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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EFFORT TO BETTER SERVE SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

As Domestic Violence Awareness Month kicks-off, Bayview police officers will begin using technology to connect survivors of domestic violence with service providers as part of the Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Pilot Program.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, in partnership with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), the District Attorney’s Office, and the Department on the Status of Women, today announced the launch of a new phone application to quickly connect survivors of domestic violence with services. The application will enable officers in the Bayview District to systematically and accurately screen survivors of intimate partner violence, and then immediately connect victims who are at high-risk of death or serious injury with community-based and confidential domestic violence advocacy and services.

The application, called the Honest Assessment Response Tool (H.A.R.T.), was customized specifically for San Francisco as a screening tool to help identify people who are at high-risk for lethality in domestic violence cases. The app guides responding officers through 11
screening questions, helping them identify the risk level of the person they are assessing. Victims who answer “yes” to a certain number of questions are identified as “high-risk” and are encouraged to speak immediately by phone with an advocate from La Casa de la Madres. La Casa provides support to survivors of domestic violence, and operates a hotline staffed by employees who are trained counselors in crisis management, safety planning, and are able to perform intake for an emergency shelter.

“When it comes to helping survivors of domestic violence, a quick response and access to services is critical,” said Mayor Breed. “This assessment will help our police officers more quickly connect survivors with advocates who can help them develop a safety plan, or get them into shelter. Getting that immediate assistance can make the difference for someone who is in an unsafe situation, and we’re excited to see how this pilot helps San Franciscans.”

“San Francisco Police Department officers are committed to compassionate, responsive care for anyone at risk of domestic violence,” said Police Chief William Scott. “The implementation of this app will help bolster the success of this pilot program by automating the process for officers in the field to quickly link domestic violence survivors with advocates. We will continue to work closely with survivor advocates to improve our response and delivery of services.”

The app is part of the City’s Bayview Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Pilot Program. The Pilot Program was created in 2017 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women. The Bayview District was chosen for the pilot project because of the high number of domestic violence calls to the SFPD that originate in that neighborhood.

Police officers participating in the Bayview Pilot Program were trained to conduct the lethality assessment using a paper form. Twenty-five officers will now use the app on their mobile devices to conduct the lethality assessment, while another 25 will continue using the paper version.

“Domestic violence is a widespread, but preventable crime,” said Dr. Emily Murase, Director of the Department on the Status of Women. “This program is effective because police are responding to some homes that have never accessed a community domestic violence advocate before, and we know that connecting survivors to advocates can save lives.”

“Early intervention is the key to ending domestic violence,” said Kathy Black, Executive Director of La Casa de las Madres. “Connecting survivors to services like La Casa’s drastically reduce the risk of further harm and injury. Together we are providing safer and brighter futures for some of the bravest and most vulnerable in our City. We are proud to be a partner in this work.”

The District Attorney’s Office worked with the Department on the Status of Women to ensure that the app works to better serve victims and public safety. In addition to connecting survivors with resources, the phone application will expedite the availability of high-risk incident information to SFPD Special Victims Unit Investigators and the District Attorney’s Office. Domestic Violence cases are typically challenging cases to prosecute, having a clear and consistent means for SFPD to share the lethality assessment ensures that victim services and the prosecutors in the District Attorney’s Office have the information they need to best respond to and support the survivor. The data will also enable criminal justice agencies to
better identify gaps, trends, and areas for intervention.

All assessments will be automatically and securely sent to City and County servers as soon as a quality signal is detected on the device. In order to securely store assessment data, the Department of Technology’s Justice Tracking Information System (JUS.T.I.S.) Program will host the server for the H.A.R.T. application.

“We are using technology and innovation to come up with new ways to serve survivors of domestic violence,” said District Attorney George Gascón. “Working collaboratively with our partners at the Mayor’s Office, SFPD, and in the community, this phone app will better connect survivors of domestic violence to the services they so vitally need.”

