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President Hyland and fellow Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the project at 804-806 22nd Street that will be before you tomorrow, June 17th, 2020.

I urge you to uphold the Planning Commission’s condition of approval, which requires a reduction of the proposed ground-floor horizontal addition by five feet to mitigate the impacts to light, air, and privacy of the adjacent property. The required revision has no relation to the proposed façade and as such, it will not impact the historic resource status of the building or the district.

Thank you,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES BALLOT MEASURE TO FUND TEACHER SALARIES

Ballot measure will replace existing parcel tax passed in 2018 that is trapped in litigation

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a ballot measure for the November 2020 election to fund teacher salaries. The measure will generate approximately $50 million in funding for teachers who work in the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). It will replace an existing parcel tax that is trapped in litigation, which has prevented funding for increased salaries from being distributed.

The passage of this parcel tax would significantly solve for anticipated budget shortfalls in future years. If the funding from this measure were available today, it would have helped close SFUSD’s budget gap for Fiscal Year 2021-22 by between 27% to 57% depending on the final outcome of the state budget. This measure would provide critical funding to keep San Francisco teachers paid, providing stability for educators and our students during these unprecedented times. Deeper budget cuts that would occur without this parcel tax would have a devastating impact on student learning and outcomes.

“Everyone is struggling right now under the weight of the COVID-19 pandemic, including our
schools, our students, and our teachers,” said Mayor Breed. “We are currently collecting a tax to support our educators that we can’t spend because of a lawsuit, so it’s time we step up and remove that risk by taking this parcel tax back to the ballot. This is an essential step to help our schools avoid devastating budget cuts and make sure all of our students get the quality education that they deserve.”

In June 2018, voters passed Proposition G with 61% of the vote. Though the measure passed with a simple majority, a lawsuit was filed containing that the measure needed a two-thirds vote to pass. Although the taxes are being collected, the disbursement of funds has been placed on hold by the Controller until that litigation is resolved. The new ballot measure introduced by Mayor Breed today will replace the existing $320 parcel tax with a $288 parcel tax if it passes with a two-thirds vote. The proceeds from the new proposed parcel tax will mirror those of the existing parcel tax.

“Now more than ever we need to honor our public schools and support our educators any way we can,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safaí. “The recent pandemic has proven how essential our educators are, and what better way than to commit to providing critical funds when our education system is facing a dire economic crisis. This has to be one of San Francisco’s top priorities this fall and I am committed 100% to passing this measure.”

“This proposal would reduce taxes for homeowners while allowing the school district and our employees to plan with more certainty,” said SFUSD Board of Education President Mark Sanchez. “This thoughtful and balanced proposal will help San Francisco’s taxpayers, educators, students and families.”

“Creating a stable funding source to maintain salaries for our hard working teachers and staff is critical, especially as they, like so many others, are facing economic anxiety,” said SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews. “This measure will also be critical in allowing the district to weather the budgetary crisis that has deepened as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“The Executive Board of United Educators of San Francisco has voted unanimously in favor of placing the Fair Wages for Educators Act initiative on the November 3, 2020 ballot,” said Susan Solomon, President, United Educators of San Francisco (UESF). “Though Proposition G, the Living Wage for Educators Act, was passed by a wide margin of San Francisco voters in 2018, the as-yet unresolved court challenge to Prop G by anti-fair taxation forces has left our students and their educators with an uncertain and unstable future. Instead of expecting our students to wait for the final legal outcome—in the time of a pandemic, when our kids need more support than ever before—UESF supports an initiative that will not only bring much-needed revenue into our schools, but will do so while decreasing property owners’ taxes. UESF thanks Mayor London N. Breed and is proud to be part of this effort to provide support for the schools all of our students deserve.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly intensified fiscal challenges due to economic shutdown resulting in decreased local and state education revenue. The Governor’s budget has identified a $54 billion state budget shortfall. Under the current proposed May Revised Budget, it is projected that the San Francisco Unified School District will face a $148 million deficit in Fiscal Year 2021-22, which is a 16% reduction from the current budget.

