services for tenants facing eviction. Mayor Breed signed the two-year budget for the City and County of San Francisco into law on August 1, 2018.

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW
NAVIGATION CENTER**

State support helps provide care and services to 125 homeless residents

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed announced the grand opening of Division Circle Navigation Center, which will help those living on the streets transition indoors and into permanent housing.

Division Circle will provide support and services for up to 125 individuals at a time. The Navigation Center is supported by State funds secured by Assemblymember Phil Ting and will occupy underutilized Caltrans land.

“This Navigation Center will help us get people off the streets and transitioned into permanent housing,” said Mayor Breed. “It is not enough to merely get people indoors, we know that we need to provide services to ensure they do not end up back on our streets. As a result of our strong partnership with our State representatives, we will be able help our most vulnerable residents get the care and shelter they need.”

Division Circle is located on land leased from Caltrans that was previously used as a parking

lot. As a result of AB 857, introduced by Assemblymember Phil Ting, the City is able to use underutilized Caltrans locations like this one for emergency food and shelter programs at affordable rates.

“Navigation Centers combine shelter with services and have been a critical tool in moving people toward permanent housing. However, resources are limited. California has stepped up to support San Francisco so we can attack this homelessness crisis together,” said Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair of the Budget Committee, who helped secure \$10 million in last year’s state budget to open two more Navigation Centers in the City. “I look forward to working with Mayor Breed to implement more solutions.”

Navigation Centers are designed to serve San Franciscans struggling with homelessness who are often resistant to traditional shelters. Unlike traditional shelters, they allow people to bring their partners, pets, and belongings with them. In addition to room and board, case managers provide support to connect them with employment opportunities, health services, public benefits, and permanent housing.

“Six years ago, when the District 9 Office began our work to build the first ever Navigation Center in San Francisco, we immediately recognized Division Circle as a perfect site for another Center,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “Since I took office last year, I partnered with Assemblymember Ting to secure funds to open more Navigation Centers to clear tent encampments on our streets, and I worked with the past three Mayors to secure this site. It’s taken strategic and persistent efforts between many City departments and State offices to get us to this ribbon cutting today. I look forward to continuing this kind of effective collaboration to solve our homeless crisis.”

“We appreciate our great partnership with the City of San Francisco to sustain vibrant communities,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “The Division Circle Navigation Center adjacent to US 101 is an innovative approach that makes use of Caltrans properties near downtown to help address the homeless crisis in San Francisco.”

Like other Navigation Centers, access to Division Circle comes from referral from the Encampment Resolution Team, which focuses on resolving long term encampments, and the Homeless Outreach Team, which provides care management and medical services to homeless individuals.

“Public Works was honored to have a role in the planning and design of the Division Circle Navigation Center. The partnership with state and local agencies in looking for this site, and the sites of future Navigation Centers, will go a long way in getting people off our streets and into temporary housing with supportive services,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

As of June 2018, Navigation Centers have successfully transitioned 485 individuals into permanent housing, found temporary placements for 91 others, and connected another 1,065 individuals with support through the Homeward Bound program.

“I would like to thank all of the partners that came together to make this new Navigation Center a reality,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “This Navigation Center will play a critical part in our work to effectively resolve encampments, offering the most vulnerable among us a safe place from

which to begin their individual journeys out of homelessness.”

Division Circle is operated by St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco, a non-profit provider that is responsible for case management, medical care, mental health and substance abuse screening, and finding appropriate and available housing for clients.

“This center will provide critical and extensive support services to clients who suffer from chronic homelessness,” said Shari Wooldridge, St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco’s Executive Director. “We are proud to have been chosen to operate this important facility and to continue to be an integral part of the city’s fight against homelessness.”

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW
NAVIGATION CENTER**

State support helps provide care and services to 125 homeless residents

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed announced the grand opening of Division Circle Navigation Center, which will help those living on the streets transition indoors and into permanent housing.

Division Circle will provide support and services for up to 125 individuals at a time. The Navigation Center is supported by State funds secured by Assemblymember Phil Ting and will occupy underutilized Caltrans land.

