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Thursday, April 2, 2020
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCE $10 MILLION SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF FUND TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

City commits $9 million to launch new zero interest loan fund and adds $1 million to the City’s Resiliency Fund, increasing support for workers and small business

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Board of Supervisors Budget Chair Sandra Fewer, Supervisor Hillary Ronen, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) announced today their commitment to launch a new Small Business Emergency Loan Fund to support small businesses facing sudden revenue loss from COVID-19. The $10 million fund commits $9 million to a new Emergency Loan Fund, and an additional $1 million to expand the COVID-19 Small Business Resiliency Fund. The Resiliency Fund has received more than 2,000 applications since launching on March 11th.

“The steps we have taken to slow the spread of coronavirus will save lives. But this is a scary time for small businesses and workers because the impact that this pandemic is having is
severe to not just public health, but also our local economy and people’s livelihoods,” said Mayor Breed. “Our focus remains helping our small businesses through both the immediate challenges they’re facing with this emergency loan fund, be we know that there is much more to be done over the coming weeks and months to help our businesses and our workers get back on their feet.”

The Small Business Emergency Loan Fund will provide small businesses up to $50,000 in zero interest loans. These loans will have a flexible repayment schedule and the terms will be determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower’s ability to repay. This Emergency Loan fund will expand access to cash for small businesses who may have difficulty accessing more traditional loan products, and help sustain them through the ongoing public health crisis. Applications will be made available by April 6, 2020.

"The shelter-in-place order -- while absolutely essential for public health -- has businesses scrambling to figure out how to stay afloat. San Francisco small businesses employ hundreds of thousands of workers. They are the lifeblood of our economy and the soul of our neighborhoods. We can’t let them go under,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “I am so glad that I was able to work alongside the Mayor and her Director of Economic Development to make this happen and to get these dollars flowing quickly to businesses in crisis.”

On March 11th, Mayor Breed, announced the City’s Resiliency Fund to provide immediate relief to small businesses with an initial investment of $1 million to provide over 100 businesses with grants up to $10,000. Today’s additional investment of $1 million increases the fund to $2 million to support over 200 small business across San Francisco neighborhoods that need immediate relief. This fund, together with community partners, will be administered by OEWD to businesses that show a loss of revenue.

"I am thankful for the much needed relief for our small businesses who are under tremendous stress at this time," said Supervisor and Budget Chair Sandra Lee Fewer. "Although this is critical support, we know that much more help is needed to keep our small businesses afloat. I encourage those who can to contribute to the Give2SF Fund and bolster these efforts to keep our local merchants thriving.”

“Getting accessible capital in the hands of our small businesses community during this extremely difficult time is essential to their ongoing vitality,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “The Small Business Relief Fund builds upon the City’s immediate work to provide financial support and economic relief to our neighborhood and historically underserved businesses during a time when every resource matters.”

“We're proud to live in a City that's led the country in safeguarding the public health, and thrilled that San Francisco is showing the same leadership in delivering economic relief to our small businesses,” said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. “This new $10M small business city relief fund couldn't come soon enough. Our restaurants and small businesses need cash now to survive long enough to take advantage of slower state and federal funding, and is going to be the difference for a lot of us.”

**Federal Relief – CARE Act**

The Small Business Administration (SBA), through Economic Injury Disaster Loans, is also offering up to $2 million in assistance for small businesses and nonprofits. These low interest
loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses that have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a $10,000 advance, which does not have to be repaid. An online loan application portal is available to business owners at https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/.

Additionally, the new Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for businesses with 500 employees or less, includes loans made by existing SBA lenders up to $10 million to cover fixed costs with conditions for eventual forgiveness. All eligible businesses and nonprofits are encouraged to apply. OEWD, together with community based organizations, is currently organizing a network of providers that provide one on one technical assistance to support small business seeking to benefit from these resources. For more information, visit: www.oewd.org/covid19.

Mayor Breed’s initiatives to support small business include:
- $54 million in business taxes and licensing fees deferrals, impacting 11,000 payees;
- $10 million Workers and Families First Paid Sick Leave Program, proving up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee;
- $9 million Emergency Loan Fund providing up to $50,000 in zero interest loans for individual small businesses;
- $2 million Resiliency Grants providing up to $10,000 grants to over 200 small businesses;
- $2.5 million in support for working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19;
- Supporting nonprofits funded by the City so workers don’t lose their incomes;
- Issuing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions for small and medium sized businesses that can’t afford to pay rent;
- Advocating for additional resources for small business and workers through the federal CARE Act;
- Establishing City Philanthropic www.Give2SF.org Fund, where donations will support housing stabilization, food security, and financial security for workers and small businesses impacted by coronavirus;
- Launching a one stop City website for businesses and workers seeking resources, contacts, and updates during the COVID-19 emergency: www.oewd.org/covid19.

“The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Association appreciates Mayor Breed’s continuous support of the small underrepresented businesses,” said Maryo Mogannam, President of Council of District Merchants Association. “I commend the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on their leadership under duress and for continuing to look for and offer solutions for our small businesses.”

**Defer Business Taxes for Small Businesses**

In order to provide immediate cash-flow assistance to small businesses, Mayor Breed, together with Treasurer Cisneros has notified small businesses that the next round of quarterly business taxes can be deferred. Businesses are required to pre-pay their first quarter business taxes for current tax year by April 30th. This announcement will allow businesses to not pre-pay, deferring payment due to February 2021. No interest payments, fees, or fines will accrue as a result of the deferral. This benefit, valued at approximately $43 million, will be offered to business with up to $10 million in gross receipts, benefiting approximately 8,050 businesses.
with an average $5,400 tax payment deferral each.

**Defer Business Licensing Fees**
The City will provide further tax relief by delaying the City’s collection of the unified license bill, which includes but is not limited to charges to restaurants and food businesses, bars, convenience stores, many small retailers, hotels, and tour operators, from departments such as the Department of Public Health, Entertainment Commission, Fire Department, and Police Department. The initial delay will be for three months, with a further delay to be contemplated based on need. This will lead to $11 million in deferrals impacting 11,000 payees.

**Loan Assistance**
The Small Business Emergency Loan Fund will provide small businesses up to $50,000 in zero interest loans. These loans will have a flexible repayment schedule and the terms will be determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower’s ability to repay. This Emergency Loan fund will expand access to cash for small businesses who may have difficulty accessing more traditional loan products, and help sustain them through the ongoing public health crisis.

**Provide Immediate Relief**
The City has established a resiliency fund to provide immediate relief for impacted small businesses with an investment to date of $2 million to provide over 200 businesses with grants up to $10,000 each in immediate relief. This fund is administered by community partners together with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to businesses that show a loss of revenue and has been increased due to rising needs.

**Guarantee Continuance of City-Funded Nonprofit Contracts**
The Controller has issued guidance to our nonprofit partners that the City will continue to pay pursuant to contracts even if the nonprofit organization’s operations are affected. This will ensure nonprofit workers will not lose income due to illness or if a nonprofit is shut down or experiences service disruptions as part of the novel coronavirus response.