“We are very proud to support the Department on the Status of Women and our criminal justice partners in their tireless efforts to identify and reduce Domestic Violence Lethality,” said Linda Gerull, Chief Information Officer for San Francisco. “This is an exemplary example technology enabling the collection of critical, life-saving information. Using the JUS.T.I.S. database will allow us to correlate and integrate the assessments with our existing justice environment—providing more complete dashboards for our partner agencies.”

The application will be piloted at Bayview Station from October 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020, after which SFPD will evaluate its usability and efficiency for potential department wide deployment.

“Bayview District Station officers are proud to participate in this important program,” said Bayview Station Captain Troy Dangerfield. “Domestic violence is a critical issue in all communities and the safety and wellbeing of survivors is a priority to all of us.”

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This app is part of the City’s broader efforts to reduce instances of domestic violence and serve survivors. The Department on the Status of Women operates a grant program to fund 39 programs that serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The City Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 includes $8.6 million for the grant program. The organizations provide services in six core areas: crisis lines; counseling and case management; prevention and education; legal services; and emergency shelter and transitional housing.

La Casa de las Madres offers two toll-free domestic violence hotlines, and their emergency shelter provides safe refuge and comprehensive services for child and adult survivors fleeing violent homes and partnerships.

If you are a survivor of domestic violence and need assistance, please contact:

- In an emergency, call 911
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- La Casa de las Madres Crisis Lines: Adult Line 1-877-503-1850, Teen Line 1-877-923-0700
- Asian Women’s Shelter Crisis Line: 1-877-751-0880
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society – Riley Center Crisis Line: 415-255-0165

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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

MAYOR LONDON N. BREED’S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 31, 2019

12:00 PM
Mayor London Breed to join elected and City officials and community leaders to sign legislation creating an Office of Racial Equity.
Mayor’s Balcony, City Hall
San Francisco

Note: Mayor's schedule is subject to change.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED, SUPERVISORS SANDRA LEE FEWER AND VALLIE BROWN CREATE OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY

Office of Racial Equity will work to repair harms from policies that previously created, upheld, or exacerbated racial disparities

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, along with Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer and Vallie Brown, today celebrated the creation of the Office of Racial Equity. The new office will promote racial equity in San Francisco and will be under the jurisdiction of the Human Rights Commission.

“This office will help us address racial inequities across the City and advance toward equitable outcomes for all our communities,” said Mayor Breed. “We know that in the past our City has enacted policies that disproportionately harm communities of color. With this new Office of Racial Equity, we will work to right those past wrongs and ensure that our City’s policies going forward are equitable and just.”
Supervisors Lee Fewer and Brown introduced legislation to create the new Office on May 14, 2019. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the legislation on July 30, and Mayor Breed signed the legislation on August 9.

“This legislation will hold us accountable to moving the needle for racial equity in our city and addressing the disparities facing communities of color with regards to economic stability, housing, health outcomes or policing,” said Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer. “It is long past due that San Francisco makes real our commitment to racial equity, and this Office of Racial Equity will make sure that everyone in San Francisco has an equitable opportunity to thrive.”

“The Office of Racial Equity will build upon the work and legacy of the Human Rights Commission, and is a powerful tool to begin to break down years and years of structural and institutional racism in San Francisco,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown. “We need better policies and funding to combat deep racial disparities in housing, healthcare, education, transportation, and employment. This will take continued organizing and work on behalf of our Board, working in hand and hand with our local community. There’s no simple solution to undo pain experienced by our communities of color, but we need to acknowledge and address our past harm, for a more hopeful future.”

The Office of Racial Equity seeks to advance racial equity in San Francisco and repair harms done by policies that have previously created, upheld, or exacerbated racial disparities. The Office of Racial Equity will analyze City policies for their potential impact on various racial groups, and consult with City departments to establish tailored plans to address racial disparities both within individual departments and within the communities they serve.

