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SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES 5TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT INCLUDES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AND PROTECTED BIKE LANES

As part of the City’s efforts to reach Vision Zero goals and Mayor London Breed’s goal of 20 miles of protected bike lanes in the next two years, the SFMTA is re-designing the dangerous 5th, 6th, and 7th Street corridors

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors today approved the 5th Street Safety Improvement Project, which will bring much needed pedestrian safety improvements and protected bike lanes to the high-injury 5th Street corridor. The project will deliver a number of short-term safety improvements as part of the “quick-build” policy championed by Mayor Breed while longer-term improvements are implemented over time.

75 percent of San Francisco’s severe and fatal traffic injuries occur on just 13 percent of our
streets. These streets compose the City’s high-injury network. The 5th Street project is part of a larger series of improvements to the 5th, 6th, and 7th Street corridors, all part of the high-injury network. These changes will help ensure the South of Market area is safer for everyone who walks, bikes, takes transit, and drives through the neighborhood.

“As it currently exists, 5th Street is simply not designed to keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe. Only 45 percent of people surveyed said they felt safe walking the corridor, only seven percent said they felt safe biking, and only 25 percent said they can find reliable transit. That’s simply unacceptable,” said Mayor Breed. “This project will protect pedestrians and bicyclists, and our new quick-build policy will allow us to make immediate safety improvements while long-term changes are being made.”

The 5th Street Improvement Project spans an important connection from Market Street to Townsend Street. In the near-term, it includes protected bike lanes for the entire corridor, lane reconfigurations to encourage safer vehicle speeds, and new zones for passenger and delivery loading. In addition, longer-term pedestrian safety improvements will include wider sidewalks and raised crosswalks at select alleyways.

“The 5th Street Improvement project is part of a larger, coordinated effort to create a network of safe streets in the South of Market area,” said Tom Maguire, Interim SFMTA Director of Transportation. “5th Street is on the city’s High-Injury Network, and we are using all the tools available to improve the safety and visibility of some of the most vulnerable road users in a neighborhood with growing residential and commercial development.”

“Improving public safety in the district is a priority and reflects the values of our Yerba Buena Street Life Plan that guides our actions.” said Cathy Maupin, Executive Director of the Yerba Buena Community Benefits District, which is within the project area. “We’re eager to continue to collaborate with the city and the community on opportunities like the 5th Street Improvement Project that make Yerba Buena safer for pedestrians, bikes and other modes of transportation.”

Separately, the 6th Street Corridor is currently receiving a number of pedestrian safety treatments as part of the quick-build policy that was championed by Mayor Breed. These include a reduction in traffic lanes between Market and Howard Streets to slow vehicle speeds, painted safety zones to increase pedestrian visibility and slow vehicle turning speeds, and new turning restrictions to reduce the potential for crashes at intersections. These immediate safety-improvements will serve to inform the larger 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, which is scheduled to begin in 2020.

Mayor Breed has called for 20 miles of new protected bike lanes to be completed across the next two years, doubling the City’s previous pace. SFMTA is rapidly executing this directive. Last month, the SFMTA completed a new one-mile protected bicycle lane on 7th Street between Townsend and 16th Streets. Using the quick build process, it took fewer than 100 days from the start of design to completing the project, significantly improving bicycle connections between SoMa and Mission Bay.
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO POWER SAN FRANCISCO’S DOWNTOWN WITH 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

Board of Supervisors approves Mayor London Breed’s legislation to require large commercial buildings to use renewable or greenhouse-gas free hydroelectricity

San Francisco, CA — The Board of Supervisors today voted unanimously to approve Mayor London N. Breed’s legislation to transition private commercial buildings of 50,000 square feet and larger to 100 percent renewable electricity. Almost half of San Francisco’s citywide emissions come from buildings, and half of those emissions come from the commercial sector. San Francisco has already reduced its greenhouse gas emissions 36 percent below 1990 levels.

The new clean electricity requirement is the first of its kind in the nation. The law will reduce emissions from the City’s largest commercial buildings by an additional 21 percent to accelerate San Francisco’s drive towards 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030. The legislation was co-sponsored by Supervisors Vallie Brown, Ahsha Safai, Aaron Peskin, Matt Haney, Rafael Mandelman, and Hillary Ronen.
“We must continue to lead the way in the fight against climate change, and we know that the building sector is a major contributor of climate-changing greenhouse gases,” said Mayor Breed. “Transitioning our large buildings to 100 percent renewable energy is an important step towards making San Francisco an even more sustainable city and continuing the progress we have made with CleanPowerSF.”

The legislation calls for the City’s largest commercial buildings to procure 100 percent renewable electricity from any of the City’s electricity providers by 2022. Then, starting in 2024, additional buildings will be subject to the requirement, eventually encompassing all commercial buildings 50,000 square feet or larger. The requirement is currently phased-in chronologically to ensure adequate renewable electricity is available for procurement:

- 2022 – commercial buildings over 500,000 square feet;
- 2024 – commercial buildings over 250,000 square feet; and,
- 2030 – commercial buildings over 50,000 square feet.

The legislation is part of the Mayor’s vision of an “all-electric City” in which 100 percent renewable electricity replaces the use of fossil fuels in the building and transportation sectors. San Francisco’s emissions primarily come from the transportation and the building sectors, with each sector responsible for 46 and 44 percent of the City’s emissions, respectively. Cross-sector electrification will be necessary to achieve deep greenhouse gas emissions reductions and Mayor Breed’s Global Climate Action Summit commitment for net zero emissions by 2050.

“When we think greenhouses gases, we’re right to think cars but we also need to think buildings,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown. “Thanks to CleanPowerSF, we’re in a great position to generate and deliver the renewable electricity supply we need to zero out our emissions. I’m proud to have been a part of the team that first introduced CleanPowerSF, and to continue that work with this and other key climate legislation today.”

The City’s municipal buildings are already powered by greenhouse gas-free hydroelectricity through Hetch Hetchy Power. To accelerate San Francisco’s transition to an all-electric City, in April 2019 Mayor London Breed also announced that she is directing the Department of the Environment to convene a public-private task force to examine how best to electrify all of San Francisco’s buildings. The task force is expected to produce a decarbonization roadmap for buildings in early 2020. In July, Supervisor Brown announced that she will introduce legislation to eliminate the use of natural gas in all new municipal building projects and major renovations, in order to further decarbonizing City-owned buildings.

“Requiring San Francisco’s largest buildings to be powered by clean electricity is the next step towards an ‘all-electric,’ net zero emissions city,” said Debbie Raphael, Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment. “I want to thank Mayor Breed for bringing forward this legislation and for her unwavering commitment to a clean energy future for San Francisco. More clean electricity on our grid is how we make that future a reality today.”

Today, all of the City’s major electricity providers, Hetch Hetchy Power, CleanPowerSF, and PG&E, provide 100 percent renewable electricity products. Hetch Hetchy is the City’s oldest provider of clean electricity and is the most affordable. CleanPowerSF, the City’s new clean energy program, also offers SuperGreen, a 100 percent renewable electricity at more cost-
effective price points than PG&E. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) operates both CleanPowerSF and Hetch Hetchy Power, and serves 80% of the city’s electric load.

“For more than a century, we have provided clean energy to San Francisco, and we are excited about expanding those efforts to meet our City’s renewable energy goals,” said SFPUC General Manager Harlan L. Kelly, Jr. “The SFPUC is proud to take part in an effort that will address our climate change concerns while providing our businesses with safe, reliable and affordable power services.”

The Mayor’s legislation complements similar building programs like the City’s auditing and energy benchmarking program for existing buildings, Better Roofs ordinance, the EV Readiness ordinance, and the Mayor’s proposal to expand the number of EV charging stations in San Francisco parking facilities. The San Francisco Department of the Environment, in collaboration with the SFPUC, will administer the new program.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ADDS 60 NEW BEDS TO DIVISION CIRCLE NAVIGATION CENTER

The new beds build on Mayor Breed’s goal of adding 1,000 new shelter beds by the end of 2020

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today celebrated the addition of 60 new beds at the Division Circle Navigation Center in the Mission, which brings the total number of beds at Division Circle to 186. The new beds will be used to address homelessness in the area, with a particular emphasis for people at the cross-section of homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorder. Mayor Breed and Vallejo Mayor Bob Sampayan today toured the newly expanded Navigation Center, located at 224 South Van Ness Ave.

Mayor Breed is committed to dramatically expanding shelters and Navigation Centers to provide a safe place for people to be off the street and be connected with long-term services. In October 2018, she announced a goal of opening 1,000 new shelter beds by the end of 2020. With the expansion of Division Circle Navigation Center, Mayor Breed has added 346 new shelter beds toward the 1,000 bed goal. There are an additional 244 beds under construction, and 200 additional beds in the pipeline.
“The new beds at the Division Circle Navigation Center get us one step closer to providing the shelter we need in our City,” said Mayor Breed. “Everyone deserves a safe place to sleep at night and access behavioral health care if they need it. We must continue adding more shelters and housing throughout San Francisco and connecting people to the services that can help get them off the streets and out of homelessness.”

The Division Circle Navigation Center opened in the summer of 2018 with 126 beds. The Navigation Center is operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco, a non-profit provider that is responsible for case management and partnering with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) to provide housing navigation services. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also coordinates with the Department of Public Health and the Human Services Agency, who provide onsite access to physical and behavioral health services, as well as benefits access.

After a year of successful operation, the City has expanded the capacity of the Navigation Center by adding 60 beds, an additional set of restrooms, and new community space with a clinic. Since its opening, the Division Circle Navigation Center has served 1,245 people. Forty-three percent of all people who have exited from all San Francisco Navigation Centers have left to either another shelter program or into housing.

Navigation Centers are designed to serve San Franciscans who are living unsheltered in the community. Unlike traditional shelters, Navigation Centers 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 housing.

The original construction of the Division Circle Navigation Center was supported by State funds secured by Assemblymember Phil Ting. The Navigation Center is located on land leased from Caltrans that was previously used as a parking lot. As a result of Assembly Bill 857, introduced by Assemblymember Ting, the City is able to use underutilized Caltrans locations like this one for emergency shelter programs at affordable rates.

“Division Circle is a great example of how vital state and local partnerships are in addressing California’s homeless crisis,” said Assemblymember Ting. “This Navigation Center got its start with the help of state funding and state land. Growth and expansion are signs of success, and I’m pleased to see our investments in programs that help people flourish.”

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) currently offers temporary shelter to approximately 3,400 people per night through traditional shelters, stabilization beds, Navigation Centers, and Transitional Housing. However, 65% of San Francisco’s homeless population lives unsheltered on the city streets, which clearly demonstrates the need for more shelter beds.

“We are thrilled to be expanding access to the Division Circle Navigation Center today for people suffering on our streets,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of HSH. “Navigation Centers are a critical tool to provide safety and a step in the journey to exiting homelessness. We thank Mayor Breed for her bold leadership to expand access to shelter in San Francisco, to community leaders and neighbors who supported this expansion and our City partners and St. Vincent de Paul Society for their tireless and compassionate work.”
“As a long standing nonprofit service provider, St. Vincent de Paul is happy to support the Mayor and her initiative to increase beds for those who are unhoused and most vulnerable,” said Shari Wooldridge, Executive Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco. “Our mission has been to bring back the humanity, dignity and self-respect to any one in need. Today we are able to provide another 60 beds for those who are looking to heal and move in a different direction with their lives.”

Earlier this month, Mayor Breed launched a new behavioral health initiative—Heal Our City—which includes a plan to help the approximately 4,000 homeless San Franciscans who have mental illness and substance use disorders. Of this group, San Francisco’s data shows that 41 percent frequently use urgent and emergent psychiatric services, compared to 15 percent of people experiencing homelessness overall who use these services. This population also suffers greatly from alcohol use disorder. Examining this population through an equity lens, African American people represent 35 percent of these residents, while they make up just five percent of the overall population of San Francisco.

The initial steps of the new initiative will provide enhanced care coordination, create a multi-agency program to streamline housing and health care for the 230 most vulnerable members of this population, and increase access to behavioral health services by expanding the hours of the City’s Behavioral Health Access Center. Additionally, on Thursday, September 12, Mayor Breed announced the City will open 15 new Hummingbird psychiatric respite beds, with funding provided by Tipping Point Community.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED, TIPPING POINT & UCSF ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND & STRENGTHEN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

The City’s top academic researchers, philanthropists, and policy and health care leaders today released a research report that includes comprehensive recommendations to support behavioral health in San Francisco.

Initial action based on report includes funding from Tipping Point to open 15 new Hummingbird behavioral health beds and a plan to pursue a managed alcohol facility for people suffering from alcohol use disorder.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the next step in the City’s mental health initiative: a partnership with Tipping Point Community and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) to support behavioral health initiatives in San Francisco. Tipping Point, in coordination with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) and UCSF, released their “Behavioral Health and Homelessness in San Francisco” report, which is the result of a yearlong research project.
As an initial response to the recommendations in the report, Tipping Point will fund 15 new Hummingbird beds, which provide psychiatric respite and a place where clients can be linked to care, services, and treatment. The City will also pursue implementation of a managed alcohol facility to help those suffering from alcohol use disorder.