“This Navigation Center will help us get people off the streets and transitioned into permanent housing,” said Mayor Breed. “It is not enough to merely get people indoors, we know that we need to provide services to ensure they do not end up back on our streets. As a result of our strong partnership with our State representatives, we will be able help our most vulnerable residents get the care and shelter they need.”

Division Circle is located on land leased from Caltrans that was previously used as a parking

lot. As a result of AB 857, introduced by Assemblymember Phil Ting, the City is able to use underutilized Caltrans locations like this one for emergency food and shelter programs at affordable rates.

“Navigation Centers combine shelter with services and have been a critical tool in moving people toward permanent housing. However, resources are limited. California has stepped up to support San Francisco so we can attack this homelessness crisis together,” said Assemblymember Phil Ting, Chair of the Budget Committee, who helped secure \$10 million in last year’s state budget to open two more Navigation Centers in the City. “I look forward to working with Mayor Breed to implement more solutions.”

Navigation Centers are designed to serve San Franciscans struggling with homelessness who are often resistant to traditional shelters. Unlike traditional shelters, they allow people to bring their partners, pets, and belongings with them. In addition to room and board, case managers provide support to connect them with employment opportunities, health services, public benefits, and permanent housing.

“Six years ago, when the District 9 Office began our work to build the first ever Navigation Center in San Francisco, we immediately recognized Division Circle as a perfect site for another Center,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “Since I took office last year, I partnered with Assemblymember Ting to secure funds to open more Navigation Centers to clear tent encampments on our streets, and I worked with the past three Mayors to secure this site. It’s taken strategic and persistent efforts between many City departments and State offices to get us to this ribbon cutting today. I look forward to continuing this kind of effective collaboration to solve our homeless crisis.”

“We appreciate our great partnership with the City of San Francisco to sustain vibrant communities,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “The Division Circle Navigation Center adjacent to US 101 is an innovative approach that makes use of Caltrans properties near downtown to help address the homeless crisis in San Francisco.”

Like other Navigation Centers, access to Division Circle comes from referral from the Encampment Resolution Team, which focuses on resolving long term encampments, and the Homeless Outreach Team, which provides care management and medical services to homeless individuals.

“Public Works was honored to have a role in the planning and design of the Division Circle Navigation Center. The partnership with state and local agencies in looking for this site, and the sites of future Navigation Centers, will go a long way in getting people off our streets and into temporary housing with supportive services,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

As of June 2018, Navigation Centers have successfully transitioned 485 individuals into permanent housing, found temporary placements for 91 others, and connected another 1,065 individuals with support through the Homeward Bound program.

“I would like to thank all of the partners that came together to make this new Navigation Center a reality,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “This Navigation Center will play a critical part in our work to effectively resolve encampments, offering the most vulnerable among us a safe place from

which to begin their individual journeys out of homelessness.”

Division Circle is operated by St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco, a non-profit provider that is responsible for case management, medical care, mental health and substance abuse screening, and finding appropriate and available housing for clients.

“This center will provide critical and extensive support services to clients who suffer from chronic homelessness,” said Shari Wooldridge, St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco’s Executive Director. “We are proud to have been chosen to operate this important facility and to continue to be an integral part of the city’s fight against homelessness.”

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****
MAYOR LONDON BREED APPOINTS
MARY ELLEN CARROLL AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Carroll brings years of experience to the City's emergency management department

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed today appointed Mary Ellen Carroll as the new Executive Director of the San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. Carroll has more than 15 years of emergency management experience with various City departments and currently serves as the Director of Emergency Planning and Security for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

“I am excited to name Mary Ellen Carroll as the new head of the Department of Emergency Management,” said Mayor Breed. “Our highest responsibility is ensuring the safety of all San Franciscans. Mary Ellen has decades of experience coordinating emergency response and preparedness efforts in San Francisco and I know that with her in charge, the City will be ready when disaster inevitably strikes.”

Carroll brings almost 25 years of experience in local public service to the Department of

Emergency Management. She has served for the past seven years as the Director of Emergency Planning and Security for the Public Utilities Commission, where she supervised all security and emergency management operations.

