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**To:** [Flores, Veronica \(CPC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Sierra Club comments on HPC Hearing Item # 10 Standard Environmental Requirements  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:57:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Sierra Club comments on HPC Hearing Item # 10 Standard Environmental Requirements

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Commissioners,

Attached please find the Sierra Club's letter requesting a continuance for *Item 10 - Standard Environmental Requirements* at the Historic Preservation Committee hearing.

Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein

Member, Sierra Club California Executive Committee  
Chair, Sierra Club California Conservation Committee  
Board Member, SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee

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Attached please find comments written on behalf of The Hollow Revolution ("THoR"), an association of neighbors living near 1776 Green Street, San Francisco, California, concerning the proposal to "streamline" CEQA review by adopting Standard Environmental Conditions of Approval. Case No. 2020-000052PCA.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Drury directly by

email or at the phone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Re: HPC Calendars for April 15, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 13, 2020 6:28:00 PM

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Commissioners,

I failed to mention that hardcopy packets will be delivered for this remote hearing. In adherence to the Mayor's directive and authorization to reconvene remotely, no staff will be sent to the Office for any packet distribution.

Therefore, you must access the packets electronically by going to your webpage and clicking on the direct hyperlinks from the Agenda or from the Supporting Documents. Both may be accessed by following the link below:

<https://sfplanning.org/hearings-hpc>

Feel free to contact me directly if you have an issues accessing the materials.

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Commissioners,

Attached are your Calendars for April 15, 2020.

Earlier this week we were authorized to reconvene on April 15<sup>th</sup> remotely.

Therefore, the April 15<sup>th</sup> hearing will be conducted via the Microsoft Teams Live Event platform with an AT&T conference call bridge for public comment. SFGovTV will also broadcast live.

In order to provide you with some level of familiarity and comfort, we have scheduled a mock hearing event for you on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in 30 minute intervals to avoid any quorum issues.

You have the ability to download and participate MS Teams Live Events as “Presenters” without an sfgov.org email address, but it works better if you join with one. I have extended my offer to those of you without before, and I will do so again now. If you like, the Department will issue you an sfgov.org email account. It has other advantages other than keeping your personal accounts and Commissioner account separate. I think your colleagues with sfgov.org email addresses would agree.

Please sign-up (on a first come first served basis) by replying only to me with your preferred training time slot:

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

11:30-12:00; up to three Commissioners

12:00-12:30; up to three Commissioners

12:30-1:00; up to three Commissioners

You can download the MS Teams App here:

Please download here: <https://products.office.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/download-app>

You must download the app to a **computer or laptop**, mobile devices will not work for Live Event.

In conjunction with Commission President Hyland, we have added more items to the Consent Calendar. Please advise me if you intend to pull any of the items off of Consent.

As always, feel free to contact me with any issues and/or concerns.

Hope you and yours are staying healthy,

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Please see the attached letter for general public comment to the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission for Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

Thank you,  
Bridget

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Monday, April 13, 2020

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**\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\***

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FOOD ACCESS  
INITIATIVE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

*Call Center will provide those who are COVID-19-positive or awaiting test results with food deliveries while they are in isolation or quarantine; Online resource and 311 will provide information to help San Franciscans find food available to them.*

*\$1 million from Give2SF will support the City's food security programs.*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a citywide effort to help San Franciscans access food during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new effort includes providing food for people who are currently in quarantine or isolation, and providing information about food resources to people who are otherwise food insecure.

As part of this food access effort, the City's Emergency Operations Center is working to expand the capacity of existing grocery and meal providers to serve more people. Additionally, Mayor Breed identified food security as one of the three priority areas for the immediate use of the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. Today, Mayor Breed announced \$1 million in Give2SF funds will support the Human Services Agency's existing food security programs.

“Many San Franciscans are in isolation in order to protect public health, and not everyone has family or friends in the area who can help them get the food they need,” said Mayor Breed. “We want people to be able to focus on their health and safety during this time—not worrying about if and how they are going to eat. We also know that COVID-19 is already having a serious financial impact on many of our residents, and people who were struggling to afford food and other basic needs before the crisis now face even bigger challenges. These food resources are an important part of our emergency response and will help people know where they’re getting their next meal.”

“Ensuring people are fed safely and consistently during this unprecedented crisis has been at the forefront of my office’s work and that of the Emergency Operations Center,” said Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer. “My staff and I have been working closely with our community serving non-profits and City departments over the past month to make certain the City is meeting the growing need for food security. Thank you to all the volunteers, non-profit staff, and City disaster service workers who are working to prepare, distribute, and deliver food to families and individuals during this critical time.”

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 and people who are awaiting their test results need assistance obtaining food while staying safely indoors. Many people who test positive for COVID-19 have the ability to feed themselves or have family, friends, or neighbors who can assist them. Unfortunately for some, no such safety net exists. To address this need, the City has created a call center to support people who are in quarantine or isolation and are food insecure. With a referral from a health provider, a social worker will assess a family’s needs and connect them with deliveries of groceries. Additionally, the City has contracted with Off the Grid to provide prepared meals for people who are isolating or quarantining at home but who do not have access to cooking facilities.

For the public and people who may be newly food insecure, the Emergency Operation Center’s Feeding Unit has launched a [public webpage](#) on SF.gov and 311 resources to help people navigate their food options, including community providers or public benefits. The San Francisco Food Resources Map Viewer allows people to search for food resources near their location, including food provided by the San Francisco Unified School District, the Department of Disability and Aging Services, local grocery stores, and food banks. The website will be updated regularly with available resources. The website is: [www.sf.gov/get-food-resources](http://www.sf.gov/get-food-resources)

The City is also working to expand the capacity of existing providers to provide food to a larger food insecure population. The San Francisco Food Security Task Force [report](#) shows one in four residents were at risk of hunger due to low income prior to COVID-19. With the increased number of residents out of work, the number of people struggling to afford enough nutritious food will also increase. The City’s food partners have already reported a surge in demand for food. To address this growing need, the City is deploying Disaster Service Workers to support the expansion of community food providers. This includes approximately 70 librarians who have been trained and deployed in shifts to support the San Francisco-Marín Food Bank’s “pop up pantry” program that provides groceries to households in need.

The City is working to ensure feeding activities promote social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The City’s Feeding Unit is dispatching Disaster Service Workers to support community providers to establish safe and healthy feeding operations that meet the mandates of social distancing. The City is also supporting existing community feeding

providers with supplies and DSWs to help them transition from congregate feeding to grab-and-go or delivery feeding.

“Where you and your family are going to get their next meal is the last thing someone who tests positive for COVID-19 or awaiting their test results should worry about,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management. “This is why San Francisco established a Feeding Task Force in the emergency operations center to ensure people who don’t have regular access to food have a reliable source of nourishment as they recover or await the results of their test.”

“Older people and adults with disabilities experience high rates of food insecurity, and the coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated these needs. San Francisco has a variety of programs to help prevent hunger while people safely shelter in place. Our telephone helpline is now operating seven days a week to match older people and adults with disabilities with the best resources to meet their needs,” said Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director of the Department of Disability and Aging Services. “I’m grateful for the outpouring of support and creative ways our partner agencies and the community are stepping up during this difficult time. Together, we’re getting nutritious foods into the hands of those at heightened risk with prepared meals and linking hundreds of people with volunteers to help with groceries and household essentials.”

“The dramatic increase in lost wages as a result of staying home to protect the community’s public health means that there are significantly more people in need of our help,” said Paul Ash, Executive Director of San Francisco-Marin Food Bank. “As an essential service, it is critical that we are able to continue the job of making sure vulnerable neighbors get the food they need. Partnering with San Francisco to deploy disaster service workers has allowed us to continue and expand our mission.”

### **Department of Disability and Aging Services Food Resources**

In addition to this new effort to improve food security for the entire City, the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) has worked to support seniors and people with disabilities to access food. Specifically, DAS is sustaining meal support for communal dining clients by transitioning sit-down meals to takeaway meals. Almost all of the congregate meal sites have transitioned to providing takeaway meals, either as a daily hot/frozen meal or multi-day pack of meals.

DAS has expanded its telephone helpline—(415) 355-6700—which is now available seven days a week to connect seniors and adults with disabilities with City services, including food assistance. The DAS Helpline is also connecting older adults and people with disabilities with volunteers who can help them with their essential needs, including grocery support.

### **CalFresh**

San Franciscans that may be facing new financial hardships should apply for CalFresh. This program allows eligible individuals and families to purchase food at most grocery stores and select farmers markets. Benefits are uploaded onto an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card that works like a bank debit card to purchase nutritious food.