The City budget for Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 includes approximately $1 million over two years to staff the Office of Racial Equity. The Office will have the authority to create a citywide Racial Equity Framework, a document outlining the City’s vision, goals and overarching strategies to address racism and racial disparities and advance racial equity in the City, with a focus on the work of City government. The framework will include metrics by which departments, through Racial Equity Action Plans, can measure performance to address racial disparities. The framework will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors no later than June 30, 2020.

Mayor Breed has worked to advance equitable policies in San Francisco. As President of the Board of Supervisors, she authored legislation to eliminate $32 million in debt in criminal justice fees for 21,000 people. Mayor Breed worked with the Financial Justice Project in the Treasurer’s Office to eliminate library overdue fees, and to lift approximately 88,000 existing holds on driver’s licenses that were suspended due to the license holder’s failure to appear in court to pay traffic citations. In June, Mayor Breed and Sheriff Vicki Hennessy announced that San Francisco would become the first county in the nation to make all call from jail free and end commissary markups in jail stores by June 2020.

Mayor Breed’s signature program, Opportunities for All, is an initiative focused on creating opportunities for youth in San Francisco to gain employment experience, build networks, and address inequities represented in income and wealth gaps by giving them access to paid internships.

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Hello,

Attached please find a letter in support of the proposed renovations at Westfield San Francisco Center for distribution to the commissioners. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Jennifer Bischoff on behalf of Dawn Clark

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We received the attached letter to the HPC in support of the Japanese YWCA/Issei Women’s Building (1830 Sutter) National Register nomination.

Thank you,
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Attached is a letter of support from our Executive Director Steve Nakajo for the consideration of the Japanese YWCA building to be entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM TO FIGHT OVERDOSES AND DEATHS

As fentanyl threat rises, innovative overdose prevention program will focus on single room occupancy hotels (SROs), where approximately 30 percent of overdose deaths occur.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced a new overdose prevention program for single room occupancy hotels (SROs), to be carried out by DPH in partnership with the Harm Reduction Coalition and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The innovative program is in response to the rising number of overdose deaths in San Francisco, approximately 30 percent of which occur at SROs.

After years of keeping overdose deaths relatively flat, even in the face of a rising number of overdoses, San Francisco is seeing an increase in overdose deaths. This is largely the result of the introduction of fentanyl into the drug supply, which is a very potent opioid that carries a high risk of death by overdose.
“We must do more to fight the serious danger that fentanyl presents to our community, and this new program will help us meet people where they are and provide SRO residents with the training and medication to prevent overdose deaths,” said Mayor Breed. “This effort builds on San Francisco’s long history of implementing innovative solutions, working with the community, and emphasizing harm reduction to save lives.”

The number of fentanyl overdose deaths in San Francisco has increased each year since 2014. There were 36 fentanyl overdose deaths in 2017, 89 deaths in 2018, and in the first quarter of 2019 there were 39 fentanyl overdose deaths. Fentanyl has driven an overall 17 percent increase in all drug overdose deaths in San Francisco from 222 in 2017 to 259 in 2018. For the first time, fentanyl has surpassed heroin and prescription opioids as the leading cause of opioid overdose death.

“We knew fentanyl was coming and have been monitoring it closely,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Now it’s here. We will continue to expand our aggressive work to prevent overdoses and increase access to treatment.”

The Health Department supports the Harm Reduction Coalition’s Drug Overdose Prevention (DOPE) Project, which provided over 15,000 doses of naloxone to thousands of people at risk of experiencing or witnessing an overdose in 2018 alone. DOPE recorded 1,658 overdose reversals in that year and is on track to nearly double that number in 2019. The DOPE Project continues to expand operations, with new sites and mobile activities in San Francisco. In addition, DPH provides low barrier access to buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder and reduce overdose risk. DPH expanded the Street Medicine team, which is comprised of nurses, doctors, and social workers. The Street Medicine team conducts outreach to homeless and marginally housed residents and clinicians provide prescriptions for the opioid treatment medication buprenorphine directly to people on the streets suffering from opioid addiction.