A key element of the Mayor’s recently announced mental health initiative—Heal Our City—includes leveraging partnerships to meet the needs of the City’s most vulnerable. Working with State partners as well as philanthropic, academic, and nonprofit organizations will help the City implement policies that are data-driven and based on the most current research and national best practices. The City is proud to work with Tipping Point and UCSF on addressing the behavioral health challenges of the 4,000 people who need care the most.

“The mental health crisis on our streets is too big of an issue for one agency or organization to address on its own,” said Mayor Breed. “As we create and implement policies to help those people who are experiencing homelessness and who suffer from mental health and substance use issues, we need to work together and build on the knowledge and experience of experts in academia, nonprofits, and philanthropic organizations. I want to thank Tipping Point, UCSF, and all the other community-based organizations that contributed to this report, and who will continue to partner with us as we move forward with our mental health initiative.”

“As we recommend reforms to support nearly 4,000 San Franciscans experiencing homelessness, mental illness and substance use disorder, we are grateful for the partnership of Tipping Point and UCSF,” said Director of Mental Health Reform Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland. “This report reinforces many of our own findings, and we look forward to working toward our shared goals in the months to come.”

“Progress on difficult public health problems does not happen in isolation. As with HIV, we know that forging behavioral health solutions for San Francisco’s homeless residents will take the concerted effort of many. We need researchers and clinicians, care providers and clients, philanthropists, City leaders, advocates, community partners and the support of the public to reach our goals,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Organizations like Tipping Point and UCSF play a key role in accomplishing improvements to the community’s health and wellbeing.”

**Tipping Point Report**

As part of its Chronic Homelessness Initiative, Tipping Point and the UCSF Department of Psychiatry came together to share expertise and strategies about how to improve outcomes for San Francisco residents experiencing long-term homelessness who also have behavioral health care needs. This project focused on:

- Identifying critical gaps that exist in the current system, including in services and treatment; coordination across agencies and providers; and data availability;
- Access and outcome disparities based on race, ethnicity, LGBTQ status, and other demographics that correlate with disproportionate homelessness;
- Identifying existing and planned efforts to address these gaps; and
- Making recommendations for where philanthropic, private and/or public investment could have an impact, including prioritization based on cost, impact, and urgency.

At the beginning of this project, Tipping Point and its report partner, John Snow, Inc.,
The key findings include three general categories:

- Enhancements to data tracking, data sharing, and development of shared outcome goals could promote increased coordination and accountability.
- Although there are many resources available, there are gaps in treatment and bed shortages in some levels of care.
- Outreach, engagement, and effective care transitions are critical to stabilization.

“Improving our behavioral health system is core to our work to reduce chronic homelessness, which disproportionately impacts our Black and LGBTQ+ neighbors,” said Daniel Lurie, CEO and Founder of Tipping Point Community. “These improvements will help more people exit homelessness and access needed supportive services. Through the collective effort and expertise of the Mayor and the Department of Public Health, UCSF, John Snow, Inc., and local service providers, we have developed a road map to do exactly that. It’s going to take all of us—the philanthropic, private, and public sectors—to make the changes we need to build a more comprehensive behavioral health care system for people experiencing homelessness.”

“We’re proud of our 150 year partnership with the City and are pleased to lend our faculty expertise and financial support to this important report, which provides guidance for how to improve the delivery of behavioral health services for the San Franciscans who need it most,” said Dr. Sam Hawgood, Chancellor of UC San Francisco.

**Hummingbird Beds**

DPH’s analysis and Tipping Point’s report determine that more mental health beds are needed in order to serve the number of people who need health care services. Hummingbird beds have been successful at providing psychiatric respite and connecting people with the services they need, and the City is investing in expanding the number of Hummingbird beds. With funding from Tipping Point, DPH will work with a community-based organization to open a new Hummingbird site with 15 beds in the community.

Hummingbird Place is a Behavioral Health Respite Center primarily serving homeless individuals who may be thinking about entering into treatment or care settings, but have not yet enrolled in these voluntary services. There is currently a 29-bed facility for adults on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus. The program offers low-threshold entry, which permits participants to stay with partners and keep their companion animals and belongings with them. Hummingbird Place is a Navigation Center model providing services with laundry facility on site, access to shower facilities, food/snacks, recreational activities and pre-engagement level program activities. The program also operates a day drop-in for up to 25 participants and can expand these services to emergency overnight placements for urgent needs. The program admits all qualified San Francisco residents who have ongoing behavioral health needs.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, Hummingbird Place served over 500 distinct individuals, providing over 7,000 overnight stays and serving about 5,000 day clients. It is a safe place for clients to rest and engage with trained counselors to discuss treatment options, maybe for the first time...
not in an emergent setting, and supports breaking the cycle of using urgent and emergent services.

**Managed Alcohol Treatment Program**
DPH’s analysis determined that 95 percent of the 4,000 most vulnerable individuals in San Francisco suffer from alcohol use disorder. Dr. Nigusse Bland and DPH are exploring ways to address the needs of that population and provide alcohol substance use treatment. The Tipping Point report recommends the creation of a managed alcohol treatment program, which is an innovative and evidence-based solution that the City will pursue implementing moving forward.

**Heal Our City**
On Wednesday, September 4, Mayor Breed and DPH announced the launch of a mental health reform initiative, which includes a plan to help the approximately 4,000 homeless San Franciscans who have mental illness and substance use disorders. Of this group, San Francisco’s data shows that 41 percent frequently use urgent and emergent psychiatric services, compared to 15 percent of homeless people overall who use these services. This population also suffers greatly from alcohol use disorder and all of them have a history of psychosis. Examining this population through an equity lens, African American people represent 35 percent of these residents, while they make up just five percent of the overall population of San Francisco. The initial steps of the new initiative will provide enhanced care coordination, create a multi-agency program to streamline housing and health care for the 230 most vulnerable members of this population, and increase access to behavioral health services by expanding hours of the City’s Behavioral Health Access Center.

The full Behavioral Health and Homelessness Report released today by Tipping Point, UCSF and DPH can be found [here](#).

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR AHSHA SAFAI
CELEBRATE GRAND OPENING OF NEW JOB CENTER

City’s newest resource hub will address high unemployment in the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods

San Francisco, CA — Today Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Ahsha Safai, in partnership with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), and community leaders celebrated the grand opening of a job center to provide workforce services in the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods. The OMI Job Center will provide comprehensive services for jobseekers and employers in one of the most underserved neighborhoods, which is home to a large share of the City’s unemployed residents. The Job Center is located at 200 Broad Street and will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm starting on Monday, September 16.

“No matter where you live in San Francisco, everyone should have access to resources to connect with a job and earn a living wage,” said Mayor Breed. “This area that has been overlooked for too long and we see the results of that in the unemployment rate. We need to provide people with opportunities to succeed, which is why we’re making these investments to
bring employers together with the community to meet people where they live and start the next stages in their careers.”

Data from the most current U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey shows that the OMI neighborhood has one of the highest unemployment rates in the City, a rate that is 40 percent more than the citywide average. This high rate of unemployment disproportionately affects communities of color. African Americans are jobless at twice the rate of other neighborhood residents and Asian residents make up the greatest number of unemployed people in the OMI.

The OMI has the City’s third largest population of unemployed African American residents, after the Bayview/Hunters Point and Western Addition. Many of these residents face systemic barriers to employment, including involvement in the criminal justice system, education, disabilities, and a lack of access to programming and other wrap-around services. According to the California Employment Development Department (2018), approximately 1,600 residents are unemployed in zip code 94112, which is the highest among all San Francisco zip codes.

“The OMI Job Center, the City’s newest Neighborhood Access Point, will be a hub for job creation, education and employment resources for a neighborhood that has historically been plagued with high rates of unemployment and violence,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safai. “It is a vital investment that will ultimately change lives and activate this neighborhood in a positive way. I’ve been pushing for this community resource since before I even became Supervisor, and it’s exciting to see the funding we secured in the Board’s addback process come to life.”

“Today’s opening is a true symbol of hope for community residents seeking to be connected to the prosperity of our city,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As the doors open and services are provided, this community is finally seeing its neighborhood develop in a way that meets the needs of its residents. One with spaces for children to play, small businesses that anchor communities, and job centers that expand economic opportunities with partners that understand the challenges and needs of our communities striving to move beyond the systemic barriers that have held them back.”

San Francisco’s workforce development system is designed to be accessible to diverse job-seekers and employers through OEWD’s network of Job Centers. The OMI Job Center will be the seventh neighborhood employment resource—joining the Bayview, Chinatown, Mission, Tenderloin, Visitacion Valley and Western Addition Jobs Centers, and will be the first new Job Center in over two years.

Each Job Center plays a specialized role within San Francisco’s workforce system, customizing services and facilitating access for residents in opportunity neighborhoods, jobseekers with barriers to employment, underemployed people, and those seeking to enter or advance in a specific industry.

The OMI Job Center at 200 Broad St., also known as the ‘Hub’, will be operated by Inner City Youth (ICY), a program of Bayview based Young Community Developers (YCD), which currently operates the Bayview Job Center. The two nonprofits will partner to provide job readiness workshops, career exploration, job search assistance and connections to employment opportunities for OMI residents and jobseekers across District 11 and neighboring communities. The job center will also assist employers with job promotion, recruitment
assistance, hiring events, and assistance in finding bilingual candidates.

“Inner City Youth continually evolves to meet the changing needs of our community,” said Gwendolyn Brown, ICY Director. “Opening a new center in the OMI and drawing upon our recent partnership with Young Community Developers, provides residents a space to further their education and careers.”

“Our goal is to provide an integrated continuum of services to meet individual needs from ‘Cradle to Career.’ The Hub will provide resources to what we now know is the most historically underserved area of San Francisco,” said Dion-Jay Brookter, YCD Executive Director. “YCD is proud of ICY and its work within the OMI and looks forward to what the future will bring.”

**Office of Economic and Workforce Development**

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development advances equitable and shared prosperity for San Franciscans by growing sustainable jobs, supporting businesses of all sizes, creating great places to live and work, and helping everyone achieve economic self-sufficiency. For more information, please visit [www.oewd.org](http://www.oewd.org)

**Inner City Youth**

Established in 1997, ICY was founded by Navy Veteran, Michael “Mike” Brown, to serve local teenagers and transitional youth, ages 17 and 24. To help his children academically thrive academically, Mr. Brown arranged tutoring sessions at the family home on Minerva Street. This quickly drew attention from students and residents in the OMI and thus the nonprofit was created. ICY has since grown, offering skills-based training including: web design, music/sound recording, culinary arts and hair design. In 2002 Mr. Brown’s daughter, Gwendolyn Brown, graduate of Mills College, returned to ICY to contribute creative writing skills to Studio 96, a student run music studio. Today, Ms. Brown continues her father’s legacy as Director.

**Young Community Developers**

Young Community Developers is a community-based organization that provides education and employment training opportunities to residents of San Francisco’s Southeast neighborhoods. For more information, please visit [www.ycdjobs.org](http://www.ycdjobs.org)

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Attached are your Calendars for September 18, 2019.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF 436 AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR FAMILIES IN BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD

Former public housing at Hunters Point East West and Westbrook were renovated under the Rental Assistance Demonstration program

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and community leaders today celebrated the grand reopening of 436 units at Hunters Point East West (HPEW) and Westbrook, two former public housing properties that were originally built in the 1950s and together comprise nearly 35 acres of land. These are two of 28 sites previously owned by the San Francisco Housing Authority that were renovated under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which allows for a voluntary, permanent conversion of public housing to privately-owned, permanently affordable housing.

“Thanks to the rehabilitation of these homes at Hunters Point East West and Westbrook,
hundreds of families have a new, safe place to live,” said Mayor Breed. “For too long, our public housing units have been left behind and have fallen into disrepair. The RAD program enables us to improve the conditions of our City’s public housing, and ensure that our most vulnerable residents can remain in their neighborhood with a place to call home.”

This project is part of the City’s commitment to preserving and revitalizing nearly 3,500 distressed public housing units across San Francisco. To date, more than 3,200 apartments have been converted and renovated under the RAD program.

The substantial rehabilitation of HPEW and Westbrook focused on safety and accessibility improvements, and the modernization or replacement of original building systems. These improvements include roof and window replacement, a new automatic fire sprinkler system, exterior painting, landscaping, washer/dryer additions, replacement of sewer system, apartment renovations and energy use reductions. A new playground was added, along with improved sidewalks, parking, and renovation of the community space at 90 Kiska Rd.

“Completing the much-needed renovation of 436 affordable homes marks a significant milestone in the City’s work to transform its public housing assets,” said Daniel Adams, Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. “We are thrilled so many deserving families can now thrive in safe, high-quality and permanently affordable apartments with essential on-site services.”

Related California, The John Stewart Company, the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation, and Ridge Point Non-Profit Housing Corporation collaborated to complete the $127 million comprehensive rehabilitation.