The State has authorized two emergency CalFresh payments, one of which was issued on April 12 and another to be issued on May 10. These emergency funds allow participants to receive the maximum benefit amount for their household size. For example, the maximum

benefit for a single-person household is \$194 in monthly food benefits and \$646 for a family of four. During this difficult time, the state is also waiving or postponing certain requirements to help people keep CalFresh and apply while they shelter safely at home. These programmatic changes include no face-to-face application interviews and waiving documentation to renew benefits through June 17.

CalFresh recipients in San Francisco can also take advantage of other cost saving programs to save more money, including discounted utilities and free diapers for children under age three. For more information about how to apply, contact the San Francisco Human Services Agency at [www.sfhsa.org/calfresh](http://www.sfhsa.org/calfresh)

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[2019-022450ENV-CEQA ChecklistandPTR.pdf](#)  
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Hello Josie,

Please forward the attached to the HPC Commissioners.

Thank You

Be Well

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Friday, April 10, 2020

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, [mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org)

**\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\***

**SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES TEXT TO 9-1-1 SERVICE**

*City establishes critical lifeline for people in situations where it is not possible to call 9-1-1*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed and Department of Emergency Management Executive Director Mary Ellen Carroll announced a critical tool to help people who cannot safely call 9-1-1 during the COVID-19 Stay Home Order and beyond. Text to 9-1-1 is now available in San Francisco and provides a life-saving option for people in situations, including domestic violence, where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1.

“Text to 9-1-1 is a great feature for our City’s emergency response to better serve all of our residents, but it has become even more significant during the coronavirus pandemic,” said Mayor Breed. “With people staying at home, it is a particularly difficult and dangerous time for people experiencing domestic violence. We’ve secured apartments for victims of domestic violence during this stay at home order, and now with text to 9-1-1 we’re making it easier for victims to contact the police safely as well.”

San Francisco’s Text to 9-1-1 service is intended primarily for use in three emergency scenarios:

- When someone is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1;

- When an individual is deaf, hard-of-hearing, or has a speech disability; and
- When a medical emergency arises that renders the person incapable of speaking.

“We are proud to provide a Text to 9-1-1 option for San Francisco residents and businesses with police, fire or medical emergencies,” said Mary Ellen Carrol, Executive Director, and San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. “If you can call 9-1-1, that is what you should do, but sometimes it is not safe to verbally call. This is when being able to text to 9-1-1 can become the vital link between someone in distress and the help they need. We believe this true now during this global pandemic, and beyond this public health crisis.”

In general, people with police, fire or medical emergencies should call 9-1-1 if they can and text 9-1-1 if they cannot. San Francisco public safety dispatchers are trained to receive emergency calls and text messages from their workstations. When texting 9-1-1 the initial message should be short and include the location of the emergency. The person texting should also ask for police, fire or medical assistance. The next step is to answer the dispatcher’s questions and follow the instructions of the public safety dispatcher. People are advised to keep responses short and simple.

San Francisco began live testing Text to 9-1-1 in early February to allow public safety dispatchers to receive training on the new system. Testing occurred in partnership with community providers that serve hearing and speech impaired residents and victims of domestic violence. San Francisco received 1,077 Text-to-911 messages during this period comprised of 952 tests and 125 live text messages. San Francisco dispatchers are now capable of answering calls and texts to 911 from their workstations.

As San Franciscans follow the Stay Home Order to disrupt the spread of COVID-19, the City has seen greater percentage of emergency calls related to domestic violence. Since the March 16 stay home order, 9-1-1 calls have decreased by 24% while number of domestic violence calls has remained constant. From March 17 to April 8, 2019, San Francisco had 44,461 emergency calls with 459 related to domestic violence. During the same period in 2020, San Francisco had 33,875 emergency calls with 448 related to domestic violence.

During the first week after the shelter-in-place directive, the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office saw an initial spike of a 60% increase in clients referred to its Victim Services Division compared to the same week in 2019. Mayor Breed and District Attorney Chesa Boudin yesterday announced that San Francisco has secured 20 furnished apartment units for survivors of domestic violence. The temporary homes will be donated by Veritas, and are the result of a collaboration with Mayor Breed, District Attorney Boudin, the Human Services Agency, and the City’s community-based domestic violence advocates. The City is also working to secure additional housing for survivors of domestic violence.

“Escaping domestic violence is a difficult for many reasons. COVID-19 has created a situation where victims have limited opportunities to call for help,” said Kathy Black, Executive Director, La Casa de Las Madres. “Text to 9-1-1 provides people suffering from domestic violence the opportunity to escape their abusers.”

Calls to domestic violence hotlines operated by community service organizations are becoming more complex as people stay home due to COVID-19. Victims of domestic violence have limited opportunity to safely ask for help and escape their abusers. Text to 9-1-1 combined with San Francisco’s recent initial acquisition of twenty private housing units are critical components of the City’s strategy to assist victims of domestic violence during this

global pandemic.

Domestic violence is a crime and people experiencing domestic violence should call 9-1-1 if they can and text 9-1-1 if they cannot. The following resources are also available for people experiencing domestic violence in San Francisco:

Asian Women's Shelter – 24 Hour Crisis Line  
877-751-0880

San Francisco District Attorney Victims Services  
415-553-9044

La Case de las Madres – 24 Hour Crisis Line  
877-503-1850 (adults)  
877-923-0700 (teens)  
415-200-3575 (text)

Riley Center at the St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco - 24 Hour Crisis Line  
415-225-0165

W.O.M.A.N., Inc. 24 Hour Crisis Line  
877-384-3578  
415-864-4722

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic  
415-255-0165 (Schedule Appointment)

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES DELIVERY FEE CAP  
TO SUPPORT SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANTS DURING  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

*Third-party delivery providers can charge restaurants no more than 15% commission for food delivery for the duration of the Local Emergency*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Ahsha Safaí, and Supervisor Aaron Peskin today announced a temporary limit on the commission that third-party food delivery companies can charge restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic. The cap will be in effect through the remainder of the local emergency, or until businesses are permitted to reopen for dine-in service, whichever comes first. This fee cap is part of a broader effort to support small businesses in San Francisco during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Breed issued this order as part of a Supplement to the Local Emergency Declaration she made on February 25<sup>th</sup>. All Supplemental Declarations are available at <https://sfmayor.org/mayoral-declarations-regarding-covid-19>.

“Restaurants across San Francisco are struggling to stay open. In these tough financial circumstances, every dollar counts and can make the difference between a restaurant staying open, or shuttering. It can make the difference between staying afloat or needing to lay-off staff,” said Mayor Breed. “I want to thank Supervisor Safaí and Supervisor Peskin for working with me to support our local restaurants and help them get through this difficult time.”

“We’ve listened to our restaurants and the struggles they’re facing during this unprecedented time. The high commission fees being charged to our businesses remains unchanged and that cannot continue as every dollar can mean staying open or laying-off more staff,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safaí. “For San Francisco’s rich network of mom and pop restaurants to survive, it’s imperative that we move aggressively. I applaud Mayor Breed for working with us to take swift action.”

“These corporations have refused to adjust their fees and are profiting immensely off a public health crisis while restaurants and their employees are suffering,” said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. “They are trying to undercut responsible regulation in the midst of this emergency, while also denying worker demands for basic safety gear, hazard pay and adequate sick leave. I appreciate the Mayor acting quickly to provide immediate, temporary relief for San Francisco restaurants while we continue to work on more permanent relief.”

Under the City’s Stay Home Public Health Order, restaurants are not permitted to offer dine-in service. In order to stay open, restaurants are offering take-out and delivery, and many restaurants are relying on third-party delivery services to provide that delivery.

While some delivery services have waived fees on the customer-side, delivery services continue to charge restaurants a commission. These fees typically range from 10% to 30% and can represent a significant portion of a restaurant’s revenue, especially at a time when the vast majority of sales are for delivery. This commission fee can wipe out a restaurant’s entire margin.

Mayor Breed’s Order temporarily limits the fee that delivery companies can charge to 15%. This cap on delivery fees is intended to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and will be in effect for the duration of the Local Emergency, or until restaurants are allowed to resume in-person dining. While delivery companies provide an important service and support local employment, establishing a cap on commission fees is necessary to help keep restaurants in business.

Restaurants are experiencing significant financial hardship during this time and are seeing a decline in business as a result of COVID-19 and the Stay Home Order. Of the approximately 4,000 restaurants in San Francisco, the Golden Gate Restaurant Association estimates 30% to 50% are still operating and offering food delivery. The California Employment Development Department and U.S. Department of Labor indicate that a large number of the statewide 2.3 million initial unemployment claims since March are service industry workers.