“It is a tremendous honor to serve Mayor Breed and the City of San Francisco in such a critical public safety capacity,” said Carroll. “My entire career has been dedicated to community resiliency and disaster response, and I am excited to work with the entire team at DEM to prepare our City for any emergency that might impact us.”

At the SFPUC, Carroll oversaw the Regional Water System, which spans from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite National Park to final distribution locations throughout the Bay Area. Her role included ongoing security design for multi-billion dollar infrastructure projects like the Water and Sewer System Improvement Programs. She managed the response to the 2013 Rim Fire that resulted in almost \$50 million in damage to SFPUC assets, and has led numerous incident command activations throughout her tenure.

Carroll has deployed in a mutual assistance role to regional disasters including several wildfires. She managed the City’s pilot policy on drone usage and she is an active member of the California Water/Wastewater Response Network.

“Mary Ellen is passionate about emergency response,” said San Francisco Public Utilities General Manager Harlan Kelly. “She’s a dedicated public servant who will be ready to serve San Francisco 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The City is in good hands with Mary Ellen at the helm of DEM.”

The Department of Emergency Management functions as the City & County of San Francisco’s emergency preparedness coordination agency, bringing together departments and external stakeholders before, during, and after disasters and large planned events. In addition, the Department of Emergency Management includes the City’s 911 call center and dispatch function.

“Mary Ellen’s commitment to community resiliency runs deep,” said Progress Foundation Executive Director Steve Fields. “When disaster strikes, we have a special obligation to help seniors, the disabled, and other people who need extra assistance. I know Mary Ellen values our community non-profit partners, and she can count on our support before, during, and after major events.”

Before joining local government, Carroll worked at several community based organizations as a low income housing developer for previously homeless and special needs individuals. She joined the City’s Department of Public Health in 2005, where she led planning and coordination efforts for San Francisco’s health systems. Carroll spent several years working in the Controller’s Office developing business continuity plans for key city services. She also developed city-wide plans for state and federal cost recovery activities to ensure rapid recovery from disasters and reimbursement for disaster damages.

Carroll is succeeding outgoing Executive Director Anne Kronenberg, who is retiring after more than 40 years in City government, including the past seven at the Department of Emergency Management. Carroll’s first day as Executive Director is Saturday, August 11, 2018.

Carroll has two children and holds a B.A. in International Studies from George Washington University and an M.A. in Urban Studies from Virginia Tech.

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The presentations will be held at the Planning Department in Room 431 between 12-1:30 pm.

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It would be great if any of you could attend.

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Dear Jonas,

Can you please extend the invite and forward the following intern presentation schedule to both Planning Commissioners and Historic Preservation Commissioners? I can also forward the calendar invite directly if you provide with their email address.

Presentation schedule as followed,

Intern Presentation Day 1 (Tuesday, 08/21/18)

Order	Project	Intern	Mentor / Supervisor
1	Chinese American Historic Context Statement	Alvin Lin	Shelley Caltagirone Frances McMillen Allison Vanderslice
2	Rental Housing Market Data Trends	Kate Pennington	Pedro Peterson
3	Environmental review Technical Analysis Summer Intern	Callum Watts	Josh Pollak Christopher Thomas Daniel Wu
			Manoj Madhavan

4	Web-Based Travel Demand Calculation and Visualization Tool	Amelia Baum	Sherie George Daniel Wu
5	Sea Level rise Adaptation Plan	Olivia Offutt	Maggie Wenger

Intern Presentation Day 2 (Wednesday, 08/22/18)

Order	Project	Intern	Mentor / Supervisor
1	Abbreviated Context Statement Phase II (Edwardian Style Historic Context Statement)	Nicole Frank	Justin Greving Stephanie Cisneros
2	Citywide Survey	Elizabeth Munyan Shreya Ghoshal	Pilar LaValley Ken Qi
3	Executive Directive / Environmental Planning Process Improvements	Rachel Chen	Alana Callagy Laura Lynch
4	Abbreviated Context Statement Phase II (Russian Historic Context Statement)	Katie Wilborn	Justin Greving Stephanie Cisneros
5	The Departed - GIS Archeological Data Compilation	Kari Lentz	Allison Vanderslice Sally Morgan

