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Dear Commissioners,

The Japantown Task Force (JTF) supports the addition of the Japanese YWCA to the National Register of Historic Places. The goal of the Japantown Task Force is to preserve and develop Japantown so that it thrives as a culturally rich neighborhood and will serve as the cultural heart of our community for generations to come. The Japanese YWCA continues to serve as a culturally and historically significant building in our community and therefore should be recognized as the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation.

The Japanese YWCA located at 1830 Sutter Street was built by Julia Morgan in 1932. The building was built for the Issei (first generation) Japanese American women when the Alien Land Laws forbid them from purchasing the property. On behalf of the Japanese YWCA, the San Francisco YWCA purchased the property with funds that were independently raised by Issei women. Since then, the property has been preserved by every generation in the community despite the historical injustices that they have faced, including the WWII incarceration and 1960-70s Redevelopment.

The Japanese YWCA currently benefits the community as a preschool campus for Nihonmachi Little Friends. The legacy that the Issei women has passed down through many generations now serves as a valuable learning space for our youngest generations in our community. The building’s addition to the National Register of Historic Places will help preserve the valuable resource that the community has struggled together to protect, as well as its unique history that can only be told with the existence of the building.

Sincerely,

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Hi Jonas,

Could you send the attached letter from Heritage on the Retained Elements guidelines to HPC Commissioners? The guidelines are on the agenda for tomorrow.

Thank you!
Allison

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Hi Maia,

Sorry we couldn’t get these comments to you earlier. Thanks again for including Heritage in the process and for your responsiveness to our initial concerns in your latest draft. Also attached is a scan of hand-written markups of the draft, mostly small grammatical notes or more information that could amplify specific points.

Thanks and see you Wednesday at the HPC.

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Dear Lydia So, Chris Foley and all members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I write a brief letter regarding the WPA mural issue.

I am originally from St. Louis and am a professor of history and art history and have lived and worked in Italy for about 25 years. I have heard about the WPA mural issues in your city and just want to say that it is a huge shame and mistake to consider destroying this mural. Art is an artefact that gives us countless bits of information about a past culture, a past time, and a past community and society. All works of art tell a story of our human past--and they give us clues about human behaviour. Of course the messages in historic art are not contemporary--but nothing from the past is, nor can it be judged with our era's eyes.

I don't know at what stage you are at regarding the mural...but who knows, perhaps the school could work on a project to label the different parts of the mural, study the history behind each part of it, make an interesting contemporary multi-media project out of it, make a "part 2" to the mural that shows life today (to show every individual from the time of the mural and "translate" each person into someone else of today), and talk about how times and
ideas have changed and evolved in the past century.

If I could offer a parallel to life in Italy... I have lived in Rome for many years and our most well known and visited monument is the Colosseum. It is an incredible work of architecture but it also represents unfair and gruesome killings of all kinds of peoples and animals, and thousands of them. If we judged it on what happened in it and how people were treated, it definitely "should" be torn down because it represents so many of the evils of the ancient world. But since it has been around for so long and tells us so much about the past, we let it stand, and we as historians and teachers and tour guides discuss the horrific things that happened inside its walls. Fifteen million visitors come to see it every year--and they learn about the violent human past in the ancient world (among other lessons from Rome). We don't agree with it--but it symbolises things that we should know about. If we were to destroy it or tear it down, people might not even believe these things happened at all. And then what? Should we tear down all of the monuments from the ancient world because they represent a culture that was unfair to women, unfair to slaves from many nations, unfair to people of different classes? Each of our cultures should save its art and architecture as records of the past--and people should study them and know about where we all came from and what our ancestors and our past cultures were up to. Otherwise as "purists" we must otherwise destroy all art, monuments, museums, architecture, gardens, parks, built structure, clothing, foods, languages, names, etc. because each and all of those things have links in a past that was unjust to so many of us. It would be the end of history and culture and language if we think along these "purist" lines...

I have watched from afar this struggle in the SF community and I just couldn't help but send my thoughts about what a shame it would be to destroy something that tells us so much about our past--and something that can help us teach high school students/their parents/ the entire community of our present about history, change, justice, America, world history, etc., and it could possibly spark a new art project nearby to "correct" what has been on the walls for so long.

Please keep the mural!!

Thank you,
Elizabeth Bernhardt, PhD history
Good Morning:

Please find the attached .pdf copy of the final ACOA Letter for **800 Chestnut Street, Record Number 2019-017771COA**. Thank you.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ADDS 20 NEW BEDS TO CIVIC CENTER NAVIGATION CENTER

The new beds, which are now open, are part of Mayor Breed’s efforts to add 1,000 new shelter beds by the end of 2020

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the opening of 20 new beds at the Civic Center Navigation Center, which brings the total number of Navigation Center beds at Civic Center to 113. 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 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 Civic Center Navigation Center, Mayor Breed has added 366 new shelter beds toward the 1,000 bed goal. There are an additional 224 beds under construction, and 200 beds in the pipeline.
“Everyone deserves a safe place to sleep at night, and we need to keep adding beds so that we can offer shelter to anyone who wants it,” said Mayor Breed. “The new beds at Civic Center Navigation Center get us one step closer to providing the shelter we need in our city, in a location where there are many people currently experiencing homelessness. 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 Civic Center Navigation Center opened in the summer of 2016 with 93 beds. The Navigation Center is operated by the Community Housing Partnership (CHP).

After three years of successful operation, the City has expanded the capacity of the Navigation Center by adding 20 beds. Since its opening, the Civic Center Navigation Center has served 505 people. 52% of clients exiting Navigation Centers from 2016 to October 2019 had positive exits, either to Homeward Bound, permanent housing, or temporary placement.

Navigation Centers are designed to serve San Franciscans who are living unsheltered in the community. Navigation Centers allow people to bring their partners, pets, and belongings with them, lowering barriers to coming inside. In addition to shelter, on-site case managers provide support to connect guests with employment opportunities, health services, public benefits and housing via the Coordinated Entry system.

In San Francisco, there are currently 3,400 shelter beds available 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.

“Expansion in our temporary shelter system, including Navigation Centers like Civic Center, is nothing less than life saving for people living unsheltered,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “Mayor Breed’s leadership to expand shelter while also expanding problem solving/diversion and housing exits is a game changer. I’m grateful to our partners at CHP for this expansion and to our non-profit and City partner colleagues who are working tirelessly to reach Mayor Breed’s goal of opening 1,000 new shelter beds by the end of 2020.”

“Community Housing Partnership, in full collaboration with Strada Investment Group and the John Stewart Co., is excited to announce that 20 additional units at the Civic Center Hotel Navigation Center are now fully available to be utilized by people experiencing homelessness,” said Christy Saxton, Chief Operating Officer at the Community Housing Partnership. “This opportunity was made possible through the support of both the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and Mayor Breed. Because of this great partnership we are now able to house up to 113 people every night at the Civic Center which will continue to help San Francisco combat the homeless crisis.”

Mayor Breed recently launched a new behavioral health initiative—UrgentCareSF—which includes a plan to help the approximately 4,000 homeless San Franciscans who have mental illness and substance use disorders. UrgentCareSF is based in clinical expertise, evidence-based programs, data analysis, and the principles of harm reduction and compassion. The four priorities of the program are:

- Building a new system of care coordination, outreach, low-barrier services, and harm
reduction, including for those who cannot make decisions for themselves.

- Expanding treatment capacity and reducing administrative barriers to eliminate wait times for services.
- Focusing on the workforce needs that are required in order to provide mental health care and substance use treatment to people.
- Providing housing options for people exiting treatment services in order to support behavioral health chronic disease management.

UrgentCareSF was designed based on public health data and a comprehensive assessment of the City’s mental health system. Each element of the initiative is rooted in data analysis and clinical expertise. For more details, visit http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

ELECTED LEADERS TO JOIN TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY LEADERS TO RAISE TRANS FLAG OVER CITY HALL

To kick off Transgender Awareness Month, Mayor London Breed, Senator Scott Wiener, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, the Office of Transgender Initiatives and the trans community will come together to celebrate successes and commit to combatting the prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today will join with community members to raise the transgender flag at City Hall in honor of the beginning of Trans Awareness Month. Mayor Breed will be joined by Senator Scott Wiener, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, the Office of Transgender Initiatives, and trans community leaders. Following the flag raising, Mayor Breed and others will provide remarks at the Trans Awareness Month kick-off celebration, outlining San Francisco’s major accomplishments on trans policies and programs to date.

Trans Flag Raising
Friday, November 1, 2019
4:00pm
“In San Francisco, we celebrate our diversity,” said Mayor Breed. “Despite transphobic and bigoted efforts around the country to dismantle the rights of trans people, our trans community will never be erased. We are committed to continuing our investments in the trans community, providing support through policies and program, and maintaining our unyielding commitment to equal rights for all.”

Each year in November, the trans community, allies and organizations across the country come together to celebrate Transgender Awareness Week followed by observing Transgender Day of Remembrance. Last year Mayor Breed and Office of Transgender Initiatives extended the event to declare November as Transgender Awareness Month in San Francisco.

San Francisco’s Office of Transgender Initiatives is a historic trans-led City government office launched to develop innovative policies and programs that support the transgender, gender nonconforming, and LGBTQ communities. The Office was created by then-Mayor Ed Lee and is the first and only municipal office of its kind.

“Here in San Francisco we celebrate Transgender Awareness Month to highlight the way that the community and the City are working together to advance equity for trans and gender nonconforming communities,” said Clair Farley, Director of Office of Transgender Initiatives. “This is also a time to ground ourselves in our observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day where we pay respect to the lives of the predominantly Black transgender women we have lost to anti-trans violence. As transgender people are under attack across the country San Francisco will not rest until everyone in our community is thriving and has a safe place to call home.”

“Itali Marlowe, Elisha Chanel Stanley, Bailey Reeves, and Jordan Cofer are just a few of the beautiful trans souls we’ve lost this year to the epidemic of hateful, tragic murders,” said Senator Wiener. “As our federal government turns its back on and attacks the transgender community, we must recommit to stand with our transgender neighbors. In San Francisco, we will always uplift transgender people, and I remain committed to the fight for safety, dignity, and equality.”

“The trans civil rights movement started in San Francisco at the Compton’s Cafeteria riot,” said Supervisor Mandelman. “This year the City has made historic investments in trans housing with Our Trans Home SF and opened the state’s first shelter for trans youth. These are major milestones but we still have a lot more to do.”

San Francisco has invested over $2 million annually in transgender programs and services. In the City budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21, Mayor Breed has increased that funding amount to $3 million per year. Under Mayor Breed’s leadership and commitment to the community, the Office of Transgender Initiatives has launched the following programs with the community:

**Trans Housing Support**
Notably, Mayor Breed has funded the Our Trans Home SF program to provide rental subsidies and housing navigation services to low-income trans people. The goal of the trans housing program is to support the community in finding or keeping safe and inclusive housing. The program is spearheaded by St. James Infirmary and will include flexible rental subsidies, housing navigation, and a transitional housing program that will support trans community members on their pathway towards housing stability.
Fellowship for LGBTQ Immigrants
The fellowship is intended to equip LGBTQ immigrants with the skills and training necessary to achieve their career goals. The first of its kind program helps address a critical gap in San Francisco for many LGBTQ immigrants who have very few options to survive financially which can lead to unsafe and non-inclusive work environments. In partnership with the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA) and community organizations, the fellowship will provide paid internship and training to address the unique economic development needs of this community.