**Arts Relief**
Mayor London N. Breed announced an Arts Relief Program to invest directly in working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19. $2.5 million in support will go to working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19. The investment is a combination of funding strategies designed to help the arts and culture community through grants and low-interest loans to organizations and working artists most impacted by this crisis. The Arts Relief Program is funded by an initial $2.5 million from the City.

**Paid Sick Leave for Workers**
Mayor London N. Breed announced a Workers and Families First Program to provide paid sick leave to private sector workers who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan includes $10 million in public funding that will provide businesses with funding to provide an additional five days of sick leave pay to workers beyond their existing policies. The Workers and Families First Program will support over 16,000 additional weeks of sick leave pay, providing coverage for up to 25,000 San Francisco employees. Currently 429 businesses have applied for a total of $5.2 million in pre-approved support.

**Seek State and Federal Support for Businesses and Workers**
Mayor Breed is working with local partners to advocate for regulatory relief from both state and federal government around employment benefits, including unemployment, sick leave, disability, and other matters.

Three new federal programs extend California’s regular unemployment benefits ranging from $40-$450/week from 26 weeks up to a total of 39 weeks, expand who is eligible to include self-employed persons, independent contractors and persons whose benefits have already run out, and increases the amount of benefits by an additional $600 per week through July 31, 2020.

Secure Private Sector and Philanthropic Support for Small Businesses
Mayor London N. Breed and City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly announced the City and County of San Francisco’s Give2SF Fund allows the City to accept tax-deductible monetary contributions, which will be used to support various City efforts addressing housing stabilization needs, food security and relief for workers and small business. Multiple private and philanthropic partners and individual donors have committed resources to this fund since its announcement.

Support for Employees and Contractors
The City is requesting that all private sector employers in San Francisco be as flexible as possible with their employees and with their small business contractors. The City will lead by example by reaching out to commercial tenants to discuss any need for rent payment deferral, including tenants at the Port, the Airport, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and others.

Website to Provide Information for Small Businesses
The City has created a one-stop resource for employers and employees outlining all existing resources, contacts for assistance, and to provide updates on the City’s growing response to the business and worker communities. Website: www.oewd.org/covid19.

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I am writing in support of Barbary Coast Dispensary at 1335 Grant Avenue and of Kathleen Dooley. Personally, having a dispensary in my neighborhood would be welcome. I live nearby at Grant & Greenwich Street, Medicinally I use these products for arthritis pain relief and sleeping, I'm 80 years old. So will welcome the shop -besides I believe in Shopping Locally!

Thank you
Stewart Bloom
463 Greenwich St. #1
(415) 519-1756

"Live as if your were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."
- Mahatma Gandhi
Hi Bridget,
I am writing you this note in support of Kathleen Dooley’s project of opening a marijuana dispensary on Upper Grant. My family had our business MAC next door to her flower shop for ten years and as a 28 year resident of North Beach she proven to be an asset and advocate for the neighborhood. Myself and my family whole heartily support her business.
Regards,
Ben Ospital
1303 Montgomery St. SF 94133
Dear Bridget Hicks,

I am writing this brief email stating that I endorse the establishment of a local cannabis dispensary along Grant Avenue in North Beach. The dispensary along with a small gallery would be a positive addition to the 1300 Grant Avenue block of North Beach.

thank you

Dennis Hearne
Photographer

dennishearne@mac.com
We’re writing in support of Kathleen Dooley’s plans to open a cannabis dispensary on Grant Avenue in North Beach. Ms. Dooley is a well respected merchant and neighborhood advocate. She is one of those people who makes things work and we believe the dispensary will provide a necessary health service for our neighbors.

If you have questions or require further information, please feel free contact us.

Thank you kindly,
Jean and Catz Forsman
Dear Ms Hicks,

Please consider allowing a new business at this address for Kathleen Dooley, a small business owner and a Commissioner at the SF Office of Small Business.

Thanks,
Lance Carnes
North Beach
From: CPC-Commissions Secretary
Cc: Feliciano, Josephine (CPC); Hong, Seung Yen (CPC)
Subject: Fw: For 4/9/2020 Commission meeting--Balboa Reservoir General Plan Amendment Initiation
Date: Thursday, April 02, 2020 9:44:25 AM
Attachments: Copy of 5. zoning map 0-0-0-1591.pdf
Copy of 6. Open Space Maps-- BPS Area Plan, General Plan, GPA.pdf

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Planning Commission: March 31, 2020

SUBJECT: Balboa Reservoir General Plan Amendment Initiation

You are being asked by Staff to initiate a General Plan Amendment to accommodate Reservoir Community Partners, LLC's development of the Balboa Reservoir.

The proposed General Plan Amendment makes substantial changes in the City & County's General Plan and the associated Balboa Park Station Area Plan.

The proposed change in zoning contained in the GPA is a BIG DEAL.

The biggest deal is the change in zoning from P-Public to a Special Use District. "P" zoning prohibits private ownership. The proposed Special Use District eliminates this public use requirement.
Instead, the rezoning to “Special Use District” will pave the way for the privatization of public land. This privatization scam has been deceptively marketed as 50% affordable. "50% affordable" is a misrepresentation. Here are the facts:

Reservoir Community Partners will develop:

- 550 market-rate units, and
- 363 affordable units

The 550 market-rate/363 affordable unit split is the reality of the Reservoir Community Partners development. Reservoir Community Partners is NOT developing 50% affordable. "50%" only comes about by Reservoir Community Partners taking undeserved credit for an additional 187 units that would be paid for with public monies, as confirmed by the BOS Budget Analyst's Fiscal Responsibility and Feasibility Report.

Please vote NO on the staff’s Resolution to initiate the GPA.

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING ELEMENT

The Balboa Park Station Area Plan’s Housing Element proposed 425-500 units. This number is eliminated in the GPA to allow for the proposed 1100+ units.

- The BPS Area Plan’s figure of 500 units took into account the limited roadway network in the Reservoir area. Even with proposed mitigations in the EIR, the Reservoir vicinity will be unable to sustain the doubling of units from the BPS Area Plan’s 500 units to the Reservoir Community Partners, LLC’s 1100 units. The Reservoir Project’s True Believers, with ideological blinders, just wish away the problem.

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The BPS Area Plan’s Policy 5.1.1 description of Open Space for the Reservoir is removed in its entirety. Privatization is not a good reason to eliminate this section in its entirety.

**BOTTOM-LINE:**
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The essence of the General Plan Amendment is to facilitate the privatization of public land. Please do not initiate the GPA. Keep public land in public hands. VOTE NO TO STEALTH PRIVATIZATION.