“This public-private partnership with the City is providing new life for long-neglected public housing, enabling over 430 low-income families to have state-of-the-art homes,” said Bill Witte, Chairman and CEO of Related California. “Rehabilitating San Francisco’s public housing stock is critical for making inroads in the Bay Area’s affordable housing crisis, especially when it comes to providing homes for the most vulnerable families.”

“We are pleased to have partnered with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, the San Francisco Housing Authority, Related California, San Francisco Housing Development Corporation, and Ridge Point Non-Profit Housing Corporation on the recapitalization and renovation of this crucial housing,” said Jack Gardner, Chairman and CEO of The John Stewart Company. “This project wonderfully demonstrates the City’s commitment to leaving none of its residents behind, and we are incredibly proud to have played a part in dramatically improving the quality of life for our residents.”

“It has been extremely gratifying to witness the transformation of this dilapidated housing into beautifully renovated apartment homes that are cleaner, safer and healthier for the families who reside here, while also ensuring long-term affordability,” said David Sobel, CEO of the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation. “We have also greatly enjoyed and felt the positive impact of working closely with all residents throughout this multi-year process to ensure that they participate in the rehabilitation of their homes and help build community through successful engagement and service connection.”

As part of the City’s Fiber to Housing program and Digital Equity initiative, the City is providing free, high-speed internet and a variety of onsite technology trainings for residents at
HPEW and Westbrook. Through partnerships with local Internet provider Monkeybrains and local nonprofits Community Tech Network and Dev/Mission, among others, the City works to eliminate the digital divide in San Francisco by bringing free high-speed internet to residents living in affordable housing.

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Commissioners,

Attached is the Corrected Agenda sent out to the public.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR VALLIE BROWN CELEBRATE SIGNING OF THEIR SMALL BUSINESS STREAMLINING LEGISLATION

As part of the Mayor’s Storefront Vacancy Strategy, the legislation streamlines the permitting process for small businesses and allows retailers to diversify their offerings to adapt to challenges contributing to retail vacancies.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Vallie Brown were joined today by local business leaders to sign their small business streamlining legislation, which makes it easier for small businesses to open and operate in San Francisco.

Across the nation, cities are grappling with storefront vacancies caused by changes in shopping habits over the past few years. To address this issue, Mayor Breed and Supervisor Brown announced a Storefront Vacancy Strategy last year to ensure that business corridors in San Francisco remain vibrant. As part of that strategy, this legislation streamlines the often burdensome and confusing permitting process that small businesses face by clarifying ambiguous provisions in City codes and eliminating redundant requirements for different uses,
such as live music and food services.

“Despite our strong economy, it’s clear from the number of storefront vacancies throughout the City that our small businesses are struggling to open and operate,” said Mayor Breed. “I’ve heard from countless business owners that our City’s complicated, redundant permitting process delays them from opening and is often too restrictive when a business wants to do something like start serving food. We need to be flexible to adapt to the challenges they’re facing, and this legislation will help do that.”

“I am a huge believer in the importance of small businesses to our neighborhoods, and this legislation honors that,” said Supervisor Brown. “It simplifies our permitting and zoning rules to make it easier for small businesses here to get open and stay open. I’m also proud of the changes we’ve made to better recognize and respect the uniqueness of neighborhood commercial corridors.”

The new law will support small businesses as they open, expand, and adapt their offerings to remain competitive in the retail landscape. It will remove barriers and support modern business models so that local entrepreneurs can provide residents and visitors with experiences and services that are reflective of each neighborhood’s unique character. Specifically, the legislation:

- Enables retail businesses to diversify their offerings by reducing costs and barriers in order to serve to-go food and to incorporate entertainment and events.
- Increases opportunities for retail, restaurant, and nightlife businesses to fill vacant storefronts and enhance neighborhood vibrancy by enabling open air food service, removing barriers for arcades, and relaxing the impacts of zoning restrictions designed for other neighborhoods.
- Supports live music venues by eliminating duplicative inspections and reducing burdensome food service requirements for entertainment venues.
- Clarifies multiple previously ambiguous Planning Code provisions in order to bring greater clarity and consistency to the permitting process.

“With many pressures facing small businesses, creating opportunities for them to succeed is essential to the economic and cultural vibrancy of San Francisco,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Tailored to the specific needs we’ve heard directly from entrepreneurs, this legislation will support creative uses, eliminate redundant processes, and provide much needed flexibilities that will allow our small business communities and their neighborhoods to thrive.”

The legislation signing ceremony was held at Wooden Coffeehouse, a small business in Cole Valley. Owned by Steve Wickwire, the small business will now be able to apply for a beer and wine license to expand its offerings for customers during evening comedy shows. Prior to the legislation, Wooden Coffeehouse was not able to pursue this license due to zoning restrictions designed for Haight Street that also applied to Cole Valley.

“This legislation addresses several imperative revisions in current zoning structure, and marks a triumph for the future of small businesses in San Francisco,” said Steve Wickwire, owner of Wooden Coffeehouse.

The business permit streamlining legislation was introduced as part of the Mayor’s Citywide
Storefront Vacancy Strategy, a multi-pronged approach to retain, strengthen, and attract businesses to commercial corridors throughout San Francisco. The strategy is guided by findings in a 2018 report from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development released called “State of the Retail Sector: Challenges and Opportunities for San Francisco’s Neighborhood Commercial Districts.” This ongoing initiative also includes an investment of nearly $1 million in program investments and the implementation of administrative reforms to ensure the ongoing vibrancy and vitality of neighborhood commercial districts. The program investments include:

- Vacant storefront and corridor-wide assessments to determine the cause of a vacancy and developing a roadmap to fill vacancies.
- Case management services by facilitating property owner relationships and generating a pipeline of prospective tenants to fill vacant storefronts.
- Leveraging existing city programs and services to support small businesses with technical and financial services and lease negotiations to help small businesses succeed and thrive.

Administrative reforms adopted as part of this strategy now make it easier for small businesses to obtain more permits over-the-counter, allowing entrepreneurs to open their business more quickly, reducing their startup time and costs and positioning them for future success. These reforms strengthen coordination between City agencies to help small businesses avoid waiting months for their applications to be processed by all of the necessary City departments.

“One of the most difficult parts of starting a small business in San Francisco is getting through the City permitting process,” said Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. “This legislation is an important step in making it easier for new businesses get off the ground. The SF Chamber of Commerce commends Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Vallie Brown for being SF small business champions and bringing forward this critical legislation.”

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SALESFORCE AND POSTMATES WILL VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTE PROPOSITION C TAX FUNDS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Under Mayor Breed’s Prop C Waiver legislation, companies can voluntarily contribute their estimated tax liability while the ballot measure is held up in the courts.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that Salesforce and Postmates will participate in her Proposition C Waiver legislation, co-sponsored by Supervisor Vallie Brown, which allows companies subject to November 2018’s Proposition C gross receipts tax to voluntarily agree to waive their right to a refund should that legislation be found invalid by the courts.

The estimated contribution from the two companies represents $14 million that will now go to fund programs to address homelessness. The new funding will be used to invest in building more shelters, expanding problem-solving interventions to prevent homelessness and to quickly stabilize those who become homeless, fund new behavioral health beds, deepen
investments to help families who are newly homeless get rehoused quickly, and build new permanent supportive housing for adults, families, and youth exiting homelessness.

“I want to thank Salesforce and Postmates for stepping forward to allow their tax revenue to start funding homelessness programs immediately while Prop C continues through the courts,” said Mayor Breed. “We know we have too many people suffering on our streets, including people with severe mental health and substance use issues. With these resources we can use targeted investments to get the care, shelter, and housing that people in our City need.”

“I want to applaud Salesforce and Postmates for their leadership in committing these funds now to help address our homelessness crisis,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown. “Their decision to do so is in tune with everyday San Franciscans, and I hope we’ll see more of this leadership from across the private sector. These funds are going to make an immediate positive difference in the lives of San Franciscans struggling to survive on our streets, and I’m very grateful for that.”

Proposition C, a tax to support homelessness and housing services, passed with roughly 61% of the vote and is currently held up due to legal uncertainty. The funding from the legislation is being collected, but due to litigation risk, the Controller is not authorizing the City to spend the funding. Should the courts rule that Prop C was required to meet a 2/3 vote threshold, the money being held by the Controller will have to be refunded. The funding will be held in escrow until a final decision is made by the courts.

“Companies like Salesforce and Postmates are part of the solution to this crisis,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “This is one of many examples of how the private sector and philanthropy help the thousands of San Franciscans struggling to move beyond homelessness.”

With Mayor Breed’s legislation, companies subject to the Prop C gross receipts tax can choose to waive their right to have a portion or the total of their taxes refunded if the courts ultimately require the 2/3 threshold to be met. In return for waiving these recovery rights, the companies receive a 10% tax liability deduction. This frees up funding that the City would otherwise be unable to spend until the matter is settled in court.

“The crisis of homelessness is the most urgent challenge facing our city—and it cannot be solved by government alone,” said Marc Benioff and Keith Block, co-CEOs of Salesforce. “We need more San Francisco companies to step up and participate in Mayor Breed’s Prop C Waiver legislation to give our homeless neighbors the help they desperately need.”

“Homelessness in San Francisco is an all-hands-on-deck crisis. And in the city where I built my business and am raising my family—I recognize with unequivocal importance that individuals, businesses, and lawmakers alike all have a responsibility to do our part in creating access to opportunity for anyone who calls these seven square miles home,” said Postmates Co-Founder and CEO Bastian Lehmann. “That’s why I am proud to stand with Mayor London Breed and put Postmates’ tax dollars to work right away helping our homeless neighbors. A new generation of tech leaders must step up, do our part, and be working partners, not sparring partners, with the City in designing policies that accountably invest City dollars towards creative, effective, efficient new ways to take care of our fellow residents.”

The City will use the $14 million in Prop C waiver funds in accordance with requirements in
the ordinance. These resources will specifically be used to:

1. $1.36 million to expand temporary shelter capacity by investing in the development of new shelter beds.
2. $2.04 million to expand problem-solving interventions to prevent and quickly address homelessness for newly homeless households in crisis.
3. $3.4 million to operate additional residential treatment beds for people experiencing homelessness and also suffer from behavioral health challenges.
4. $800,000 to deepen our investment in rapid rehousing, which provides temporary rental assistance and wrap around services for families exiting homelessness.
5. $6 million in permanent housing with services for adults, families and youth exiting homelessness.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES RECORD LOW NUMBERS OF NEW HIV DIAGNOSES

2018 Annual HIV Epidemiology Report shows progress on Getting to Zero new HIV infections, and Department of Public Health announces $8 million in grant funding to make further improvement in areas where disparities persist among African Americans, Latinx, people who experience homelessness, and people who inject drugs

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, joined by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Dr. Grant Colfax, and public health officials, today announced the results of the 2018 Annual HIV Epidemiology Report at Ward 86 at San Francisco General Hospital. The report shows encouraging trends on many fronts and identifies some continuing disparities and areas for targeted improvements.

The record-breaking decline in new HIV diagnoses and improvements in HIV care outcomes are encouraging and show a positive trend towards achieving San Francisco’s goal of zero new HIV infections. In 2018, new diagnoses dropped below 200 to 197, which is a 13 percent decrease from 227 new diagnoses in 2017. There has also been progress on reducing disparities among populations, with three groups seeing significant improvement—the number
of new diagnoses declined among Asians, women, and men who have sex with men (MSM).

“The results of the Annual HIV report are encouraging and show that we are on our way to Getting to Zero new infections,” said Mayor Breed. “That said, we know that some San Franciscans need additional care and outreach in order to receive the treatment they need. Our health care professionals and community partners will continue working to reduce disparities among populations and improve HIV care for everyone in our City.”

Disparities by race and ethnicity, age, gender, housing status, and risk group remain. The number of new diagnoses increased among four populations: people who inject drugs, people experiencing homelessness, African Americans and Latinx people. In 2014, San Francisco City agencies and organizations came together in a collective impact initiative known as Getting to Zero. This initiative brings together people and resources from throughout the city with three goals in mind: zero new HIV infections, zero HIV-related deaths and zero stigma and discrimination. These disparities highlight the need to address and achieve the Getting to Zero goals.

To strengthen San Francisco’s ability to tackle these disparities, the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) this week will launch a competitive process to allocate $8 million in funding to community organizations primarily serving African Americans, Latinx, transgender people and people who inject drugs. With grant funding, organizations will be able to develop new Health Access Points and strengthen their work on HIV prevention and care in their respective communities. The new Health Access Points will address the social determinants of health through a whole person care approach. This approach will help people with their basic needs, such as food and mental health, and also providing HIV, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment.

“As the record-breaking decline in this year’s Annual HIV Epidemiology Report shows, we’ve made enormous strides towards our Getting to Zero goals,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “But the increase in new diagnoses among injection drug users, African Americans, Latinx, and unhoused people is deeply troubling. This is not a moment for complacency or self-congratulation. Innovative models like Ward 86’s POP-UP Clinic, which provides accessible and low barrier care to homeless and unstably housed HIV positive San Franciscans, are essential to ensuring the health of our most marginalized communities. We need more of that, and fast.”