Investing in Arts and Culture
San Francisco’s trans and gender nonconforming community has a long history within the arts and culture of the city. Under Mayor Breed’s leadership the City has increased its investment in vital LGBTQ arts and culture programs including the Transgender Film Festival and the Compton’s Transgender Cultural District. The annual San Francisco Transgender Film Festival takes place during Trans Awareness Month, screening films that promote the visibility of trans and gender nonconforming people. The Film Festival will run from November 7 until November 10, 2019. More information about the film festival can be found at http://sftff.org/.

Trans Inclusion Across the City
Last November, Mayor Breed issued an Executive Directive to expand gender and self-identifiers on all City forms and applications to support trans community to be recognized and respected. The Executive Directive also requires that all City employees working with the public receive trans inclusion training. The City budget includes funding to hire a Training Officer to track the expansion of gender and self-identifier options on City forms and provide transgender inclusion training.

Trans Policy
The Office also worked with the other City departments to implement an All Gender Bathroom Policy, and to implement Senate Bill (SB) 310 (Name and Dignity Act), SB 179 (Gender Recognition Act), SB 396 (Transgender Work Opportunity Act), Admin Code Chapter 12X (Anti-LGBT State Ban List) and the SOGI Data Collection Ordinance.

The trans flag raising marks the beginning of a month full of events. For a full schedule of Transgender Awareness Month events, please visit: https://sf.gov/departments/city-administrator/office-transgender-initiatives.

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Good Morning Commissioners,

I am reaching out regarding the 310-320 Dolores Street item that is on your calendars for next week’s ARC hearing. The conceptual plans that were included in your packets was the Project Sponsor’s original submittal. The proposal has since been revised after meeting with the neighbors and community. Attached is the revised conceptual plans. Please reach out to me directly if you would like a hard copy of the updated plans or have any questions.

Thank you,
Stephanie

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I will be out of the office the following days: October 11th, 14th, 25th

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Commissioners,
Attached are your Calendars for November 6, 2019.

Please note, the ARC meeting will begin at noon.

Cheers,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF 96 AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR SENIORS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Former public housing in the Tenderloin at 350 Ellis St. was renovated as part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration program and is now called Ellis Gardens

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Matt Haney, and community leaders today celebrated the grand reopening of 96 units of affordable housing at Ellis Gardens, a former public housing property that was originally built in 1970. The building at 350 Ellis St. in the Tenderloin is one 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. The RAD program allows for a voluntary, permanent conversion of public housing to privately owned, permanently affordable housing.

“For too long, people living in public housing were left behind—and their homes were allowed to fall into disrepair,” said Mayor Breed. “At Ellis Gardens, and in other RAD sites
across the City, we’ve been able to improve the conditions of San Francisco’s public housing and keep our most vulnerable residents in affordable housing in the neighborhood that they call home. Thanks to the partnership of the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation and GLIDE Community Housing, we have 96 units of safe, beautiful, and permanently affordable housing right here in the Tenderloin.”

Ellis Gardens is a 96-unit building that provides affordable housing for seniors and adults with disabilities with incomes up to 50% of Area Median Income. 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 remaining 300 units will be completed in 2020.

“The renovation and reopening of nearly 100 permanently affordable units in the Tenderloin is an exciting and meaningful development for seniors and people with disabilities in this community,” said Supervisor Matt Haney. “As a City we must do everything we can to preserve and build affordable units, and 350 Ellis is a prime example of creative solutions to our housing crisis.”

The substantial rehabilitation of Ellis Gardens focused on life safety and accessibility improvements, including upgrades to create four apartments for visually and hearing impaired households. Additional renovations included updating bathrooms and kitchens, installing new flooring throughout the residential units, enlarging the community room and creating office spaces, elevator modernization, installing a new roof and sprinkler system, and replacing the siding and windows.

“With the completion of crucial renovations at 350 Ellis we have transformed nearly every single public housing project we set out to under the RAD program and will complete our efforts next year,” said Daniel Adams, Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD). “RAD has been integral in ensuring San Francisco remains a city for all and I am thrilled the new Ellis Gardens allows seniors and people with disabilities to continue to live in their homes with greater comfort and dignity.”

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation and GLIDE Community Housing worked together to complete the $67 million comprehensive rehabilitation funded with tax credit equity, permanent mortgage and City funds. Ellis Gardens is located nearly adjacent to the GLIDE Foundation. GLIDE Community Housing’s support services staff provide clients with benefit-related assistance and referrals to ensure housing stability. GLIDE also hosts a variety of community-building activities, knowledge-sharing, and ongoing residential case management.

“At TNDC we believe that when a person has a place to call home, they have the foundation for a better life. The rehabilitation of Ellis Gardens created 96 newly-renovated homes with beautiful indoor and outdoor community spaces for seniors and people with disabilities,” said Don Falk, CEO of Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation. “Together with the SF Housing Authority, Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development and other key partners, this project represents the realization of a community’s vision for revitalizing public housing.”

Ellis Gardens also includes new garden space in the front and rear of the building, as well as a mural, painted by Precita Eyes Muralists, honoring the Tenderloin’s legacy of African-
American jazz, the struggles for LGBTQ rights, local Asian culture, and the neighborhood’s low-income residents. The late Michael Palmer, MOHCD’s construction lead on the Ellis Gardens renovation, is memorialized in the mural in honor of his nearly 15 years of service to the City and County of San Francisco.

“We at Glide Community Housing are honored to be providing Support Services to the residents of Ellis Gardens. Support Services for these residents means an array of amenities including better access to medical providers, improving their health and wellness, community activities, educational trainings, and art therapy workshops,” said Pamela Grayson-Holmon, Executive Director of GLIDE Community Housing Inc. “We also provide harm reduction focused intensive case management services.”

“I love that Ellis Gardens is across the street from Boeddeker Park and feels like an extension of the park now that the renovations are complete,” said Luis Castillo, a resident of Ellis Gardens.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ISSUES PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR KINCADE FIRE EVACUEES

With nearly 200,000 people evacuated as a result of the fire, San Francisco will open a temporary disaster shelter to assist people who have been displaced.

San Francisco, CA — This evening, Mayor London Breed issued a proclamation declaring a local emergency to provide mutual aid in response to the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County. The fire has burned more than 30,000 acres to date, leading to the evacuation of almost 200,000 people and threatening hundreds of structures. Due to the Kincade Fire, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency on October 25. As of today, there are over 3,000 local, state and federal personnel, including first responders, assisting with the Kincade Fire alone.

In light of the unprecedented number of evacuees, San Francisco will open a temporary disaster shelter to assist those who have been displaced. The shelter will be located at Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption (St. Mary’s Cathedral) at 1111 Gough Street and will be open at 8:00am tomorrow, October 28, 2019. The temporary shelter is scheduled...
through Friday to support the statewide shelter system as necessary.

“San Francisco stands with our neighbors to the north and is ready to help in every way we can,” said Mayor Breed. “Our City departments are working in unison to provide shelter and care to those who have been displaced, while first responders continue to fight the fire in Sonoma County.”

The Human Services Agency is working with the American Red Cross to provide shelter for 200 people at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The shelter will be open to serve adults, families, and pets. No proof of documentation is necessary, and all evacuees seeking safe shelter are welcome.

The Department of Public Health will have a team on site to assess the medical and mental health needs of the evacuees. The City is also looking into opening additional locations to shelter evacuees. This shelter will not have any impact on City services.

The proclamation allows the Mayor to deploy resources to respond to emergencies. It must be ratified by the Board of Supervisors within seven days.

The best way to support disaster victims is with a financial donation. Food, clothing and household items are not being accepted at this time. For more information, visit https://socoemergency.org/home/recover/how-to-help/.

For media inquiries to the San Francisco Emergency Operation Center call 415-558-2712.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED HOSTS JOB FAIR FOR RESIDENTS IN VISITACION VALLEY

Visitacion Valley has one of the highest rates of unemployed residents in San Francisco, over 60% higher than the citywide average.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), and Family and Child Empowerment Services San Francisco (FACES SF) will host a job fair and hiring event today in Visitacion Valley to bring employment opportunities and resources to a neighborhood with one of the highest unemployment rates in the City. The Visitacion Valley Job Fair and Hiring Event takes place today from 10:00am until 2:00pm at The Village located at 1099 Sunnydale Avenue.

“Even as San Francisco is experiencing a record low unemployment rate, there are still people looking for jobs and careers, especially in neighborhoods that have been underserved as the rest of our City prospered,” said Mayor Breed. “This job fair in Visitacion Valley is part of our efforts to make San Francisco a more equitable city and to ensure that all residents have access to employment opportunities—regardless of their background or where they live. We want to connect people with potential employers, and by bringing the fair to their neighborhood we
hope to reach people who otherwise might not know about the employment and training resources that are available to them.”

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey shows that Visitacion Valley, which includes the Sunnydale public housing community, has one of the highest unemployment rates in the City—60% more than the citywide average. This high rate of unemployment illustrates stark employment disparities for the City, as more than 90% of Visitacion Valley residents are people of color. Asian American residents make up the greatest number of people who are unemployed in the neighborhood, and the rate of unemployment for Visitacion Valley’s African American residents is five times that of the City average.

“As we push for more local hiring, not only in construction but in healthcare, hospitality and the tech industry, we need to continue to bring these opportunities to our most vulnerable residents,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “This is one of many ways we are looking to close the economic wealth gap in our great city. I’m happy to stand with the Mayor as she continues to support the residents of District 10 and the city of San Francisco by connecting them to employers.”

Over twenty employers are participating in the hiring fair, and some companies, such as Artisan Restaurant Collection, Target, Safeway, SPIN, and Amazon, are interviewing candidates on the spot in preparation for an increased demand for workers during the holiday season. The City and County of San Francisco and other agencies will also be hiring for long-term positions in a variety of industries. Job seekers will have the chance to connect to resources and talk with employers, non-profit service providers, and city agencies. The Department of Human Resources will offer a workshop to teach residents about how to navigate the job application process for openings with the City. The Public Defender’s Office will be on site to discuss their Clean Slate Program, which is designed to help people secure employment after being involved in the criminal justice system by dismissing convictions, sealing arrest records, obtaining a certificate of rehabilitation, ending probation early, and reducing a felony to a misdemeanor.

After Chinatown, Visitacion Valley has the greatest concentration of limited-English proficient (LEP) speakers in San Francisco, including the second-highest concentration of LEP Chinese speakers. Interpreters will provide translation services throughout the job fair for non-English and limited English speakers.

“Housing and job resources are crucial for keeping residents in the City. With one of the lowest median household incomes in San Francisco, Visitacion Valley is a neighborhood that needs more resources to help connect residents to jobs and on a path towards upward mobility,” said Joshua Arce, Director of Workforce at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “When we go directly into the neighborhood, we are making sure our residents are aware of the opportunities and resources available to them.”

This job fair is part of Mayor Breed’s efforts to reach underserved neighborhoods and communities. The first Job Fair was held in December 2018 at the Fillmore Heritage Center, and the most recent job fair was held in August 2019 specifically for older adults and people with disabilities. In September, Mayor Breed celebrated the grand opening of a Job Center in the Oceanview, Merced Heights, and Ingleside neighborhoods, which will provide comprehensive services for jobseekers and employers.
“We are excited to have the job fair at our Job Center here in Visitacion Valley,” said FACES SF Executive Director Lawland Long. “It’s important for the needs to be met on this side of town where we have so many limited English speakers and public housing residents. We can’t say we are serving our communities if we aren’t serving all of our communities.”