Submitted by:
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Cc: Hood, Donna (PUC); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Maybaum, Erica (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
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To whom it may concern,

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Thank you for your time,
Ida Pantaleo Zoubi
CEO, President / co-owner

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND BOARD PRESIDENT NORMAN YEE CONVENE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Task Force will create an economic recovery strategy to support San Francisco businesses, nonprofits, community organizations, and individuals during and after the COVID-19 crisis.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee today announced the creation of a COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force. The Task Force is charged with guiding the City’s efforts to sustain and recover local businesses and employment, and mitigate the economic hardships that are already affecting the most vulnerable San Franciscans. Their work will support San Francisco organizations and individuals throughout the remainder of the Shelter-in-Place Order, and will lay the groundwork for economic recovery once the City has made meaningful progress containing COVID-19s.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, Treasurer José Cisneros, Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and...
Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. Membership will include a broad range of stakeholders across businesses, labor, nonprofits, community-based organizations, faith organizations, the arts, and City departments. The Task Force will be staffed by the City Administrator’s Office of Resilience and Capital Planning and supported by the Controller’s Office of Economic Analysis and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

“We are doing all we can to protect the public health and slow the spread of COVID-19 in San Francisco, but we know there are many businesses, organizations, and employees suffering from the economic consequences of this virus,” said Mayor Breed. “As our frontline health care workers, first responders, and public health experts are working day and night to keep us safe, we are looking for ways to keep businesses and organizations afloat and prepare San Francisco for recovery. We need to figure out how to support people during the duration of the pandemic and have a plan in place for how we’re going to bounce back, and this Task Force will help us get there.”

“While we are still in the thick of responding to this health emergency, we simply cannot afford to wait in preparing for what we know will be a difficult recovery,” said Supervisor Norman Yee, President of the Board of Supervisors. “The socioeconomic impacts of this virus will be long-lasting, but by taking swift action with a comprehensive relief, reform, and recovery strategy, we can support getting our families, workers, businesses, and nonprofits back on their feet sooner. We will need the best thinking of a diverse coalition of partners and innovative solutions to address an unprecedented challenge. This global outbreak has changed our world and how we function in it—it is up to us to ensure that we come out of this crisis with a renewed sense of hope and a new vision for San Francisco so we can change the world for the better.”

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are already being felt in San Francisco. On Tuesday, March 31, Mayor Breed announced significant projected budget impacts as a result of the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The City’s Joint Report Update estimates that the deficit for the upcoming two-year budget from earlier this year, will increase to between $1.1 to $1.7 billion driven by revenue shortfalls. In the month of March, the City received 77 notices of businesses laying off workers, totaling 5,676 employees. Claims for Unemployment Insurance have skyrocketed across California, with a 363% increase in unemployment insurance claims processed for the week of March 16th, 2020 compared to the same week in 2019. In addition to the thousands of San Franciscans without jobs, individuals and families who fall ill and require hospitalization may face severe economic hardship and require additional assistance during and after the pandemic.

The Task Force will be guided by the following economic recovery priorities:

- **Support small- and medium-sized businesses:** Small and medium sized businesses and nonprofits are significant cultural and economic drivers for San Francisco. Support is needed to help businesses and community organizations manage temporary closures, revenue drops, or increased need for services.
- **Prioritize vulnerable people:** San Francisco will prioritize, design, and implement programs and policies to create more equitable and just outcomes for the most vulnerable populations.
- **Support local arts and culture:** San Francisco must sustain the individuals, organizations, and businesses that contribute to San Francisco’s unique character that
may not be able to operate per public health guidance.

- **San Francisco is part of a global economy**: Many San Francisco-based businesses depend on access to a supply chain or market that extends beyond the region as well as tourism. San Francisco must consider the recovery of global trade, travel, and impacted sectors, businesses, and workers.

- **Complement Federal and State efforts**: Significant resources for small businesses and vulnerable populations will flow from the Federal and State governments. It is important that San Francisco understand the funds, programs, and other stimulus programs and direct local dollars to fill the gaps.

- **Connect San Franciscans to jobs**: Work is the foundation to housing and food security, health care, and psychological wellbeing for individuals and families. San Francisco must help connect workers who have been laid-off with employment, with a focus on positions with upward mobility and protecting worker safety.

“The public health crisis is far from over but we already know the economic toll has been devastating,” said Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu. “I’ve seen our City recover through the Dot Com bust and the Great Recession but this is at a scale most of us haven’t seen before. It’s frightening. That’s why we all need to roll up our sleeves now to help our workers and our families get back up on their feet.”

“Even as we join together to respond this public health crisis, it’s critical that we begin to address the severe economic consequences for our local workers and small businesses,” said Treasurer José Cisneros. “I applaud Mayor Breed and President Yee for their foresight in convening this Task Force and I look forward to the challenging task of laying the groundwork for quick recovery.”

“The entire business community thanks Mayor London Breed and Board President Norman Yee for their foresight and leadership in forming this Task Force,” said Rodney Fong, President and CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. “If we want our small businesses and working families to recover tomorrow, then we must start planning today. San Franciscans want to get back to work. Thousands of small businesses and hundreds of thousands of San Franciscans are depending on this planning to ensure that San Francisco’s economic recovery is strong, swift, prudent, and reliable.”

“San Francisco has led the State in our collective response to this crisis and by launching the task force now, we will also lead the recovery effort,” said Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. “It is in the DNA of this City to rise up and emerge stronger when the chips are down/disaster strikes. Our strong economic recovery in the City will have a ripple effect for working class people and our collaboration at this time is prudent and necessary.”

The Task Force will begin meeting next week and continue through June 30 to develop short-, medium- and long-term strategy recommendations. Members of the public are invited to share their ideas for economic recovery by visiting [www.onesanfrancisco.org](http://www.onesanfrancisco.org).

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES CITYWIDE VOLUNTEER MATCH PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Date: April 1, 2020 at 12:00:25 PM PDT
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SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES CITYWIDE VOLUNTEER MATCH PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Expanded City services and volunteer programs will support vulnerable populations, including seniors and adults with disabilities, during COVID-19 pandemic

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the creation of a citywide volunteer network to support seniors and people with disabilities during the coronavirus pandemic and throughout the duration of the recently updated Stay Home Public Health Order. The volunteer network includes a new program to match volunteers with seniors and others who need assistance getting groceries, medications, and other essential goods. Additionally, the City’s Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) has expanded its telephone helpline, which is now available seven days a week to connect seniors and adults with disabilities with City services, including food assistance and home care needs.
To safely shelter in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, many older people and adults with disabilities need support with tasks they used to be able to do on their own, like grocery shopping. Not all seniors have friends or family members available to assist with essential tasks, and those who do may need additional assistance if their support network becomes unavailable due to illness or needs to self-isolate. Additionally, older adults and people with disabilities are at greater risk of social isolation during the Stay Home Order, and would benefit from social interactions with other neighbors and family by phone or video call.

“It’s important that everyone follow the Public Health Order and stay home, especially people who are older or who are otherwise more vulnerable to coronavirus, but we know that staying home presents its own challenges for many people in our city,” said Mayor Breed. “Many of our seniors live by themselves and may not have friends or family in the area who are available to check in on them and make sure they have what they need. I know that many people are looking for ways that can contribute to our community, and volunteering is a great way for us to come together as a city and support our most vulnerable residents.”

The City has created a centralized volunteer page for people who are interested in helping seniors and adults with disabilities. The City partnered with Shanti Project to develop the COVID-19 Emergency Response Volunteer (CERV) program, which leverages their existing infrastructure for recruiting and vetting volunteers and matching to community members in need of help.