“We began as a world leader in care for AIDS patients more than 30 years ago,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Together with our community partners, scientists, academics, providers and the City’s leaders, we are confident in our pledge to be the first city to Get to Zero. But we can’t get there until we close the disparities gaps and focus on equity to ensure that all San Francisco communities have access to HIV prevention and care that works for them.”

“We know Getting To Zero’s strategy of expanding PrEP, treatment upon diagnosis, and re-engagement in care is working,” said Dr. Diane Havlir, co-founder of Getting To Zero. “We are now doubling down to ensure we reach those affected by the gaps in housing, mental health and substance use services.”

There are several efforts underway to address the disparities facing people who are experiencing homelessness. In January 2019, Ward 86 at San Francisco General Hospital
launched a new medical program that provides flexible, comprehensive and patient-centered care. The POP-UP (Positive-health Onsite Program for Unstably-housed Populations) program specifically aims to reduce health disparities among homeless and unstably housed individuals living with HIV in San Francisco. The POP-UP clinic provides low-barrier care for patients who are not virally suppressed and require urgent care or other drop-in needs. The team consists of physicians, nurses, and a social worker. POP-UP is open in the afternoons five days a week. No appointment is necessary and patients in this program can come any time for care. POP-UP provides incentives for linkage and retention in care, enhanced patient outreach, and referrals for emergency and permanent HIV housing in coordination with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

DPH also has a $2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to focus on HIV and Hepatitis C prevention and care among people experiencing homelessness, and people who inject drugs. The grant, called OPT-IN, supports the provision of medical and social services to this population. A highlight of OPT-IN is DPH’s team of street outreach workers that not only link people to health services daily, but also set up stationary health services in neighborhoods. The team develops relationships with people in the Bayview, Hunters Point, SOMA, and the Tenderloin, enabling them to link to the services they need.

San Francisco’s existing efforts to reduce disparities in the African American and Latinx populations have focused on increasing PrEP access for African American and Latinx men who have sex with men. PrEP, or pre-exposure prophylaxis, is medication that is proven to prevent the transmission of HIV. These efforts include lowering barriers to PrEP, social marketing campaigns, provider education, and partnering with community. Since 2014, the uptake of PrEP has been steadily increasing among all ethnic groups. For example, at San Francisco City Clinic, the municipal STD clinic, the proportion of MSM who reported using PrEP increased from 2017 to 2018. PrEP among Latino and White MSM increased from 47-48 percent to 53 percent, while PrEP among African American MSM increased from 41 percent to 49 percent. Racial and ethnic disparities are lessening, but more work remains.

On September 30, 2019, San Francisco will be awarded a planning grant from the CDC to partner with existing initiatives, including the HIV Community Planning Council, the Getting to Zero Consortium, and End Hep C SF. The City and partnering initiatives will engage with all communities—especially the African American and Latinx communities, people who use drugs and people who are experiencing homelessness—to strengthen successful methods and devise additional ones to help these populations get to zero. The one-year plan will address overlapping vulnerabilities, health disparities and inequities. Racial and social justice will be at the forefront of the planning process, which will inform the new Health Access Points mentioned above.

The Annual Report is the first in a series of announcements that the City will be making regarding HIV/AIDS initiatives over the next year. San Francisco and Oakland will be hosting the AIDS 2020 Conference in July next year.

Read the full 2018 Annual HIV Epidemiology Report [here](#).
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Greetings,

Pursuant to Board Rule 3.41, the following items are pending in Land Use and Transportation Committee, and are scheduled to be filed due to inactivity for six months:
180004  Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 600-32nd Avenue (aka George Washington High School)

11/14/2018; REMAIN ACTIVE. The sponsor requested this matter be extended an additional six months; 4/14/19.

180078  Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Wall at the Intersection of Diamond Heights Boulevard and Clipper Street (aka Diamond Heights Safety Wall)

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181024  Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 449-14th Street (aka former Welsh Presbyterian Church)

10/30/2018; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee; 11/29/2018

Please let me know by end of business September 12th if you would like these items to remain open for an additional six months. I will go forward with closing the files out the next business day.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR BREED, SUPERVISORS FEWER, MANDELMAN & BROWN ANNOUNCE PLAN TO STABILIZE AND EXPAND CRITICAL MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Increased funding and site acquisition plan will address the closure crisis affecting Board and Care Facilities that support people with behavioral health challenges

San Francisco, CA — Today, Mayor London N. Breed along with Supervisors Sandra Fewer, Rafael Mandelman, and Vallie Brown announced a plan to address the closure crisis impacting San Francisco’s Board and Care Facilities. These residential care facilities, which provide homes and care for people with behavioral health challenges and who need help with daily tasks like dressing and eating, have been closing due to increased operational costs and development pressures from the housing market.

The plan put forth by the Mayor and the Supervisors will stabilize existing Board and Care
facilities by increasing operational funding, seek to purchase sites at risk of closure, and advance strategies that will reduce pressure to convert facilities to residential use.

“As we reform our mental health system in San Francisco, we know that we must take action to stop Board and Care facilities from continuing to close,” said Mayor Breed. “These facilities treat people who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness, while providing the long-term, stable housing they need. I want to thank Supervisors Fewer, Mandelman, and Brown for stepping up to address this important issue as we work to purchase facilities that are at risk of closing so that they can continue to provide the care that our city so desperately needs.”

“Board and Care facilities are critical to caring for our seniors and play a vital role in ensuring that vulnerable residents receive the service they need while remaining housed,” said Supervisor Fewer. “We need to take action to stop the loss of these beds and I’m happy to support this effort to purchase these sites so that they can continue operating in San Francisco.”

“Housing the growing numbers of vulnerable elderly and disabled San Francisco residents is one of the urgent moral challenges of our time, and one we must meet if we are to reverse the alarming rise in homelessness among these populations. I commend Mayor Breed for her leadership in stabilizing our existing Board and Care facilities and her commitment to advancing housing solutions for the most vulnerable,” said Supervisor Mandelman.

“Many of San Francisco’s remaining Board and Care facilities are in District 5. Too many across the City have now closed,” said Supervisor Brown. “We need to reverse this trend. By purchasing facilities before they close, we can ensure vulnerable residents remain stable and in their homes, not in crisis on our streets and in our emergency rooms.”

Board and Care facilities, otherwise known as Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE) or Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs), provide higher levels of care for individuals to enable them to live in the community. These facilities are typically small—with as few as three or four beds—and are integrated into residential neighborhoods. They provide both short- and long-term placements for people with behavioral health challenges, including individuals who are conserved or have exited conservatorship.

Board and Care beds represent an important piece of the overall portfolio of behavioral health beds in San Francisco, and the loss of these beds poses a significant challenge to our overall ability to respond to the behavioral health challenges in the city. The number of residential care facilities and the total number of beds that contract with the Department of Public Health (DPH), has shown a steady decline over the past five years, and an additional 71 beds will possibly be closing by the end of 2020.

The plan from the Mayor and the Supervisors will do three things:
Stabilize Existing Board and Care Facilities
- One of the primary reasons Board and Care facilities cite for closure is the increased cost of doing business. Today, most residents who occupy a bed receive some sort of supplemental income, and these sources typically provide a reimbursement for each placement. The City subsidizes this reimbursement for providers with an additional patch payment, which will be increased to help providers better afford the cost of services. For this year, costs will be covered using existing sources, and moving forward, this additional cost will be incorporated into the DPH’s budget.

Authorize City Acquisition of Facilities to Preserve and Expand Beds
- The City will explore purchasing the buildings of existing providers that are at risk of closure, possibly expanding them to increase capacity, and partnering with a community partner for operation.

Reduce Pressure to Convert to Residential Use
- Many of the Board and Care facilities that are closing are selling to parties that aim to convert them to residential uses. By placing interim controls on the conversion of any Board and Care use to residential use, the development incentive to go out of business is reduced. The Mayor supports Supervisor Mandelman’s legislation and thanks him for his leadership.

“Board and care homes are a critical part of the continuum of behavioral health services that San Franciscans need to live in the community,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “The Department of Public Health is grateful to Mayor Breed and these Supervisors for taking steps to preserve these vital services.”

“Our family has served San Francisco residents with disabilities and behavioral health challenges for almost two decades,” said Joshua Taburaza, United Family Care Home Project Manager. “Our clients have worked in the San Francisco community, some of them are veterans, all of them need a home. We provide assistance with medication administration, nutritious meals and snacks, and coordinate their healthcare. We are thankful for Mayor Breed’s proposal and know that it will absolutely help continue the important work for all the Board and Care providers in the City.”

Ensuring the continued operation of board and care facilities can help prevent homelessness for vulnerable people. This effort is part of Mayor Breed’s broader mental health reform initiative, which includes a plan to help the nearly 4,000 homeless San Franciscans who have serious mental illness and substance use disorders. The initial steps of the new initiative will provide enhanced care coordination, create a multi-agency program to streamline housing and health care for the most vulnerable, and increase access to behavioral health services by expanding hours of the City’s Behavioral Health Access Center.
San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed and City Attorney Dennis Herrera issued the following statement outlining details of the City’s competitive offer to purchase PG&E electricity assets—an idea supported by an overwhelming majority of San Francisco residents:

“The City and County of San Francisco has taken an important step toward energy independence by submitting an official offer letter to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) of $2.5 billion for the acquisition of electric distribution and transmission assets that serve San Francisco. Following PG&E’s bankruptcy protection filing in January, the City
began a study to consider the feasibility of purchasing PG&E infrastructure. This marks the culmination of months of hard work from the City and its advisors on that effort.

Our offer to PG&E is the result of detailed financial analysis conducted by industry experts and encompassing an extensive examination into the company’s assets in San Francisco. The offer we are putting forth is competitive, fair and equitable. It will offer financial stability for PG&E, while helping the City expand upon our efforts to provide reliable, safe, clean and affordable electricity to the residents and businesses of San Francisco. It also considers equity for PG&E’s remaining customers and the City’s responsibility for ongoing costs.

We look forward to positive, collaborative discussions with PG&E on this critical issue. Throughout this process we will protect the best interests of our City as we strive toward the independent energy future that San Francisco deserves.”

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED SWEARS IN 84 APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

Appointees bring broad range of experience and expertise to City commissions and boards, reflect Mayor Breed’s commitment to diversity in City government

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today held a ceremonial swearing-in for 84 commissioners she has appointed or re-appointed to various City commissions and boards. To date, Mayor Breed has appointed or re-appointed 159 commissioners representing a wide variety of backgrounds, expertise, and lived experiences, a reflection of Mayor Breed’s commitment to equitable representation and diversity in City government.

“These commissioners and board members are tasked with not only addressing some of the most important issues facing our City, but also identifying challenges we will face in the future,” said Mayor Breed. “In order to effectively do this, we need to make sure that all San Franciscans are represented, which is why we have appointed qualified, committed individuals who represent the diversity of San Francisco.”
Of Mayor Breed’s 159 appointees, over 50% are women and a majority are people of color. In total, 15 commissioners are from the LGBT community, including 11 that were appointed or re-appointed today.

“San Francisco has been my home for over 13 years. It has saved my life, shown me the value in paying it forward and has never failed at keeping me on my toes. I’m honored and very excited to be given this opportunity to serve my community even more. It’s the least I can do for a city that has given me so much,” said Adrian Caratowsa, Transbay Citizens’ Advisory Committee Member.

“I am grateful to Mayor Breed for the appointment as a Southeast Facility Commissioner. With over 30 years of experience in education, I am proud to be collaborating with the City to expand my efforts on serving our communities. I hope this will not only benefit our residents within the Southeast neighborhoods, but also everyone in San Francisco,” said Marlene Tran, Southeast Facility Commissioner.

“I am thrilled to serve the City of San Francisco and bring my legal experience to the Board of Appeals. I want to thank Mayor Breed for the opportunity, and I am proud to be part of the diverse group of Commissioners who are working to move our city forward,” said Eduardo Santacana, Board of Appeals Member. “This Board hears difficult cases of the utmost importance to citizens of our city. As a lawyer, I will strive in every case to ensure each party receives a fair hearing, and to apply the law faithfully.”