“Right now I work full time, but sometimes it feels like it’s not enough,” said Amy Fung, Visitacion Valley resident. “Having a job fair where I can talk to employers and City departments about my future goals, interview, and work with the Department of Human Resources to help me apply for my next job is really helpful. I already have the skills; I just need some advice and someone to give me a chance.”

Earlier this year, Mayor Breed introduced her proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 in Sunnydale. The finalized City budget included over $146 million in new funding for the production and preservation of affordable housing. Just last month, Mayor Breed celebrated the groundbreaking of 167 new permanently affordable homes in the Sunnydale neighborhood—part of the Mayor’s HOPE SF initiative with financing from the San Francisco Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, San Francisco Housing Authority and Wells Fargo.

About the 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.

About FACES SF
Family and Child Empowerment Services San Francisco, FACES SF, is a community-based organization that provides critical assistance to low-income families citywide, with a focus in the Haight Ashbury, Western Addition, Visitacion Valley, and Bayview Hunters Point neighborhoods in the following areas: early childhood development, workforce training, school-age enrichment programs, and family support services. For more information, please visit www.facessf.org.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING OF JEFFERSON STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Aaron Peskin joined community leaders and City officials today for a ceremonial groundbreaking to mark the start of construction on the second phase of the Jefferson Streetscape Improvements Project, which will enhance pedestrian safety and beautify the popular Fisherman’s Wharf corridor.

The $16.3 million streetscape project runs along three blocks of Jefferson Street from Jones Street to Powell Street. The project includes numerous changes improving the experience for those walking or biking, including widened sidewalks, new lighting and landscaping, and expanded seating and bicycle parking. The street will also be narrowed and include textured paving to help calm traffic. The improvements support the vision set out in the Fisherman’s Wharf Public Realm Plan. The first phase of the project covered the two blocks of Jefferson
Street from Hyde Street to Jones Street and was completed in June 2013.

“We are excited to begin the next phase of these important changes to Jefferson Street to make this area safer, more inviting, and pedestrian focused,” said Mayor Breed. “Fisherman’s Wharf is a unique destination and this project will create a better street experience for locals and visitors from around the world.”

Construction of the project is managed by San Francisco Public Works and is anticipated to be completed by fall 2020. The project will be constructed in phases to minimize construction impacts in the neighborhood, starting with work focused at the intersection of Jefferson and Jones streets, followed by work along the north side of Jefferson, then along the south side of Jefferson.

“This is the culmination of over a decade of effort to ensure that Fisherman’s Wharf remains a vital economic engine and draw for locals and visitors from around the world,” said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. “Since 2006, we’ve cobbled together millions of public dollars to turn this into a model pedestrian promenade. The Wharf welcomes millions of visitors and workers every year who will finally see this last stretch of Jefferson Street become much safer and more beautiful.”

To make room for the safety improvements and widened sidewalks, parking along Jefferson Street between Jones and Powell Streets will be removed.

“We have worked closely with multiple City departments and with the community to design something that will truly benefit everyone who visits, works and lives in the area,” said Director of Public Works, Mohammed Nuru. “Not only will we create a safer street, there will be more room on the sidewalks to welcome more tourists to the neighborhood.”

The project is a multiagency collaboration involving San Francisco Public Works, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Planning, the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and the Port of San Francisco.

“The Port of San Francisco is excited to work with our city and community partners to bring the vision and plans of the Fisherman’s Wharf Public Realm Plan to fruition,” said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. “This project will make Fisherman’s Wharf more accessible and inviting for tourists and residents alike; solidifying its special place in San Francisco.”

Randall Scott, Executive Director of the Fisherman’s Wharf Community Benefit District, which has been instrumental in the re-envisioning of this important corridor said, “We look forward to working closely with Public Works and the community throughout this process and look forward to a safer and more welcoming Jefferson Street for all San Franciscans.”

“The Jefferson Streetscape Improvements Project elevates safety with specially designed pavement patterns and narrowed travel lanes, to promote traffic calming throughout the corridor,” said Tom Maguire, Interim Director of Transportation for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

Starting today and continuing for the duration of construction, Muni’s E-Embarcadero and
F-Market and Wharves historic streetcars will turn back at Pier 39. A shuttle bus will operate in a loop to serve missed stops on the remaining four blocks.

The project is funded in part by the California State SB1 Gas Tax, the San Francisco Public Works’ General Fund for Streetscape and Paving Program, the SFMTA Transportation and Road Improvement General Obligation Bond, Prop K sales tax revenue, and the San Francisco Port’s General Fund.

Additional project information can be found at www.sfpublicworks.org/jefferson.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PLAN TO CLOSE HALL OF JUSTICE TO MAKE WAY FOR FUTURE JUSTICE CAMPUS

Vacating the seismically unsafe Hall of Justice by 2021 will make room for future consolidated campus comprised of rehabilitation and treatment placements as well as facilities for the District Attorney’s Office, Adult Probation, Public Defender’s Office, Police Department, Sheriff’s Department, and the Superior Courts

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a long-awaited plan to achieve San Francisco’s longstanding priority of closing the Hall of Justice to make way for a future consolidated Justice Campus. This plan means that San Francisco will be moving all incarcerated people out of the seismically unsafe Bryant Street wing of the building no later than July 2021, to coincide with the previously announced administrative exit.

The long-term vision for the Hall of Justice site and adjacent parcels includes a consolidated Justice Campus to focus on victim’s services and the rehabilitation and treatment of offenders. The future site will incorporate administrative space, courts, and centralized best
practices in criminal and social justice services for all people. The Campus will co-locate facilities including the Sheriff’s Department, Adult Probation, the Public Defender’s Office, the District Attorney’s Office, and the Superior Courts, returning those operations that were relocated to temporary leased spaces as part of the Hall of Justice exit. The Campus will include a mix of mental health beds, substance use treatment beds, reentry transitional housing for people exiting the criminal justice system, and jail beds, if necessary.

“We need to reform our criminal justice system to reduce incarceration, but we also need places to hold people accountable for their actions and to offer rehabilitative services,” said Mayor Breed. “While we work to implement this long-term Justice Campus, it’s important that we move incarcerated individuals out of the existing Hall of Justice as soon as we can and we are exploring all options to transfer people to better and more humane conditions.”

“Working together we can create a service center that will serve the needs of the residents of San Francisco,” said Sheriff Vicki Hennessy. “By moving forward in a thoughtful and fair manner in coordinating all our resources we can find the best outcomes for those whose lives intersect the justice system.”

This long-term project is currently slated for construction starting as early as 2028, with demolition of the Hall’s Bryant Street wing funded in 2025. The Mayor plans to explore accelerating this much-needed initiative with the Capital Planning Committee. Specific designs for the building layout, types and number of beds required, and physical space will be determined through an implementation group directed by the City Administrator.

“Exiting the Hall of Justice has been a top priority of the City’s 10-Year Capital Plan since its first publication,” said City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly who also chairs the Capital Planning Committee. “We have made good progress with the administrative exit in sight, we can make way for an efficient, safe, and rehabilitation-focused justice campus downtown.”

San Francisco will continue working to reduce the number of people held at County Jail 4 at 850 Bryant. This will include new investments in pre-trial assessments and sentencing reforms, and is supported by the Mayor’s significant investment in behavioral mental health beds and substance use beds, which help divert people to services instead of incarceration. Mayor Breed has also overseen a significant expansion of pretrial release services through the San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project, support for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program that redirects individuals to community-based services, and the creation of a pretrial release unit at the Public Defender’s Office.

In summer 2021, the remaining administrative functions at 850 Bryant will be relocated. Mayor Breed’s plan calls for relocating the remaining incarcerated individuals out of County Jail 4 by to an alternative facility on a temporary basis until construction of the future campus is complete. San Francisco is currently exploring the fiscal and physical feasibility of several new options, including out-of-county facilities, but no location has been determined yet.

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*** STATEMENT ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ON 30th ANNIVERSARY OF LOMA PRIETA EARTHQUAKE

San Francisco, CA — “On the 30th anniversary of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, we remember those who lost their lives in San Francisco and the Bay Area, and we honor the valiant efforts of the first responders and neighborhood volunteers who came together to respond to the disaster. At 5:04pm this evening—the exact time of the Loma Prieta earthquake—we will conduct a ceremony to commemorate this momentous event in our city’s history.

In the face of destruction and uncertainty, fire fighters, police officers, and neighbors worked hand in hand to contain the damage and protect life and property. In the days, weeks, and months following the earthquake, our communities worked tirelessly to rebuild San Francisco. The earthquake and its aftermath was traumatic and challenging, however our city’s collective response and recovery proved that when we work together, we can overcome the greatest of obstacles.

In the thirty years since Loma Prieta, the City has made significant investments to ensure that we’re ready for the next major earthquake. We all know that it is not a matter of ‘if’ the next
big earthquake strikes, but a matter of ‘when.’ We’ve invested $20 billion to strengthen our critical infrastructure, including neighborhood fire stations, district police stations, the Emergency Firefighting Water System, and other essential facilities and infrastructure. These facilities are critical for providing immediate assistance and relief for our City during the aftermath of a disaster.

I am confident that our City government is prepared to swiftly respond in the event of a major earthquake, but it’s up to each one of us to have a plan in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors. When disaster strikes, we all need to be ready to help each other. It’s how we survived Loma Prieta 30 years ago, and it’s how we’ll survive the next disaster that comes our way.”

Loma Prieta Commemoration Ceremony
4:30-5:30 pm
Marina Green, West End

- Neighborhood Resource Fair
3:00-6:00pm
Marina Green, West End

For more information about earthquake safety and preparedness, please visit: sf72.org/hazard/earthquake. For emergency alerts, text your zip code to 888-777 to sign up for AlertSF.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED MOVES FORWARD EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTION IN CITY HALL

Mayor commits to working out a plan legislatively to help those most in crisis while maintaining flexibility to go to the ballot only as a last resort

San Francisco, CA — Today, Mayor London N. Breed moved forward with a process to ensure that solutions to San Francisco’s mental health crisis are tackled in City Hall, not unnecessarily at the ballot. Mayor Breed earlier today announced her initiative, UrgentCareSF, to provide help to those most in crisis in our City—the 4,000 people who are homeless and suffer from mental illness and substance use disorder. To move forward solutions in City Hall, Mayor Breed will introduce a legislative framework for her initiative at the Board of Supervisors, which would enshrine the main principles of UrgentCareSF’s approach to address the City’s mental health crisis.

To preserve flexibility to protect the program if legislation does not move forward in City Hall, the Mayor also submitted an initiative ordinance that would go before the voters in the March 2020 election. This initiative ordinance can be withdrawn any time within the next six
weeks, and the Mayor introduced it to have as a last resort.

“I have been clear that we can and should be moving forward with solutions to help our most vulnerable residents who need our help today,” said Mayor Breed. “Under UrgentCareSF, we are already undertaking a broad and ambitious new approach to delivering treatment and housing for those in crisis on our streets, including those who won’t accept our services. I believe our City leaders can come together on a unified program to address our City’s most immediate challenge. We were all elected to make the hard choices and to do the work to implement solutions, and that’s what I’m committed to doing.”

UrgentCareSF includes immediate actions and a long-term vision for a system where the people who are most in need of care receive it in a way that meets them where they are. With UrgentCareSF, treatment for mental health and substance disorders is available as soon as it is desired, with no significant waits. The detailed elements of UrgentCareSF can be found at [http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf](http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf).