Today, Mayor Breed announced the creation of a new volunteer match opportunity with Mon Ami. Mon Ami typically coordinates in-person visits to isolated seniors using its app. With in-person visits on hold, the app has been repurposed to enable volunteers to call isolated seniors for friendly check-ins and to coordinate errand runs for groceries, prescriptions, and other essentials. In partnership with the City, Mon Ami will provide free access to its smartphone app for the month of April to all impacted community members and volunteers.

The Mon Ami volunteer match program is currently being piloted with OpenHouse, a San Francisco-based LGBTQ organization that provides housing and support services to seniors and adults with disabilities. The Office of Transgender Initiatives is assisting with the pilot program.

The Department of Disability and Aging Services has been working to enhance their Benefits and Resource Hub’s helpline that connects seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers to supportive resources. The DAS helpline at (415) 355-6700 now operates 7 days per week from 8:00am to 5:00pm. DAS helpline operators are available to connect people to the City’s existing service providers and expanded services as they become available.

Seniors and people with disabilities who need assistance with home care, delivery or other essential tasks, or who want to be matched with a volunteer for friendly check-ins are able to sign up through the helpline. The City’s nonprofit service providers are also able to sign their clients up for the volunteer services. DAS has also instructed their nonprofit partners to prepare to train and hire up to 200 new
home care providers to help older adults and people with disabilities live safely and independently in their communities during the Stay Home Public Health Order.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please go to sf.gov/covid19volunteer.

For information about expanded DAS services and home care employment opportunities, please go to sfhsa.org/COVID-DAS.

“One in five San Franciscans is over the age of 65 or an adult with disabilities. To safely shelter in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, they will need will need assistance with many of the daily tasks that they used to be able to do on their own,” said Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director of the Department of Disability and Aging Services. “The City is here to partner with older adults, caregivers, and families to get people the support they need. Our helpline is now open seven days a week to make connections to services and volunteer networks. We continue to expand access to home care, food assistance and other essential needs for those at heightened risks. Together, we can empower people to stay at home and take social distancing recommendations seriously.”

“I am so inspired by community coming together at this extremely challenging time to care for one another and assure that our most vulnerable community members get the food, support, and essentials they need,” said Clair Farley, Director of the Office of Transgender Initiatives and Senior Advisor to Mayor London Breed.

“The formation of this program is a testament to the caring and compassionate community that is San Francisco,” said Kaushik Roy, Executive Director, Shanti Project. “DAS received an outpouring of support from residents who wanted to support their most vulnerable neighbors during this pandemic, and Shanti has the expertise to coordinate volunteers at this scale. We are grateful to be able to contribute in this way.”

“Now is the time for us all to come together and play our part,” said Madeline Dangerfield-Cha, Mon Ami co-founder. “Even before COVID-19, seniors were at great mental and physical health risk due to social isolation; we can use our technology to show these individuals how much they matter and that we are here for them, no matter what.”

“OpenHouse is working had to support our seniors and those most impacted during this crisis. Our communities have always been resilient and have come together to respond to a crisis from the AIDS epidemic to this incredible challenge we face today,” said Karyn Skultety, Executive Director of OpenHouse. “Thank you to Mon Ami, Mayor Breed, Supervisor Mandelman, and the Department of Disability and Aging Services for their partnership.”

The Health Officer of the City and County of San Francisco has issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents stay in their homes, with few exceptions, through May 3, 2020. This order is designed to protect community health by
slowing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. These are systemic as well as individual changes that will make a difference in people's lives.

Even people engaged in the essential activities described in the order must practice the following to avoid getting sick and to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when on essential outings such as grocery shopping, riding public transit to an essential job, or walking your dog;
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Cover your cough or sneeze;
- Avoid touching your face;
- Do not shake hands;
- Keep common spaces clean to help maintain a healthy environment for you and others. Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned regularly with disinfecting sprays, wipes or common household cleaning products.

Find the answers to frequently asked questions about the order at SF.gov/coronavirus.

Other Public Health Orders and recommendations from DPH can be found at sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp. Mayoral declarations regarding COVID-19 can be found at sfmayor.org/mayoral-declarations-regarding-covid-19.

For more information, you can also call 311. For official updates, sign up for the City’s alert service: text COVID19SF to 888-777.

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From: CPC-Commissions Secretary
To: Feliciano, Josephine (CPC)
Subject: Fw: Planning Commission will be meeting online on 4/9/2020 to begin the process of rezoning the PUC Reservoir from Public to Special Use District.
Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 1:26:17 PM

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From: Michael Adams <facilitato@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:24 PM
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Subject: Planning Commission will be meeting online on 4/9/2020 to begin the process of rezoning the PUC Reservoir from Public to Special Use District.

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Re: Planning Commission will be meeting online on 4/9/2020 to begin the process of rezoning the PUC Reservoir from Public to Special Use District.
Planning Commissioners,
Please postpone this on-line meeting until the general public can participate in an open public meeting. The effects of this proposed rezoning will be felt by many, especially low income and older San Franciscans, who disproportionally will have limited access to on-line meeting resources. This is simply not fair.
Thank you
Michael Adams
dear planning commissioners:

i’m writing to voice my support for the referenced application.

i think this would be a wonderful asset to the neighborhood, and as a long-time sf small business owner (george pet shop in the fillmore) i’m happy to see the entrepreneurial spirit still infusing our city with life and providing essential necessities such as this.

as north beach currently has no dispensary, this seems like a highly necessary and viable project to green light!

thanks for your consideration,

bobby wise
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From: Daniel Macchiarini <danny1mac@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Hicks, Bridget (CPC) <Bridget.Hicks@sfgov.org>
Cc: Torres, Joaquin (ECN) <joaquin.torres@sfgov.org>; Kathleen Dooley <kathleendooley58@gmail.com>; Maryo Mogannam <maryo@sfcDMA.org>; Fady Zoubi <fzoziubinba@gmail.com>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Please Approve North Beach Barbary Coast Business Application ASAP!

Ciao Bridget,

It is most disturbing to us that this issue, again, has been put off until April 30th. Further, it is a mystery to us why the April 9th PC hearing was cancelled and we now hear that it may not even be heard on the 30th unless the commission “feels” that it is a priority! Can you please explain why the latest hearing, April 9th, has been cancelled and if this issue will actually be on any SF Planning commission hearing in the immediate future?

We have ecd the planning commissions Secretary above because we really want the members of the commission to see our organizational position and concern on this matter being expedited immediately.

Lastly, we have also become aware that there may still be “conditions” that the SF Planning Department wants to put on the conditional use permit for our dispensary. Please explains what these are if this is true. Our concerns are heightened by the fact that the previous planner assigned to this project from your SF Planning Department failed for 2 1/2 years to do any real work to process this application for it.

Thank You,

Dan Macchiarini
President
North Beach Business Association

On Mar 30, 2020, at 8:09 AM, Hicks, Bridget (CPC) <Bridget.Hicks@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

It has actually now been continued until April 30th. Sorry for the confusion.