“During this time of crisis, every tool that relieves economic pressure on our San Francisco restaurant community matters,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Mayor Breed’s and the City’s leadership provides relief for the restaurants that provide essential services to our communities, jobs for our workforce, and allows this vital part of our economy and culture to function for the ongoing benefit of our city.”

“We are very appreciative of the Mayor taking action to limit the amount delivery companies can charge restaurants to 15% for the duration of the emergency order,” said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. “We have been advocating for this type of relief for the past month and we are appreciative of the progress. This move by the City will help ensure our restaurants who are staying open to deliver much needed food can continue to help keep staff on payroll in addition to giving them a better chance of keeping their doors open.”

This Supplemental Declaration is part of Mayor Breed’s ongoing efforts to support small businesses, including restaurants, during the COVID-19 pandemic. These initiatives to support small business include:

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

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**MAYOR BREED AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY BOUDIN  
ANNOUNCE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR SURVIVORS OF  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

*As part of the City's COVID-19 response, the Human Services Agency worked with property owner Veritas to secure 20 furnished apartment units for survivors of domestic violence in San Francisco*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed and District Attorney Chesa Boudin today announced that San Francisco has secured 20 furnished apartment units for survivors of domestic violence. The temporary homes will be donated by Veritas, and are the result of a collaboration with Mayor Breed, District Attorney Boudin, the Human Services Agency, and the City's community-based domestic violence advocates. The City is also working to secure additional housing for survivors of domestic violence.

Over the past weeks and months, Shelter-in-Place Orders have been issued throughout the world to slow the spread of COVID-19. While staying at home except for essential needs is important for slowing the virus, it has created a difficult and often dangerous situation for

people who are experiencing domestic violence. While many organizations have modified service delivery to provide virtual support, it is difficult for a survivor to confidentially access those resources if they reside in the same home as the abusive partner.

During the first week after the shelter-in-place directive, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office saw an initial spike of a 60% increase in clients referred to its Victim Services Division compared to the same week in 2019. In the second week, the office saw a 33% decrease in new client referrals. As we continue to monitor domestic violence cases, it is paramount for survivors to know that there are safe emergency housing options available for them, their children, and their pets during this crisis.

"While staying home except for essential needs is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, it isn't the safest option for everyone. On top of dealing with the global pandemic, far too many families also have to deal with the threat of violence and abuse at home, all while being more socially isolated from their friends and other support networks," said Mayor Breed. "We are seeing a concerning increase in cases of domestic violence around the world and in San Francisco, and there's a growing need to have more safe places for survivors to go. I'm grateful to Veritas for stepping up and donating these 20 homes so that we have some additional resources for people who need help during this uniquely challenging time."

"As we shelter in place to limit COVID transmission, survivors of domestic violence are at an increased risk of danger and victimization by their abusers," said District Attorney Chesa Boudin. "Now more than ever, we must work together to ensure that the most vulnerable of our victims have a place to shelter free from abuse. We have come up with an immediate plan for 20 furnished apartments and are working collaboratively to find shelter for many more survivors in the coming days."

"For people experiencing domestic violence, the public health stay-at-home orders meant to save lives can have the unintended consequence of isolating them from the community and services that help keep families safe," said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. "We often face challenges to find alternative housing for people experiencing abuse. We are grateful for Veritas' generosity and the opportunity to connect these vital housing sites to the District Attorney's Office as an important part of the City's response to increased threats of violence during this unprecedented global pandemic."

"As a homegrown San Francisco business, we feel deeply tied to our community and know how hard this public health crisis has been on everyone, especially the most vulnerable," said Yat-Pang Au, Founder and CEO Veritas Investments. "Whether it's providing temporary housing for individuals displaced by fire, families seeking care at our local medical institutions, or in this case, survivors of domestic violence, Veritas is always seeking ways to be a supportive member of the San Francisco community."

"La Casa de las Madres is open and working to support survivors, because, sadly, domestic violence doesn't stop during a pandemic," said Kathy Black, Executive Director, La Casa de las Madres. "We know that as this pandemic goes on, there will be an increased need for services and shelter, and these 20 temporary homes are a good place to start. I'm glad to see the City taking action to protect our most vulnerable residents and am thankful for Mayor Breed's efforts to support survivors."

Veritas, a San Francisco-based real estate management company, is donating 20 furnished apartment units for temporary use by domestic violence survivors as part of their Safe Home

Program. The homes are located in several secure buildings throughout the city. Survivors and their families, including their pets, can move in at their convenience and can stay for up to 90 days at no cost. The apartments should be available by the end of this week. During that time, survivors will be supported by one of our community-based domestic violence agencies, who will provide wraparound services and referrals. Domestic violence agencies will refer clients directly as needed, based on availability.

These new housing units supplement the existing domestic violence shelters in San Francisco. Domestic violence shelters and hotlines are deemed essential businesses under the Stay Home Order and continue to operate.

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

- In an emergency, call 911
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- W.O.M.A.N., Inc. Crisis Line: 415-864-4722
- La Casa de las Madres Crisis Lines: Adult Line 1-877-503-1850, Teen Line 1-877-923-0700
- Asian Women's Shelter Crisis Line: 1-877-751-0880
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society – Riley Center Crisis Line: 415-255-0165

Additionally, the San Francisco Police Department's Special Victims Unit has an on-call team 24/7 and is reachable at 415-553-9225.

Resources for survivors of domestic violence can be found at <https://sfgov.org/dosw/violence-against-women-prevention-and-intervention-grants-program-0>.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EXPANDED  
MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR FIRST RESPONDERS  
AND ALL HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES**

*The City and County of San Francisco launches "Heal San Francisco" to expand mental health support for all health care workers; increases mental health resources for first responders and City employees*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced enhanced mental health resources designed specifically for the City's first responders, and expanded mental health services for all frontline health care workers throughout San Francisco. Combined, these new resources will help the City build resiliency and recover from the trauma caused by COVID-19.

The City and County of San Francisco is partnering with Cordico, a phone-based wellness application, to provide a customizable wellness application for use by all City first responders. The application will connect employees to newly expanded City mental health resources and existing resources within each department. These expanded resources, coordinated through the

San Francisco Health Service System, will include additional employee counseling services and 24/7 mental health care for all City employees.

“This is a really difficult time for all San Franciscans, and it’s especially challenging for our health care workers and first responders who are working long hours and under incredibly stressful conditions,” said Mayor Breed. “Just as they are taking care of us, we need to take care of them. The impacts of this pandemic are not limited to the virus itself, which is why these expanded mental health resources are so important.”

“These are stressful times for everyone, but our courageous health care workers and first responders are undeniably facing the worst of it,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “Providing access to critical mental health resources will ensure our frontline workers can continue to show up and save lives every day. I want to thank Mayor Breed and her team for their work to support the mental health of these brave heroes.”

“Our first responders are all working around the clock in this unprecedented crisis, and we owe it to them to support their physical and mental wellbeing in any way we can,” said Supervisor Catherine Stefani. “I know that some of us suffer from anxiety, depression, or addiction, for example, and times like this make it more difficult to process all that we are hearing, reading and experiencing. I want everyone, especially our first responders, to know that you are not alone and there is help out there. There is absolutely no shame in needing and seeking help with any of these issues.”

The existing Employee Assistance Program will be expanded to provide 24/7 one-on-one counseling for any first responder and City employee in need. If employees require long-term mental health counseling, they will be connected to mental health professionals provided by their health care plans, including Kaiser, Blue Shield of California, and United Health Care.

In addition to the expanded services specifically targeted for first responders, Mayor Breed also announced the launch of ‘Heal San Francisco,’ a comprehensive effort to provide immediate and coordinated mental health services for public, private, and non-profit health care workers. The mental health effort will be implemented by the Heal San Francisco Rapid Response Team, which is led by Our Children Our Families (OCOF) Council in partnership with the Department of Public Health and UCSF. OCOF is an initiative under the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families.

The Heal San Francisco Rapid Response Team has partnered with the Bay Area Chapter of the COVID-19 Pro Bono Counseling Project to expand access to counseling and mental health support for public, private, and non-profit health care providers in need of immediate, short-term support. Heal San Francisco will leverage the support of 375 licensed clinicians, representing diverse backgrounds and multilingual expertise, who will volunteer their time throughout the duration of this crisis to provide the mental health care to support frontline health care staff. Health care workers who need assistance should speak with their supervisor or human resources department to be connected with a pro bono clinician.

Additionally, Heal San Francisco will convene a panel of trauma and stress experts to advise

on how to better deliver trauma-informed mental health care through San Francisco's existing health care and community-based service systems. This clinical advisory group will help promote and align strategies to buffer and potentially mitigate the impacts of prolonged stress on our residents.