The State Legislature proposes that if no federal stimulus funds are provided, cash payments
to school districts statewide would be deferred in order to maintain budgets for school districts for FY 2020-21. Even with the State Legislature’s proposal, SFUSD will need to identify further reductions and budget solutions in order to meet a balanced budget.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED INTRODUCES BALLOT MEASURE TO SUPPORT SAN FRANCISCO SMALL BUSINESSES

In wake of economic devastation of COVID-19, ballot measure will eliminate bureaucracy and make it easier for small businesses to open and operate throughout San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today introduced a ballot measure to streamline the process for new small businesses to open and make it easier for existing small businesses to operate and adapt. The Save Our Small Businesses initiative introduced by Mayor Breed has two main priorities: eliminate bureaucracy in the permitting and inspection process, and modernize zoning along neighborhood commercial corridors.

This measure is a continuation of Mayor Breed’s commitment to support small businesses during the City’s response to COVID-19, and her previous efforts to streamline permitting to make it easier for small businesses to open and operate in San Francisco.

“Many of our small businesses were already struggling before COVID-19, and now they are barely hanging on,” said Mayor Breed. “We’re doing what we can with the resources we currently have available, but we know it’s not enough and, all too often, our current system makes it frustrating to own and operate a business in this city—or keeps people from wanting
to open a business in the first place. We have to do better for our small businesses if we want our neighborhood corridors to not only survive, but thrive.”

By signing this measure directly onto the ballot, Mayor Breed intends to move it forward for the November 2020 election.

**Eliminate Bureaucracy and Streamline Permit Process**
The Save Our Small Businesses measure will cut bureaucracy in the permitting and inspection process, making it simpler, faster and less expensive for businesses to open, operate, and adapt. Specifically, the ballot measure would require that permit applications for storefront uses that are allowed by the current zoning be reviewed within 30 days, compared to what can sometimes be months of review. This improvement is critical because new small businesses often have to pay months of rent after securing a location before getting their permits from the City.

Currently, multiple City departments review permit applications sequentially. This measure would streamline the application process by allowing parallel cross-department review of applications. The measure also would eliminate lengthy notification requirements for permitted uses in Neighborhood Commercial Districts and streamline the permit inspection process.

**Modernizing Zoning and Regulations**
The Save Our Small Businesses measure will also modernize zoning along neighborhood commercial corridors to allow businesses to open up more quickly and at lower costs. More businesses will be eligible for streamlined approvals, including cafes, restaurants, community serving facilities, social services, philanthropy, and arts activities. The measure will also support businesses that want to change or diversify their products or services. Additionally, uses that are permissible on the ground floor of buildings will now also be permissible on the second floor.

The Save Our Small Businesses measure would also allow non-profit organizations to rent or purchase space in neighborhood commercial districts. Non-profit organizations have been increasingly priced out of San Francisco and have had trouble securing spaces at a price they can afford. By allowing these organizations to rent space in neighborhood districts, this measure would help keep organizations in San Francisco while also filling vacant commercial storefronts.

Save Our Small Businesses will help restaurants and businesses adapt to a new normal with COVID-19 and operate in compliance with social distancing and other health requirements. Since restaurant capacity will be reduced and as more restaurants transition to providing outdoor dining, the ballot measure would permit food service in Parklets and facilitate outdoor dining by making it easier to for businesses to operate in the rear of their building.

“San Francisco small businesses don’t just enliven our neighborhoods, they also support hundreds of thousands of workers and their families,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As we work together as a City to climb out of the global recession, supporting small businesses to adapt and reopen is a major key to bringing people back to work, rebuilding equity, and renewing our economy.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated our small businesses community,” said Rodney
Fong, President and CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. “We need strong, decisive action to help our merchant corridors and storefront businesses. This ballot measure is the perfect combination of reforms, streamlining, and support to get our beloved neighborhood businesses back on their feet.”

“Over and over I hear from businesses who have been trapped for months in planning purgatory,” said Sharky Laguana, President, Small Business Commission, and CEO and Founder of Bandago. “They spend money every day, but can’t open their store, or transform their restaurant to do what needs to be done to stay alive - because the process itself has become the obstacle. This measure tackles these problems head on. It’s about time we addressed the real problems facing small business every day in San Francisco. I can’t support this measure enough.”

“For years, the San Francisco small business community—particularly in arts and entertainment—has been collapsing under the weight of red tape and unnecessary bureaucracy.” said Ben Bleiman, President, San Francisco Entertainment Commission, and owner of the Tonic Nightlife Group. “By removing onerous barriers, adding flexibility, and streamlining the permitting process, this measure will help new businesses open faster and allow existing businesses to adapt their models to survive. It will make a huge impact on the vibrancy of our beloved neighborhoods and offer a much needed lifeline to our arts and entertainment industries.”