The new program will expand overdose prevention efforts even further. Based on the successful Tenant Overdose Response Organizers (TORO) program from Vancouver, the SRO project will work closely with SRO operators and tenants to develop on-site overdose prevention programs. The project also will support the installation of naloxone-rescue boxes throughout the buildings to improve access to this critical life-saving medication. The SRO program will begin later this year and is supported by the California Department of Public Health, the California Department of Health Care Services and the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

“By deliberately expanding overdose prevention efforts to SROs, the residents, many of whom are formerly homeless and have struggled with mental health and substance use issues, will be empowered to save lives and support their community,” said Dr. Phillip Coffin, Director of Substance Use Research for the Department of Public Health.

The Department of Public Health reported an increase in overdose deaths in August, and earlier this month issued a health alert to San Francisco health providers when additional fentanyl overdoses occurred. Three men with no known history of opioid use required critical hospital care in San Francisco following fentanyl overdose, in three separate incidents. Two died from the overdoses and one recovered.
Hi Josie,

Please forward the attached to the HPC Commissioners.

Thank You,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES THE ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF FIRST SMALL SITES BUILDING IN THE SUNSET

With Small Sites Program acquisition, six multi-generational families will be able to remain in their homes in the Outer Sunset neighborhood

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Gordon Mar, and community leaders today celebrated the acquisition and preservation of 3544 Taraval Street, a building with six two-bedroom homes in the Outer Sunset neighborhood. It is the first Small Sites Program (SSP) acquisition in District 4, and one of only three SSP acquisitions on the Westside of San Francisco.

“As we work to build more affordable housing, we need to also preserve the affordable housing we already have,” said Mayor Breed. “Thanks to our Small Sites Program and the acquisition of 3544 Taraval, six long-time Outer Sunset families will be able to stay in their neighborhood—without worrying about rising rent.”
The apartments at 3544 Taraval St. currently serve low- to moderate-income households with an average income of 62% of Area Median Income. Supervisor Mar identified the site and engaged Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA), which moved expeditiously to acquire the property this month and preserve it as permanently affordable housing. The acquisition was financed with a $2.48 million loan provided by the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund (SFHAF). The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) expects to provide MEDA with permanent financing for the building in September 2020 following the completion of critical repairs and upgrades.

“The Sunset’s very first Small Sites property at 3544 Taraval Street is a significant turning point for a district with the lowest investment of new affordable housing built and acquired,” said Supervisor Gordon Mar. “As we work on new construction projects like the Francis Scott Key educator housing, we also need to preserve and protect existing affordable housing and longtime residents—our senior, immigrant, and working class neighbors—so they keep the Sunset a place where complete communities can thrive.”

The rehabilitation plan includes approximately $400,000 in crucial repairs to the building, including seismic strengthening, installation of a building-wide fire alarm system, exterior renovations, and in-unit upgrades, including water heater replacements, updating electrical systems and refurbishing bathrooms and kitchens.

The Small Sites Program was established in 2014 and is MOHCD’s main program for acquiring and preserving at-risk rental housing with three to 25 units. The program was created to establish long-term affordable housing in smaller properties throughout San Francisco that are particularly vulnerable to market pressure that results in property sales, increased evictions and rising tenant rents. In the face of the increasing pressure, SSP helps San Franciscans avoid displacement or eviction by providing loans to nonprofit organizations to successfully remove these sites from the market and restrict them as permanently affordable housing.

“Preventing displacement and preserving affordability is critical to stabilizing this community. We could not be more thrilled to acquire our first Small Sites property here in District 4,” said Jonah Lee, Director of Portfolio Management and Preservation for MOHCD. “Thank you to the SFHAF and MEDA for your partnership, which is helping scale our acquisition programs to reach other communities in need. We look forward to continuing to preserve affordable homes throughout San Francisco.”

“Preservation is an effective tool to stem the tide of displacement, which relies on the availability of quick, flexible capital,” said Rebecca Foster, CEO of the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund. “We were thrilled to provide the bridge funding necessary to make the first preservation deal in District 4 a reality. Our work is made possible by our generous funders, and we are grateful to the Betty Poetz Ferguson Foundation for providing critical funding for 3544 Taraval.”