UrgentCareSF is based in clinical expertise, evidence-based programs, data analysis, and the principles of harm reduction and compassion. The four priorities of the program are:

- Building a new system of care coordination, outreach, low-barrier services, and harm reduction, including for those who cannot make decisions for themselves.
- Expanding treatment capacity and reducing administrative barriers to eliminate wait times for services.
- Focusing on the workforce needs that are required in order to provide mental health care and substance use treatment to people.
- Providing housing options for people exiting treatment services in order to support behavioral health chronic disease management.

In March 2019, Mayor Breed hired a Director of Mental Health Reform, Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, to evaluate the City’s behavioral health system and identify actions that the City and Department of Public Health can take to improve the system. San Francisco’s existing mental health system treats about 30,000 people per year, focused on people with Medi-Cal or who are uninsured and in need of care for substance use and serious mental illness. For many of those people, the system works well, however there are is a population of people for whom the system is falling short.

Through his research, Dr. Nigusse Bland identified a population of about 4,000 people who are experiencing homelessness, and have both a mental illness and a substance use disorder.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF MARKET STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Approved today by SFMTA Board, the Better Market Street project will enable immediate safety and transit reliability improvements to begin in early 2020, including making Market Street car-free east of 10th Street

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced final approval for the City’s Better Market Street project, enabling transformational safety and streetscape improvements along 2.2 miles of Market Street, one of the most traveled streets in the world. The final approval for the project came today, when the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors approved the project’s proposed transportation changes.

Today’s highly anticipated decision provides a path forward for longer-term construction improvements to widen sidewalks, add protected bike lanes, speed up Muni, and improve loading and delivery for businesses. Given Market Street’s importance for transit, the project features new Muni-only lanes and new rapid service stops that will result in a 25 percent time savings for transit riders. While these long-term changes move forward over the next few
years, immediate safety changes will go into effect by early 2020, following a directive issued by Mayor Breed earlier this year to move forward quickly with safety enhancements wherever feasible.

In 2020, Market Street will become car-free east of 10th Street, benefiting the thousands of people who ride transit, walk, or bike on Market Street on a daily basis. These improvements will be paired with numerous safety enhancements at intersections and new loading zones on cross-streets.

“Market Street is at the heart of our city, and we need to do everything we can to make it a safer, more livable, and more vibrant place for our residents, workers, and visitors,” said Mayor Breed. “Last year, there were 123 injury collisions on Market Street and the majority involved people walking and biking. Better Market Street and the project’s near-term improvements are critical to achieve our Vision Zero goals and ensure everyone can feel safe on our most traveled street.”

Today’s approvals conclude a comprehensive planning and decision-making process including numerous City agencies. San Francisco Public Works is leading the multi-agency project in partnership with SFMTA, San Francisco Planning, the County Transportation Authority, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Mayor’s Office on Disability.

“These project approvals mark a major milestone for the Better Market Street project,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “We are one step closer to delivering a makeover of the City’s premier boulevard, bringing it into the 21st century with streetscape improvements that will make the street safer, more accessible and more welcoming for San Francisco’s residents, workers and visitors.”

“This truly transformational project will help create the Market Street our city deserves: one that prioritizes safety, accessibility, transit and economic vitality,” said Tom Maguire, SFMTA Interim Director of Transportation. “These important changes are designed to advance the City’s Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths on one of our busiest corridors.”

“The Better Market Street project included an extraordinary amount of public engagement and creativity that is reflected in the streetscape improvement designs,” said John Rahaim, Director of San Francisco Planning. “With the continued growth from the surrounding neighborhoods, we were committed to a unified thoroughfare by increasing the transit, pedestrian, and bike safety options that support a safer and more diverse range of activities.”

“San Francisco won’t achieve Vision Zero without a bold vision for Market Street,” Brian Wiedenmeier, Executive Director, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. “We look forward to working with Mayor Breed to get cars off Market Street as soon as possible and break ground next year.”

“Cities around the world are creating car-free spaces and pedestrian boulevards in the urban core. We can’t wait for San Francisco to join these leading cities,” said Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director, Walk San Francisco. “The Better Market Street plan will make our city stronger, more climate-friendly, and dramatically safer for the 500,000 people who walk down it each day.”
“I’m enthusiastic about the fact the Environmental Impact Report has been certified and the plan is moving ahead with Quick Build in the first quarter of 2020. I’m looking forward to the possibility of a shovel in the ground by the end of next year,” said Ron Miguel, chair of the Better Market Street Community Working Group and past president of the San Francisco Planning Commission.

For project updates, go to www.bettermarketstreetsf.org.

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Dear Commissioners:

You are cordially invited to join Mayor London N. Breed at the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake 30th Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony:

- **Date:** Thursday, October 17, 2019
- **Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm
- **Location:** Marina Green – West End
- **RSVP:** mons@sfgov.org

In addition to the ceremony, there is a Community Preparedness Fair from 3pm-6pm at Marina Boulevard and Cervantes.
Mayor London N. Breed
cordially invites you to attend

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on Thursday, the seventeenth of October,
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Marina Green, West End
San Francisco, California

Kindly reply by October 15, 2019 to
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR BREED, SUPERVISORS RONEN, HANEY, AND MANDELMAN ANNOUNCE PLAN FOR ADULT RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

Plan includes both long-term beds for the mentally ill and short-term psychiatric use of beds while structural changes are implemented to address patient safety and quality of care

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Hillary Ronen, Supervisor Matt Haney, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman today announced a plan for the 55-bed Adult Residential Facility (ARF) located in the Behavioral Health Center at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. The plan will allow for 28 beds in the facility to be used for short-term psychiatric respite while 27 beds will remain long-term care beds for current residents at the Adult Residential Facility. The Department of Public Health (DPH) and staff will also be implementing a long-term plan to address patient safety and quality of care at the ARF before converting the beds back to long-term residential use.

This plan will be codified in an ordinance authored by Supervisors Ronen, Haney and Mandelman, which will then be considered by the Board of Supervisors. DPH will begin
implementing the plan immediately upon Board approval, which means the temporary expanded Hummingbird beds would be operable starting as soon as November. It also means that all the severely mentally ill residents who choose to remain at the Adult Residential Facility will be able to do so.

“This plan will provide badly needed short-term psychiatric respite for our most vulnerable residents while we develop and implement policies and practices to maintain the long-term viability of this facility,” said Mayor Breed. “Ultimately, our job is to make the best use of the resources we have to help our most vulnerable while we also work to expand and grow our mental health services to help those in crisis on our streets. I am pleased that we are doing just that with this plan and I want to thank the Supervisors, the Department of Public Health, and workers for their collaboration on this solution.”

“I am very thankful that we were able to come together and work out an agreement that will support the stability and health of severely mentally ill residents of the Adult Residential Facility, protect the long-term care beds that we desperately need, and at the same time address the crisis on the streets,” said Supervisor Ronen. “As Board and Care homes close across the City, it’s essential that we protect the long-term beds for severely mentally ill people that we do have.”

“This is a solid compromise that protects essential long term care beds, while creating badly needed short-term shelter beds to get people off the streets and immediately connected to services,” said Supervisor Haney.

“This is a good outcome all around,” said Supervisor Mandelman. “We have a clear and realistic path to the successful operation of the ARF as a high quality, long-term residence for people with severe mental illness. Meanwhile, the plan ensures that we use every available bed to move seriously ill folks off the street and into care.”

In August, DPH announced plans to convert 27 of the existing long-term residential beds in the Adult Residential Facility for short-term psychiatric respite in the Hummingbird Place program. DPH was proceeding in the interest of client safety and quality of care, and in response to demand for psychiatric respite. However, concerns were raised by some in the community and some staff members about what this meant for the future of the facility and its residents.

Both Supervisors Ronen and Mandelman introduced separate ordinances laying out a future plan for the ARF, which were both pending at the Board. The Mayor, the Supervisors, and DPH worked together to find a solution that would keep residents in their homes and improve the long-term viability of the ARF, while allowing for expanded services for short-term psychiatric respite while that work was being done.

“The San Francisco Department of Public Health’s top priority is patient care. We are grateful to the Mayor and Supervisors Ronen, Haney, and Mandelman for working through this issue to find a path that puts patients first, continues to provide services, and lays out long-term stability for the residents of the ARF board and care,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “We share the urgency to improve the lives of San Franciscans who are experiencing homelessness, mental illness and substance use disorder. These residents are in great need of care and housing, and their health affects our entire community.”
Specifically, the plan calls for the following in the short-term (next six months):

- 27 beds will continue to be used as long-term care beds in the ARF
- 28 beds will be used as Hummingbird beds
- DPH will work with staff on a plan to address patient safety and quality of care at the ARF with the goal of converting 14 Hummingbird beds back to long-term care beds by April 2020, if the plan is approved by the California Care Licensing Board.
- Final bed distribution will be 41 ARF beds, 29 Hummingbird beds, restoring the balance from August 2019.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN TO HELP CITY’S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

Mayor Breed’s initiative, UrgentCareSF, will focus on comprehensive care, services and treatment for the 4,000 people who are homeless and suffering from mental illness and substance use disorder in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a comprehensive plan—UrgentCareSF—to provide mental health care for those suffering from homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorder. San Francisco’s Behavioral Health System serves 30,000 people every year, but is not working for the most vulnerable people on our streets. The plan includes immediate actions and a long-term vision for a system where the people who are most in need of care receive it in a way that meets them where they are. With UrgentCareSF, treatment for mental health and substance disorders is available as soon as it is desired, with no significant waits. The detailed elements of UrgentCareSF can be found at http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf.
“People are suffering on our streets, and we need to act now to get them connected to the mental health care and substance use treatment that they desperately need,” said Mayor Breed. “UrgentCareSF is a comprehensive plan that tackles this issue from all angles, from getting people connected to care, to making sure we have enough qualified healthcare workers in our City. We will work to meet people where they are with solutions and treatment, including for those who refuse services. We need to help people right now—people we know need care can’t afford to wait years for help.”

UrgentCareSF is based in clinical expertise, evidence-based programs, data analysis, and the principles of harm reduction and compassion. The four priorities of the program are:

- Building a new system of care coordination, outreach, low-barrier services, and harm reduction, including for those who cannot make decisions for themselves.
- Expanding treatment capacity and reducing administrative barriers to eliminate wait times for services.
- Focusing on the workforce needs that are required in order to provide mental health care and substance use treatment to people.
- Providing housing options for people exiting treatment services in order to support behavioral health chronic disease management.

In March 2019, Mayor Breed hired a Director of Mental Health Reform, Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, to evaluate the City’s behavioral health system and identify actions the City and Department of Public Health can take to improve the system. San Francisco’s existing mental health system treats about 30,000 people per year, focused on people with Medi-Cal or who are uninsured and in need of care for substance use and serious mental illness. For many of those people, the system works well, however there are is a population of people for whom the system is falling short.

Through his research, Dr. Nigusse Bland identified a population of about 4,000 people who are experiencing homelessness, and have both a mental illness and a substance use disorder.

“We have a clear plan ahead for our behavioral health system, grounded in analysis of the data, and investment in solutions for the people in greatest need,” said Dr. Anton Nigusse Bland, Director of Mental Health Reform. “At the same time, we will strengthen and grow our workforce, cultivating a culture of excellence in San Francisco. It’s exciting to see our community, health leaders and city leaders coming together with compassion to embrace this change.”

“UrgentCareSF is a bold transformation of our behavioral health system,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “The status quo for people experiencing homelessness, mental illness and substance use disorder is not acceptable. Working together with the community—as we learned from our experience with HIV—we will be relentless in finding solutions and making sound investments that heal our patients and improve our city for everyone.”

In order to serve this population, UrgentCareSF will build a new system of care coordination, outreach, low-barrier services, and harm reduction. UrgentCareSF is designed to meet the specific needs of this population and has already begun by immediately serving the 230 people of the 4,000 who are most in need.