“The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Association believes this measure will offer many opportunities for small neighborhood businesses to overcome the often difficult process of doing business in San Francisco,” said Maryo Mogannam, President, San Francisco Council of District Merchants Association.

“I’m glad to see the City moving forward concrete policy changes to fix outdated zoning rules and streamline the permitting process in San Francisco,” said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. “Mayor Breed understands that we need to make it easier and less expensive for restaurants and other small businesses to operate, especially in the face of the economic challenges of COVID-19. Restaurants are looking for ways to stay afloat and adapt to make their businesses safer for everyone, and the Save Our Small Businesses measure will provide the much-needed regulatory changes to help businesses get through this and come out even stronger than before.”

Today’s ballot measure builds upon Mayor Breed’s Small Business Streamlining legislation from fall 2019. The legislation focused on streamlining the City’s often burdensome and confusing small business permitting process by clarifying ambiguous provisions in City codes, eliminating redundant requirements and removing outdated barriers so that local entrepreneurs can provide residents and visitors with experiences and services that are reflective of each neighborhood’s unique character. The Small Business Streamlining legislation was passed as part of Mayor Breed’s Citywide Storefront Vacancy Strategy that also included nearly $1 million dollar in program investments and implementation of administrative reforms to support small businesses vibrancy and vitality.

Since the beginning of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the City has identified $15.5 million in grants and loans to support small businesses. The San Francisco Resiliency Fund and San Francisco Hardship Emergency Loan Program serve small businesses, sole proprietors, and independent contractors with little to no access to traditional credit in underserved
communities. The programs are a result of public and private partnerships that leverage various resources, including the generous donations to the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. The City has also awarded nearly $800,000 in Neighborhood Small Business Mini Grants to 276 small independently owned businesses in underserved commercial corridors.

Mayor Breed’s additional initiatives to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

- Deferring business registration fees with up to $49 million for 89,000 businesses and further delaying the City’s collection of the unified license fee until September 30, 2020. This will lead to $14 million in deferrals impacting 11,000 payees. In March, Mayor Breed announced an initial three-month delay for the collection of the fee.
- Business tax deferrals for small businesses with up to $10 million in gross receipts. Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros notified small businesses that their first quarter businesses taxes can be deferred until February 2021. No interest payments, fees, or fines will accrue as a result of the deferral.
- $10 million Workers and Families First Paid Sick Leave Program, providing up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee;
- $2.5 million in support for working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19;
- Issuing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions for small and medium sized businesses that can’t afford to pay rent;
- Capping the commission on 3rd party food delivery companies;
- Advocating for additional resources for small business and workers through the federal CARES Act;
- 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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San Francisco’s progress and effective behavior changes allow more economic and social activities to resume. Safety protocols and public health requirements remain necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of all San Franciscans.

San Francisco, CA — Today the City’s phased reopening moved forward into Phase 2B, allowing more business and social activities to resume with required safety protocols in place. San Francisco is continuing to make progress slowing the spread of COVID-19, is meeting several key health indicators, and is aligned with state guidance as it gradually allows more activities.

Last week, San Francisco restaurants began offering outdoor dining, following the success of curbside retail and some outdoor activities that were allowed in mid-May. Starting today, retail businesses are allowing customers to shop inside with safety modifications, and some additional outdoor activities may resume, including small outdoor gatherings with 12 people or fewer.

The City plans to allow additional social and business activities in the coming weeks and months if key health indicators are met and residents and businesses continue to follow safety guidelines and requirements that are critical to protecting employees and customers of
businesses that are reopening. The public’s continued partnership and cooperation with face coverings and other health precautions such as social distancing, frequent handwashing, staying home if sick, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces are essential to continue reopening.

“San Francisco retail businesses and residents have been waiting for a while to get to this next phase, and we’re committed to continuing to make progress on reopening so people can get back to work and regain some sense of normalcy in their lives,” said Mayor Breed. “As we do reopen, we want to make sure that we do so carefully and safely, and that we’re ready to adjust if we see a spike in cases. Our success depends on each person doing their part, taking precautions and being mindful. As we go out in our neighborhood to visit and support local businesses, it’s important that we continue following all the public health requirements, which will help keep us all safe and healthy.”