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 to complement the public sector’s funding mechanisms. The fund was kick-started with investments from the City, Citi Community Development, Dignity Health, and The San Francisco Foundation. In less than three years of operation, SFHAF has raised and deployed over $100 million to fund the
preservation and construction of 433 permanently affordable units in San Francisco.

“This is MEDA’s 25th Small Sites Program acquisition overall—and our first in San Francisco District 4,” says MEDA Associate Director of Community Real Estate Johnny Oliver. “MEDA was honored to be part of this collaborative effort of the resilient residents of 3544 Taraval St., Supervisor Mar, MOHCD and the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund to preserve affordable housing for these tenants who would otherwise be at risk of displacement.”

“As retired seniors with limited income here for 28 years, we couldn’t sleep since this building went up for sale, worried a developer would evict us older tenants,” said Ming Yong Lee 李民勇. “It is very important San Francisco supports the elderly and people on fixed incomes. We are thankful for Supervisor Mar and Mayor Breed for choosing our building so we can continuing living in the Sunset, where it is safe, where we can shop at Chinese businesses, and where there are places to walk and senior services nearby.”

Over $83 million of City funds have been committed for acquisition and preservation programs. 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 pipeline. The Small Sites Program has stabilized over 500 San Francisco residents to date.
Welcome Commissioners Foley & So!

Please see below.

Thanks,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING FOR 167 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES IN SUNNYDALE NEIGHBORHOOD

Sunnydale HOPE SF begins construction on second affordable family building at historic mixed-income development

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today celebrated the groundbreaking of Sunnydale Block 6, a six-story building that will provide 167 permanently affordable homes for low-income families, including 125 apartments set aside for Sunnydale residents living in public housing. She was joined by Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblymember David Chiu, California Board of Equalization Chair Malia Cohen, and Supervisor Shamann Walton.

“Every San Franciscan deserves to live in quality housing, and we are committed to making that a reality through projects like this one at Sunnydale Block 6,” said Mayor Breed. “This new development will provide safe and modernized homes for 167 families in the Sunnydale neighborhood. As we work to build more housing in San Francisco, we must make sure that all our neighborhoods benefit from new construction and investment so that no one gets left
behind.”

Once completed, the re-envisioned Sunnydale neighborhood will be affordable for up to 1,700 low- and middle-income families. The neighborhood is being developed according to the non-displacement principles of the Mayor’s HOPE SF initiative. The master developers are Related California and Mercy Housing California, which in partnership with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development and the San Francisco Housing Authority, were selected to partner with residents to transform Sunnydale into an inclusive, equitable, and mixed-income community.

“San Francisco has a severe shortage of affordable housing for our low income residents, and we must do more to ensure people have homes they can afford,” said Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). “This is a great example of what we can do when we prioritize housing for San Franciscans.”

“Today’s groundbreaking is a big step forward for our southeast neighborhoods,” said Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco). “This historic project will help ensure families are able to remain in the neighborhood they have called home for decades.”

San Francisco’s HOPE SF initiative is the nation’s first large-scale community development effort aimed at disrupting intergenerational poverty, reducing social isolation, and creating vibrant communities without mass displacement. Backed by significant local funding, including the 2015 $310 million affordable housing bond, HOPE SF places residents first, ensuring that the households currently living in the community have the first chance to move into new housing as development progresses. Two of the four HOPE SF sites, Alice Griffith and Hunters View, have largely completed their public housing transformation. The remaining two sites, Potrero Hill and Sunnydale, are at the beginning of the multi-year, multi-phase transformation process.

“With this groundbreaking we take another step forward towards honoring the promises we made to residents of the Southeast decades ago,” said Malia Cohen, Chair of the California Board of Equalization and former San Francisco Supervisor. “During my eight years serving the people of District 10, I proudly fought for the rebuilding of Sunnydale and made it a priority of mine to revitalize this public housing site.”