You can find the most up to date agenda on our website Sfplanning.org but here is the link to the latest one.

https://sfplanning.org/sites/default/files/agendas/2020-03/20200402_can.pdf

Thank you,

Bridget Hicks
Senior Planner, Office of Executive Programs
San Francisco Planning Department
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San Francisco Property Information Map

REDUCED CAPACITY DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER — The Planning Department is open for business. Most of our staff are working from home and we’re available by e-mail. Our Public Portal, where you can file new applications, and our award-winning Property
Information Map are available 24/7. Similarly, the Board of Appeals and Board of Supervisors are accepting appeals via e-mail despite office closures. To protect everyone’s health, all of our in-person services at 1650 and 1660 Mission Street are suspended, and the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions are cancelled until April 9, at the earliest. Click here for more information.

From: Daniel Macchiarini <danny1mac@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Hicks, Bridget (CPC) <Bridget.Hicks@sfgov.org>
Cc: Torres, Joaquin (ECN) <joaquin.torres@sfgov.org>; Kathleen Dooley <kathleendooley58@gmail.com>; Maryo Mogannam <maryo@sfcdma.org>; Fady Zoubi <ffzoubinbba@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Please Approve North Beach Barbary Coast Business Application ASAP!

Ciao Bridget,

Thank you for your prompt and positive response to our request,

Dan Macchiarini

On Mar 26, 2020, at 6:02 PM, Hicks, Bridget (CPC) <Bridget.Hicks@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

Thank you for your letter.

This item will be heard on April 9th as a consent item.
The Planning Commission hearing will be virtual.

More information to come on our website next week.

Thank you,
Bridget Hicks
Senior Planner, Office of Executive Programs
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Due to the Shelter in Place order, the Planning Department will be operating under reduced capacity with most of our staff working remotely. Our offices at 1650 Mission Street will be closed; the Planning Information Center (PIC) at 1660 Mission Street will be closed; the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions will be cancelled until Thursday April 9, at the earliest; and the March 25 Zoning Variance hearing will be cancelled. Click here for more information about our services and how to contact Planning staff during the office closure.

From: Daniel Macchiarini <danny1mac@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Hicks, Bridget (CPC) <Bridget.Hicks@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Please Approve North Beach Barbary Coast Business Application ASAP!

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NORTH BEACH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
PO Box 330187
San Francisco, Ca. 94133

Ms. Bridget Hicks
Planner
SF Planning Department

Ms. Hicks,

For the last 2 1/2 years our North Beach Business Association has supported the opening of a cannabis dispensary in our commercial district. In particular, we have voted as a board to support “North Beach Barbary Coast” who is a member of our organization opening this business in the 1300 block of Grant Ave which is a storefront there which has been vacant for over 4 years. We are aware that a review hearing of their city application has been delayed twice already prior to the Corona Virus pandemic crises we are now in. A final review of their application was supposed to occur later this month but now that seems like it will again be delayed because of SF City offices being closed.

I strongly urge your department to establish a virtual public review process to approve their application asap as well as all applications now in CV crises limbo. It is clearly a good use of this time to process applications of all kinds for new small businesses in our city so that once the pandemic is under control they can open without having to wait for further bureaucratic approval.

Thank You,

Dan Macchiarini
Macchiarini Creative Design
SF Legacy Business in our 72 year,
President NBBA
Dear President Koppel,
Vice-President Moore,
Commissioner Imperial,
Commissioner Fung,
Commissioner Diamond
and Commissioner Johnson:

First of all I hope you and your loved ones are all well and fine and continue to be so throughout this emergency.

Here are my comments on this project which has such a long and convoluted history:

Since this is a Conditional Use, I suggest that the Commission impose a Condition that requires a report back to the Department within six months of the CFC outlining the tenure and occupancy of the two flats and the ADU. It could be a simple checklist.

For example, will the Owner/Project Sponsor keep the completed building and rent the two flats and the ADU?
Or will the Owner/Project Sponsor sell each flat either as a TIC or Condo?

In this scenario what will happen to the ADU?

It can’t be sold separately per the ADU legislation, but could it be in a package with one or both of the flats? Is the ADU then rented? Or just used for extended family? Or short-term rental?

This information could be on a form that needs to be filled out within six months of the CFC and attached to the deed like a NSR.

Why is this important?

Because this is data that could be used to understand occupancy/tenure as the Commission pushes forward with the goals of densification.

It would be good to know if the City is actually “getting” what the City hopes to be “getting” per the Mayor’s Directives on housing and the apparent policy of the Planning Commission.

This should be required for all RH projects that are Demos or that increase density which is why I suggested it for previous Noe Valley projects like the one on Dolores Street and the one on 29th Street.

I hope you will consider this throughout the City in the RH Zoned neighborhoods, starting with this Sanchez Street CUA since there seem to be more and more projects throughout the City, not just in Noe Valley that are being approved due to the increase of density on the lot.

A report back to the Department within six months of the issuance of the CFC does not impose an unreasonable burden on a Project Sponsor/Owner. It would be no more than a checklist.

Additionally since this Sanchez Street project seeking approval is a Demo and must satisfy the Relative Affordability criterion in Section 317, does the private roof deck on the top of the structure intended solely for the use of the upper flat lessen the Relative Affordability of this flat whether it is a rental or TIC? It seems logical to think that such an amenity would lessen Relative Affordability.

It is a question I have raised with Staff and during General Public Comment and I hope will be considered before you sign off on the Draft Approval Motion.

Thank you and I want to also thank Ms. Cisneros for her help and her professionalism as Staff for this tortured project, and the same thanks to Ms. Gordon-Jonckheer who was the previous Staff several years ago prior to the illegal Demo when the original flats were proposed to become a very large single family home with a tiny second unit per Section 317 (b) (7) behind the garage. I hope they and their loved ones are well.

One more thought.

On a personal note, I have walked by these flats nearly everyday for 24 years. The 1937 Art Deco facade on this Stick Victorian was quite nice, compared with many other mid-20th Century remodels of Victorians. The building could have been preserved and the flats could have been spiffed up five years ago. As you know, in that five years, our “housing crisis” has apparently increased dramatically.

Once this project is completed it would be nice to have some data on these flats when they are added back into the housing pool, along with the ADU.
Thanks again and everyone please take very good care of yourselves.

Sincerely,
Georgia Schuttish

Sent from my iPad
From: Allyson Robertson <allyson.robertson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:39 AM
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Cc: The Grateful Dog SF <thegratefuldogsf@gmail.com>
Subject: In Support of The Grateful Dog

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Planning Department
Case No. 2018-012576CUA
City and County of San Francisco
Attn: David Weissglass

February 29, 2020

Dear Mr. Weissglass,

We are writing in support of The Grateful Dog, who cares for our dog Tate every day while we are at work. We are Bay Area natives and have lived in San Francisco proper for nearly 10 years.
They say it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes one to raise a dog. The Grateful Dog is our village. We adopted Tate in April of 2018 from the SFSPCA and soon after discovered The Grateful Dog. He has been going to daycare there nearly every day for almost 2 years. It is one of his favorite places, and he drags us to their front door every morning. We feel so grateful to have this small business in our neighborhood where we know our dog is safe and happy. With so many small businesses being forced to close, it is important that we as a city fight to keep as many open as possible. Please allow The Grateful Dog to continue to operate for the families and dogs who rely on them every single day.