“San Francisco has been very effective in slowing the spread of the virus. Reopening combines hope and optimism with the awareness that the virus is still here, and cases will likely increase as people start to move about the city more,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “The virus spreads very quickly and can rapidly overwhelm communities and health care systems. While we hope that won’t happen in San Francisco, that is why we must be vigilant and flexible as we enter this new phase. Residents must continue to take precautions and sustain the habits that have gotten us where we are today. Everyone needs to weigh their own risk and the risk to their family, household members and people they interact with. As we reopen, think through how to do any activity you are contemplating in the safest way possible. You can still save lives.”

San Francisco’s Stay Home Health Order remains in effect and is gradually being amended to allow for a safer reopening. Today, the City is entering into Phase 2B of its local reopening plan. San Francisco entered Phase 2A of the reopening plan on June 1, 2020 and on June 12, 2020 allowed outdoor dining with safety protocols to begin. In conjunction with outdoor dining, the City is offering free permits for businesses to occupy the sidewalk and other public property to operate their business through the Shared Spaces program.

The activities and businesses allowed to resume today as part of San Francisco’s Reopening Phase 2B are:

- Indoor retail with 50% capacity limits (enclosed malls with approved plan)
- All curbside retail with direct street access with no limit on the number of on-site personnel, subject to social distancing, and with direct street access (enclosed malls with approved plan)
- All manufacturing, warehouse and logistics with no limit on the number of on-site personnel, subject to social distancing
- Non-emergency medical appointments
- All private indoor household services like cooks and house cleaners
- Outdoor fitness classes (up to 12 people) with social distancing
- Professional sports games, tournaments and other entertainment for broadcast with no in-person spectators. Events with more than 12 people must have an approved plan.
- Religious gatherings and ceremonies, outdoors only (up to 12 people), with face coverings and social distancing
- Other small gatherings, outdoors only (up to 12 people), with face coverings and social distancing
- Some offices. Anyone who can telework must continue to do so, but individuals
necessary for operations who cannot work remotely may come into the office as long as certain safety rules are followed. These include wearing a face covering and limiting the number of people who can be in the office at one time.

- Summer camps with stable groups of up to 12.
- Outdoor dining including restaurants and bars serving meals with a limit of six customers per table unless all are members of the same household (effective June 12)
- Dog walking of multiple dogs (effective June 8)

San Francisco’s reopening plan is aligned with State guidelines and is based on a San Francisco-specific risk model to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. The plan is also informed by the work of the San Francisco COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force and the Department of Public Health (DPH) monitoring of the virus.

“Every step forward we take in reopening supports our local economy and so far San Franciscans have made that possible by taking individual action to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Assessor Carmen Chu, co-chair of the City’s Economic Recovery Task Force. “Let’s continue to do our part to protect ourselves, our families and the workers who make the everyday things we need and enjoy possible.”

“San Francisco’s hard work and patience, combined with taking face covering and social distancing seriously, has brought us to a reopening milestone that’s going to greatly benefit our small businesses, our workers, and our economy,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As more businesses open their doors in the coming weeks, they’ll be counting on our support more than ever. By buying local, we can keep our purchasing power within our communities, help sustain our businesses and their workers and emerge from this pandemic a more vibrant and resilient San Francisco.”

“We are very excited to see the city progress into Phase 2B of its reopening plan,” said David Eiland, owner of Just For Fun in Noe Valley. “Small businesses serve a vital purpose in helping provide life and character to our neighborhoods and employ many of our neighbors. Indoor retail is one more step on the road to normal and we are excited to welcome back our friends, customers, and community.”

As the City reopens with a focus on safety and equity, DPH will continue to track the impact of the virus on the community and health system to inform public policy. As people start to move about the city more and increase activities, San Francisco will likely experience increases in cases and hospitalizations. As San Francisco continues to reopen, the City will address the disparities already identified for low-wage workers, people who must leave home to work, and workers who live in crowded conditions.

San Francisco’s health indicators are an important tool to monitor the level of COVID-19 in the community and the ability of our health care system to meet the needs of residents. The Health Indicators monitor cases, hospital system, testing, contact tracing and personal protective equipment. The Health Indicators are not an on/off switch for the reopening, but instead measure the pandemic in San Francisco and our ability to manage it. They will be posted on the San Francisco COVID-19 Data Tracker on Tuesday June 16, so that San Franciscans can stay informed.