A full list of City commissions and their responsibilities can be found at https://sf311.org/services/centralized-commission-database

**Full list of commissioners sworn-in today:**

- Janet Spears, Aging and Adult Services Commission
- Paul Woolford, Arts Commission
- Michele Anderson, Ballot Simplification Committee
- Eduardo Santacana, Board of Appeals Commission
- Mollie Matull, Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee
- Siobhan McHugh, Citizen's General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee
- Elizabeth Salveson, Civil Service Commission
- Jacqueline Minor, Civil Service Commission
- Bivett Bracket, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure
- Mara Rosales, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure
- Heather Stephenson, Commission on the Environment
- Mike Sullivan, Commission on the Environment
- Debbie Mesloh, Commission on the Status of Women
- Andrew Cheng, Eastern Neighborhoods Citizens Advisory Committee
- Ben Bleiman, Entertainment Commission
- Claudine Cheng, Film Commission
- Jon Rubin, Film Commission
- Kate Black, Historic Preservation Commission
- Darpun Sachdev, HIV Community Planning Council
- Helen Lin, HIV Community Planning Council
- Irma Parada, HIV Community Planning Council
- Juba Kalamka, HIV Community Planning Council
Michelle Spence, HIV Community Planning Council
Mike Shriver, HIV Community Planning Council
Ney Nascimento, HIV Community Planning Council
Wayne Rafus, HIV Community Planning Council
James Loduca, Human Rights Commission
Joseph Sweiss, Human Rights Commission
Mark Kelleher, Human Rights Commission
Helen Pelzman, Mayor's Disability Council
Lily Marshall-Fricker, Mayor's Disability Council
Stephen Herman, Mayor's Disability Council
Tiffany Yu, Mayor's Disability Council
Yoyo Chan, Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee
Amanda Eaken, Municipal Transportation Agency
Steve Heminger, Municipal Transportation Agency
Frank Fung, Planning Commission
Sophie Maxwell, Public Utilities Commission
Tim Paulson, Public Utilities Commission
Malik Wade, Reentry Council
Sheenia Branner, Reentry Council
Dave Crow, Rent Board Commission
Reese Isbell, Rent Board Commission
David Wasserman, Rent Board Commission
Fala Satele, Southeast Community Facility Commission
Marlene Tran, Southeast Community Facility Commission
Susan Murphy, Southeast Community Facility Commission
Adrian Caratowsa, Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee
Gabriella Folino, Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee
Michael Sizemore, Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee
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Ruby Bolaria, Treasure Island Development Authority
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Jeff Marshall, Veterans Affairs Commission
Myles Tucker, Veterans Affairs Commission
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Andrew Lindsay, Workforce Investment San Francisco
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR BREED AND OAKLAND MAYOR SCHAAF FORMALLY KICK OFF BATTLE FOR THE BAY CLEANUP CHALLENGE

Volunteer drives launched in both cities as part of Coastal Cleanup Day to improve neighborhoods and combat illegal dumping

Bay Area, CA — Game on! Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and San Francisco Mayor London Breed met on Treasure Island today to challenge each other and their respective cities to a Battle for the Bay, a friendly volunteer competition to protect the shared Bay by cleaning up coastal areas and neighborhoods in both cities.

The cleanup event will take place at worksites throughout San Francisco and Oakland on September 21 as part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. The challenge is on to protect the treasured Bay by cleaning and greening both cities!
Projects include trash removal, habitat restoration, tree planting, and beautification. The mayors made a joint call to turn the tide on trash and be a part of the global movement to keep our cities and shared waterways clean.

Oakland and San Francisco will compete to make the most impactful cleanups measured by volunteer turnout, amount of debris removed, geographic area cleaned, beautification projects and most unusual object found by a volunteer.

“Battle for the Bay will help protect our cherished Bay and is part of our broader efforts to keep every neighborhood in our City clean, green and beautiful,” Mayor Breed said. “San Francisco is known for being an environmental champion, and we’ll continue working together to keep San Francisco’s diverse communities looking good—not just on this one day, but every day. It’s a matter of need and civic pride.”

“From the streets to the shores, this annual cleanup is an opportunity to shine that thousands of Oaklanders make a huge success every year,” Mayor Schaaf said. “This year we’re building on that success by bringing new support into our neighborhoods where the community faces illegal dumping every day. This is a win-win, because sidewalk trash is just a few steps away from contaminating our natural waterways. By cleaning our neighborhoods we’re also protecting our Bay!”

Mayor Schaaf and Mayor Breed also announced Thursday their convivial wager over which city will win the Battle for the Bay contest. The Mayor whose city has fewer volunteers will travel to the winning Mayor’s city to volunteer at a non-profit of the winning Mayor’s choosing.

The challenge is dubbed The Battle for the Bay in honor of the 30th anniversary of the 1989 “Battle of the Bay” Major League Baseball World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A’s. Residents and businesses are invited to show love for Oakland, San Francisco, and the environment, by volunteering to help on Battle for the Bay.

“Every day, somewhere in Oakland, our community is doing something to make our home more beautiful and clean. We’re here to support that work every day, and scale it way up with events like Battle for the Bay,” Oakland Public Works Director Jason Mitchell said. “In Oakland, we’re encouraging every resident to be Oaktown PROUD -- Prevent and Report Oakland’s Unlawful Dumping. With true partnership between our City and our community, our cities’ year-round strategies to clean and beautify neighborhoods and waterways will turn the tide on trash.”

“Public Works is a proud partner of Coastal Cleanup Day,” San Francisco Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru said. “We are ready to sign up volunteers, clean up our neighborhoods and protect our bay. I want to thank our City partners, including the Recreation and Park Department and Port of San Francisco, as well as our steadfast, year-round community partners. I also would like to welcome new volunteers to Battle for the Bay on Coastal Cleanup Day. It requires a true team effort to keep our neighborhoods and our environment looking good.”

The event has drawn major support from sponsors on both sides of the Bay. Sponsors who have committed funding and resources to Battle for the Bay include Recology, Alaska Airlines, Waste Management of Alameda County, Argent Materials, California Waste
Solutions, Andes Construction, Clear Channel, Webcor, the Emerald Fund, the Warriors, and Black and Veatch.

Key partners in the event include the California Coastal Commission, The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation, San Francisco Public Works, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, Port of San Francisco, Caltrans, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the National Park Service, the Presidio Trust and California State Parks.

A press conference Thursday included community speakers from San Francisco’s St. Andrew and St. Phillips Missionary Baptist churches and the East Oakland Congress of Neighborhoods, and was supported by mascots Lou Seal from the Giants and Stomper from the A’s.

People of all ages and abilities are invited to join the event, which is part of the largest volunteer day in California and the world! On this day, thousands of volunteers remove litter from waterways and shorelines, as well as upstream areas across California, the nation, and in about 100 participating countries. At the Battle for the Bay, volunteers will pick up litter, clean up our neighborhoods and beaches and participate in other beautification projects in Oakland and San Francisco.

Which City can turn out the most volunteers? Collect the most trash? Join your city’s team to show your civic pride make a difference! Choose from dozens of volunteer sites in Oakland and San Francisco. Be a part of it!

To sign up as a site coordinator, find volunteer locations, register as a group, or for more information go to www.battleforthebay2019.org.

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Please forward the attached to the HPC Commissioners.

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Subject: Hearing on the Mothers Building

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Commissioners,

Progress on the rehabilitation of the Mothers Building at the San Francisco Zoo appears to have stalled and there is a lack of clarity to the public on the planning and a path forward. While the project is complicated, entangled within the purview of several agencies (Rec & Park as owner, San Francisco Zoological Society as lessee, and as a resource with New Deal artwork under responsibility of the Art Commission), it is a significant historical resource on the National Register that has been closed to the public for almost two decades now.

Perhaps a hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission could help clarify the situation?

More information on the building and its renovation needs can be found in the following conditions assessment, conducted by ARG in 2015:

http://commissions.sfplanning.org/hpcpackets/Mother%27s%20Building%20Conditions%20Assessment.pdf

Thank you for your consideration of this matter so important to the southwest side of San Francisco.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR BREED ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF KEN NIM AS DIRECTOR OF CITYBUILD

Nim, who currently serves as the Acting Director of CityBuild, is the first Asian American Pacific Islander to be appointed in the role

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the appointment of Ken Nim to serve as Director of CityBuild, a nationally recognized training program that provide pathways for underserved residents into the building and construction trades. Nim will serve as CityBuild’s fifth Director and first Asian American Pacific Islander to lead in the role.

Working under the Mayoral-appointed Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), the Director of CityBuild is responsible for recruiting, training, and placing residents in construction jobs.

“As someone who grew up in this City and has deep roots in the community, Ken understands that a path to employment is not just about a paycheck. It's about an opportunity to lift up our residents so no one gets left behind,” said Mayor Breed. “CityBuild creates good union jobs that help address employment inequality, prevent violence in our neighborhoods, and build
much needed housing for our City. I’m confident that under Ken’s leadership, this program will continue to thrive for years to come.”

“I wake up every day grateful for the opportunity to serve this great City. As an immigrant who grew up through the various social services, I understand firsthand the struggles people face to make ends meet,” said Nim. “I am honored to have this opportunity to elevate my passion toward shaping impactful workforce development programs. Thank you, Mayor Breed for this tremendous opportunity to give back to a city that has given me so much. I will not let you down or the people of San Francisco.”

Nim has been serving as the Acting CityBuild Director for the past 12 months, delivering on the program’s local hiring goals in partnership with community-based organizations, building trade unions, and contractors while maintaining CityBuild Academy’s nationally recognized 95% placement rate. Prior to joining CityBuild, Nim worked at Goodwill, Housing Authority, and the Visitacion Valley Jobs Education and Training in various roles organizing and connecting formerly incarcerated and homeless individuals, youth, and immigrants to training programs and jobs.

CityBuild Academy aims to meet the demands of the construction industry by providing comprehensive pre-apprenticeship and construction administration training to San Francisco residents. CityBuild began in 2005 as an effort to coordinate citywide construction training and employment programs and is administered by OEWD in partnership with City College of San Francisco and Mission Hiring Hall, various community non-profit organizations, labor unions, industry employers, and City agencies. CityBuild trainees represent neighborhoods from across the City, including Bayview Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Mission, Excelsior, Ingleside, Bernal Heights and Western Addition.

CityBuild has evolved into a network of training programs, employment services and policy administration. With its dual-service approach to training and job placement, CityBuild has taken advantage of the growing pipeline of workers to become the main point of contact for contractors and employers while continuing to monitor local hiring compliance on all major construction projects within the City.

“It’s important for us to expand the reach of impactful programs like CityBuild to ensure that all San Franciscans have the opportunity to succeed in this vibrant economy.” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Ken’s personal and professional experience makes him the best person to lead the CityBuild team, strengthen our community partnerships, and grow a diverse and skilled construction workforce with access to good pay and long-term careers.”

“Ken Nim has been with CityBuild from the beginning of the program's nationally-recognized community and labor partnership. He grew up organizing in the disadvantaged communities that CityBuild serves, working with the Building Trades to create Union apprenticeship opportunities that truly change lives for the better,” said Joshua Arce, Director of Workforce with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Mayor Breed has selected a tremendously qualified Director to help advance her vision that no San Franciscan should be left behind when it comes to the opportunity to go to work.”

CityBuild includes 18-week academies in construction and in Construction Administration and Professional Services Academy (CAPSA). Approximately 200 CAPSA graduates have
become construction professionals since 2009 and more than 1,200 CityBuild graduates have entered the construction industry and are certified in various trades such as ironwork, carpentry, cement masonry, and many others. Since the program began, graduates have worked on projects such as the Chase Center Arena, Moscone Center, Transbay Transit Center, and many capital improvement projects from bond programs including the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response Bond.

“For nearly a decade, I’ve had the privilege and pleasure of working with Ken Nim to put hundreds of SF residents to work. For Ken, thousands of San Franciscans have jobs because of his public service. I can’t think of a better leader for this program who’s done so much to reach folks who are left behind,” said Padraic Ryan, Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of San Francisco-based Eco Bay Services. “Ken has been an integral part of the evolution of CityBuild from upstarting the community hiring program to the juggernaut it is today, with a proven ability to bring local labor unions, contractors, and communities together for our CityBuild students. Ken is firm, fair and balanced, and uniquely qualified to serve CityBuild and as a true native son, he understands the struggle that birthed the movement we call local hiring.”

Nim immigrated to the United States as a refugee and grew up in San Francisco public housing, attended public schools including Galileo High School, and graduated from U.C. Berkeley with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Globalization and Technology on a full scholarship. He also has a Master of Science in Organization Development from the University of San Francisco.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PLAN TO HELP THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS & SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ON SAN FRANCISCO’S STREETS

Initiative will provide evidence-based, comprehensive services and solutions to meet the needs of nearly 4,000 people suffering from severe mental illness and substance use disorders. An in-depth analysis conducted by the Department of Public Health has identified those in greatest need.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the first steps in a long-term plan to provide care for people who have severe mental illnesses and substance use disorders and who are also experiencing homelessness—with a focus on a population of nearly 4,000 people. The initial steps of the new initiative will provide enhanced care coordination, create a multi-agency pilot to streamline housing and health care for the most vulnerable, and increase access to behavioral health services by expanding hours of the City’s Behavioral Health Access Center.
Through in-depth analysis of public health data, San Francisco’s Director of Mental Health Reform Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland and the Department of Public Health (DPH) began the reform effort by identifying a select population of nearly 4,000 people who demonstrate the highest level of service needs and vulnerability, and who require specialized solutions to reach stability and wellness. San Francisco is believed to be the first city in the nation to use the behavioral health diagnoses of people experiencing homelessness to identify a population and tailor solutions to its needs.