Warm Regards,

Allyson Robertson & Joseph Dobson (and Tate)

Allyson Robertson
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Contact: Mayor’s Office of Communications, 415-554-6131, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED AND CITY LEADERS ANNOUNCE SIGNIFICANT PROJECTED BUDGET IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF CORONAVIRUS

Budget shortfalls to increase by over $1 billion from prior, pre-COVID-19 estimates; Mayor Breed will submit her proposed balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors by August 1st

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced initial, significant projected budget shortfalls as a result of the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as an updated budget timeline for the City and County of San Francisco and new measures to support City employees through this difficult time. The report estimates that the prior deficit of $420 million for the upcoming two-year budget from earlier this year, will increase to between $1.1 to $1.7 billion driven by revenue shortfalls related to the public health crisis.

The Joint Report Update issued jointly by Controller Ben Rosenfield, the Board
of Supervisors Budget and Legislative Analyst Severin Campbell, and the Mayor’s Budget Office projects significant revenue losses in the current year will continue into the next two fiscal years. In the current fiscal year, the report projects a budget shortfall of between $167 million to $288 million, primarily driven by losses in hotel and transfer tax. The report estimates revenue losses of $330 million to $581 million in FY 2020-21, and losses of $214 million to $382 million in FY 2021-22. Combined with the prior deficit projections, this results in revised shortfall estimates of $1.1 to $1.7 billion.

“The coronavirus pandemic is an immediate threat to our public health and we’re doing everything we can to slow its spread and save lives, but we know that it is also having a major impact on our economy and our City’s revenue. The economic impact that is already hurting our residents and businesses is also going to require difficult decisions by the City moving forward,” said Mayor Breed. “Over the coming weeks and months we will be focused on supporting our residents who have their jobs or their business, while continuing to advocate for more state and federal support. We all need to work together to and make the hard choices to get through this and to get San Francisco back on the road to recovery.”

These projections do not assume additional expenditures associated with the City’s response to the emergency, nor do they assume additional state or federal revenues to offset costs related to the public health crisis. The City’s financial offices will provide a more complete update to these projections in April in light of this unprecedented uncertainty, both taking into account updated information regarding the impact of overall economic trends on City revenues and costs from addressing this health emergency.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the City’s budget timeline will be delayed for two months. This delay will allow the City to focus on responding to the public health crisis, and provide enough time for City budget staff to develop a plan to bring current year expenditures into alignment with projected lower revenues and prepare for the upcoming budget cycle. The additional time will ensure the City’s response to the significant current year shortfall and upcoming budget deficits are thoughtful and responsible. The decision to push back the budget timeline was a joint decision between Mayor Breed, the Board of Supervisors, and the Controller’s Office.

“At this moment, we must focus our time and resources to the pressing health emergency and the impacts that are unfolding before us. While the economic forecast is troubling, it provides us the opportunity to prepare and to act prudently as we establish a City budget that is able to continue basic services for our residents, while also supporting recovery efforts in a measured, sustainable manner. The Board of Supervisors will be a part of that process every step of the way. We will be shortening summer recess and meeting throughout August to meet the new budget timeline and to provide the public thorough review, analysis, and deliberation. The months and years ahead will be challenging, but we have risen out of crisis before, and we will need to make critical decisions that will lead us back to fiscal health,” said Supervisor Norman Yee, President of the Board of Supervisors.
“As the City works around the clock to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and also assess the economic impact, we simply need more time for an intentional and transparent city budget process,” said Budget Chair Sandra Lee Fewer. “We will undoubtedly have difficult budget decisions ahead of us in the coming weeks and months, but I know that my colleagues and I are ready to work with the Mayor for a comprehensive City budget that will maintain essential City services and protect our most vulnerable residents.”

Over the next month, the Mayor’s Budget Office will develop a plan to bring current costs in alignment with lower projected revenues. The Mayor’s Office will be focused and deliberative to ensure the response to the significant current year shortfall and on-going economic contraction are considered with impacts to City departments, labor partners, and community organization at the forefront.

Today, the Mayor also enacted a number of expanded benefit and leave provisions to support City employees during the emergency. These include:

- Income security and paid leave for City employees through May 1;
- Providing employees with an additional 80 hours of paid sick leave to use for a variety of circumstances, including the impacts of school closures;
- Implementing the Emergency Paid Sick Leave provisions under the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act;
- Increasing compensatory time off for the extra work employees perform during the emergency, and waiving limits on how much vacation and compensatory time off they can accrue;
- Allowing essential employees who are required to come to work to earn additional floating holidays;
- Establishing a City paid administrative leave program for any essential employee who is required to come to work, in the event they are diagnosed with COVID-19 or have confirmed COVID-19 symptoms.

“With a projected budget shortfall ballooning for the upcoming City’s two-year budget because of the novel coronavirus, my number one priority is ensuring that San Franciscans weather not just this health crisis but the economic crisis too,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safaí. “The economic standstill and the resulting negative effects on San Franciscans’ day-to-day life is undeniable, many are hurting, but San Franciscans should know we will not leave them to fend for themselves. I am proud to have helped craft today’s plan, a plan that guarantees all of our frontline workers an additional two weeks or 80 hours of paid sick-leave to use during this public health crisis so that they can access life-saving care and resources is a win for everyone. We will get through this together and come out stronger, I know it.”

Earlier today, Mayor Breed issued a letter to Department Heads explaining the actions necessary to offset significant financial losses in the current year. The letter directed departments to help identify cost reductions and to curb spending in the current fiscal year, and instructed departments to focus staff time and resources on their essential workforce, programs, and efforts that help the City respond to the health crisis and support vulnerable residents. Specifically, Mayor Breed instructed that departments: 1) only allow hiring of essential workers; 2)
evaluate and pause non-essential capital projects funded in the current year; and 3) review and pause new programs funded in prior budgets that have not started.

To allow for the necessary City response to COVID-19 and to ensure the City has enough time to incorporate changing economic projections into its budget process, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors has agreed to an updated schedule for the FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 budget process.

Mayor Breed will reissue Budget Instructions to departments in May and Departments will are instructed to submit new department proposals to aid the Mayor in developing her balanced budget in June and July. By June 1st, the Mayor will introduce a balanced interim budget at the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor will introduce the full two-year FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 balanced budget by August 1st. Following the Budget and Finance Committee Phase and the full Board phase, the budget will go to Mayor Breed for her approval and signature by October 1, 2020.

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Commissioners,

Attached is a link that will take you to the video of a training related to “Live Events.”

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referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fsfgov1.sharepoint.com%2Fsites%2FCCSF-Teams

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Commissioners,

In case you had any interest in getting familiar with the Teams application. This appears to be a general training for all City employees.

Prior to going “live” I hope to hold mock hearings with three or less of you at a time.

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Subject: Microsoft Teams Training Sessions
Date: March 30, 2020 at 9:03:41 AM PDT
To: jonas.ionin@sfgov.org
Reply-To: noreply@sfgov.org

**NEW SESSIONS**
Microsoft Teams Training Sessions and Resources

Many departments have started using Microsoft Teams and online meetings for employees working remotely. To support remote work, the Department of Technology is offering several Microsoft Teams training sessions to CCSF staff.

As policies may vary by department, please check with your supervisor regarding the use of Microsoft Teams in your department.