The City will also work to expand treatment capacity and reduce administrative barriers to eliminate wait times for services. This will include building on the Mayor’s efforts to add new
behavioral health treatment beds, creating new meth sobering centers and managed alcohol facilities, and expanding access to existing city services, such as the Behavioral Health Access Center, and the Behavioral Health Pharmacy.

UrgentCareSF also focuses on the workforce needs that are required in order to provide mental health care and substance use treatment to people. The City will implement policy changes to expand and support the behavioral health workforce to meet today’s needs. This element will include wage increases for community based organizations, and working to ensure that mental health and substance use treatment positions are fully staffed.

Finally, the City will provide housing options for people exiting treatment services in order to support behavioral health chronic disease management. This will include increasing the payment rate that Board and Care facilities receive and supporting the development of new permanent supportive housing units. San Francisco has approximately 8,000 permanent supportive housing units, more per capita than any other city in the country, with over 1,000 units in the pipeline to be built over the next few years. San Francisco also has over 300 new units of master-leased housing that will be available in the next year.

“San Francisco has a history of not backing down when it comes to creating solutions to improve the public’s health,” said Joe Hollendoner, CEO of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. “Through stakeholder engagement, community planning, targeted investments, and structural interventions—the same approach that has made our city successful in responding to the AIDS epidemic—UrgentCareSF has the opportunity to improve the quality of life and health of countless people.”

“Subsidized housing is the key to ending homelessness. That said, there is strong evidence that people who experience homelessness with behavioral health disabilities need additional behavioral health services,” said Dr. Margot Kushel, Director of the UCSF Benioff Homeless and Housing Initiative. “Intensive case management, combined with subsidized housing, has been shown to keep people who struggle with mental health and substance use disorders housed successfully. We know what types of services people need to thrive in the community; we just need the resources to do it. I am pleased that the San Francisco Department of Public Health has a plan to provide these crucial services.”

UrgentCareSF was designed based on public health data and a comprehensive assessment of the City’s mental health system. Each element of the initiative is rooted in data analysis and clinical expertise.

For more details on UrgentCareSF, visit [http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf](http://sfmayor.org/urgentcaresf).

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
CLEANPOWERSF WINS PRESTIGIOUS C40 CITIES AWARD

San Francisco is one of seven cities internationally recognized for inspiring and innovative climate action policies

San Francisco, CA — CleanPowerSF, the City’s local renewable energy program, has won a C40 Cities Bloomberg Philanthropies Award, a prestigious honor that provides international recognition for cities that are demonstrating climate action leadership. San Francisco was one of only seven winners from across the globe who were announced yesterday at the C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen.

“When I first helped to launch CleanPowerSF as a Supervisor, I knew it had the potential to make a transformative change for this City,” said Mayor London N. Breed. “We are seeing significant reductions in emission levels and are well on our way to meeting our climate action goals. We will continue to push forward, working with our allies in the C40 Cities coalition to find new and innovative solutions to the challenge of climate change.”

CleanPowerSF has played a major role in San Francisco’s ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 36 percent below 1990 levels. The program will also help the City realize its ambitious climate action goals, including reaching 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030 and reducing net emissions to zero by 2050. Last month, Mayor Breed’s legislation to
transition private commercial buildings of 50,000 square feet and larger to 100 percent renewable electricity was enacted into law. Earlier this week, the Board of Supervisors passed legislation requiring electric vehicle charging stations in large commercial parking facilities.

Operated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), CleanPowerSF launched in 2016 with a mission to provide San Francisco residents and businesses with the choice of having their electricity supplied from clean, renewable sources at competitive rates. Following the largest and most recent enrollment period in April of this year, CleanPowerSF now serves more than 376,000 customers in San Francisco, a 360 percent increase from the prior year. With a 96 percent participation rate, the program is popular among businesses and residents.

“San Francisco is a global leader in sustainability, and we’re honored to be recognized with such a respected award,” said San Francisco Public Utilities Commission General Manager Harlan L. Kelley, Jr. “Building on our 100-year legacy of providing clean energy to San Francisco, we launched CleanPowerSF to provide more power options to our residents and businesses, who share our commitment toward a more sustainable future.”

CleanPowerSF was selected as the winner by C40 Cities in “The Future We Want Requires Transformative Change” category. C40 Cities received 195 climate action project submissions this year, which were evaluated on the following criteria: climate action, benefits, innovation, governance, and sharing and scaling.

C40 Cities connects ninety-four of the world’s leading cities to take bold climate action towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700 million residents and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level.

“Cities worldwide are at the forefront of providing innovative solutions to the climate crisis humanity is facing—demonstrated brilliantly by the inspiring examples showcased in Cities100,” said Mark Watts, Executive Director of C40 Cities.

Along with CleanPowerSF, the SFPUC operates the Hetch Hetchy Regional Power System, which provides 100 percent greenhouse gas free energy to public facilities, such as City Hall, San Francisco International Airport, Muni buses, schools and libraries. Collectively, the two programs meet approximately 80 percent of the electricity demand in San Francisco.

About the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is a department of the City and County of San Francisco. It delivers drinking water to 2.7 million people in the San Francisco Bay Area, collects and treats wastewater for San Francisco, and generates clean power for municipal buildings, residents, and businesses. The SFPUC’s mission is to provide customers with high quality, efficient and reliable water, power, and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care. Learn more at www.sfwater.org.

About C40
C40 Cities connects 94 of the world’s leading cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the
air we breathe. The current chair of C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40’s work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation, and Realdania. To learn more about the work of C40 and their cities, please visit their website, or follow them on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

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Commissioners,

Please see attached calendars for October 16th which is cancelled. Enjoy your break!

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED APPOINTS SUE DIAMOND TO SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION

Diamond will bring years of experience working on complex land use and real estate law to Planning Commission

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today appointed Sue Diamond to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. Diamond will fill the vacancy left by Richard Hillis, who resigned from his position on the Commission in September.

Diamond is an attorney with experience in land use and real estate law. She has her own law firm that works primarily with nonprofit organizations on issues at the nexus of real estate and their mission. Her clients have included Jewish Home of San Francisco, Family House, Camp Ramah of Northern California, Blood Centers of the Pacific, Temple Emanu-El, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, and Brandeis School of San Francisco.

Before starting her own practice, she was a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP and at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison LLP, where she managed the permitting process for some of the largest and most complex real estate projects in San Francisco and the Bay Area. She has
served as Board Member for numerous organizations in San Francisco, including Mercy Housing California, Jewish Community Center of San Francisco, and the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco. In addition, Diamond taught Land Use Law at Stanford Law School for many years.

“I am proud to appoint Sue Diamond to serve on the Planning Commission,” said Mayor Breed. “Sue has a wide range of experience in land use and real estate matters, and will bring her 30-plus years as an attorney and strategic advisor to the Commission. I’m confident that Sue will be a great asset to San Francisco as we continue to tackle complex planning decisions to make sure our City is livable and resilient for generations to come.”

“I am honored to have been nominated to the Planning Commission by Mayor Breed and am deeply committed to ensuring the vitality of San Francisco as a vibrant place for people of all ages to live, work and visit,” said Sue Diamond. “I look forward to working with the Commission to carry out the Mayor’s vision of building more housing in all neighborhoods.”

Diamond has a J.D. from Harvard Law School, a Master of City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.S. from Stanford University. She lives in San Francisco.

The San Francisco Planning Commission consists of seven commissioners appointed by the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors, and Commissioners serve four-year terms. Mayor Breed’s appointment of Diamond is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission oversees the Planning Department, which plays a central role in guiding the growth and development of the City. The Department works with other City agencies and the community to help balance the needs of residents, businesses, and civic leaders to protect the environment and historical resources, create inspiring and livable urban spaces, cultivate neighborhood resilience, and enforce good land use practices. The Commission is also responsible for the stewardship and maintenance of San Francisco’s General Plan.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF TRANS HOUSING SUBSIDY PROGRAM

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of a new program to provide low-income transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people with housing subsidies. Our Trans Home SF will soon begin providing housing subsidies as part of a two-year pilot program. Beginning next month, at least 55 households will receive a monthly subsidy to help pay their rent.

“The ongoing housing crisis in our City continues to impact our most marginalized communities, including members of our trans community who are eighteen times more likely to experience homelessness,” said Mayor Breed. “Meanwhile, the community continues to be under constant attack by the Federal Administration which is attempting to legalize discrimination and erase transgender people. The Our Trans Home SF program is a vital step forward in ensuring our trans community is housed, safe, and can thrive in San Francisco. As
we work to end homeless in our City, we must also work to keep people housed and this program will help us do just that.”

Transgender and gender non-conforming people are eighteen times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population. The goal of this housing subsidies pilot program is to close the gap between the amount of rent a landlord charges and what a household can afford. Housing stability case managers will provide assistance with the initial housing search and landlord recruitment. They will also work to ensure households have the support they need and are connected to community resources so they can stabilize and maintain housing.

“This year we learned that one out of two transgender San Franciscans have experienced homelessness,” said Clair Farley, Director of the Office of Transgender Initiatives. “We are grateful to Mayor Breed and the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development for their steadfast commitment to support trans led programs and their partnership to help end trans homelessness. The innovative Our Trans Home SF housing program will bring us closer to our goal and ensure that our trans community has a safe place to call home.”

The Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) issued a Request for Proposals for providers to operate the housing subsidy pilot program and received proposals from providers on September 20, 2019. MOHCD reviewed the proposals and has awarded $1.15 million annually for two years to St. James Infirmary and Larkin Street Youth Services. St. James Infirmary will manage the referral process and provide the housing stability case management. Larkin Street Youth Services will administer the housing subsidies to low-income TGNC San Franciscans.

“MOHCD has long recognized the strength and resilience of the transgender community as it has dealt with years of continuous oppression, and we are eager to lend our support through the provision of this unique program designed to provide the community much-needed housing stability,” said Brian Cheu, Director of Community Development, MOHCD.

“St. James Infirmary is honored to be the leader in the Our Trans Home SF initiative partnering with Larkin Street Youth Services to find housing for transgender and gender non-conforming individuals,” said Toni Newman, Executive Director of St. James. “As a trans-led nonprofit, we are excited to provide housing to a very marginalized community in San Francisco. Housing is a key component for transgender people living in San Francisco to be whole and able to flourish and thrive. Our mission at St. James Infirmary is to provide nonjudgmental health, social, behavioral and housing services to the TGNC community.”

“We are thrilled to be in partnership with St. James Infirmary to support the administration of housing subsidies for transgender individuals, including young people,” said Sherilyn Adams, Executive Director of Larkin Street Youth Services. “We are grateful that Mayor Breed has prioritized this population when, quite literally, their lives are at risk every day.”

The City budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21 includes $2 million for trans housing subsidies and $300,000 for trans housing stability case management. The program is projected to serve at least 55 households and provide $560,000 in direct financial assistance per year. These investments will prevent eviction and stabilize tenancies for some of the City’s most vulnerable residents.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF HOUSING AND THE EL RIO BAR THROUGH THE CITY’S SMALL SITES PROGRAM

Eight residential homes in the Mission-Bernal Heights neighborhood will remain permanently affordable as part of this effort

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the acquisition and preservation of 3156-3158 Mission Street as part of the City’s Small Sites Program. The acquired properties are two mixed-use buildings with eight apartments and two commercial spaces occupied by El Rio, which is a bar and cornerstone business that has served the local Latino and LGBTQ communities since 1978. The bar and patio occupy one commercial space, and a community meeting space occupies the other.