Currently, there is a global experience of mass trauma related to COVID-19 and this experience will impact our health and wellbeing beyond the length of this pandemic. Heal San Francisco will work to promote mental wellbeing citywide, and will coordinate between different health plans and service agencies, ensure access to mental health resources, and promote collaboration across public, nonprofit and volunteer efforts. A future expansion of the Heal San Francisco initiative will look to provide mental health care services to a broader citywide population.

For more information about Heal San Francisco, go to <https://healsanfrancisco.org/>.

"Emergency workers are prone to absorbing high levels of stress under normal circumstances. We are concerned that the prolonged stress and unprecedented demand on our front-line workers during this pandemic may create psychological trauma," said Abbie Yant, Executive Director of the San Francisco Health Service System. "We want to mitigate the trauma by seamlessly connecting our workforce to the psychological support they need."

"Our police officers are out day and night protecting our city, and as is the case with many others throughout the city and this country, the COVID-19 pandemic has added a new layer of stress and anxiety for these frontline responders," said Police Chief William Scott. "By providing wellbeing resources and 24/7 counseling, we can support our officers in this time of crisis."

"Our firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs deal with trauma and stress on a daily basis, even more so as they are on the front lines of this public health crisis. We need to make sure our members have the resources and capability to take care of their mental health, now more than ever. This resource will be vital in addressing these issues and supporting our employees and their families," said Fire Chief Jeanine R. Nicholson.

"Coordinating a response is complex and requires a dedicated effort to align and leverage all of the amazing work happening across our city. I'm proud that OCOF can support our city in partnership with so many others. This is the community coming together," says Dr. Pegah Faed, Director of Our Children Our Families Council.

"COVID-19 is a new adversity for all of us, and while we build a coordinated medical response we must address the fears and emotional exhaustion of our community and workforce," says Dr. Alicia Lieberman, UCSF's Child Trauma Research Program and nationally recognized trauma expert supporting the Heal San Francisco Rapid Response Team. "In this regard, we must seize the opportunity as Dr. Ken Epstein states, 'to prevent and buffer the impacts of a second and silent epidemic related to the short and long-term impact of chronic stress on the physical and mental health of our health care first responders.'"

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW FIELD CARE CLINIC IN CITY'S SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD**

*New temporary facility opens adjacent to Southeast Health Center to expand services to residents in advance of expected COVID-19 surge*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax announced that the City's first Field Care Clinic, adjacent to the Southeast Health Center in the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood, began serving residents today. The Field Care Clinic adds capacity to the City's health care system as part of San Francisco's comprehensive plan to prepare for a medical surge of patients with COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

Expanded services at the Field Care Clinic provide patients with primary care, urgent care and screening for COVID-19, and will help reduce the number of patients needing to go to hospital urgent care and emergency rooms.

"We are preparing our entire hospital and health care system for impacts of the global coronavirus pandemic," said Mayor Breed. "Our proactive approach allows us to continue providing health care to residents who need it while also preserving hospital beds for patients

with coronavirus. People seeking care at their neighborhood health center will receive it without needing to leave their neighborhood, which keeps all of our residents and essential workers safer.”

“We know that our major hospitals are working hard to address this coronavirus health crisis, and we are stepping up and providing a place for urgent care and other health related services for people without jamming up our hospitals,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “The Southeast Field Care Clinic will allow for District 10 residents to receive needed care, without having to travel and within their own community. We want to thank the Mayor and DPH for understanding how crucial adequate medical services are to our residents during this pandemic.”

“Creating Field Care Clinics is one part of our strategy to preserve emergency room and hospital capacity while providing the best health care to all of our communities,” said Dr. Colfax. “In San Francisco, our approach is based on science, data and facts. We are attacking the problem of an expected hospital surge, in part, by decompressing the hospital and health care system as much as possible now, to make room for new patients. Field Care Clinics are a proven strategy to do just that.”

Southeast Health Center is part of the San Francisco Health Network, the health care delivery system of the City’s Department of Public Health. Patients of the Field Care Clinic may be insured or uninsured, and do not need to be enrolled in the San Francisco Health Network.

The Field Care Clinic adds extra staff and resources so patients can receive immediate care without leaving their neighborhood. Depending on the City’s urgent care needs and the extent of the hospital surge, up to three additional Field Care Clinics could be mobilized near existing health care centers or as stand-alone sites.

The Field Care Clinic at Southeast Health Center is staged in a large tent on Armstrong Street adjacent to the Center. It has the capacity to treat up to 100 patients daily, in addition to the more than 100 patients served by Southeast Health Center. A smaller tent in the Center’s parking lot is an Alternative Testing Site for potential COVID-19 for patients who are pre-screened by a health care provider.

The hours of operation at the Field Care Clinic adjacent to Southeast Health Center are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and may expand in the coming weeks as needed. The clinic serves patients from the southeast neighborhood who have urgent care needs. Over time, it may serve patients from throughout the city to relieve hospital urgent care clinics.

Field Care Clinics are one part of a comprehensive mitigation and surge strategy, already underway, to decompress the current health care system. Those activities include:

- Ordering San Franciscans—and Bay Area residents—to stay home except for essential needs and essential work, to reduce the spread of the coronavirus citywide, lessen infection among vulnerable populations and diminish the demand on hospitals and the health system. The current Health Order requires residents to stay home until May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Prohibiting non-essential visitors to hospitals, long-term care facilities and residential facilities to protect the health of vulnerable populations and reduce their risk of exposure, complications and extended or initial hospitalization.
- Cancelling or postponing elective surgeries and routine medical appointments, moving services to telephone and video conference as appropriate to reduce the volume of patients in the health system.

- Providing childcare for health care workers at hospitals across the city to make it easier for them to continue working during the shelter in place order.
- Providing places outside the hospital for people with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 to remain safe and isolated, and to free up hospital beds that are not providing hospital-level care.

The second step is to build capacity in the hospital system to care for more patients. Those activities include:

- All hospitals in San Francisco are jointly planning, sharing protocols and information, and developing a unified approach. By working together since January, San Francisco hospitals have increased the City's intensive care unit beds from 277 to 530—a 91% increase—and regular acute care beds from 1,055 to 1,608—a 52% increase. This was accomplished by opening previously closed units and repurposing areas normally used for other functions, such as outpatient surgery.
- Opening a dedicated COVID-19 floor at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, with 40 medical-surgical beds and eight ICU beds, equipped and staffed through contributions of Saint Francis, ZSFG and UCSF.
- Working with the state and local partners to reopen California Pacific Medical Center Pacific campus as an alternate site for medical care.
- Expedited hiring of DPH nurses that will add approximately 220 registered nurses to the workforce.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ROLLOUT OF NEW STAFFED PUBLIC TOILETS AND HAND-WASHING STATIONS IN HIGH-NEED NEIGHBORHOODS**

*Bathroom access expanded for vulnerable populations; monitors on site to keep the temporary facilities clean and safe.*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed and Acting Public Works Director Alaric Degrafinried today announced the first deployment of a series of new portable toilets and hand-washing stations at 15 high-need locations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The portable toilets, available for use 24 hours a day, will be staffed to deter vandalism and unwanted activities. They also will be serviced daily.

“These safe and clean public bathrooms and hand-washing stations will be available for anybody to use, and we are placing them in areas where we know our unhoused residents and other vulnerable populations gather,” said Mayor Breed. “These facilities provide another crucial component in San Francisco’s response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

The first portable toilets and hand-washing stations are in the Tenderloin, South of Market, Bayview-Hunters Point, Castro, and Mission neighborhoods. The initial five will be in place tomorrow, Wednesday, April 8, with all 15 up and running by early next week. The specific locations are listed below, and additional sites will be added soon.

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing recommended high-need locations for the relief stations. San Francisco Public Works then refined the list, looking at factors such as proximity to existing public toilets, street slope, and available space.

“These extra bathrooms will help people take care of their basic needs with dignity and help keep our public spaces sanitary,” said Alaric Degrafinried, Acting Public Works Director. “That is important for the public at large and for our street cleaning crews who, as essential workers, remain on the job during this unprecedented pandemic helping to take care of San Francisco.”

The City has issued a grant to Urban Alchemy, a nonprofit workforce development program, to staff the toilets. The organization currently provides attendants for Public Works’ existing [Pit Stop public toilet program](#), which has 24 locations in 13 neighborhoods. These additional COVID-19 response portable toilets and hand-washing stations augment that supply.