Of that population of 4,000, the 230 most vulnerable behavioral health clients experiencing homelessness will immediately begin receiving enhanced care coordination. The City will also launch a new multi-department effort to streamline housing and health care for these 230 individuals in order to ensure the City’s highest-risk residents can succeed in permanent supportive housing. This pilot will serve as a model to address the larger population of 4,000. The City will also expand hours at its Behavioral Health Access Clinic so that this high-need population will have more access to services when needed.

“Our City is experiencing a mental health and substance use crisis, and thanks to the thoughtful and in-depth analysis done by Dr. Nigusse Bland, we now know exactly who the most vulnerable people are that we need to help,” said Mayor Breed. “By developing solutions based on these data, we can get people treatment, get people housing, and get people healthy. We can focus our resources and our efforts on those who need it most, and we can make a difference in these people’s lives and in our City.”

The analysis done by Dr. Nigusse Bland identifies specific challenges, inequities and needs for this population. For example, of the nearly 4,000 people identified,

- 41% are high users of urgent and emergent psychiatric services. This is compared to just 15% of the overall homeless population who are high users of these services.
- 95% suffer from alcohol use disorder.
- 35% are African-American – despite the fact that African-Americans make up just 5% of the overall City population.

In March 2019, Mayor Breed appointed Dr. Nigusse Bland to serve as Director of Mental Health Reform for DPH. Dr. Nigusse Bland’s responsibilities include reviewing San Francisco’s approach to behavioral health care and making recommendations for reforms. This includes strengthening programs that are proving effective, reallocating resources away from programs that are not, and finding solutions to gaps in the current continuum of mental health and substance use services. This data analysis and initial recommendations are just the first steps in a multi-year, multi-phase effort to include improved care coordination designed to achieve successful placements in housing; low-barrier access to welcoming, high-quality behavioral health care; and a system of care that is evidence-based, reduces harm and increases recovery.

“It is far too complicated for this population to figure out how to get into care. We need to make our system easier to navigate and more transparent,” said Dr. Nigusse Bland. “I’ve been having extensive conversations with stakeholders to really understand what we need to change so that the system better engages and serves populations most in need. My recommendations will also be driven by evidence that harm reduction works and that persistent racial inequities fuel poor behavioral health outcomes.”

In the coming months, Dr. Nigusse Bland will continue gathering community input on his
recommendations for reform and building the partnerships necessary to enact them. Many of DPH’s nonprofit partners and care providers are already contributing expertise that will help improve the transparency of our behavioral health care system and advance innovative harm reduction efforts.

“I appreciate Mayor Breed’s leadership in bringing this plan forward and tackling the most important issue facing my constituents and the entire city,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “Addressing the street mental health crisis is the moral challenge of our day. By prioritizing the needs of the sickest and most vulnerable among us we can save lives and focus our resources to have the biggest impact.”

“The San Francisco Department of Public Health has a legacy of using data-driven practices to prioritize and address seemingly intractable crises such as the HIV epidemic,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “With Dr. Nigusse Bland, DPH is entering a new era of partnership with other agencies and community-based organizations to focus the city’s compassion and resources on this population experiencing the intersection of homelessness, mental illness and substance use disorders.”

"HSH is honored to collaborate in a meaningful way with DPH to use shared data to prioritize housing and services for those who are most vulnerable in our community,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “HSH launched this national best practice—called Coordinated Entry—in San Francisco over the last two years and is grateful to DPH for its partnership in effort. We know that housing is key to health, mental health and recovery and so having our systems work together in this way is essential."

**INITIAL PROGRAMMATIC STEPS**

*Enhanced Care Coordination for Most Vulnerable*

The initiative will begin by connecting the 230 most vulnerable people in San Francisco with care coordinators who partner with them to navigate unfamiliar services and ensure warm handoffs to service providers and housing. Beginning immediately, DPH will assess each person’s health needs and will then develop and implement individualized care plans. This program will be a multi-phased, multi-year approach to enhanced care coordination that will be expanded to other subsets of the 4,000 population.

*Streamlining Housing and Healthcare through Multi-Department Collaboration*

Starting in October, DPH, in collaboration with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), and the Human Services Agency (HSA), will launch a pilot project to streamline housing and health care for those 230 most vulnerable people. The Departments will assign each person a care coordinator, create individual street-to-home plans, and provide timely access to treatment slots, disability services, housing navigation services and benefits so that the highest-risk and highest-need clients can succeed in permanent supportive housing.

*Expanding Access to Services*

As part of the initiative, the City will expand hours at the Behavioral Health Access Center (BHAC), located at 1380 Howard St., 1st Floor. BHAC is a standalone facility that provides low-barrier, centralized access to the behavioral health system and helps San Franciscans find the appropriate mental health and substance use care for their needs. Staff triage and assess clients’ needs, help them enroll in benefits such as Medi-Cal, find placements in treatment
programs, and connect clients to other services like medical screenings and primary care. Residents of San Francisco are eligible for services at BHAC.

Starting next year, the BHAC will expand operational hours to 65 hours a week, up from 40 hours a week. Additionally, the City will provide on-call transportation to the BHAC. Currently, the facility is open Monday – Friday from 8:00am – 5:00pm. In expanding service hours by over 60%, BHAC will be open on nights and weekends to better meet the growing demand for access to its services outside of regular office hours.

CURRENT INVESTMENTS

Mayor Breed is committed to helping people with behavioral health and substance use issues. The recently signed City budget contains an increased investment of over $50 million over two years to support the expansion of behavioral health and other health services. This funding will support over 100 additional behavioral health treatment and recovery beds at multiple different levels of treatment, including Dual Open Residential Treatment beds, Behavioral Health Respite beds, and Behavioral Health Assisted Living beds. These beds are in addition to the 100 treatment beds that opened in the last year, which together constitute the largest expansion of behavioral health beds in a generation.

In addition to funding over 230 treatment beds since taking office, Mayor Breed has allocated $5 million over two years to support behavioral health programs at risk of closure and the City’s existing residential care facilities, including funding to support existing Residential Care Facilities for the Critically Ill and continued financial patches to support Board and Care programs.

With support from a $3.2 million grant from the California Department of Health Care Services, the City has expanded behavioral health outreach through the Healthy Streets Operation Center (HSOC). The grant funds clinicians, social workers and peer navigators at Psychiatric Emergency Services; augments the street-based behavioral health services of the Harm Reduction Therapy Van; and extends hours of operations for programming and services to include more nights and weekends so there is greater coverage for those on the streets.

Mayor Breed has also identified $1.9 million to expand the San Francisco Fire Department’s EMS-6 unit to divert high users of the City’s public services. The EMS-6 team launched in January 2016 to work in conjunction with existing services to respond to incidents involving clients with high 911 utilization and refer them to non-emergency resources to stabilize.

The Mayor expects that some of the people served will be stabilized for the long term in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). HSH supports the City’s approximately 7,809 units of PSH as well as its rapid rehousing program for time-limited rental subsidies and support services. In 2019, the City added funding for 300 new units of PSH with the FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund allocations. The FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 adopted City budget continues to fund services and operations in those units for an additional year, and adds funding for 520 new units of PSH.

The Behavioral Health Access Center can be accessed by calling (415) 255-3737 or (888) 246-3333, or by visiting 1380 Howard St., 1st Floor. Individuals who are hearing impaired can also use the TDD line at (888) 484-7200. BHAC provides support in accessing services in all languages, free of charge.
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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND PLANNING DIRECTOR JOHN RAHAIM ANNOUNCE DIRECTOR RAHAIM’S RETIREMENT

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London Breed and Planning Director John Rahaim announced today that Director Rahaim will retire from the San Francisco Planning Department. He will continue to serve while a search for his replacement takes place.

“John oversaw the Department and City through unprecedented times of recession and growth,” said Mayor Breed. “Under his leadership the Planning Department delivered area plans which allowed for new levels of public benefits and much needed housing in transit rich neighborhoods. John will continue to serve the City through this time of transition as we begin the search for new leadership. We thank John for his service to the City of San Francisco and its residents and for being a true public servant.”

During Rahaim’s tenure, nine area plans were adopted by the Planning Commission, including
the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan (2009), a plan for future growth, development, and preservation of a number of neighborhoods on San Francisco’s east side; the Transit Center District Plan (2012), building on the City’s renowned 1985 Downtown Plan that envisioned the area around the Transbay Terminal as the heart of the new downtown; and most recently the Central SoMa Plan (2018), which is expected to deliver nearly 16 million square feet for new housing and jobs, over $2B in public benefits, including 33 percent affordable housing, $500M for transit, substantial improvements to open space, streets, and environmental sustainability, and funding for cultural preservation and community services.

“My time serving as San Francisco’s Director of Planning has been the greatest honor of my career,” said Director Rahaim. “I am grateful to have led this exceptional Department through the growth and change that San Francisco has experienced over the past decade and continues to see today. The Planning Department staff continues to handle an unparalleled volume of work while addressing substantial policy challenges, while we work harder than ever toward neighborhood livability, community development, and for a San Francisco that is accessible to everyone. I am proud of the work we’ve done together, and I thank the staff for their extraordinary contributions and Mayor Breed for her leadership.”

Rahaim also prioritized community development and equity, spearheading the groundbreaking Mission Action Plan 2020, a community-driven effort to identify solutions for the residents, arts organizations, non-profits, and businesses being displaced by rapid changes in the Mission District, and the Racial and Social Equity Action Initiative, establishing racial and social equity as a core principle of Department values, culture, and institutional practices.

"Director Rahaim is to be commended for his tireless service to San Francisco," said Myrna Melgar, President of the Planning Commission. "His work in advancing the City's efforts, particularly toward affordable housing, while prioritizing racial equity and community stabilization has helped ensure our success in moving forward. His dedication has given us a better, stronger San Francisco as we continue to work together in this ever-changing and growing city. I wish him the very best as he begins this new chapter in his life."

Appointed Planning Director by Mayor Gavin Newsom in January 2008, Rahaim was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he holds a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Michigan and a Master’s in Architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He served with the City of Pittsburgh’s Planning Department as the Associate Director. Prior to coming to San Francisco Planning, he was the founding Executive Director of CityDesign, Seattle’s Office of Urban Design, the Executive Director of the Seattle Design Commission, and as the Planning Director for the City of Seattle’s Department of Planning and Development.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERAS IN CHINATOWN ARE NOW OPERATIONAL
18 new cameras installed along Stockton Street to increase public safety

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) have announced that the 18 new public safety cameras installed along Stockton Street in Chinatown are now operational. The cameras are intended to create a safe and inviting public realm experience in the community for residents, merchants, and visitors and were funded in partnership with the Northeast Community Federal Credit Union and SF SAFE.

“I am pleased that these public safety cameras are now installed,” said Mayor Breed. “They are part of our broader efforts to help Chinatown continue to be an incredible community that is welcoming for both residents and visitors—including expanding the number of police officers walking beats and creating a drop-in center for people to be able to report crimes. By working together with the community, we can continue to keep Chinatown safe.”

These 18 high definition security cameras in Chinatown cover Stockton Street starting from
the tunnel at Sacramento Street to Washington Streets. Footage from the public safety cameras will be used to assist the community and the San Francisco Police Department, should a criminal activity take place. Additionally, the visibility of the cameras should create a deterrent effect on potential perpetrators of crime.

“I am pleased to see the City moved forward with this camera program. Two years ago, I funded increased public safety resources at the Ping Yuen housing projects, including security cameras,” said Supervisor Peskin. “Building on the success of that camera program, I allocated $45,000 from the Chinatown Central Subway Mitigation Fund to outfit the Stockton corridor with state-of-the-art security cameras. Central Station has also committed an increased police presence on Stockton Street. We know that the best way to ensure the public feels safe in their neighborhoods is to listen to the feedback from residents and merchants.”

“SF SAFE is proud to be a partner in this important project. We believe that improving the safety of a community starts within that community. As Chinatown’s safety partner, we’re grateful for our deep ties there and for the valuable feedback we received that prompted the installation of these new security cameras. With this initiative, together we are enhancing safety throughout one of our city’s crown jewel neighborhoods, and ultimately forging a safer San Francisco,” said Kyra Worthy, Executive Director of SF SAFE.

“I am glad to be a community partner working to improve Chinatown’s public safety. With OEWD’s funding and SF SAFE’s assistance, we can show everyone that Chinatown is a safe environment for shopping, working and living. I encourage our local merchant’s participation, both technically and financially, to expand the safety camera projects to more areas in our neighborhood,” said Lily Lo, Chief Executive Officer at the Northeast Community Federal Credit Union.

This project, led by OEWD, is part of a comprehensive strategy to support diverse small-scale investments aimed at enhancing the visitor and resident experience. Other projects include the installation of ambient light in targeted alleyways to keep the Chinatown neighborhood feeling safe. In partnership with the Portsmouth Square Garage, a discounted parking program is offered during the evenings and weekends to not only attract customers to Chinatown but also to prevent car break-ins and theft. OEWD, in partnership with Self-Help for the Elderly, funds a bilingual and bicultural corridor manager to oversee the day-to-day field activities in Chinatown. The manager regularly works with local businesses to ensure the needs of the corridor are met and that community services are accessible.