“As we work to build more housing, we also have to use programs like Small Sites to keep tenants stable in their neighborhoods,” said Mayor Breed. “The fact that this acquisition also comes with the preservation of El Rio, which is an incredible part of our City’s LGBTQ and Latino nightlife, makes it even more special. We know the challenges that many bars and
restaurants face to stay open, but it is places like El Rio that draw people together and make our communities and our City unique. I’m proud that we have found a solution to support El Rio, as well as the tenants who live in the building.”

The apartments at 3156-3158 Mission St. currently serve low- to moderate-income households with a building-wide average of 55% of Area Median Income. Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) moved expeditiously to acquire the property and preserve it as permanently affordable housing. The acquisition was financed with an $8.6 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 December 2020 following the completion of critical repairs and upgrades.

“We don’t need more evictions, and the Small Sites acquisition program is an incredibly effective way of keeping people in their homes,” said Senator Scott Wiener. “Ensuring that El Rio can continue to exist is a big win for the LGBTQ and Latino communities and for our city’s cultural heart. Today’s move is a big win for San Francisco.”

“I am a huge fan of our affordable Small Sites program. With the addition of the apartments over El Rio, we have been able to protect over 200 households in my District that were facing eviction, but are now safe and stable in affordable homes,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “This particular purchase by MEDA, though, is an extra-special win, because we’ve been able to pair small sites with our Legacy Business program to protect the much-beloved El Rio dive bar. Cannot wait to celebrate with my community!”

“Bars and clubs like El Rio are sacred spaces for queer people,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “They’re places where we come together with chosen family, raise funds for important organizations and create a stronger and more vibrant LGBTQ community. I’ve been to dozens of fundraisers, dance parties and drag shows at El Rio and am looking forward to many more community events to come thanks to this purchase through the City’s Small Sites Program.”

The rehabilitation plan includes approximately $800,000 in crucial repairs to the building including seismic retrofitting and strengthening, updating electrical and building systems and additional exterior renovations and improvements.

“Preserving affordable housing and a key cultural landmark simultaneously represents a major accomplishment in our efforts to prevent displacement and maintain neighborhood vibrancy,” said Dan Adams, Acting Director of the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. “Thank you to the SFHAF and MEDA for your continued partnership in helping to expand our acquisition programs to serve more low and moderate income households in neighborhoods throughout San Francisco.”

“We’re proud to partner with MEDA on another critical small sites acquisition in the Mission, protecting affordability for the building’s residents and a legacy business in El Rio, an important asset for the neighborhood and the LGBTQ community,” said Rebecca Foster, CEO of the SFHAF. “The Housing Accelerator Fund was created to make important projects exactly like this a reality.”

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 address gaps in and 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 $109 million to fund the preservation and construction of 433 permanently affordable units in San Francisco.

“El Rio is a legacy business, so this Small Sites Program purchase aligns with MEDA’s cultural placekeeping strategy for the Mission/Bernal Heights,” said Johnny Oliver, MEDA Associate Director of Community Real Estate. “El Rio promotes diversity, which is a value that San Francisco has long touted, and remains a communal meeting ground. This purchase will also keep in place the longtime tenants in the apartments above El Rio—tenants vulnerable to displacement.”

“El Rio would like to thank MEDA, their staff and board for their willingness to invest in our business and buildings as one of their commercial spaces serving the community,” said Dawn Huston, owner of El Rio. “We are humbled and immensely grateful for this opportunity.”

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. Over $83 million of City funds have been committed for acquisition and preservation programs, and over 500 households have been stabilized to date. Last month, MOHCD issued a $40.5 million Notice of Funding Availability for future Small Sites Program acquisitions and capacity building grants, which is part of Mayor Breed’s strategy to prevent displacement and expand the City’s affordable housing preservation pipeline.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE MORE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Introduced by Mayor London Breed and Supervisor Aaron Peskin, legislation will expand publicly accessible electric vehicle charging in all large commercial parking facilities throughout San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — The Board of Supervisors today voted unanimously to approve legislation to expand the number of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in San Francisco parking facilities. Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Aaron Peskin introduced the legislation on July 16, 2019. Supervisors Rafael Mandelman, Ahsha Safai, Vallie Brown, and Hillary Ronen are co-sponsors. The legislation requires commercial parking lots and garages with more than 100 parking spaces to install EV charging stations in at least 10 percent of the parking spaces and is the first requirement of its kind in the nation.

The City has a goal of achieving 100 percent emission-free ground transportation by 2040. Increasing access to EV charging is part of the City’s strategy to reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions, which account for 46 percent of the City’s overall emissions.
Seventy-one percent of the City’s transportation emissions come from private cars and trucks. In addition to increasing charging stations on privately owned land, the City has invited EV charging station providers to submit proposals to deploy EV charging stations at up to 38 municipal parking facilities that are accessible to the public. The City is in the process of evaluating the proposals received from interested EV charging providers.

“In order to meet our climate goals and improve the air we breathe, we need to reduce our dependence on private vehicles and get people onto transit, bikes, and sidewalks,” said Mayor Breed. “However, we know there will still be some people who will continue to have their own car, and for those people we want to make it as convenient as possible for them to transition to an electric vehicle. Even as the Trump administration threatens to revoke California’s emissions waiver under the Clean Air Act, we continue to do our part to reduce emissions and clean our air.”

Parking facility owners would be required to install the EV charging stations by January 1, 2023 and will be encouraged to work with EV charging providers to do so. The ordinance will apply to approximately 300 commercial parking facilities throughout the City. Mayor Breed’s approach to electrifying transportation is designed to work in concert with San Francisco’s longstanding Transit First policy. The City recognizes that the best way to reduce congestion and emissions from the transportation sector is to get people out of cars, and onto public transit, bikes or sidewalks.

“The path to an emissions-free future is by electrifying our private sector cars and trucks,” said Debbie Raphael, Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment. “By making charging more readily accessible, we will promote even greater EV adoption, which will reduce emissions, improve air quality, lower asthma rates, and create a more livable city for all.”

In July, Mayor Breed also unveiled an EV Roadmap that sets a goal of 100 percent emission-free ground transportation by 2040. The Roadmap lays out a plan for the City to reduce the financial and information barriers that are preventing people from adopting EV technologies. The Roadmap offers solutions and actions the City can take to electrify private sector transportation, decrease total vehicle miles traveled, reduce gasoline- and diesel-powered cars on the road, and increase adoption of zero emission vehicles.

San Francisco has successfully reduced its greenhouse gas emissions 36 percent below 1990 levels and has a goal of being a net zero emissions city by 2050. The City in 2017 passed legislation requiring all parking spaces in new construction and major renovation projects be “EV-ready,” and is currently transitioning its municipal passenger sedan fleet to be 100 percent zero-emissions by 2022. The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency has a goal to reach an all-electric fleet by 2035 and is implementing bus “green zones” to reduce emissions in neighborhoods with high concentrations of low-income households and people of color.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESIDENT NORMAN YEE ANNOUNCE DISTRIBUTION OF $30 MILLION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

San Francisco will distribute more than $30 million over the next three years to approximately 2,500 educators at city-funded family childcare and early education centers to retain educators

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, along with Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee and the Office of Early Care and Education (OECE), today announced the distribution of $32.9 million in funding over the next three years to support early childhood educators in San Francisco. Approximately 2,500 educators who work directly with children will be eligible to apply for a stipend of approximately $4,000 per calendar year. OECE expects to issue the first stipends by the end of the year. The stipend program will strengthen the City’s childcare system by increasing retention and attracting high-quality educators.

“We know that San Francisco is an expensive place to live, and we need to make sure that our educators have the financial support necessary to continue living and working in our City.
When it comes to paying rent and monthly bills, every dollar counts,” said Mayor Breed. “While these stipends won’t solve all of our affordability challenges, they will certainly make it easier for our early childhood educators to afford living in San Francisco so that they can continue educating the next generation. We also know that many families in San Francisco depend on having access to affordable and high-quality childcare, and this stipend will help recruit and retain the providers that we need to keep offering the services that so many working families depend on.”

The new stipends program, CARES 2.0 (Compensation and Retention Early Educator Stipend), is designed to support early educators by recognizing their value and acknowledging the reality of economic challenges in one of the most expensive areas to live in the country. Funding for the stipend program is from the Fiscal Year 2017-18 and 2018-19 Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund, and was allocated in the City budget process. The program builds on the City’s long-term commitment and investments to support this critical workforce, including a previous early educator stipend program by the same name.

“Our early educators are critical not only to the growth and development of our City’s youngest children, but allow working and middle income families the ability to stay in San Francisco,” said President Norman Yee. “A vast majority of our early educators are women and women of color who are disproportionately underpaid and undervalued. CARES 2.0 sends a strong message that we are committed to supporting and sustaining our child care providers so that they can continue providing high quality early care and education to the families they serve.”

Research clearly demonstrates that children benefit significantly from stable and long-term relationships with teachers. Unfortunately, inadequate compensation in the early care and education field has created high rates of teacher turnover, and has made it difficult to hire qualified employees. Over the last two years, early education programs across San Francisco experienced educator turnover at an average rate of 75%.

“We are investing in our ECE teachers, and in return, we are providing educational opportunities for our children to participate in consistent high quality early childhood education experiences,” said Ingrid Mezquita, Executive Director of the Office of Early Care and Education.

On average, San Francisco’s early educators earn $19.37 per hour, or approximately $40,000 per year. According to the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment at UC Berkeley, 48% of early educators rely on one or more government assistance programs, 75% worry about paying monthly bills, and 54% worry about putting food on the table. In San Francisco, 92% of the early childhood education workforce are women; 83% are women of color.

OECE is now accepting applications for the stipend program. Early educators are eligible to apply for CARES 2.0 if they meet all of the following criteria:

- They are employed at a licensed family childcare or center-based program in San Francisco, funded by OECE’s Early Learning Scholarship (ELS) or Preschool For All (PFA) initiatives;
- They work directly with young children (up to five years old) for a minimum of 20 hours per week; and
They have an up-to-date Early Care and Education Workforce Registry Account.

The criteria for CARES 2.0 were developed by OECE in collaboration with the San Francisco Child Care Planning and Advisory Council (CPAC) and First 5 San Francisco. Through a series of roundtables and workgroup sessions, over 200 participants, including the San Francisco Child Care Providers’ Association and Family Child Care Association of San Francisco, provided direct feedback on the stipend program and educator eligibility criteria. This inclusive process, designed to elevate the voices of early learning educators, allowed for early educators to contribute to the development of the eligibility criteria.

“Young children thrive and learn best when they have secure and positive relationships,” said Esperanza Estrada, family childcare educator. “This teacher stipend allows me to stay in teaching and maintain positive relationships with the children in my care. It’s hard to stay in this profession when you struggle to make an adequate living.”

“Wages for early education teachers do not meet the high cost of living in the Bay Area,” said Lisa Pascasio, infant/toddler teacher at Compass Children’s Center. “The teacher stipend acknowledges this economic challenge and makes a step towards bridging the gap. It is important for early childhood educators to be recognized for the essential work they are doing in laying the foundation for children’s school readiness and continued educational success.”

In August, Mayor Breed announced $10 million in stipends for educators at San Francisco Unified School District high-potential schools. Those stipends will provide additional financial support to educators who work in SFUSD schools that serve underserved communities and experience significant teacher turnover. Nearly all of San Francisco’s high-potential schools are in the Bayview, Mission and southeastern neighborhoods.