Urban Alchemy is providing staffing 24 hours a day at the toilets. The attendants are on hand to make sure the toilets remain stocked with toilet paper and are kept tidy, and that the hand-washing units have soap, water and paper towels. The staff also can assist in requesting emergency response, if needed.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to help in San Francisco’s response to this public health emergency,” said Lena Miller, Executive Director of Urban Alchemy. “Our team has the experience, expertise and passion to serve people in this time of need.”

Other nonprofit workforce development programs may be brought on as the program expands.

The initial 15 toilets and hand washing stations are located at:

- Willow/Polk
- Leavenworth/Turk
- O’Farrell/Taylor
- 139 Welsh
- Natoma/Sixth Street
- 2111 Jennings
- 200 Napoleon
- Selby/Evans
- Selby McKinnon
- 14th Street/Stevenson
- 15th Street/Julian
- Market and 16th Street
- 23rd Street/Folsom
- Thomas/Hawes
- 245 Bayshore

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**\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\***  
**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW COVID-19  
DATA TRACKER**

*Data will include information about confirmed COVID-19 cases, lab testing and hospitalization rates across San Francisco*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) today released a [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#) to provide the public with more frequently updated information about the coronavirus in San Francisco. This information will be updated daily online and will include data about confirmed cases, testing, and hospitalization across the San Francisco health care system. Additional data points will be added as more information becomes available. The tracker is posted on DPH's website: <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>

“As we respond to the COVID-19 crisis, we continue to listen to public health experts and make decisions based on facts and data,” said Mayor Breed. “It’s also important that the public know what is going on with cases in our community, and that we are as transparent as possible about the number of cases, testing numbers, hospitalizations, and what that means for

the resources we have and what we'll need more of. This tracker will provide all the most important information about COVID-19 cases in one place, and we hope it will be a helpful tool for San Franciscans."

"I am happy that the Department of Public Health has created a COVID-19 data tracker, like many of the other Bay Area counties," said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. "This isn't classified information, and it doesn't violate patient confidentiality. This is public information that helps inform any open and democratic society and arms us with the facts that make us all safer."

"San Francisco's response to the coronavirus emergency is grounded in data, science and facts," said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. "We use information from other parts of the world, and the country, to guide our decisions and interventions. Accurate, reliable data also is an important tool to help San Franciscans see the whole picture of coronavirus in our community. It can help us all to do our part and see over time how the situation is changing."

The information included on the tracker will include the following:

### **COVID-19 Cases**

The Data Tracker will display the number of positive cases and deaths over time, mode of transmission, and available demographic information.

Due to limited testing capacity, the information reported represents only a small sample of the likely total COVID-19 cases in San Francisco. DPH expects that with increased testing availability and reporting, and as the virus spreads in the community, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases will increase.

### **Laboratory Testing**

The Data Tracker will display the historical total and daily number of coronavirus tests conducted in San Francisco and the percentage of positive test results. The timeliness of this reporting varies because different labs have different test processing times.

Testing for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, is available through commercial, clinical and hospital laboratories, as well as the DPH Public Health Laboratory. While there are severe nationwide shortages of testing material, San Francisco is working to increase both the number of testing sites and the overall number of tests conducted.

The City has been working to expand testing capacity, including at the Public Health Lab, hospitals, commercial labs and with community partners, such as NEMS, which opened two

drop-in testing sites for their patients last week. Yesterday, Mayor Breed announced the opening of a new COVID-19 testing site—CityTestSF—for the City’s frontline workers. On March 24, San Francisco along with other Bay Area counties issued a Health Order requiring laboratories performing COVID-19 tests to report all positive, negative, and inconclusive results to state and local health authorities.

## **Hospitals**

The Data Tracker will display the total number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 across all San Francisco hospitals, noting the number of patients in the intensive care unit and acute hospital beds. The information is only accurate at the exact time it is reported and is subject to frequent changes, as patients move in and out of hospitals throughout the day.

All of San Francisco’s hospitals have been coordinating their resources to plan for an expected surge in patients. Hospitals are working to increase capacity, and to decrease the number of patients in beds, to create more room when the surge happens. Examples of these efforts include identifying new surge units, fast-tracking nurse hiring, cancelling elective procedures and routing appointments, discharging coronavirus patients—or those awaiting test results—into isolation/quarantine hotels if they do not require hospital-level care, and speeding up testing.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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**\*\*\* PRESS RELEASE \*\*\***

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES CITYTESTSF:  
COVID-19 TESTING SITE FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS**

*New drive-thru/walk-thru COVID-19 testing site for Police Officers, Firefighters, Sheriff's Deputies, 911 Dispatchers, health care workers and other City employees will launch in partnership with Color and Carbon Health, allowing for a significant expansion of testing for frontline workers.*

*CityTestSF will prioritize serving the City's first responders and health care workers to help preserve San Francisco's capacity to serve the public during this emergency.*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed, Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax, and the Director of the Port Elaine Forbes today announced a new dedicated COVID-19 testing facility located at Pier 30-32. The facility will primarily expand testing resources available for critical first responders and health care workers who are essential to the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The expanded testing capacity builds on the City's commitment to protect frontline workers and to increase the City's ability to combat the spread of the virus.

While the City's Public Health Order to stay home except for essential needs and essential work remains in effect, a subset of the population, including first responders and health care

workers, remain on active duty. Seamless and efficient access to testing is critical to ensure these essential workers get the care and treatment they need if they are exposed to COVID-19, and to prevent additional spread of the disease to others. This CityTestSF facility will enable the City's frontline workers engaged in the fight against COVID-19 to continue serving the community while protecting their health and safety, as well of the health and safety of their families, their colleagues, and the public.

"We're especially concerned with the health of our frontline workers, because they are an essential part of our City's response to this public health emergency. They are doing the work day in and day out to keep us safe and keep our city running," said Mayor Breed. "Expanding testing is critical. Our first responders need to know with confidence that they can safely return to work and spend time in their homes with their families, or if the need to isolate and get medical care. We hope that this increased access to testing will help keep our frontline workers and their families healthy, and can provide some additional certainty during this incredibly trying and uncertain time."

"San Francisco has been ahead of the nation in taking steps to flatten the curve, but we must continue to take advantage of every opportunity to increase testing and ensure that our first responders and health care workers are healthy enough to keep the rest of us safe," said Supervisor Catherine Stefani. "I am thrilled to support this important effort to protect our front line workers in the fight against this pandemic."

"Protecting and caring for our first responders and health care workers must be our top priority," said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. "This CityTestSF facility will ensure that those on the frontlines can easily access testing so that they can continue to protect and care for the rest of us."

The facility will open and begin drive- and walk-through operations by appointment, starting today, Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. This site will steadily increase capacity and will be able to conduct 200 COVID-19 tests per day by the end of the week.

Testing will be prioritized at first for San Francisco first responders and City health care workers with symptoms of COVID-19 who are currently quarantined and kept away from both work and their families. To date, over 200 frontline sworn staff have been in 14-day quarantine. Having access to expanded testing will mean that frontline staff who have become infected can be identified earlier and get the care they need, and frontline workers who experience flu-like symptoms but are not infected can return to their families and work earlier with the necessary personal protective equipment and workplace safety protocols.

The test will be provided at no cost to employees in partnership with the City's health care plan providers. Initially, CityTestSF will focus on Sheriff's sworn staff, police, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, 911 dispatchers, and City health care workers with plans to rapidly expand to other City employees on the frontlines fighting the pandemic. Initially, eligible employees will receive personal invitations for testing. By the end of the week, the City will launch an online system for eligible frontline employees to sign themselves up for testing directly.

The site will quickly ramp up its capacity in order to test all first responders currently in quarantine and then to all those showing symptoms of the virus who are self-isolating at home. Additional groups the City plans to test at this site as capacity grows include San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency employees providing essential transit services,

staff interacting with seniors and other vulnerable populations (such as homeless individuals), nonprofit workers providing essential services, private ambulance drivers, shelter workers, and staff transferring isolation patients into hotels.

The City is partnering with two Bay Area companies—Color and Carbon Health—to run the testing effort. Color has launched a COVID-19 testing platform and high capacity, CLIA-certified laboratory at its headquarters in Burlingame, California, to support expanded testing for frontline workers. Color’s new laboratory adds capacity to the City’s overall testing efforts, and will provide rapid results within a 24 to 48-hour turnaround time. All test results will be reported to the Department of Public Health.

Carbon Health, headquartered in San Francisco, has supported frontline worker testing efforts across the State of California and is providing their clinical support to the effort at cost. Since the start of the COVID-19 crisis Carbon Health has been at the forefront of the pandemic to increase access to care and testing. They provide an online assessment tool and telemedicine screening to risk-stratify patients based on CDC criteria, and offer testing across its Bay Area and Los Angeles clinics.