Intern Presentation Day 3 (Thursday, 08/23/18)

Order	Project	Intern	Mentor / Supervisor
1	TDR and Car-Share Database Modernization	Gabriel Canale	Corey Teague
2	Better Front Yard Program	Sophia Carpenter	Chaska Berger David Brosky
3	ADU Program Intern	Megan Healy	Marcelle Boudreaux Kimia Haddadan
4	Housing Policy Research and Assessment	David Sotelo Escobedo	James Pappas Kimia Haddadan
5	Excelsior Strategy Commercial District Assessment and Alemany Farmers Market Survey	Miriam Myers	Rachel Tanner Jon Swae

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED SIGNS BUDGET TARGETING
HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, STREET CLEANLINESS, AND
PUBLIC SAFETY**

*Two-year budget responsibly funds vital City services while making targeted investments in
the Mayor's top priorities*

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed signed into law the City and County of San Francisco's two-year balanced budget, an \$11 billion framework for both Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Fiscal Year 2019-20. The budget advances a number of Mayor Breed's priorities, including expanding shelter and services to address the homelessness crisis, creating more housing and keeping residents housed, and investing in programs to keep the City clean and safe.

"This budget will address our most pressing issues while also making a number of critical investments in our future," said Mayor Breed. "What we see on our streets is unacceptable and these budget investments are a key step to ensuring that San Franciscans see and feel a difference in all of our neighborhoods."

“This \$11 billion budget is a reflection of the values of the City of San Francisco, supporting the City’s most vulnerable with compassion and problem solving. It is the result of a robust, transparent, and inclusive process, with open and vigorous discussion of our priorities,” said Board President Malia Cohen. “I’m proud of our investments to reduce street homelessness, champion public safety for all citizens, clean our streets and parks, and keep our commitment to the residents of San Francisco.”

Mayor Breed worked to ensure \$60 million in new funding for critical homelessness service programs over the next two years. This includes funds to create 430 new permanent supportive housing units, \$4.4 million to fund the operation of a new Navigation Center for Transitional Age Youth, and \$2 million to create two new access points to connect families and residents struggling with homelessness to support and services. To quickly help those who have fallen into homelessness, \$12 million is also allocated to rapid re-housing programs.

Keeping residents housed is a key component of addressing the homelessness crisis. Building on these efforts, the budget includes \$5.8 million to fund a right to counsel for tenants facing eviction and \$1 million to help stabilize residential care providers, which will ensure over 350 people continue to be housed and cared for.

The Mayor’s budget renews the City’s commitment to affordable housing by investing more than \$800 million to construct and preserve nearly 3,000 units of affordable housing, which is critical at a time that state and federal resources for affordable housing have been drastically reduced.

Another top priority for Mayor Breed is ensuring that San Franciscans see a noticeable improvement in street cleanliness. The Mayor’s budget funds an additional \$13 million for comprehensive street cleaning, including 44 new neighborhood street cleaners split across all 11 Supervisorial Districts, five new Pit Stops (staffed public restrooms), extended hours at five existing Pit Stops, and expanded operations by the City’s needle clean-up team.

Mayor Breed recently announced an additional \$725,000 to expand and strengthen the City’s Fix-It team, which works with neighbors to quickly respond to quality of life issues. The Mayor’s budget also includes \$6 million to create a dedicated street medicine team, a first in the nation program to bring treatment to people suffering from addiction on the streets.

Furthermore, the Mayor’s budget makes smart investments to ensure public safety. This includes a strategic plan that will deploy 250 new police officers. Over the next two years, residents will notice an increase in neighborhood patrols and additional staffing will be added to address violent crime and property crime. At the same time, the budget funds \$1.7 million to fully implement the 272 policing reforms recommended by the Obama Justice Department and \$1.5 million to create four new positions at the Department of Police Accountability, which audits police use-of-force and officer misconduct policies.