OECE is responsible for organizing local, state, and federal funding while administering and supporting programs to improve access to high-quality care and education for children up to five years old. Additionally, the office is tasked with addressing the needs of early care and education work and building the capacity of the early care and education system. As one of the Departments within the San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA), OECE connects families and children to HSA’s larger network of supportive services dedicated to helping San Franciscans achieve their full potential through all stages of life.

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You are cordially invited to join Mayor London N. Breed at a performance by the 1st Marine Division Band as a part of the 2019 San Francisco Fleet Week celebration.

**1st Marine Division Band**  
Thursday, October 10, 2019  
12:00pm – 12:30pm (Please arrive early)  
San Francisco City Hall – Rotunda

For information on other free concerts in San Francisco during Fleet Week this year, please click here or visit https://fleetweeksf.org/band.

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.

Thank you,
Kanishka

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING CONSERVATORSHIP IN SAN FRANCISCO

Following the signing of Senate Bill 40 into law, San Francisco has a new tool to move forward with providing intensive treatment to people most in need of behavioral health care.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, along with Senator Scott Wiener and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, today announced the next steps for implementing a strengthened conservatorship program in San Francisco. With Senate Bills (SB) 40 and 1045 now in law, San Francisco will be able to better treat people suffering from severe mental illness and substance use issues, and provide them with permanent supportive housing. The Office of the Public Conservator in the Department of Aging and Adult Services, the Department of Public Health, and City Attorney Dennis Herrera are key partners in implementing conservatorship.

“We are moving forward to implement SB 1045 and SB 40 to help our most vulnerable residents. Conservatorship allows us to provide the wraparound services needed to stabilize...
people suffering from severe mental health and substance use issues, and help them begin their recovery to get their lives back on track,” said Mayor Breed. “We cannot allow people on our streets who are suffering to continue cycling in and out of our hospitals and the criminal justice system without getting the help they need. Allowing them to deteriorate on our streets when they are incapable of caring for themselves is not humane.”

San Francisco’s Office of the Public Conservator manages the city’s conserved population. However the type of conservatorship offered under SB 1045 and SB 40 serves a new and distinct population of individuals who, as a result of both a serious mental illness and a substance use disorder, fall through the cracks of San Francisco’s existing programs. These individuals often have multiple visits to psychiatric emergency services in psychosis and under the influence of drugs, yet once the drugs clear their system and they improve, they are ineligible for acute psychiatric care, or conservatorship. If they do not accept voluntary services, the cycle often begins again.

SB 1045, authored by Senator Wiener, addresses the gaps in the current system and creates a five-year pilot program allowing for strengthened conservatorship laws that focus on providing housing and wraparound services for people suffering from serious mental health and substance use.

“It’s neither compassionate nor progressive to allow seriously addicted and mentally ill people to continue to die on our streets,” said Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), who authored SB 40. “Last year, I authored Senate Bill 1045 to create a new conservatorship program focused on providing supportive housing and wraparound services for those who can’t care for themselves. SB 40 builds on these changes so that more people can get the help they need. I thank the Governor for signing this legislation, which will save lives.”

“SB 40’s passage will allow San Francisco to effectively and successfully implement the expanded conservatorship program authorized under SB 1045,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “As the methamphetamine epidemic continues to threaten the lives of far too many people living on our streets, this critical program will allow us to intervene with lifesaving care and services. With SB 40 now in place, we can better provide the sickest and most vulnerable San Franciscans with the help they need.”

“The hardship on our streets is an all-hands-on-deck situation,” said City Attorney Dennis Herrera. “Our office is glad to do our part. We have brought more than 100 new conservatorship cases since this responsibility was transferred to our office in January. We are currently working with stakeholders to implement the new type of conservatorships authorized in Senate Bill 40. We welcome this new tool to help people suffering from mental illness and substance abuse to turn their lives around. We will ensure that our implementation follows the law, including due process.”

On Wednesday, October 2, Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 40 (Wiener) into law. SB 40 makes technical amendments to SB 1045, and strengthens San Francisco’s conservatorship program. Under SB 1045, which was signed by Governor Brown in September 2018, County officials must go before a judge to prove that an individual is in need of conservatorship. Provided there are no other viable alternatives, the individual can be placed under conservatorship for six months, with the ability to petition monthly for a hearing for release. The law requires the court to constantly monitor cases to ensure that an individual needs to remain conserved.
As a result of SB 1045 and SB 40, there is a path for the City to petition a court for a short-term conservatorship in order to provide them the treatment they need and deserve. In order to qualify for conservatorship, an individual must be dual-diagnosed with a serious mental illness and with a substance use disorder, and have been brought to the psychiatric emergency room at least eight times in a 12-month period under an involuntary “5150” emergency hold. A 5150 hold is issued to individuals who present an immediate danger to themselves or others, or are gravely disabled and unable to provide for their basic needs. At the end of the conservatorship process, these individuals are guaranteed permanent, clinically-appropriate housing.

The City will now begin working to petition the courts to conserve people who are eligible. The City estimates that there between 50 and 100 individuals in San Francisco who currently meet the criteria for conservatorship. This population will expand over time as more individuals are put under a 5150 hold for the eighth time.

**Housing Conservatorship Working Group**

Mayor Breed and Supervisor Mandelman introduced legislation at the Board of Supervisors to implement SB 1045 and strengthen the City’s conservatorship program. On June 11, 2019, the Board of Supervisors voted to implement Senate Bill 1045. The law requires that San Francisco establish a working group to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of conservatorship.

In compliance with the law, the City has a “Housing Conservatorship Working Group,” which is a 12-person body charged with assessing the effectiveness of the new conservatorship to meet the needs of the people that qualify for the program, and to advise the State Legislature and the Board of Supervisors on our implementation efforts. The Mayor is responsible for three of the seats on the Working Group, and she has appointed Simon Pang, Captain of the San Francisco Fire Department’s EMS-6 Team and representative of a labor union; Rachel Rodriguez; co-founder and director of the Community Payee Partnership; and Kelly Dearman, Executive Director of the San Francisco In Home Supportive Services Public Authority.

The Working Group is comprised of representatives from City agencies and departments, disability rights advocacy groups, labor unions, organizations providing direct services to homeless individuals, and employees of Behavioral Health Services and a San Francisco hospital. The Working Group will have its first meeting on October 21, and will submit a report on the conservatorship program to the State Legislature by January 1, 2021.

**Ongoing Behavioral Health Initiatives and Investments**

Conservatorship is one of the tools at the City’s disposal to address the behavioral health crises on our streets. To help those in need of mental health and substance use treatment, Mayor Breed has designated $100 million over two years to fund 100 new treatment beds, for a total of 212 new behavioral health beds since becoming Mayor.

In addition to conservatism, Mayor Breed has launched a new initiative to help the approximately 4,000 people who are experiencing homelessness, mental health care, and substance use disorder in San Francisco. Mayor Breed has announced several elements of the initiative, and will be releasing additional details over the coming weeks. The initiative will begin with connecting the 230 most vulnerable people with care coordinators to provide them with care that meets their health needs and the appropriate level of housing to help them get off the street. City agencies will work together to streamline housing and healthcare to make it
more straightforward for those 230 people to be connected to shelter and permanent supportive housing.

The City is also expanding the hours of the Behavioral Health Access Center, which is a centralized location for drop-in behavioral health care services and is partnering with Tipping Point Community to open 15 new Hummingbird psychiatric respite beds. Last month, Mayor Breed announced the Department of Public Health is creating a real-time inventory of treatment beds, which will allow potential clients and service providers to search for availability of beds.

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All Interested Parties,

The SF Office Development Annual Limitation Program tracking sheet, as of September 19, 2019, is attached. It will be available on our website shortly (https://sfplanning.org/office-development-annual-limitation-program). Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Hello Commission Secretaries,

Please distribute the attached City Attorney advice to your commissioners as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Kanishka

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF SUZY LOFTUS TO SERVE AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Loftus has over a decade of experience in San Francisco law enforcement, including serving previously as a prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced she will appoint Suzy Loftus to serve as District Attorney (DA) for the City and County of San Francisco. Mayor Breed made the announcement in Chinatown’s Portsmouth Square surrounded by community advocates, justice reformers, civic leaders and families.

Loftus, who currently serves as Legal Counsel for San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy, has over a decade of experience in San Francisco law enforcement. She will serve for the remainder of the current term, following District Attorney George Gascón’s resignation on October 18. District Attorney Gascón announced yesterday he would vacate the office months early to move to Los Angeles, where he intends to run for DA.
Loftus served as a prosecutor in the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office from 2005 to 2010, where she focused on prosecution of domestic violence, elder abuse and illegal firearms cases, and helped to build the Neighborhood DA program. In 2012, she was appointed to serve on the Police Commission, where she was elected by her colleagues to serve as President. While on the Police Commission, Loftus centered a community approach and improved the Police Department’s response to domestic violence against women and children, reformed the Department’s use of force policies, instituted body-worn cameras, and increased pedestrian safety on the streets.

Previously, Loftus helped to build the Center for Youth Wellness in San Francisco’s Bayview neighborhood, which serves youth impacted by violence and trauma. In her service as a Special Assistant Attorney General under then-Attorney General Kamala Harris, she led a statewide initiative in partnership with Stanford University to provide implicit bias training to law enforcement across California.

“There is no more qualified person to serve as District Attorney than Suzy Loftus,” said Mayor Breed. “I hear from residents every day who are frustrated by the endless cycle of people getting arrested for dealing drugs, or breaking into cars, only to be released back out on the streets. With Suzy, I have a partner who can make sure that people are held accountable for their actions and who will continue our work to reform our criminal justice system.”

“It is the honor of my life to serve as the people’s prosecutor,” said Suzy Loftus. “I’m ready to tackle our public safety challenges head on. I’m going to build a world-class law office with prosecutors who will work together with law enforcement, community advocates and City Hall leaders to shape solutions that hold people accountable and get San Franciscans struggling with mental health and drug abuse challenges the help they need. Working together with Mayor Breed, the Police Department, and the community, we can tackle the challenges and achieve safety and justice for the people of San Francisco. Change starts now, and I am ready to get to work.”

“Suzy Loftus is the leader San Francisco needs. She is the most qualified person to make our community safe,” said Florence Kong, a Chinatown community leader who spoke at the press conference. “She has stood with us for many years. We have seen an unacceptable rise in crime and violence impacting the lives of residents and small business corridors in Chinatown and Visitacion Valley, and Suzy has met and listened to the community. She will work with us to address the safety concerns of our merchants, seniors, and residents.”

“I know Suzy Loftus is the best person to address the challenges of our City,” said Tami Carter, a westside resident who spoke at the press conference. “Her kids attend the same San Francisco public schools as mine and our eldest daughters were on the same soccer team for six years. I’ve watched as Suzy has worked tirelessly to build a better San Francisco for all of us, no matter the zip code, and her efforts have been an inspiration. Suzy’s experience will ensure that the District Attorney’s office fulfills its mission of ensuring a safe and just San Francisco.”

“We deserve a DA’s office in San Francisco who is truly progressive and committed to building safety for all of us, no matter the zip code,” said Tinisch Hollins, California State Director, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice. “Suzy’s guiding principle is lifting up survivors, and she will ensure a survivor-centered approach to achieving justice. Real and lasting change is going to be built from the ground up, and Suzy has walked this walk her
entire career.”

“I trust Suzy Loftus to be a District Attorney who will stand with and fight for working people in San Francisco. The Labor Community needs a champion,” said Olga Miranda, President of SEIU Local 87 and Officer of the San Francisco Labor Council. “So many crimes against hard working people—particularly women—go unnoticed and unreported. We need to build a system that takes care of everyone. Suzy is the leader that will bring light to the invisible—we need to make sure everyone is protected.”