Click here to see the current Teams Training Schedule and download
Calendar Reminders.

**General Teams Training Sessions**
- Scheduling and joining meetings
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- Collaborating in Teams
- Much more

Monday, March 30, 2pm - 3pm
- Click here to Join!

Wednesday, April 1, 1pm - 2pm
- Click here to Join!

**Meetings with Microsoft Teams**

Scheduling and joining meetings

Monday, March 30, 3pm - 4pm
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Additional resources for Microsoft Teams: [http://teams.sfgov.org](http://teams.sfgov.org)

NEW: Click here to check out resources in the My Apps Portal

Remote Worker Support

MS Teams Collaboration Learning

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19 CASES AT LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL
Date: March 30, 2020 at 12:01:28 PM PDT
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Monday, March 30, 2020
Contact: San Francisco Joint Information Center, 415-558-2712, dempress@sfgov.org

*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICIALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON COVID-19 CASES AT LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

Infection control nurses, infectious disease physicians and epidemiologists are at Laguna Honda Hospital to assess the situation and make recommendations for the ongoing management of an outbreak that is expected to escalate.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health, announced today the arrival of some state and federal assistance they have requested to strengthen the City’s response to an outbreak of coronavirus at Laguna Honda Hospital. Infection control nurses from the California Department of Public Health and infectious disease physicians and epidemiologists with expertise in epidemics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are on campus as of today.

Along with state and federal teams assisting from off site, these six experts will assess the situation and make recommendations for the ongoing management of an outbreak that is expected to escalate. They also will work with the Department
of Public Health to develop a prospective outbreak prevention and response plan for long-term care facilities in San Francisco.

Today, the state infection control nurses are creating expanded protocols on environmental cleaning, personal protective equipment (PPE), and staff safety. The CDC is intensifying the contact investigation to look for sources of infection and the pathway of spread. This will inform current actions and the further development of an outbreak prevention and response plan that takes coronavirus into account.

“From the very beginning, we’ve been extremely concerned about the potential for outbreaks in congregate living situations, especially locations with vulnerable populations like Laguna Honda, which is why our early actions were to restrict visitors from these locations,” said Mayor Breed. “We have seen outbreaks in similar situations in other locations and we know that immediate action is needed to prevent the worst possible outcomes. On Friday, I requested over 100 specialized personnel from the federal government to be able to respond effectively, and while we appreciate the six experts that from the state and federal government who are helping, we need more assistance and we need it now. This virus does not wait and neither can we. We are committed to supporting the patients and staff at Laguna Hospital through this difficult time.”

From the beginning of the global outbreak, efforts by the City and County of San Francisco to prepare for the coronavirus have prioritized the most vulnerable members of the city’s population—residents who are over 60 years old and those with certain underlying health conditions and chronic diseases. The residents of Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center (LHH) are in the most vulnerable groups. Across the United States, long-term care facilities have been hit by the coronavirus including in California, Washington, Colorado, Minnesota, New York, Maryland, Virginia, and Texas.

Laguna Honda Hospital currently has 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. Nine of the confirmed cases are staff and two are residents. All are in good condition. Since March 26, the Department of Public Health has tested 158 staff and 54 residents for the virus. Among the 54 residents, two have tested positive, 51 negative, and one result is still pending. Among the 158 staff, two have tested positive and 156 have tested negative. 25 more staff tests are underway. Additionally, 35 staff at LHH were tested by their health care providers, independently of DPH, and seven staff tested positive. Those seven confirmed cases, along with the two staff and two residents confirmed positive by DPH brings the total number of confirmed cases at LHH to 11. We expect more cases of COVID-19 in the Laguna Honda community, among staff and residents, because the virus is now spreading throughout the Bay Area.

“From the start, we have been most concerned about protecting vulnerable populations from the harm that the coronavirus causes. As we look at the data and patterns around the world and in our country, we know that long-term care facilities are particularly at risk,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Now, I am saddened to say that we are facing an outbreak at our own Laguna Honda Hospital and we are going to do everything we can to prevent harm to the
residents and staff as the situation develops. We are drawing on all the resources we can muster, at the local, state and federal level to strengthen our response. We care deeply about the Laguna Honda community and are doing everything we can to protect their health and safety.”

No local community is equipped to manage a coronavirus outbreak by itself. In addition to the infectious disease experts that arrived today, San Francisco has requested over 100 additional staff, ranging from infection control nurses to testing personnel and personal care aides, as well as equipment from the state and federal government and is awaiting a response.

**Background on Laguna Honda efforts to date**

Laguna Honda Hospital has been and remains a top priority in the City’s preparation and response to coronavirus. The first Public Health Order, after declaring a local health emergency in early March, was to restrict visitors from Laguna Honda Hospital in order to protect the institution, its residents and staff. Laguna Honda leadership has worked actively and diligently to train staff on COVID-19 procedures, including the use of PPE, thorough cleaning of common spaces and resident rooms, and other prevention techniques.

However, even the best efforts are no guarantee against the spread of the virus. There are currently 374 cases and six deaths due to COVID-19 in San Francisco. The City is currently preparing its hospital and health systems for an expected surge of hospital patients.

Here is a summary of steps that the City and Laguna Honda Hospital have taken to prepare for and respond to an outbreak on campus.

**Steps the City has taken**

- Issued Health Officer Orders restricting visitors to Laguna Honda.
- Issued additional Health Orders expanding that rule to all long-term care facilities and residential facilities in San Francisco, and to all hospitals in San Francisco.
- The Health Officer placed Laguna Honda Hospital under protective quarantine on March 24.
- The Health Department implemented a new mask policy requiring isolation masks for staff at Laguna Honda Hospital and other locations in the health system where staff have prolonged close contact with each other and with high-risk populations.
- The City and the Health Department have requested state and federal assistance for what is expected to be an escalating crisis at Laguna Honda.
- Issued Health Order requiring quarantine, isolation and testing for Laguna Honda South 4 and South 5 units.

**Steps Laguna Honda Hospital has taken**

Before COVID-19 cases were found on campus:
· Restricted access to all non-essential personnel from entering the facility, including community groups, contractors and volunteers providing services that are not critical to resident care.
· Initiated a medical screening process for visitors, staff and residents.
· Improved infection control signage and provided specific COVID-19 education to ensure everyone at LHH is adhering to proper infection control standards regarding hand hygiene and the proper use of PPE.
· Developed a COVID-19 Infection Control Plan that addresses clinical protocols, isolation room management, and surge capacity.

After COVID-19 cases were found on campus:
· Activated the hospital incident command system to manage the crisis.
· Quarantined the two units where cases have been found to date
  o Doors have been secured
  o San Francisco sheriffs at the door preventing residents from leaving and only allowing appropriate staff to enter
  o Residents being assessed for symptoms every shift
  o Staff being screened twice per shift
· Testing of all staff on two units where staff cases have been found
· Testing of all patients on the unit where patients cases have been found
· Laguna Honda is setting up a field care clinic on its grounds as a precaution, in case there is a need to separate groups of patients.

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Commissioners,

Attached are your April 2, 2020 notices of cancellation and continuances.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the 9th.