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A fundamental principle of the agreement is the shared goal of improving the livability of the Tenderloin community and promoting a healthy and vibrant neighborhood for all of its residents, including the housed and unhoused, visitors, employees, employers, shoppers, and people with disabilities.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and UC Hastings Law today announced that the City of San Francisco and UC Hastings and its co-plaintiffs Fallon Victoria, Rene Denis, Randy Hughes, Kristen Villalobos, and the Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association have reached a settlement agreement in the form of a stipulated injunction regarding conditions in the Tenderloin with an ambitious plan to dramatically improve them going forward.

The six plaintiffs filed suit on May 4, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California against the City and County of San Francisco seeking remedy
for the Tenderloin’s dangerously crowded sidewalks and to provide safe and sanitary shelter for the unhoused people who have been camping there in escalating numbers since the outbreak of COVID-19.

A fundamental principle of the agreement is the shared goal of improving the livability of the Tenderloin community and promoting a healthy and vibrant neighborhood for all of its residents, including the housed and unhoused, visitors, employees, employers, shoppers, and people with disabilities. The problems facing the Tenderloin are substantial, long-standing, and not easily solved. All parties recognize that the COVID-19 crisis has created additional challenges to achieving the shared goal.

The agreement stipulates that by July 20, 2020, the City will remove up to 300 tents and encampments representing approximately 70% of those inventoried in a June 5, 2020 census. Occupants of the tents will be relocated to shelter-in-place hotel rooms, safe sleeping villages outside the Tenderloin, or off-street sites such as parking lots in the Tenderloin. The City will then work to ensure that former encampment sites do not become re-encamped. The City will continue offering free COVID-19 testing to all residents in the Tenderloin during the duration of the pandemic.

While the City is hopeful that most people offered an alternative location will be willing to accept the opportunity, the City will employ enforcement measures for those who do not accept an offer of shelter or safe sleeping site if necessary to comply with the stipulated injunction.

After July 20, 2020, the City will make all reasonable efforts to achieve the shared goal of permanently reducing the number of tents to zero, along with encamping materials and related personal property. For the proposed settlement to become final, it must be approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Also, as part of an ongoing collaboration to address drug dealing and street safety in the Tenderloin, Mayor Breed has invited UC Hastings’ Chancellor & Dean David Faigman to work with the City, local law enforcement, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office to incorporate best practices and deploy innovative strategies to improve conditions in the neighborhood.

“COVID-19 has impacted many communities in our City, but we know that the Tenderloin has been particularly hard-hit,” said Mayor Breed. “We share the concerns that UC Hastings and residents of the Tenderloin have about what’s happening in the neighborhood, and we look forward to working collaboratively to implement the Stipulated Injunction so we help our unsheltered residents off the streets and into safer environments. The challenges that existed around homelessness, mental health, and addiction existed before COVID-19 and they’ve only become more exacerbated now, but both the City and UC Hastings are committed to address the short-term challenges while we work towards long-term solutions.”

“Mayor London Breed is showing the bold leadership that has typified her response throughout the pandemic. She is taking on the challenge of providing for the needs of the unhoused, and the whole of the Tenderloin community, in ways that have eluded her predecessors. The key is providing housing and shelter alternatives, including hotels and safe sleeping villages, for those currently having no alternative but to live in sidewalk encampments. All residents and merchants of the Tenderloin are indebted to her stewardship during these difficult times,” said UC Hastings Chancellor & Dean David L. Faigman.
Also reacting positively to the settlement were co-plaintiffs Fallon Victoria, who said, “If the Mayor starts cleaning up the streets, then that would be great. I definitely believe in her,” and Randy Hughes, who uses a wheelchair to get around the neighborhood, who said, “It would be nice to get some space back.”

Co-plaintiff Kristen Villalobos said, “Since the emergence of the COVID-19 virus, I have watched in dismay and with growing horror as the conditions in the Tenderloin have deteriorated past a point that I had ever considered possible. These last few months have been frightening and frustrating, but I’m hopeful about the agreement that has been reached. I look forward to seeing the City take meaningful action to address both the temporary escalated crisis created by the pandemic, and the crisis conditions that already existed on our Tenderloin streets before it came along. It will take long-term solutions, but I know that these problems can be solved if we have the courage and the will to see it through. I love my neighborhood, and I look forward to working with the City in any way I may to continue ensuring a better life for everyone who calls the Tenderloin home.”