“The Sunnydale community is the largest public housing site in San Francisco and the most isolated for generations,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “We are excited to see the 167 new units and what’s to come. My office will continue to push for more affordable homes across the City and keep developments responsible.”

“No place in the country has made a commitment to community like HOPE SF, so we are thrilled to take this major step forward with the rebuilding of Sunnydale,” said Doug Shoemaker, President of Mercy Housing California.

“The revitalization of the Sunnydale community is about creating a true neighborhood that improves the lives of the current residents while adding new housing for a mix of incomes—two major priorities in San Francisco that we have focused on throughout our 30-year history,” said Bill Witte, Chairman and CEO of Related California.

This affordable housing development at Sunnydale Block 6 is made possible by financing
from the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, San Francisco Housing Authority and Wells Fargo. Sunnydale Block 6 has an expected move-in date of fall 2022.

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Commissioners,
Consider this a friendly reminder that the Racial & Social Equity Training will be held this Thursday at the Port facilities. This is an all-day training that starts at 9 am. Agenda is attached.

Pastries and coffee will be provided in the morning and sandwiches in the afternoon.

In addition, as of today, the HPC welcomes two new Commissioners: Lydia So and Chris Foley.

Cheers,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES CREATION OF REAL-TIME BED INVENTORY TO IMPROVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

New online tool from the Department of Public Health will allow service providers and clients to see the number and location of treatment beds that are available at a given time

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, in partnership with Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, Director of Mental Health Reform, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health, today announced the creation of a new real-time inventory to track the availability of behavioral health beds in San Francisco. This inventory is part of Mayor Breed’s behavioral health reform initiative—Heal Our City—to help the approximately 4,000 homeless San Franciscans who have mental illness and substance use disorders.

The online inventory will allow potential clients and service providers to search for availability of San Francisco’s short-term residential treatment beds, which people can request for themselves when they are ready for care. In addition to making it easier for people to get connected to care, the real-time inventory will inform DPH’s targeted investments in new beds
and improve the efficiency of the existing referral system.

“When someone is experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and a substance use disorder, the last thing we should be doing is making it more complicated for them to get the care they need,” said Mayor Breed. “With this real-time data, we’ll be able to connect people more efficiently with available treatment beds, make better use of our existing resources, and identify opportunities for improvement in our existing system of care.”

This centralized, online resource will show how many of the City’s 350 short-term behavioral health treatment beds are available on a daily basis. DPH works with several community-based organizations to provide substance use treatment and mental health services. These community-based organizations—starting with those that provide withdrawal management and substance use treatment—will populate the online bed inventory with their daily bed availability. These organizations include Community Forward SF, Friendship House, HealthRIGHT 360, The Latino Commission, Epiphany Center, PRC Baker Places, and Salvation Army.

This transparency will help potential clients more easily navigate to care and help providers fill beds in treatment programs. The web page will outline the steps to follow to receive care, and will provide quick links and phone numbers to other resources for people who are experiencing more urgent behavioral health crises.

Creating a real-time behavioral health bed database was one of the key recommendations in a September 12, 2019 research report from Tipping Point Community and the University of California, San Francisco. The full report, “Behavioral Health and Homelessness in San Francisco: Needs and Opportunities,” can be found here. A generous donation from Tipping Point has allowed DPH to act quickly on this project, which echoes the Director of Mental Health Reform’s own recommendations.

“This is just one tool that can help more people get into care,” said Dr. Nigusse Bland. “We want to make the best possible use of the substance-use and mental health treatment resources that San Francisco already provides, and to make data-driven decisions about where we need to add services.”

“The San Francisco Department of Public Health and its community-based partners strive to offer high-quality care as soon as someone is ready for voluntary substance use or mental health treatment,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “An online inventory can give clients, their loved ones and providers easier access to treatment.”