Loftus is a first generation American and native San Franciscan who lives in the Outer Sunset with her husband Tom and her three daughters. She will serve the remainder of the current term through January 2020, and is running for election for a full term in the November 5 election. She will be the first mother to serve as San Francisco’s District Attorney.

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*** STATEMENT***
MAYOR LONDON N. BREED ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SENDING NOTICE OF VIOLATION

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed issued the following statement in reaction to the Environmental Protection Agency’s decision to issue a Notice of Violation to The City and County of San Francisco.

“The Environmental Protection Agency has been systematically dismantled and politicized under this current administration. The notice of violation issued today contained a series of mischaracterizations, inaccuracies and falsehoods, and is the latest example of the Trump administration’s attack on our city and our state. San Francisco has a combined sewer system, one of the best and most effective in the country, that ensures that all debris that flow into storm drains are filtered out at the city’s wastewater treatment plants. No debris flow out into the Bay or the Ocean. In fact, the EPA recently awarded San Francisco the largest, merit-based award it has under its competitive loan program for water infrastructure.
The notice of violation flies in the face of years of good faith discussions convened between the City and the EPA. Like other cities across the country, San Francisco has been grappling with issues related to aging infrastructure. We have been working with the EPA to confront these challenges, many of which are currently being addressed by the Sewer System Improvement Program, a multibillion dollar effort that represents one of the largest infrastructure projects of its kind in the country.

President Trump’s sudden concern for California’s environment is ironic considering he is undercutting the state’s ambitious vehicle emission standards and climate change plans. While the federal administration wastes its energy on political fights, San Francisco will continue to be a national leader in pushing environmental initiatives like achieving 100% renewable energy, electrifying our transportation sector, and keeping our bay and ocean clean, while also delivering safe, reliable public services to our residents.”

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES OPENING OF FERRY LANDING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CHASE CENTER

New Mission Bay Interim Ferry Landing will expand public water transit and reduce congestion for Warriors games and special events at Chase Center

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the opening of the new Mission Bay Interim Ferry Landing at Pier 48 ½ and the launch of ferry service to Chase Center. The new landing will add public water transit to the transportation options in the Mission Bay neighborhood, further reducing the need to drive and easing congesting in the area. Ferry service will be available to and from Oakland, Alameda and Larkspur beginning on October 5, 2019—in time for the first Warriors pre-season game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

“Taking the ferry to the Chase Center is a beautiful and efficient way to get to a Warriors game or concert,” said Mayor Breed. “Providing ferry service to Mission Bay is part of our overall strategy to provide as many transit options as possible so that people don’t need to rely on cars to get to and from the area.”
The San Francisco Bay Ferry and Golden Gate Ferry companies will offer direct trips to and from Pier 48 ½ from three Bay Area cities before and after Warriors games and special events at Chase Center. San Francisco Bay Ferry will offer trips between San Francisco and Oakland, and San Francisco and Alameda. Golden Gate Ferry will serve North Bay customers with trips between San Francisco and Larkspur. Tickets are available on a reservation basis at [www.sanfranciscobayferry.com](http://www.sanfranciscobayferry.com) and [www.goldengate.org](http://www.goldengate.org).

“Expanding ferry service is one of the quickest and most cost-efficient ways we can reduce congestion in the Bay Area,” said Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco). “I am thrilled Warriors fans will be able to utilize this pleasant and effective transportation option to get to the game.”

The Interim Ferry Landing at Pier 48 ½ will consist of one temporary float, loaned by the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Agency (WETA). The interim ferry landing will be operational from October 5, 2019 until the permanent Mission Bay Ferry Landing is completed in 2021.

“We chose the Mission Bay location for our new home largely because of the beauty of the area and the transit-rich infrastructure that already existed here,” said Warriors President and Chief Operating Officer Rick Welts. “This new ferry service brings those two qualities together. In addition to walking or taking a train, bus, taxi, rideshare or bicycle to Chase Center, now fans will have the option of getting here by way of a beautiful Bay cruise.”

“Golden Gate Ferry provides first-class transportation for fans of all sorts to cross the Bay to the sparkling new sports and entertainment arena while avoiding roadway congestion,” said Denis Mulligan, General Manager for the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District.

The Port of San Francisco is in the process of designing and permitting the permanent Mission Bay Ferry Landing. The Mission Bay Ferry Landing is one of the projects eligible for funding by Regional Measure 3, which increased bridge tolls across the Bay Area to pay for public transportation improvements and other projects aimed at reducing congestion. Regional Measure 3 is currently being litigated, and funds have not been awarded to eligible projects. As a result, the permanent landing will not be completed until at least 2021.

“I would like to thank our City partners, the Warriors and our ferry operators for working together to create an interim ferry landing and service that will meet the needs of fans and the neighborhood,” said Elaine Forbes, Executive Director of the Port of San Francisco. “The Port is committed to expanding and promoting water transit and looking forward to the opening of the permanent Mission Bay Ferry Landing and the expansion of the Downtown Ferry Terminal.”

Ferry ridership has grown significantly in recent years and is expected to continue growing. Both the new Mission Bay terminal and the expanded Downtown Ferry Terminal will connect San Francisco residents and regional commuters to housing, jobs, and communities along the northern and southern waterfront. The permanent Mission Bay Ferry Landing will have capacity for daily ferry commuting to and from the Mission Bay neighborhood, one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in San Francisco, as well as the Dogpatch, Potrero Hill, Pier 70, and the Central Waterfront neighborhoods.
The Mission Bay Ferry Landing will be able to berth two ferry boats simultaneously and may include a nearby water taxi landing. The permanent ferry landing will have the capacity to carry up to approximately 6,000 passengers per day and will sit within a half mile of approximately 11,000 new homes, seven million square feet of new office and commercial space, over one million square feet of new retail space, and 70 acres of public open space. The ongoing Downtown Ferry Terminal Expansion will also add ferry capacity, improve pedestrian circulation and improve regional emergency management and response.

“There’s huge momentum for expanded ferry service in the Bay Area, and, we’re leaning into that by offering ferry rides from Oakland and Alameda to Chase Center for Warriors games as well as concerts,” said WETA Executive Director Nina Rannells. “While we continue to work with the Port of San Francisco on a permanent ferry solution to serve Chase Center and the broader Mission Bay, we’re so glad for the collaborative efforts to make event service possible now.”

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All, please take a few minutes to read the attached memo from the City Attorney’s office about the prohibition on the use of city resources for any ballot related item. This included both candidates and any measures that are on the ballot. As we approach the November election, it is important that you have this information. Please do let me know of any questions.

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*** STATEMENT ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ON FEDERAL COURT RULING ON PLANNED SAFE INJECTION SITE

San Francisco, CA — A U.S. District Judge today ruled against a Justice Department lawsuit to stop a planned safe injection site in Philadelphia, stating that the site does not violate federal drug laws.

“This ruling is a big deal for public health and addressing the drug crisis that we see every day on our streets. Safe injection sites save lives. They help prevent overdoses, reduce public drug use, prevent the spread of disease, and connect people to medical care that can help treat their addiction. We will be working with the City Attorney to understand what this ruling means for San Francisco because we need one or more of these sites in our city.”
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR VALLIE BROWN CELEBRATE GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW MAXINE HALL HEALTH CENTER

The new health center in the Western Addition will have more patient exam rooms and will be seismically safe

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, along with Supervisor Vallie Brown and City officials, today broke ground on renovations at the Maxine Hall Health Center. Following construction, the building will be seismically safe and will make room for larger exam rooms, seven additional patient rooms, and an accessible patient group meeting room.

“This renovation will allow the Maxine Hall Health Center to continue serving thousands of people in the Western Addition for decades to come,” said Mayor Breed. “People rely on this health center for medical care and to get access to other resources, like food, shelter, clothing and transportation. We want to make sure it’s designed to keep meeting the needs of the community. Not only will the new facility have an expanded clinic with additional patient rooms, but it will also be seismically safe and will be able to provide refuge in the event of an
Once the building updates are complete, patients will be able to receive primary care, such as regular check-ups, behavioral health care, short-term counseling, and other medical services including lab testing in one location. Co-location of services will enable Maxine Hall health care providers and staff to serve the whole patient. The remodel also will improve accessibility for patients with disabilities by adding an elevator, curb ramps and updating existing ramps.

“Over 50 years ago, Maxine Hall Health Center started out at as radical idea—to locate community health services directly in the neighborhoods that needed them most,” said Supervisor Vallie Brown. “For so many families, elders and youth, Maxine Hall has been there; keeping their doors open through thick and thin, and providing more than just basic health care services. From fresh groceries to a prenatal care check-up or access to a warm bed, the Health Center has not only treated illnesses, but the whole person. The renovation of the new Maxine Hall Health Center preserves a tremendous asset for Western Addition residents and the surrounding neighborhood. Today, we’re making an investment in the health and future of our community for years to come.”

Maxine Hall Health Center, located at 1301 Pierce St., provides care to nearly 4,000 patients and has served the Western Addition for more than 50 years. The clinic offers prenatal care, women’s health services, counseling, and support services. Most Maxine Hall patients reside nearby – 23% in the Western Addition and Japantown; followed by 11% in Hayes Valley, the Tenderloin, and North of Market.

The clinic was renamed after Maxine Hall, a community activist in the Fillmore District who was killed by a stray bullet in 1993. Today, the Maxine Hall staff work in the spirit of the clinic’s namesake and have lead efforts to achieve a 66% rate of controlled hypertension for Black/African American patients.

“This remodel is going to help us improve patient care by giving us more room for mental health and substance use disorder services, group therapy, and other health services,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “It’s also going to make our building safer in an earthquake and more accessible for patients with disabilities.”

Construction for the remodel will start in late 2019. Starting on November 5, Maxine Hall Health Center will move its services during construction to 1181 Golden Gate Ave., near the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center. The clinic will be closed November 1st through the 4th for the move. During the remodel, Westside Community Services, which shares the Maxine Hall building, will continue to serve its patients on Pierce Street in both a temporary clinic and in part of the existing building.

“Public Works is proud to be a part of this next step in safeguarding our City,” said Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. “In collaboration with our private contractors, the project team will design a first-class facility that will protect patients and residents when the next big one hits.”

The Maxine Hall remodel, totaling $14 million, was mainly funded by the 2016 Public Health and Safety Bond (Prop A). The Mayor’s Office on Disability also contributed $1.2 million for the elevator and other accessibility improvements. San Francisco Public Works is providing project management and design for the remodel. The Department of Public Health is leasing
the site for the temporary clinic at 1181 Golden Gate Avenue from the City’s Real Estate Division. Prop A is also helping to fund capital improvements at the Castro-Mission Health Center, the Southeast Health Center, and on the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus.

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*** STATEMENT ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ON SIGNING OF SENATE BILL 40

San Francisco, CA — Governor Gavin Newsom today signed Senate Bill (SB) 40, authored by Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). The bill makes amendments to strengthen Senator Wiener’s SB 1045, which allows San Francisco to conserve people suffering from serious mental illness and addiction.

“We cannot allow people on our streets who are suffering from severe mental health and addiction issues to continue cycling in and out of our hospitals and the criminal justice system without getting the help they need. Allowing them to continue to get worse when they are incapable of caring for themselves is not humane. Conservatorship allows us to provide the wraparound services needed to stabilize them and begin their recovery to get their lives back on track. We’re ready to get to work to help those most in need, and I want to thank Senator Wiener and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman for their work on this important issue.”

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