The budget continues Mayor Breed’s work as Supervisor to improve ambulance response times by allocating funding to increase San Francisco’s emergency response efforts, because no one should have to wait for help in times of emergency. It adds personnel resources at the Department of Emergency Management and the 3-1-1 call center, and allocates \$1.5 million for the Fire Department to staff a Medical Assistance Response Team to quickly respond to service calls in the Tenderloin and Civic Center, the areas most in need of assistance.

The Mayor's budget funds the continuation of long-term infrastructure investments, continues the City's commitment to responsible fiscal management, and makes targeted investments in the Mayor's top priorities. The signing is the culmination of months of work that began under the leadership of the late Mayor Ed Lee with guidance by the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee, chaired by Board President Malia Cohen.

Mayor Breed signed the budget at Bishop Swing Community House, a permanent supportive housing location. The budget provides additional operating support to providers like Bishop Swing to meet the service needs of formerly homeless individuals and families.

The budget was passed on second reading by the Board of Supervisors at the July 31st meeting.

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED APPOINTS JOAQUÍN TORRES AS
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

Torres to oversee San Francisco's efforts to strengthen the economy and support workers

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed today appointed Joaquín Torres to serve as the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), where he has served as Deputy Director since 2013.

“I am proud to name Joaquín Torres as the new Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development,” said Mayor Breed. “During his time with OEWD he has successfully led numerous initiatives to create jobs, support small business, and strengthen commercial corridors in our neighborhoods. This is a critically important role for the economic future of San Francisco and I am confident that Joaquín’s passion, energy, and strong community ties make him the right person for the job.”

Torres has spearheaded numerous initiatives during his time as Deputy Director of OEWD to

support women entrepreneurs, increase healthy food options in neighborhoods, and attract, retain, and stabilize business. He has also led programs to support merchants impacted by construction and natural disasters, increase access to capital for underserved entrepreneurs, and create community benefit and cultural districts.

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development is responsible for supporting the economic vitality of San Francisco by promoting programs that attract and retain business, promote workforce development, maximize long-term public benefits in new development, strengthen small businesses, create international business opportunities in the City, and facilitate the revitalization of commercial corridors.

“I’m honored to serve Mayor Breed, together with our extraordinary team, in this leadership role to support the ongoing economic vitality of San Francisco and our communities,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Together with partners both public and private, I’m committed to strengthening the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods and commercial corridors, supporting our small and growing businesses that contribute to their character, and creating equitable pathways for good paying jobs and housing opportunities so that all San Franciscans may realize their potential and benefit from the prosperity of our City.”

For the past five years, Torres has served as the President of the San Francisco Housing Authority Commission, leading the oversight body during the rehabilitation of over 3,400 units of public housing. This process consisted of \$750 million in improvements and the transfer of ownership and management to affordable housing providers to best serve low income communities.

“Joaquín’s leadership will be a great asset for OEWD,” said Malcolm Yeung, Deputy Director of Chinatown Community Development Center. “His work at Invest in Neighborhoods demonstrates that he knows how to work with communities on the verge of a tipping point - balancing the need to stimulate economic activity while preserving the best of our cultural assets. I’m excited for the new era at OEWD under Joaquín.”

Prior to his recent appointments, Torres served as Director of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS) under Mayor Edwin M. Lee. Under former Mayor Gavin Newsom, Torres served as the Liaison to the Latino and American Indian communities and to Districts 9 and 11.

"I am elated and proud that Joaquín—an effective, skilled, diligent, and highly respected Latino community leader—has been selected by Mayor Breed to lead the Office of Economic and Workforce Development,” said Sam Ruiz, Executive Director of Mission Neighborhood Centers. “I am confident that in his new position he will continue to advocate for communities of color in relationship to the equity goals of OEWD."

Torres is a current participant in the Government Alliance for Racial Equity program and serves as Chair of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.). He is a graduate of Stanford University and New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He lives in the Outer Mission with his wife Ruibo Qian.

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