The real-time bed inventory of voluntary, self-referral treatment beds will launch in phases, with substance use beds added online first, followed by mental health beds. The first phase will be available to the public on DPH’s SF Health Network website in November.

First, DPH will display the availability of the approximately 200 voluntary, residential substance use treatment beds in the system. These beds include withdrawal management (“detox”) and 90-day programs.

Following the addition of the substance use treatment beds in the online inventory, DPH will
display the availability of the approximately 150 short-term, residential mental health beds in the system. These are voluntary programs and include beds for people with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

Concurrently, DPH is also beginning the planning for a new comprehensive bed management tool that will incorporate the entire behavioral health bed system within an integrated database. The new tool will allow the Department to better understand where vacancies exist, where there are extended wait times for beds, and where targeted investment will allow the entire system to function better for the patients under its care. The launch of this comprehensive bed management tool is anticipated within the next year.

The new online inventory will help address several of the challenges that people face when trying to get the behavioral health care they need. Currently, people who are ready for substance use and mental health treatment, their families, and their service providers have no single source of information to identify available beds. Potential clients may not be aware of the places where they can check themselves into treatment. Providers who want to refer clients to treatment often spend precious time calling individual programs to find out where beds are available, and do not always get immediate answers. Under the current system, specialty programs, such as those designed to serve HIV-positive, pregnant, LGBTQ or Spanish-speaking clients, are not well advertised.

“San Francisco is always at the forefront of innovation for care,” said Nicole Ibarra, Managing Director of San Francisco Behavioral Health at HealthRIGHT 360. “We look forward to DPH’s online system that leverages technology to improve service delivery. We are especially happy to see the system takes into account the varying needs of diverse populations.”

The information on the online inventory will be presented in the City’s five threshold languages—Spanish, traditional Chinese, Russian, Vietnamese, and Tagalog—in order to ensure equity in access to this resource. Treatment providers with multilingual capability will be highlighted, along with those emphasizing LGBTQ, pregnancy, HIV-positive and other specialized care.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR VALLIE BROWN MARK COMPLETION OF INNER SUNSET STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Muni Forward and Streetscape Improvement Project bolsters pedestrian safety, enhances transit efficiency and upgrades aging utilities

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today joined District 5 Supervisor Vallie Brown, City representatives, and community members to celebrate the completion of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvements and Muni Forward Project, which makes the neighborhood safer and more transit friendly. The project focuses on upgrading public transit and other critical infrastructure along Irving St. from Arguello Blvd. to 19th Ave., and along 9th and 10th Avenues between Irving and Judah streets.

San Francisco Public Works, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) worked together on the project to improve the quality of life in the Inner Sunset neighborhood. Specifically, the project improved Muni N-Judah service, bolstered pedestrian safety in line with the City’s Vision...
Zero policy, improved accessibility, replaced aging sewer and water lines, strengthened components of the Emergency Firefighting Water System, and beautified the highly visited Inner Sunset neighborhood to make it more livable and inviting.

“With the completion of this streetscape project, we are taking a big step forward in making the Inner Sunset safer and more enjoyable for everyone in this neighborhood,” said Mayor Breed. “This project is a great example designing streets for people, and making it easier and safer to walk, bike, and take transit. In addition to making transit more efficient and improving street and sidewalk safety, we’ve also made significant upgrades to our critical infrastructure along the Inner Sunset corridor, which will serve our City for decades to come.”

The project is part of the SFMTA’s Muni Forward Project and San Francisco Public Works’ streetscape program. Muni Forward is a citywide effort to improve transit service across San Francisco. The streetscape program is an effort to reimagine street design to improve safety for people who walk and bike, while beautifying neighborhood commercial and mixed-use corridors through landscaping, street furniture and gateway elements, such as signs and murals. The street safety improvements advance the City’s Vision Zero initiative, which calls for eliminating traffic-related fatalities by 2024.