“These cameras will support Stockton Street merchants and strengthen the resiliency, safety and vibrancy of Chinatown,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of OEWD. “Community feedback directly shaped this investment, and we look forward to continued partnership with local merchants and residents to ensure that Chinatown and our commercial districts citywide are safe, clean and welcoming for all.”

Northeast Community Federal Credit Union is a nonprofit, member owned, community development credit union that promotes grass-roots community development through financial stability, economic literacy, small business development, and home ownership in the Chinatown, Tenderloin, and SoMa neighborhoods.
SF SAFE engages, educates, and empowers San Franciscans to build safer neighborhoods through crime prevention, education, and public safety services that result in stronger, more vibrant and resilient communities.

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Hi all –

The updated staff pictorial / face sheet is now available.

For future reference, you can download the pictorial from the Plan-Net Portal’s homepage.

Thanks,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW VISION ZERO INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS

Building on Mayor Breed’s quick-build policy and push to create 20 miles of new protected bike lanes, a package of steps to address safety at dangerous intersections will improve pedestrian safety

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a package of Vision Zero projects to increase street safety at intersections throughout San Francisco. The projects include expanded enforcement, piloting left-turn traffic calming to reduce turn speeds, analyzing and developing policy recommendations to restrict right turns at red lights, updating walk signals to extend time for pedestrians to cross the street, and adding new diagonal pedestrian crossings at busy intersections.

The package of safety improvements, which will be presented on Tuesday, September 3 at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors meeting, is a
continuation of Mayor Breed’s commitment to increasing street safety for pedestrians and bicyclists by moving forward the City’s Vision Zero goals. Over the past five years, 60% of fatal crashes have occurred at intersections, highlighting the need for these safety improvements.

“This year we have been reminded far too often that we have so much more work to do to reduce traffic fatalities in our City and make our streets safe,” said Mayor Breed. “That’s why we instituted our new ‘quick-build’ policy to make immediate changes to dangerous corridors, and why we’re creating 20 miles of new protected bike lanes in the next two years. But until our streets are safe we need to keep doing more, and this package of safety improvements is going to make a number of important improvements at dangerous intersections to keep people safe.”

Over the past five years, 27% of severe and fatal crashes involved a turning vehicle, with the majority of these involving a left turn. To help address this, the SFMTA will begin piloting left-turn traffic calming designed to reduce turning speed. These pilots will be installed and evaluated at eight intersections by early 2020. Furthermore, the SFMTA and the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be analyzing and developing policy recommendations on limiting right turns at red lights by Spring 2020. SFMTA currently restricts rights turns on red at over 200 intersection locations.

Additionally, SFMTA is continuing to make progress on a number of important changes to put pedestrians first. By the end of the year they will have completed:

- 260 signal updates to extend walking time for pedestrians,
- 165 leading pedestrian intervals, which change signals for pedestrians to walk before changing signals to green for drivers in order to increase visibility,
- Nine new diagonal pedestrian crossings, also known as pedestrian scrambles,
- Seven new signalized intersections,
- 25 new pedestrian countdown signals,
- 46 new corner red zones (daylighting), which increase visibility of pedestrians to drivers.

“To achieve Vision Zero, we need to use tools that work,” said Tom Maguire, SFMTA Interim Director of Transportation. “The SFMTA has adopted a safe systems, data-driven approach to eliminating fatalities, including engineering improvements, enforcement and education, all of which work together to create safer streets and change behavior.”

The San Francisco Police Department has also been stepping up their enforcement on the five most dangerous traffic behaviors: speeding, violating pedestrian right-of-way in a crosswalk, running red lights, running stop signs, and failing to yield while turning. In June, the Department created a new pilot program of traffic company officers to exclusively work on enforcing these violations. Early feedback indicates positive results with the team issuing over
400 citations, with 99% being “Focus on the Five” violations. As a result, they will be doubling the size of this program to eight traffic company officers. In addition, District Stations will bring a renewed focus to traffic safety violations, including regular updates to the Police Commission associated with “Focus on the Five” citations.

Finally, Mayor Breed has directed City departments to model safe habits on our street and has established guidelines that, unless responding to an emergency, City vehicles should never block the pedestrian right-of-way or bicycle lanes.

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Commissioners,

Attached is your cancellation notice for September 4, 2019.

Please be reminded that you are scheduled for an *all-day Racial and Social Equity Training at the Port Facilities along the Embarcadero Thursday, September 26th, 2019*.

Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday,

*Jonas P. Ionin,*  
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FOR MUSEUMS FOR ALL PROGRAM

Museums for All provides free admission to local museums and cultural institutions for San Francisco residents who receive public benefits

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today celebrated the success of the first summer of the San Francisco Museums for All program, which provides free admission to more than 15 museums and cultural institutions for residents who receive public benefits, including Medi-Cal and CalFresh. During the summer, many participating museums noticed an increased number of visitors using the Museums for All program. The program ends on Monday, September 2, and Mayor Breed encouraged eligible San Franciscans to visit participating museums and cultural institutions over Labor Day weekend.

“Our City’s museums and cultural institutions are wonderful resources and should be accessible to everyone, regardless of income,” said Mayor Breed. “We want everyone to get out there this weekend and use the Museums for All program to visit one of the participating museums.”
The program, which began on June 1 and will run through September 2, 2019, builds on Mayor Breed’s commitment to provide equitable access to the City’s resources and institutions. San Francisco residents who currently receive Medi-Cal or CalFresh benefits from the Human Services Agency (HSA) can receive free admission at participating museums for up to four individuals when they present their Electronic Benefits Transfer or Medi-Cal card and proof of San Francisco residency. Nearly one in four San Franciscans receive public benefits from HSA.

“When a diversity of people visit a museum, bringing their unique perspectives and experiences, it enriches the life of the museum and of the community as a whole,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of HSA. “The staff of the city’s cultural institutions know this, and I’m thrilled to be able to work with them to broaden their reach.”

Admission fees at many institutions can range from $20 to $150 for a family of four to visit, creating a barrier for many people to access the cultural and educational benefits that these institutions offer. To address this challenge, Mayor Breed worked with City departments, nonprofit arts organizations, and leaders of participating local museums and cultural centers to ensure free or discounted summer admission for more than 210,000 San Francisco residents that are eligible to participate in the program.

Demand for the program was high amongst eligible San Franciscans. Almost all of the participating museums reported an increase in attendance and in the first weeks after the program was announced, and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Japanese Tea Garden, and the de Young Museum each reported several hundred new visitors as a result of the program. The Children’s Creativity Museum, which was the first museum to participate in the program, also identified a significant increase in attendance.

“I am grateful to all of the organizations who participated, making their programs more welcoming, available, and accessible,” said Director of Grants for the Arts Matthew Goudeau.

“We live in a vibrant community with countless cultural assets, and San Franciscans of all backgrounds should have the opportunity to visit them.”

The program was created in collaboration with Treasurer José Cisneros’s Financial Justice Project, which works to ensure that lower-income residents receive discounts on fines and fees that place a disproportionate burden on low-income families, and to streamline eligibility processes for these discounts.

“Museums are for all of us,” said Treasurer José Cisneros. “San Francisco has world-class museums and cultural institutions, but too many San Franciscans are priced out. This program proves that when we remove the cost barrier, more San Franciscans will participate in the cultural life our city. I’m proud of our City for pulling together to make this happen.”

“Research tells us that exposure to the arts increases health and educational outcomes for all people,” says San Francisco Arts Commission Director of Cultural Affairs Tom DeCaigny. “We hope this program will have a lasting positive effect on the community and foster more participation in the arts across the City.”

The participating museums and cultural institutions are:
San Francisco’s program builds on the national Museums for All initiative, which works with museums across the country to offer free or discounted admission fees to individuals and families that receive public benefits.

To participate, eligible families need to bring the following to participating museums:
1. An Electronic Benefits Transfer or Medi-Cal card.
2. Proof of San Francisco residency such as a driver’s license, student or college ID, or library card.

More information can be found at sfmuseumsforall.org, or by calling 3-1-1 or emailing sfmuseumsforall@sfgov.org.

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am adding you to the list of people I believe will be interested in the below letter originally sent to Commissioner Pearlman, Commissioner Johns and a few others. I have not heard back from anyone.

kind regards,

Dore Steinberg

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Dore Stein <tangentsradio@gmail.com>
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Subject: Fwd: San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission - 770 Woolsey
Dear Commissioner Pearlman,

My name is Dore Steinberg. I am a long time resident at 301 Gambier St, located a short walk from 770 Woolsey. My home is in the heart of University Mound, the Portola District. I showed up at the July 17 City Hall hearing to speak on behalf of the community sponsored Landmark Designation application (2019-002774DES).

I was stunned by what I witnessed. It did not appear fair or independent.

It may be perfectly legal for one side to personally lobby the mayor’s office, and you and Commissioner Johns directly. But it is a bad look. It reeks of an uneven playing field. How would you react if during pre-trial only one party had access to the judge?

In my view, both you and Commissioner Johns had your minds made up before the hearing began. Your presentation was filled with the property owners’ talking points which I was familiar with having attended their community meeting at the Imperial Garden restaurant on April 3. At the City Hall hearing there were falsehoods expressed with no opportunity for correction. When a person from the 770 Woolsey group quietly positioned herself at the mic, your “no no no no I’m not asking you to speak, it’s my turn” was not consistent with the deportment of a commissioner.

I was also taken aback by your opening comment which directly responded to my remark about “The Garden District”. Your comparison to “The Garden State” was irrelevant and frankly, shameful.

Me: “…the Portola district, which was once known as ‘San Francisco’s Garden’, in 2016 was officially named ‘The Garden District’ thanks to Supervisor Campos. For the title, “The Garden District” not to sound hollow, the city must follow-through and help restore the University Mound Greenhouses, the last of the 21 greenhouses that used to be scattered throughout the Portola.”

Commissioner Pearlman: “One of the last speakers made the comment about they don’t want the Garden District to sound hollow. I just wanted to mention that I grew up in New Jersey which is called the Garden State and most people wouldn’t say “wow you’re from that Garden State.”

I believe you overstepped the purview of the hearing by offering McLaren Park as a potential site for urban farming. The reason for the hearing was to determine if 770 Woolsey is worth considering for Landmark Designation. For many in the Bay Area that plot of land is the final sacred connection to a vital part of San Francisco history. What if the city wanted to designate the house Jerry Garcia grew up in at 87 Harrington St. in the Excelsior as a historic landmark? What if that house was owned by a developer who wanted to turn it into a luxury condo? Would you suggest designating a different house? Of course not.

Your presentation seemed overly concerned with the owners getting value for their purchase. The matter at hand was the merits of whether 770 Woolsey should be considered for Landmark Designation. You made yourself sound like a spokesperson for the developers.

In my view this hearing was a procedural travesty with a rigged outcome.
Sincerely,

Dore Steinberg
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To Historic Preservation Commission Secretary:

Attached is the Notice of Electronic Transmittal regarding the Responses to Comments (RTC) document for the 3333 California Street Mixed-Use Project, Case No. 2015-014028ENV. The RTC document responds to comments regarding physical environmental effects of the project that were received on the 3333 California Street Mixed-Use Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

The RTC document and the Draft EIR constitute the Final EIR, which may be downloaded from: https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents?
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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR SAN FRANCISCO STUDENTS

The City budget includes $3.5 million to help youth gain skills to cope with complex issues such as stress, trauma, suicide, bullying, depression, self-esteem, drug and alcohol use, sexual health and relationships.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), today announced an expansion of programs to promote mental health for San Francisco’s youth. With funding from the City budget, SFUSD will create and expand free school-based health and wellness program at nine high-potential schools. Starting this fall, students at select K8 and middle schools, and at all high schools, will be able to access wellness services in a safe and supportive environment at their school.
“Middle school and high school can be a difficult time for a lot of students, and this funding will support programs that help students navigate and deal with the challenges they face in a healthy and safe way,” said Mayor Breed. “With students now back to school, they should know that their City and the adults in their lives support them and want them to be healthy and happy.”

SFUSD’s existing Wellness Initiative currently serves students in all 19 high schools, bringing necessary health and wellness services to over 15,000 students. On-site experts in adolescent health help teens gain the skills they need to cope with complex issues such as stress, trauma, suicide, bullying, depression, self-esteem, drug and alcohol use, sexual health and relationships. Students also learn positive, lifelong habits that contribute to their well-being and success, and ultimately, to the health of the communities in which they live. Through on-campus programming and community-based partnerships, students receive coordinated health education, assessment, counseling and other support services at no cost.

“Students who access wellness services tell us that they feel better about themselves, get along better with family and friends, are better able to cope when things go wrong, and come to school more often,” said Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews. “We are grateful to the City for providing additional funding so we can continue to provide students with the tools they need to be successful in school and in life.”

The City budget includes $3.5 million over two years to provide trained staff to expand the Wellness Initiative and provide additional clinical mental health services at high-potential schools. High-potential schools serve historically marginalized communities and experience the highest achievement gap compared to their peers within the District.