I anticipate conducting test hearings, with no more than three of you at a time, on April 2nd. Hopefully, it will make you feel more comfortable before we go live on April 9th.

Stay well,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND COMMUNITY LEADERS STRESS NEED FOR SAN FRANCISCANS TO STAY HOME DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Parking lots near beaches and large recreational areas are now closed as part of San Francisco’s efforts to ensure people stay at home except for essential needs and brief local exercise.

San Francisco, CA — In advance of the weekend, Mayor London N. Breed today renewed her call for all San Franciscans to stay home and only go outdoors for essential trips near their home, such as to the grocery store or pharmacy and for exercise. Both locally-owned and federally-owned parking lots near beaches and major recreational areas have been closed to prevent people from gathering at these locations.

On March 16, the City issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents
San Franciscans may walk, bike or go for a run, but must maintain at least six feet from others when outdoors, unless they share a household. To prevent the spread of coronavirus, residents should not play team sports or share exercise equipment.

“The health of our community depends on your commitment to stay home to slow the spread of the virus,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Our health care workers and first responders are going to work on the front lines, helping those with acute needs. We must all continue to do our part to protect our family, neighbors, and loved ones by recommitting ourselves to staying home and leaving the house only for essential reasons.”

Vulnerable populations, such as people with chronic health conditions, are more likely to become very sick or die as a result of contracting COVID-19, and must stay home as much as possible.

“It’s important that we stay home to make sure we keep our community safe,” said Sarah Wan, Executive Director, Community Youth Center. “Though we might be separated physically, it’s important to stay together emotionally. We still need to look out for one another.”

The goal is to limit face-to-face interactions, but for those who may be isolated during this time, there are ways to stay connected such as talking or video chatting on the phone, emailing or talking through the door.

“We need to stay home for our loved ones. Many people don’t believe that this disease will hurt them, but it’s about protecting those around you who might be vulnerable and those fighting this virus on the frontline. Do this for your elderly grandmother, your sister who is a nurse, or your friend with asthma,” said Márcia Contreras, Deputy Executive Director, Mission Housing Development Corporation.
The City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC), in partnership with various City agencies, has helped place signage at public locations throughout the city, including parks, playgrounds, and the Embarcadero, to remind the public to remain six feet apart at all times when outdoors. Over the past few weeks, the EOC has disseminated tens of thousands of printed educational materials in multiple languages to residents and businesses about the need to stay home and maintain social distancing.

Public service announcements are also running on radio, digital and social media platforms. In addition, San Francisco created a COVID-19 outreach toolkit for coronavirus that contains flyers, social media graphics, and fact sheets in English, 中文, Filipino, and Español for download and use. This information is available to all communities in San Francisco, the Bay Area, the state and the country. The toolkit can be found at: sf.gov/information/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus. The latest up-to-date information continues to be shared on the City’s SF.gov website, through the City’s AlertSF text messaging system, as well as on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and NextDoor.

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Hello Planning Commissioners.

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. Thank you for your attention to this matter during this unsettling time.

I manage the Market Octavia Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) here at the Planning Department. I am writing to share the attached February 24, 2020 Market Octavia CAC resolution (motion number 2020-02-24-01) endorsing the Market and Octavia Area Plan Amendment on the basis of several recommendations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your time and I hope you have a great evening.

Take care.

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Due to the Shelter in Place order, the Planning Department will be operating under reduced capacity with most of our staff working remotely. Our offices at 1650 Mission Street will be closed; the Planning Information Center (PIC) at 1660 Mission Street will be closed; the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions will be cancelled until Thursday April 9, at the earliest; and the March 25 Zoning Variance hearing will be cancelled. Click here for more information about our services and how to contact Planning staff during the office closure.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR BREED ANNOUNCES THREE NEW DRIVE-THRU/DROP-IN COVID-19 TESTING SITES FOR THE PUBLIC AND NEW PRIORITIZED TESTING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS

San Francisco expects to have seven drive-thru/drop-in COVID-19 testing sites by next week. City-run lab has increased its capacity threefold.

Prioritized COVID-19 testing for front line first responders and health care workers will help preserve San Francisco’s capacity to serve the public during this emergency.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health, today announced prioritized COVID-19 testing for critical first
responders and health care workers who are essential to the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as three new mobile testing sites available to members of the public who have a clinician referral.

The San Francisco Health Service System (SFHSS) reached an agreement with the City’s two largest private health service providers, Kaiser Permanente and Blue Shield of California, to prioritize COVID-19 tests for San Francisco first responders and health care workers showing symptoms of the virus. Supporting this agreement, the Department of Public Health (DPH) issued a health advisory this morning to San Francisco clinicians and labs to similarly prioritize testing for these two classes of workers, in addition to high-risk and vulnerable populations.

Starting today, San Francisco first responders and health care workers, covered under the City’s Kaiser or Blue Shield health insurance plans, can contact their primary care physician and indicate they are in one of the two priority COVID-19 test classes. Upon confirmation that their symptoms indicate that a COVID-19 test is needed, their test will be prioritized along with other tests for high-risk, vulnerable patient classes.

“The prioritization of COVID-19 testing for frontline workers, along with people who are most vulnerable, will help us make sure our health care system can continue serving the public and taking care of people who need help,” said Mayor Breed. “We are so grateful for all the health care workers and first responders who are stepping up and responding to this pandemic, and we will continue to prioritize efforts to support them during this challenging time.”

Mayor Breed also announced that the City has worked with North East Medical Services (NEMS), and Brown & Toland Physicians to establish three new mobile testing locations for the public in San Francisco. Patients will need a clinical referral to be tested at these mobile testing locations. NEMS, an important health provider for the Chinese American community, will open their two new sites in the Outer Sunset and Chinatown early next week. The Brown & Toland site is scheduled to open at the end of next week near Oracle Park. The three new sites augment the four COVID-19 mobile testing locations currently available through Kaiser Permanente, UCSF, One Medical and Sutter CPMC. The Sutter and UCSF locations are prioritized for use by their health care employees and first responders. The City is continuing to pursue additional testing partnerships and opportunities for expansion.

In addition, the San Francisco Department of Public Health Laboratory this week has increased its testing capacity three times. By automating certain parts of the process, the DPH Public Health Laboratory can now run 150 tests per day, up from 50. The testing turnaround time is one to two days and typically much faster than other laboratories, which allows the City to take quicker action to conduct contact investigations and minimize spread.

The expanded availability of testing is expected to increase the number of positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in San Francisco. As of March 24, San Francisco along with other Bay Area counties issued a health order requiring laboratories performing COVID-19 tests to report all testing data to state and local health
authorities. The City is working with UCSF and UC Berkeley to use these data and develop models to understand the spread of virus in the community and inform strategies.

“We expect to see higher numbers of positive cases with the increasing capability of COVID-19 testing. I want to be clear that not everyone needs to get tested. There are still national shortages of testing material, which means we need to prioritize our tests to those on the frontline, and for those most vulnerable and at-risk from the virus,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “I cannot stress enough that getting tested is not the most effective way to stop the spread. The most effective action you can take is to stay at home, and if you must go out to follow all social distancing recommendations.”

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