“All of the neighborhood merchants will be happy that the City is not only moving the tents, but getting the unhoused people into shelters,” said Rene Colorado, executive director of the Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association and manager of two restaurants on Larkin Street.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City’s shelter system has had to reduce occupancy by up to 75% in order to comply with social distancing and, as a result, San Francisco has seen an increase in unsheltered homelessness and tents on the street. This is particularly true in the Tenderloin, which has seen a large increase in tents and homeless residents. This agreement outlines a number of short-term and long-term steps that the City, UC Hastings, and the co-plaintiffs are committed to implementing in order to better serve people experiencing homelessness, and all residents and businesses in the Tenderloin.

Other measures include an increased emphasis on safety, enforcement against drug dealing, and community development projects long in the works. One such project is the nearly completed Municipal Marketplace in the heart of the Tenderloin at 101 Hyde Street. Operated by La Cocina, a nonprofit, this facility will provide low-cost, high-quality food options and will activate and improve the safety of one of the neighborhood’s most troubled corners, currently plagued by drug dealing and addiction.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SODA TAX FUNDING WILL PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY COVID-19

$1.65 million in funds from the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax will provide emergency food relief for people who are struggling to afford food due to COVID-19

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Supervisor Shamann Walton, and Chair of California State Board of Equalization Malia Cohen today announced that $1.65 million in funds raised by the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT), more commonly known as the San Francisco Soda Tax, will be used to provide emergency relief to those struggling to purchase food as a result of the impacts of COVID-19. The funding closely follows recommendations the SDDT Advisory Committee made at its March 2020 meeting.

“COVID-19 has made it really challenging for some of our most vulnerable communities to access food, whether due to loss of income, longer lines at the stores, closing of dining rooms, or other disruptions to normal routine,” said Mayor Breed. “This funding will support programs and community organizations that are doing the hard work, day in and day out, to
feed San Franciscans. As we respond to the health challenges of COVID-19, it’s important that we keep working together to make sure people have enough to eat and don’t have to worry about where their next meal will come from.”

“As we are fighting to feed families and fight hunger during this pandemic, we are happy that we have funds available from the sugary beverage tax, which was always intended to address the gaps that exist in our most vulnerable communities and make sure people have healthy meals,” said Supervisor Walton. “This is how we step up during a crisis.”

“We took on Big Soda to materially reduce health disparities for communities of color,” said Malia Cohen, Chair of the California State Board of Equalization. “For decades, targeted advertising in communities like the Bayview and Mission has led to higher rates of diabetes and heart disease. Now, our community is among the hardest hit by COVID-19 and its economic impacts. Using these Soda Tax dollars to ensure access to fresh, healthy food is exactly the kind of direct investment that we need.”

Because the COVID-19 pandemic exploits the pre-existing inequities in our society, it impacts communities that experience health disparities, economic inequality and discrimination more significantly. Due to these impacts, the funds from the Soda Tax will specifically support low-income people; seniors; pregnant and breastfeeding women; and undocumented immigrants.

The use of the funding began in early May 2020 and will be used by the San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market to purchase produce and shelf-stable foods for community groups that are distributing meals to their members, including the Bayview Senior Center and the San Francisco African American Faith Based Coalition, among others. Moreover, the funds will support the San Francisco Unified School District’s efforts to continue providing meals to students. Funding will allow the Housing Authority, Mission Language and Vocational School, and partners to provide food to undocumented immigrants and public housing residents, and will support Black and African American faith-based groups and other vulnerable residents. The contracts with these organizations are being finalized.

“The Health Department’s partnership with the SDDT Advisory Committee has always been focused on serving our community and ensuring they have access to healthy food options,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “We know food insecurity contributes to poor health outcomes. This funding cannot be coming at a better time to help reduce the risk of hunger and support healthy food choices for our San Francisco communities most in need during these unprecedented times. The economic impacts of the response to the pandemic are real, and we are glad to have directed funds to support our neighbors who are most affected.”