Expanding San Francisco’s testing capacity is critical to slowing the spread of the virus. CityTestSF is part of San Francisco’s ongoing commitment to rapidly increase its testing capacity while pursuing strategic partnerships, including leveraging the expertise of the San Francisco’s private health care providers. This testing facility will develop and establish a new model for highly accessible, repeatable testing efforts to help ensure the safety of the City’s critical employees, their families, and the people they serve.

On March 27, Mayor Breed announced an initial step to provide prioritized testing for first responders and health care workers. San Francisco first responders and health care workers who are covered under San Francisco Health Service System plans—Kaiser Permanente, Blue Shield of California and UnitedHealthcare— can continue to contact their health care provider to evaluate their symptoms. Upon confirmation that their symptoms indicate that a COVID-19 test is needed, their test will be prioritized along with other tests for high-risk, vulnerable patient classes. Today’s announcement builds on this first step, adding CityTestSF as an additional testing option for eligible frontline workers.

“Every day, the City’s first responders and health care workers are devoting themselves to the health and safety of our community, and this initiative is critical to supporting them,” said Othman Laraki, CEO of Color. “It was important to develop a process that would facilitate access for front-line personnel without increasing the burden on clinical teams, and we are grateful to support the City in this partnership.”

“Since the start of this pandemic, we knew that our responsibility, both as a healthcare provider and a technology company, was to address this problem head-on,” said Eren Bali, Co-Founder and CEO of Carbon Health. “Our goal since day one has been to curtail this virus with widespread testing, and we are proud to be a part of the City’s initiative to begin these efforts in San Francisco.”

“Health care workers and first responders are critical to our ability as a city to slow the spread of the coronavirus and protect community health,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “These talented and dedicated people are courageously working on the front lines every day. By providing them dedicated testing, we can assuage anxiety, answer uncertainty and speed

their recovery so that they can be with their families and continue to support the health of our city.”

“The Port is so happy to provide this site and very grateful to the Mayor and all city employees for the hard work and dedication I’ve seen in recent weeks,” said Elaine Forbes, the Director of the Port. “Although these are challenging times, I have seen people coming together in a special way and this partnership is another example of how we are all in this together”.

“The Sheriff’s Office is grateful for the leadership and hard work of our City partners that will enable our sworn and professional staff to get tested,” said San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto. “Many of our first responders are sidelined when they show symptoms with COVID-19 or experience prolonged or risky exposure to someone who has COVID-19. With the City’s new dedicated COVID-19 testing, they will get back to work where they want to be, protecting the public and preventing the spread of coronavirus into the community.”

“We’re very thankful that our city has made safeguarding the well-being of San Francisco’s first responders a priority,” said San Francisco Police Chief William Scott. “Our City’s police officers, sheriff’s deputies, firefighters and other first responders provide the first line of public safety for San Francisco residents, visitors and business owners. By providing this testing, we hope to slow the spread of COVID-19 among our members and increase our resiliency so that we can continue to respond to emergencies and protect the health and safety of the public.”

“This is an incredibly helpful tool for the San Francisco Fire Department in the fight against COVID-19. Our firefighters, paramedics and EMTs are on the front lines every day,” said Chief Jeanine Nicholson, San Francisco Fire Department. “This testing site will give us another tool so we can continue to focus on our members’ health and safety, and in turn the health and safety of those we serve.”

“San Francisco’s 911 dispatchers and emergency managers work every day to help keep San Franciscans and our first responders healthy and safe during this global pandemic,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management. “Expanded and convenient access to testing for City’s emergency responders and health care professionals helps San Francisco protect essential personnel tasked with slowing down the spread of COVID-19.”

The City has been working to expand testing capacity, including at the Public Health Lab, hospitals, commercial labs and with community partners, such as NEMS, which opened two drop-in testing sites for their patients last week. The expanded availability of testing is expected to increase the number of positive COVID-19 cases confirmed in San Francisco. As of March 24, San Francisco along with other Bay Area counties issued a health order requiring laboratories performing COVID-19 tests to report all testing data to state and local health authorities. The City is working with UCSF and UC Berkeley to use the data and develop models to understand the spread of virus in the community and inform data driven responses.

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Hi Jonas-

I'm checking in to make sure you are all set to begin the Planning & Historic Preservation remote meetings. It is my understanding that Planning IT is providing the necessary Teams Live training and Planning will be providing their own AT&T conference lines for public comment during the meetings. Please confirm.

Also, when you send out the Teams meeting invitation, please be sure to include [sfgovtv@sfgov.org](mailto:sfgovtv@sfgov.org) as a meeting Participant. This will allow us the access we need for the live cablecast. We will not be actively involved in your meeting.

For your reference, you can publish the following url for the live video stream of the Planning meeting:

<https://sfgovtv.org/planning>

and for Historic Preservation Commission:

<https://sfgovtv.org/hpc>

This will redirect to the live channel feed which will include the dial in number during the meeting.

Please confirm you are all set for your upcoming meetings and do not need Teams Live training or AT&T conference line assistance from SFGovTV.

Be well,

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP TO  
INCREASE FREE INTERNET ACCESS TO SUPPORT  
DISTANCE LEARNING**

*25 "SuperSpots" will provide thousands of low-income students with internet access to support distance learning during COVID-19-related school closures*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a partnership between the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) and national nonprofit organizations EducationSuperHighway and the 1Million Project Foundation to provide connectivity support for thousands of students in San Francisco who lack home internet access, including the deployment of up to 25 WiFi "SuperSpots."

As part of the new Digital Bridge project, the SuperSpots will be installed in locations to serve students from underserved communities who need to participate in distance learning due to COVID-19 and related school closures. Additionally, the City is working to secure and deploy additional WiFi hotspots, which will complement the 25 new SuperSpots and the existing free, high-speed internet provided to low-income residents through San Francisco's Fiber to

Housing program.

The 25 SuperSpot devices will be located in areas of highest need, including public housing sites, single-room occupancy buildings, community centers, and other neighborhood locations where there is a concentrated population of students lacking internet connectivity. SFUSD, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and the San Francisco Housing Authority will identify locations for the units, and they will be deployed the week of April 13<sup>th</sup> in time for the beginning of SFUSD Distance Learning.

"Every student in San Francisco needs to be able to stay connected to their teachers and classmates and keep learning as they stay home with their families during this time, regardless of where they live or if their family can afford to pay for high-speed internet," said Mayor Breed. "We know that access to internet is a barrier to distance learning for many students, which is why we're launching this new program to provide free internet to places where it's needed. I want to thank our nonprofit partners for working with us to make sure our students can keep learning remotely."

"We must support students from every San Francisco neighborhood during this unprecedented and challenging time," said City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly. "We are working hand-in-hand with nonprofit partners and the private sector to make sure we can quickly expand internet access to ensure that all students are provided with greater opportunities for learning at home. We will continue to look for creative and innovative ways to keep our residents connected as we respond to the COVID-19 crisis."

Each SuperSpot will provide internet access for 100 users and is powered by the Sprint Network. The SuperSpot equipment, installation, and operating costs are fully covered by philanthropic funding from the 1Million Project Foundation and EducationSuperHighway, and will remain in place for the remainder of the school year. In addition to the SuperSpot devices, the partnership will explore other low-cost options for delivering home internet access to students.

SFUSD estimates that up to 10,000 students in grades 3-12 need access to a device and WiFi to support distance learning at home. 29% of SFUSD students do not have internet access at home. As SFUSD schools remain closed and the District transitions to distance learning, it is important that every student have access to the devices and internet access they need to continue learning.

"SFUSD is committed to finding equitable ways for our students to continue learning while schools are closed. Having access to a dedicated computer and WiFi is critical for students to sustain the connection to their teachers and educational content," said Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews. "We're deploying our distance learning program with urgency and creativity to meet the needs of our diverse student body and this requires tremendous resources we don't have. I am so grateful to see the community coming together to support our children and families during this time."

Over the past two weeks, SFUSD has distributed more than 5,400 devices to students purchased with funds donated by individuals, foundations and corporations, including \$2 million from the company Thoma Bravo. SFUSD anticipates another 4,000 students will need devices and will continue to make them available to students in preparation for the April 13<sup>th</sup> launch of the District's distance learning plan, which will incorporate teacher-led, interactive

distance learning that will rely on technology access at home. As part of this plan, students will continue learning and make academic progress even though they are not physically present in schools. This is accomplished using a variety of digital and print resources, as well as different modes of interaction with teachers and peers.