“Today, with critical upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure (including emergency firefighting systems) complete, the Inner Sunset is stronger than ever,” said Supervisor Brown. “We’ve also made extensive upgrades to strengthen pedestrian safety and improve MUNI service, so that residents, merchants and other visitors can get to the neighborhood more safely and easily. I’ve worked hard to minimize the inevitable disruptions of the construction, and my commitment now as the project draws to a close is to keep partnering closely with the Inner Sunset to make the very most of all this new and improved infrastructure.”

“The City’s 10-Year Capital Plan allows us to make smart investments that improve City infrastructure in every neighborhood,” said City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly. “Properly managing the City’s financial resources is essential so we can provide funding to make the repairs our transportation system needs.”

The Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvements and Muni Forward Project features numerous safety enhancements and transit service improvements. Improvements include 95 new curb ramps to increase accessibility, four transit bulb-outs to make transit boarding safer and more efficient, two pedestrian bulb-outs to shorten crossing distances, traffic signal upgrades that give priority to transit over cars, and increased distance between N-Judah stops to enhance efficiency. Additionally, crews repaved the entire stretch with more than 5,000 tons of new asphalt to create a smoother roadway for all users.

“As the transportation lifeline of the Inner Sunset, the N-Judah will benefit from upgraded Transit Signal Priority and the installation of Muni transit bulb-outs,” said Tom Maguire, Interim Director of Transportation, SFMTA.

Additional streetscape improvements include new street trees, drought-tolerant plantings, and added sidewalk seating to serve residents and visitors. The project also includes fiber optic conduit installation, which will help create a network of high-speed internet across the City; and the replacement of aging sewer and water utility lines with larger, modern pipelines to provide more reliable service and minimize disruptions.
The project also strengthens the City’s Emergency Firefighting Water System (EFWS) by upsizing 4,000 linear feet of EFWS pipelines to increase the capacity of high-pressure for large-scale firefighting. In addition, the City installed 12 high-pressure fire hydrants that are connected to high-capacity cisterns, tanks and reservoirs throughout the commercial corridor.

“San Francisco Public Works was proud to collaborate with the SFPUC, SFMTA, our elected leaders and neighborhood residents and businesses to deliver key safety improvements and beautification elements that will benefit everyone who visits the Inner Sunset neighborhood,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “The project serves as a great example of successful government-community partnership.”

The streetscape improvement project is part of the Great Streets Program, which was established in 2005. The Great Streets Program seeks to improve neighborhood streets across the City by demonstrating best practices in design and the value of landscaping, lighting, and pedestrian safety.

The many benefits of the Inner Sunset Streetscape Improvements project are emblematic of the state of good repair programs in San Francisco’s 10-Year Capital Plan. The Capital Plan documents the planned investments in street resurfacing, curb ramp replacement, sidewalk improvements, Vision Zero, and water and sewer system improvements that deliver greater quality of life and accessibility in all of San Francisco’s neighborhoods.

The project was partially funded by the $248 million Road Repair and Street Safety Bond, which was approved by San Francisco voters in 2011. San Francisco Public Works managed the $21.3 million project and provided engineering and landscape design services. Mitchell Engineering was the general contractor.

For more information on the Inner Sunset Improvements project, please visit: www.sfpublicworks.org/innersunsetimprovements.

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MEMO

From: Jenny Delumo, Environmental Planning Division
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Re: Better Market Street Project
Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR
(Planning Department Case No. 2014.0012E)

Date: September 23, 2019

The Planning Department has prepared the Responses to Comments (RTC) document for the Better Market Street Project, Case No. 2014.0012E, which responds to comments regarding physical environmental effects of the project that were received on the Better Market Street 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.

A hearing to consider the certification of the Final EIR for the Better Market Street Project is scheduled at the Planning Commission on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. or later. The agenda for the October 10, 2019 Planning Commission hearing showing the order of items at the hearing will become available at the Planning Department website, www.sf-planning.org, by close of business on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Should you wish to review a hard copy of the Final EIR, it is available at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94103.

Please contact Jenny Delumo at (415) 575-9146 or jenny.delumo@sfgov.org if you have any questions.

Regards,

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