Currently, every SFUSD middle school has limited mental health and wellness services, which include one nurse and one social worker. With $2 million in new funding, the school district will expand these mental health services by hiring one wellness coach for each of the nine high-potential schools. The wellness coach will provide a combination of counseling, case management, and restorative practice to resolve conflict and reduce harm. Select high schools will also get a designated wellness coach, who will support and bolster the existing Wellness Initiative at the school.

In addition to the mental health supportive services, $1.5 million will be used to expand clinical mental health support at 21 middle schools and provide one-on-one clinical therapy services for their students. All middle and high schools offer some level of clinical services, however there is currently a waiting list for students to access services. This funding will allow the district to collaborate with community-based organizations in order to serve all students who are referred or request mental health services.

The Wellness Initiative is the only school-based program for adolescent health and wellness of its kind. The Initiative is made possible through a unique partnership between SFUSD, the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, and the Department of Public Health.
Within SFUSD, the Office of School Health Programs supports and staffs the Initiative.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF GROUNDBREAKING DRINK TAP STATION PROGRAM

Investment of more than $800,000 in the City budget will increase presence of drinking water in schools, parks and other public spaces

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the expansion of drink tap stations to provide San Franciscans with access to free, high-quality tap water. With a total of $805,000 in funding set aside in this year’s budget, San Francisco’s innovative drink tap stations are set to expand across the City, as every public school and more parks and open spaces will soon be enrolled in the program.

In the City budget for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21, Mayor Breed set aside $640,000 over two years for the Recreation and Parks Department and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to install drink tap stations throughout the City. With the new funding allocation, SFUSD will install approximately 22 additional stations at schools, and Rec and
Park will install approximately 14 more water stations in parks and open spaces. SFUSD currently has 78 drink taps, and Rec and Park currently has 29 drink taps installed.

The funding allocated by Mayor Breed is from part of the City’s Soda Tax, which was introduced to protect children from the harmful impacts of sugary beverages. This is the first year that Soda Tax funding has been issued directly to Rec and Park to install drink tap stations, and the second year it has been used to benefit the SFUSD.

“If we’re serious about moving children away from sugary, unhealthy beverages then we need to provide healthy alternatives,” said Mayor Breed. “We have worked hard to address this equity issue by installing clean, healthy water tap stations throughout San Francisco. Thanks to the City’s Soda Tax, we are expanding this important program, ensuring that every student in our public school system has access to our great tap water.”

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) started the drink tap program in 2010, installing lead-free water bottle refilling stations to provide everyone with free access to high-quality tap water while on the go. The tap stations enable residents to reuse their own container rather than purchase costly single-use bottled water. This encourages conserving natural resources and reduces waste from plastic water bottles.

“We have great tasting drinking water, and we are excited to make our product more accessible to the people of San Francisco,” said SFPUC General Manager Harlan L. Kelly, Jr. “Not only are our residents—and in particular our youth—getting a healthy alternative to soda and other sugary drinks, they are also helping to reduce wasteful practices by moving away from plastic bottles.”

The SFPUC works with City agencies, the Board of Supervisors, community-based organizations, health professionals, and community advocates to select station locations that meet the collective goal of increasing water access, especially to the City’s most vulnerable communities. Historically, the SFPUC has installed drink tap stations in communities with equity issues and lack of access to healthy drinking options. Each drink tap station completes water quality testing prior to being available for public consumption.

“Drink tap stations are a way to look after both our planet and our children, who can enjoy clean water while they exercise their bodies and imaginations in our playgrounds,” said Recreation and Parks Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg. “Through Soda Tax money, we’re improving play spaces in neighborhoods that need it most, providing healthy alternatives to sugary drinks and reducing waste from plastic bottles.”
“Installing more Water Hydration Stations in schools will encourage students and school staff to experience the benefits of drinking water,” said SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews. “We’re grateful to the City for ensuring all schools receive these stations.”

In addition to installing the hydration stations in schools, SFUSD is collaborating with the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee to implement lessons for students and families to encourage them to drink more water. Student-led projects at schools will be an integral part of improving the health and academic outcomes for themselves and their families, as well as their schools and local communities. Educators will also receive professional development to help them promote the importance of drinking more water.

Along with the Soda Tax revenue, $165,000 will be allocated directly to the SFPUC for installation of drink tap stations in various public areas. Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer advocated for that additional funding for drink tap stations during the Board of Supervisors budget addback process during the summer of 2018.

“This investment in Drink Tap infrastructure is truly an equitable investment in the health of our communities and neighborhoods,” said Supervisor Fewer. “I hope that by making stations readily available and accessible we are able to promote water as the preferred and healthy alternative while discouraging consumption of sugary-sweetened-beverages.”

To date, more than 155 stations have been installed across San Francisco, with another 18 currently pending installation.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES THE ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC, MIXED-INCOME BUILDING IN THE TENDERLOIN

86 homes will remain affordable to residents in the heart of San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and community leaders today celebrated the acquisition and preservation of 86 units of affordable housing at 270 Turk Street in the Tenderloin. A portion of the units in the building will be designated for formerly homeless individuals through funding from the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) discretionary portion windfall, as previously authorized by Mayor Breed.

“As we work to build more affordable housing throughout San Francisco, preserving our existing affordable housing is a crucial part of our strategy to keep people housed and help prevent homelessness,” said Mayor Breed. “By preserving these homes, we’re ensuring that these residents can continue to live here for years to come, and can stay connected with their friends and community.”
The building at 270 Turk St. is currently home to low- and moderate-income residents earning anywhere from 20% to 170% Area Median Income (AMI). The Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) acquired 270 Turk in March 2019 in order to preserve it as permanently affordable housing. TNDC acquired the building with a $24 million bridge loan provided by the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund (SFHAF). The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) expects to provide TNDC with permanent financing for the building in March 2020, following the completion of critical repairs to the building systems and residential units.

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) plans to partner with TNDC and MOHCD to provide rental contracts for a portion of the units at 270 Turk to be made available to formerly homeless individuals. The ERAF windfall legislation that Mayor Breed signed in March 2019 included $15.2 million in funding to HSH for the master leasing of approximately 300 permanent supportive housing units for formerly homeless individuals.

“Preservation of vulnerable properties is one of MOHCD’s key initiatives and we are thrilled that households at 270 Turk will be able to remain in their homes without fear of displacement, and the building will forever serve low and moderate income San Franciscans,” said Dan Adams, Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. “Thank you to the SFHAF and TNDC for collaborating on this crucial acquisition that will help to maintain the vibrancy of the Tenderloin community.”

“Nonprofit acquisition is an essential tool to prevent displacement and—in the case of 270 Turk—create new homes for those who need them most,” said Rebecca Foster, CEO of SFHAF. “We’re thrilled we could provide TNDC with the flexible capital needed to acquire this building and to take it off the speculative market, ensuring permanent affordability for its current and future residents. We stand ready to support TNDC and other nonprofits in the critical preservation work they do.”

“I am deeply proud that we collaborated with the City and the SFHAF on a creative solution to protect essential affordable housing right here in the Tenderloin at 270 Turk,” said Don Falk, CEO of TNDC. “We are freezing the existing level of affordability for 86 households across a range of incomes to help ensure that San Francisco remains a city for all, while also preserving the character of the neighborhood.”

The acquisition and subsequent rehabilitation plan includes approximately $2.25 million in funding for upgrades to the building’s life safety systems, including fire alarms, sprinklers, and an elevator. The upgrades will also include the installation of a mechanical ventilation system to improve indoor air quality and remediate mold.

“I moved to the United States from Cambodia as a teenager, and quickly settled down in San Francisco and into 270 Turk Street,” said Visot Bun, San Francisco resident. “I’ve lived here with my family in this building, and my Cambodian community here in San Francisco. I’m grateful for this home, it’s close to everything! I’m happy with the new ownership and am pleased that I don’t have to move.”

The San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund innovates smart approaches that put public, private, and philanthropic money to work to expand the supply of affordable housing in San Francisco. SFHAF was incubated in the Mayor’s Office and kick-started with investments from the City, Citi Community Development, Dignity Health, and The San Francisco
Foundation. In two years of operation, SFHAF has deployed over $100 million to fund the preservation and construction of 417 affordable homes in San Francisco.

TNDC is a community-based nonprofit whose mission is to provide affordable housing and services for low-income residents, build community, and promote equitable access to opportunity and resources. They provide housing for over 5,000 people, about a quarter of whom came to the organization after exiting homelessness.

Through the City’s acquisition programs, 34 buildings consisting of 278 units have been acquired, and another 12 buildings with 110 total units are in the acquisition pipeline. $84 million of City funds have been committed for acquisition and preservation programs, and over 500 San Franciscans have been stabilized to date.

270 Turk was originally constructed in 1927, and is currently on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing structure to the Uptown Tenderloin Historic District.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO “FIBER TO HOUSING” PROGRAM PROVIDES INTERNET FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Department of Technology receives award for program that has provided 1,500 low-income families in San Francisco with free, high-speed internet

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, along with City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly, today announced the San Francisco Department of Technology’s Fiber to Housing program has received national recognition for its service to low-income San Franciscans. The program has provided 1,500 low-income families with access to free, high-speed internet, and will serve an additional 1,600 families over the next year.

The program, called “Closing the Digital Divide – Fiber to Housing,” is a collaboration between the Department of Technology, the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, and the local Internet Service Provider, Monkeybrains. The program works to eliminate the digital divide in San Francisco by bringing free high-speed internet to residents
“Providing low-income families with access to high-speed internet is about equity, and ensuring every family in our City has access to the resources they need to pay their bills, connect with City services, or do their homework,” said Mayor Breed. “We believe that every person deserves an opportunity to thrive, and the Department of Technology’s Fiber to Housing program helps achieve that goal by closing the digital divide and providing fast and reliable internet access.”

“I am proud of the City agencies and their collaborative work to bringing quality internet access for public housing residents,” said City Administrator Kelly. “As we continue to build public housing units and our infrastructure, we must also look at our digital infrastructure through an equitable lens.”

The City’s Department of Technology was recognized with a 2019 CIO 100 Award for its work on the Fiber to Housing project. The CIO 100 Awards honor organizations around the world that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology. Previous winners of the CIO 100 award have included major corporations such as Amazon and The Walt Disney Company.

“It’s truly an honor to receive this recognition for our Fiber to Housing project,” said City Chief Information Officer and Executive Director of the Department of Technology Linda Gerull. “Bridging the divides in internet access and digital literacy is crucial to achieving San Francisco’s goal of digital equity, and I’m thrilled to accept this award on behalf of the City family.”

“MOHCD is committed to narrowing the digital divide our city faces and will continue to advance equitable internet access in our affordable housing developments,” said Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development Dan Adams. “This citywide initiative is crucial to ensuring low-income residents have the technology they need to succeed in today’s world.”

Access to technology has become increasingly important for accessing opportunity, but the digital divide still exists in San Francisco. About one in eight residents lack high-speed home Internet service, one in seven families in public school lack a computer connected to the Internet at home, and one in seven residents lack basic digital literacy such as the ability to send email or use a search engine. In particular, many who are low-income, limited English proficient, senior, and/or have a disability struggle to access reliable high-quality service.

The Fiber to Housing program started in 2018 and provides free, high-speed internet to low-income residents by leveraging existing municipal fiber resources, staff expertise, and private sector partnerships. In the first phase of the project, City staff connected over 1,500 low-income families with long-term sustainable internet access—at no cost to users. The project’s second phase is currently underway and will provide internet to another 1,600 units by June 2020. The completed project will result in a service benefit of approximately $400 million over 20 years.
RE: 3347 21st Street Cerertiicate of Appropriateness

To the members of the Historic Preservation Commission and Supervisor Mandelman:

I own a home nearby that is nearly 150 years old. I have lived here for over 25 years, since before the Liberty Hill Historic District was established. If I had known this designation could be abused as I believe it has been, I would not have supported its creation. The property under discussion has had the "fence" as you call it since long before I moved in; it existed as is, except for two things: the paint was old, peeling and ugly, and it had a flat top. The homeowner simply painted the fence and added a peak to mirror the peak on the property's main roof.

We can all agree that removing historic details is bad, and restoring historic details is good. However, this Commission should not force homeowners to restore historic details, especially when the cost of doing so is exponentially greater than that of basic maintenance. At a time when so many middle-class and fixed-income residents are being forced out of San Francisco, it is appalling that this Commission is contributing to the gentrification and Disneyfication of the city. If you require this homeowner to not only undo the work she did, but to restore the property to a standard it has not met in decades, you are effectively saying that the only people who should own homes in these neighborhoods are those who are wealthy enough to restore them to historic standards.
I believe that the work done to this facade has improved the property and improved the value of my own property. I urge you to make one of the following decisions:
1. Require the homeowner to pay any fines and fees associated with the work, and leave it as is; or
2. Require the homeowner to simply remove the peaked roof that was the only obvious new addition.

Knowing the neighborhood personalities, I would also add that any other decision will punish the majority of homeowners in this district, who want to do the right thing, and it will reward the two people who complain about everyone else in the neighborhood. We finally saw one neighborhood gadfly leave the neighborhood, only to be replaced with new ones. Please do not encourage them!

Sincerely,
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