The Digital Bridge pilot program from EducationSuperHighway and the 1Million Project Foundation will supplement the San Francisco Department of Technology's Fiber to Housing program by bringing internet access on a temporary basis to sites that the City's program plans to reach with permanent fiber optic infrastructure over time. The Fiber to Housing program is a collaboration between the Department of Technology, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and private partners that provides free, high-speed internet to low-income residents by leveraging existing municipal fiber resources, staff expertise, and private sector partnerships and now offers high speed internet service to over 3,100 low-income households.

"With schools across the country scrambling to ensure continuity of learning in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, the City of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District, EducationSuperHighway, and the 1Million Project are making plans to quickly bridge the digital divide in San Francisco," said Jonathan Kaplan, Chairperson of EducationSuperHighway. "We are proud to be a part of this project and look forward to sharing a playbook of lessons learned and practical solutions for addressing the comprehensive connectivity needs of students everywhere."

"The 1Million Project was founded in 2017 to address and help mitigate the homework gap," said Doug Michelman, President of the 1Million Project Foundation. "We are proud to partner with leaders in San Francisco and EducationSuperHighway to address the homework gap there at a time when it has never been more urgent to find solutions. It is fitting that it is in the San Francisco Bay Area—the world's center of innovation—that we are finding new ways to deliver connectivity to meet local school districts' and students' needs in this time of crisis."

"The current times require all of us to pivot as fast as we can to make a difference now. The Digital Bridge project will allow thousands of students in San Francisco who have limited ability to access educational content at home a chance to keep up with their peers. Our support for the Digital Bridge project is just the beginning of our own pivot to make a difference now," said Jim Bildner, CEO of Draper Richards Kaplan, a philanthropic foundation that is providing funding for the Digital Bridge project.

"During these unprecedented times, we're honored to support EducationSuperHighway's Digital Bridge project and the City of San Francisco to help close the digital learning gap in our Bay Area backyard and for other communities across the country," said Sandra Liu Huang, Head of Education, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, another funder of the Digital Bridge project.

### **About EducationSuperHighway**

EducationSuperHighway was founded in 2012 with the mission of upgrading the Internet access in every public school classroom in America. The organization took on this mission because it believes that digital learning has the potential to provide all students with equal access to educational opportunity and that every school requires high-speed broadband to make that opportunity a reality.

**About 1Million Project**

The 1Million Project Foundation will help 1 million high school students who do not have reliable Internet access at home reach their full potential by giving them mobile devices and free high-speed Internet access. Today's learning environment requires 24/7 internet access in order to study, learn, explore and complete school work from home. Students who cannot connect when they leave school are at disadvantage, and their chances of staying on track in school are greatly limited. By working with school districts across America, the 1Million Project Foundation seeks to remove a significant hurdle in these students' lives by ensuring they have the same access to the internet as any other student so that they too have a fair shot at achieving their full potential. For more information, visit [www.1MillionProject.org](http://www.1MillionProject.org).

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

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

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

“The steps we have taken to slow the spread of coronavirus will save lives. But this is a scary time for small businesses and workers because the impact that this pandemic is having is

severe to not just public health, but also our local economy and people's livelihoods," said Mayor Breed. "Our focus remains helping our small businesses through both the immediate challenges they're facing with this emergency loan fund, but we know that there is much more to be done over the coming weeks and months to help our businesses and our workers get back on their feet."

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Federal Relief – CARE Act**

The Small Business Administration (SBA), through Economic Injury Disaster Loans, is also offering up to \$2 million in assistance for small businesses and nonprofits. These low interest

loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses that have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a \$10,000 advance, which does not have to be repaid. An online loan application portal is available to business owners at <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>.

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

Mayor Breed's initiatives to support small business include:

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

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

### **Defer Business Taxes for Small Businesses**

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

with an average \$5,400 tax payment deferral each.

### **Defer Business Licensing Fees**

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

### **Loan Assistance**

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

### **Provide Immediate Relief**

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

### **Guarantee Continuance of City-Funded Nonprofit Contracts**

The Controller has issued [guidance](#) to our nonprofit partners that the City will continue to pay pursuant to contracts even if the nonprofit organization's operations are affected. This will ensure nonprofit workers will not lose income due to illness or if a nonprofit is shut down or experiences service disruptions as part of the novel coronavirus response.

### **Arts Relief**

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

### **Paid Sick Leave for Workers**

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

### **Seek State and Federal Support for Businesses and Workers**

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

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

### **Secure Private Sector and Philanthropic Support for Small Businesses**

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

### **Support for Employees and Contractors**

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

### **Website to Provide Information for Small Businesses**

The City has created a one-stop resource for employers and employees outlining all existing resources, contacts for assistance, and to provide updates on the City's growing response to the business and worker communities. Website: [www.oewd.org/covid19](http://www.oewd.org/covid19).

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**RECOVERY TASK FORCE**

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

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

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, Treasurer José Cisneros, Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and

Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council. Membership will include a broad range of stakeholders across businesses, labor, nonprofits, community-based organizations, faith organizations, the arts, and City departments. The Task Force will be staffed by the City Administrator's Office of Resilience and Capital Planning and supported by the Controller's Office of Economic Analysis and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

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

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

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

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

- **Support small- and medium-sized businesses:** Small and medium sized businesses and nonprofits are significant cultural and economic drivers for San Francisco. Support is needed to help businesses and community organizations manage temporary closures, revenue drops, or increased need for services.
- **Prioritize vulnerable people:** San Francisco will prioritize, design, and implement programs and policies to create more equitable and just outcomes for the most vulnerable populations.
- **Support local arts and culture:** San Francisco must sustain the individuals, organizations, and businesses that contribute to San Francisco's unique character that

may not be able to operate per public health guidance.

- **San Francisco is part of a global economy:** Many San Francisco-based businesses depend on access to a supply chain or market that extends beyond the region as well as tourism. San Francisco must consider the recovery of global trade, travel, and impacted sectors, businesses, and workers.
- **Complement Federal and State efforts:** Significant resources for small businesses and vulnerable populations will flow from the Federal and State governments. It is important that San Francisco understand the funds, programs, and other stimulus programs and direct local dollars to fill the gaps.
- **Connect San Franciscans to jobs:** Work is the foundation to housing and food security, health care, and psychological wellbeing for individuals and families. San Francisco must help connect workers who have been laid-off with employment, with a focus on positions with upward mobility and protecting worker safety.

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

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

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

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

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

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Historic Preservation Commission  
Planning Department, City and County of San Francisco  
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Subject: Item 10 2020-000052PCA, Standard Environmental Requirements, Code Amendments -  
Request for Continuance

Commission President Aaron Jon Hyland,

The Sierra Club has recently learned of the plans by the Planning Department to modify the CEQA approval process in San Francisco. Although we understand the desire to simplify some of the approval processes that are required for development projects, we are also very concerned about any proposals that modify or weaken the CEQA review and approval process. We had planned to weigh in on these proposals once the sequestration ended.

We were therefore surprised to learn that this topic, which in no way presents an emergency to the City or to the general public, is being presented and voted on while the public is focused on the sequestration and the health of their family members. The Sierra Club supports the Jemez Principles, the goals of which are to "achieve just societies that include all people in decision-making" and to "be sure that relevant voices of people directly affected are heard." An online meeting does not give the public the same opportunity to address the commission face to face as attending in person at City Hall. In fact, many members of the public do not even have the facilities to participate online and are left out of this process.

We are asking that the Historic Preservation Commission put this topic on hold until such time as the general public has the opportunity to participate in this hearing in a fair and equitable manner.

Sincerely,

*Arthur Feinstein*

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**RE: Standard Environmental Requirements Case Number: 2020-000052PCA  
Request for Continuance, and Concerns about Proposed Ordinance**

On behalf of our members and constituents who are residents of Bayview Hunters Point, the Mission, and neighborhoods all across the City, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice submits these comments in opposition to the proposal to “streamline” CEQA review of development projects by adopting Standard Environmental Conditions of Approval. Case No. 2020-000052PCA (“Ordinance”).

We also request a continuance of the “public hearing” on this proposed Ordinance – scheduled for tomorrow - until after the lifting of the COVID-19 Public Health Order and an end to social distancing requirements. There is no justification whatsoever to rush this proposal through other than what we believe to be the Planning Department’s clear pro-industry bias.

We have tremendous concerns about the proposed Ordinance which is an attempt to expedite approval of development projects without proper environmental review – and to avoid CEQA review wherever possible.

While we support having some standardized requirements to minimize environmental impacts, one size does not fit all. In light of the Planning Department’s actions over the last decade to railroad through development projects without regard to the health and environment of residents, there should be more thorough environmental reviews and civic engagement, not less.

Despite the nice words in the Planning Department's description of the alleged purpose of the proposed Ordinance, it defies reality to believe that protecting public health and the environment is a priority. The recent approval of the India Basin Mixed Use Development project, despite the EIR's findings that the project would cause significant, unavoidable, and harmful air quality impacts (during both construction and operation) in already heavily impacted Bayview Hunters Point, is clear evidence that public health of our most vulnerable residents is not important to the Planning Department.

We are not surprised at this attempt to rush this controversial measure through when the public is unable to participate in person and most people are struggling to stay safe and healthy.

In addition, the Planning Department once again is violating San Francisco's Language Access Ordinance and other language access laws and policies. Despite the Planning Department's claim that they would translate documents upon request, they have not done so despite our repeated requests.

Despite the claim that all interested parties received notice of this process, that is false, period. It is clear developers and their high paid consultants were notified, as evidenced by the participants at the workshops on this issue. From our daily interaction with residents in neighborhoods targeted for big development projects, we spoke to no one who had been notified by the Planning Department of this proposed Ordinance or any meetings or hearings related to it.

This is too important an issue to rush without thorough evaluation and real public participation. Please protect the residents of our City and the environment, not corporations who want to evade proper environmental review.

For healthy communities and environmental justice,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradley Angel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**RE: Standard Environmental Requirements**  
**Case Number: 2020-000052PCA**

Honorable Members of the Planning Commission:

I am writing on behalf of The Hollow Revolution ("THoR"), an association of neighbors living near 1776 Green Street, San Francisco, California, concerning the proposal to "streamline" CEQA review by adopting Standard Environmental Conditions of Approval. Case No. 2020-000052PCA ("Ordinance").

#### **A. REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

As a threshold matter, we urge the Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") to continue the consideration of this matter until after the lifting of the COVID-19 state of emergency. The matter is currently scheduled for consideration by the Commission tomorrow, Wednesday, April 15, 2020. The City is currently under a shelter in place order due to COVID-19, which literally makes it illegal for the public to attend the Commission hearing in person. We are currently at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is projected to peak today or tomorrow. Although there are provisions for remote access to the Commission hearing, such access requires technology not available to all residents of the City, and is an inadequate substitute for live participation and interaction. As evidenced by well attended workshops on this matter on January 16 and February 12, 2020, there is widespread public concern about this matter. Many residents would undoubtedly attend a public hearing on this matter. There is simply no justification to push this matter forward at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic during a

state of emergency. This is not an emergency matter. Please continue this matter until after the lifting of the state of emergency, to a time when public participation can be facilitated rather than thwarted.

## **B. DISCUSSION.**

### **1. Ordinance Will Not Streamline CEQA Review Since Projects May Not Be Exempted from CEQA if they Require the Imposition of Mitigation Measures to Render Environmental Impacts Less than Significant.**

The Ordinance is described as a means to “streamline” review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) by adopting standard conditions to address certain categories of common environmental impacts. However, it is not at all clear how the Ordinance would further this streamlining goal. The staff report admits that certain projects will require mitigated negative declarations (“MNDs”) or environmental impact report (“EIRs”), even after the application of standard conditions. These projects will continue to require case-specific environmental review to analyze unmitigated significant impacts and to consider feasible mitigation measures to reduce those impacts. It is not apparent that the application of standard conditions would reduce the time for such a project-specific analysis.

It appears that the main impetus for the Ordinance is to make certain projects entirely exempt from CEQA review which would otherwise require an EIR or MND. The staff report explains that if a particular project’s significant impacts are reduced to less than significant through the application of the standard conditions, then the project would be exempt entirely from CEQA review – possibly under the exemption for projects “where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” CEQA Guidelines section 15061.

However, this exemption is very narrow. Most importantly, the exemption does not allow consideration of mitigation measures. If a project requires mitigation measures to have less than significant impacts, then at least a mitigated negative declaration is required.

As the courts have explained, an agency may not rely on a categorical exemption if to do so would require the imposition of mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant effects. *Salmon Protection & Watershed Network v. County of Marin* (2004) 125 Cal.App.4th 1098, 1108 (“SPAWN”); *Azusa Land Reclamation Co. v. Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster* (1997) 52 Cal.App.4th 1165, 1198-1201. If mitigation measures are necessary, then at a minimum, the agency must prepare a mitigated negative declaration to analyze the impacts, and to determine whether the mitigation measures are adequate to reduce the impacts to below significance. *Id.*

“An agency should decide whether a project is eligible for a categorical exemption as part of its preliminary review of the project’ without reliance upon any proposed mitigation measures.” *SPAWN*, 125 Cal.App.4th at 1106 (quoting *Azusa*, 52 Cal. App. 4th

at 1199-1200). “Appellants cannot escape the law by taking a minor step in mitigation and then find themselves exempt from the exception to the exemption. The very fact the district association took steps in mitigation makes it manifest there was a possibility of a significant effect.” *Lewis v. 17th Dist. Ag. Ass’n* (1985) 165 Cal.App.3d 823, 830.

Therefore, the Ordinance cannot convert non-exempt projects into exempt projects.

## **2. Certain Projects May Not be Exempted from CEQA Review – Including Projects that May Adversely Impact Historic Resources and Projects Constructed on Contaminated Sites.**

Furthermore, certain categories of projects are statutorily required to undergo CEQA review. A City Ordinance, of course, cannot violate State law. For example, projects proposed to be constructed on contaminated sites, such as sites on the Cortese list, may not be exempted from CEQA review. (CEQA section 21084(c); *Citizens for Responsible Equitable Env’tl Dev. v. City of Chula Vista* (“*CREED*”) (2011) 197 Cal.App.4th 327, 331-333). Similarly, projects that may adversely impact historic resources may not be exempted from CEQA review. (CEQA section 21084.1). For these projects, even the application of standard conditions cannot override clear legislative directives. To the extent that the Ordinance is read to exempt such projects from CEQA review, it is preempted by state law.

## **3. Ordinance May Freeze Obsolete Mitigation Measures Into Law.**

One of CEQA’s fundamental requirements is that agencies are required to impose all feasible mitigation measures and alternatives to reduce a proposed project’s significant adverse environmental impacts. (See, *Covington v. Great Basin Air District* (2019) 43 Cal.App.5th 867). As discussed in the *Covington* case, qualified experts may propose feasible mitigation measures that were previously unknown to the agency. The agency is required to impose such measures unless the agency can produce substantial evidence to prove that the measures are not feasible. (Id.) This is precisely why public review and comment is a critical part of the CEQA process.

The Ordinance would create a list of “Standard Requirements,” which would be required for proposed projects. However, as time passes, these requirements will undoubtedly become obsolete. By freezing these requirements into law, the City will fail to require all feasible mitigation measures as required by CEQA.

For example, at the Workshop held by the Planning Department staff on February 12, 2020, one of the proposed air quality mitigation measures was to require construction equipment to use either Tier 3 or Tier 4 Interim pollution control equipment. While such equipment is better than Tier 1 or Tier 2 equipment, Tier 4 Final equipment would be significantly better. Tier 4 Final equipment has 80% less nitrogen oxide emissions (NOx) compared to Tier 4 Interim. By adopting Tier 4 Interim as a Standard Requirement, the City would violate CEQA’s requirement to impose all feasible mitigation measures. As

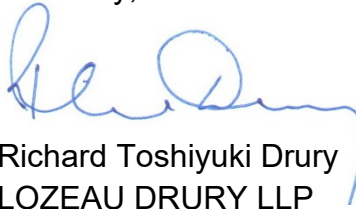
time passes, it is inevitable that emission control will advance beyond even Tier 4 Final, but may not be reflected in the Standard Conditions.

While this a single example, it is inevitable that many other mitigation measures will be written into law through the Ordinance which may seem like adequate mitigation today, but which will inevitably become obsolete with the passage of time. Also, case-by-case analysis allows the City to consider case-specific factors, such as whether a project is being constructed near a sensitive receptor such as a school, which may require heightened mitigation; whether a project involves potential harm to an historic resource requiring consideration of alternatives or special mitigation measures; whether a project is proposed for a particularly sensitive environment such as a wetland, steep hillside, or endangered species habitat.

Requiring case-by-case CEQA review will allow the City to consider the most environmentally protective mitigation measures and alternatives feasible at the time of approval and appropriate for each individual case. The Ordinance will eliminate this iterative process that is a central component of CEQA review.

Despite the above concerns, we are not opposed to the application of standard conditions when appropriate. Certainly, all projects should be constructed using clean construction equipment. All projects should use low-polluting paints, etc. However, the adoption of such standard conditions will not significantly streamline CEQA review and cannot convert non-exempt projects into exempt projects. Thank you for considering our comments.

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