“The SF Soda Tax was designed to make San Francisco a healthier place for everyone,” said Joi Jackson-Morgan and Dr. Jonathan Butler, SDDT Advisory Committee co-chairs. “As we face the challenges created by COVID-19, health support is more critical than ever. Yet, we know that the measures we are taking to combat COVID-19, such as sheltering-in-place, mean that many of our neighbors are losing their income and ability to purchase food. We need to bridge this gap immediately to ensure that everyone in our communities has the ability to buy fresh food during this crisis, so the SDDT Advisory Committee voted to make this budget recommendation to the city.”

“The SF Market has a long history of supporting our neighbors, be it through food recovery that directs surplus food to those in need, or donations for community events,” said Michael
Janis, General Manager of San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market. “We were delighted to have the opportunity to further expand our support of our friends and neighbors in need of assistance in this difficult time.”

By taxing the distribution of sugary drinks, the SF Soda Tax supports a wide variety of health initiatives in San Francisco, many of which are aimed at making sure all San Francisco residents have access to healthy food. In addition to these emergency funds available for food purchasing, the SF Soda Tax contributes to:

- **Food Security and Healthy Eating** - Over 80,000 EatSF produce vouchers have been distributed to more than 4,400 unduplicated households helping low-income San Franciscans eat more fruits and vegetables.
- **Nutrition in Schools** - Over 20,000 students are experiencing fresher, healthier meals; student-led projects serving about 1,000 individuals are increasing water consumption and decreasing sugary drink consumption; increasing fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity provided in school settings.
- **Physical Activity and Community Building** - Peace Parks provide activities that promote physical, mental, and economic health to approximately 600 people per month in Bayview Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, and Sunnydale neighborhoods. This includes sports and dance activities, a Teen Outdoor Experience program, and workshops on anti-bullying, gender respect, job training, workforce development, and housing.
- **Increasing Access to and Consumption of Tap Water** - Funding will allow for installation of hydration stations in public venues and schools to address disparities in underserved areas. Students will lead projects to educate their peers on the benefits of drinking tap water and the health harms of sugary drinks.
- **Oral Health** - Multiple initiatives are working to improve oral health: task forces in the Mission, Bayview and Chinatown; dental sealants to kindergarteners and first graders; and case management and outreach.

Due to school closures, SFUSD has created sites throughout the city that are open on Mondays and Wednesdays, where families can pick-up breakfast, lunch, supper, fresh fruit, vegetables and milk to take home.

Addressing food insecurity and expanding food access has also been a critical objective of the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). To date, the EOC’s Food Distribution Unit has delivered about 66,000 meals through the Food Helpline and the Great Plates Delivered San Francisco program.

**About the SF Soda Tax**
In November of 2016, the voters of San Francisco passed the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT), more commonly known as the SF Soda Tax. The SF Soda Tax established a 1 cent per ounce fee on the initial distribution of drinks with added sugar within the City and County of San Francisco. That means that a 12 ounce can of soda generates 12 cents for the Soda Tax. Merchants may pass that 12 cents along to consumers. The funds collected from this tax are invested in a variety of healthy programs across the city. Learn more at sodatax-sf.org.

**About the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee**
The Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC), a completely volunteer committee, first convened in December 2017 to prepare recommendations to present to Mayor London Breed and the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the SF Soda Tax. The
SDDTAC makes funding recommendations that support services and other innovative, community-led work to decrease sugary beverage consumption and related chronic diseases.

- **Goal 1: Healthy People!** We know that the sugary drinks beverage industry targets low-income communities and communities of color in San Francisco. A focus on healthy people provides an opportunity to invest in community power that can address health inequities.

- **Goal 2: Healthy Places!** Having safe, equitable and healthy physical, economic, and social environments is critical to achieving SDDTAC’s vision. To ensure that places are healthy in San Francisco, the SDDTAC has prioritized addressing the root causes of health inequities. Learn more: [www.sfdph.org/sddtac](http://www.sfdph.org/sddtac)

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Commissioners,

I am pleased to inform you that the Mayor’s Office has authorized all Commissions to reconvene remotely. Therefore, we are able to hold our June 17, 2020 hearing. Agenda attached.

Enjoy the weekend,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ROADMAP FOR NEW POLICE REFORMS

Additional reforms will focus on eliminating the need for police to be first responders for non-criminal situations and changing hiring, promotional, training, and disciplinary systems

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced her vision to fundamentally change the nature of policing in San Francisco and issued a set of policies to address structural inequities. She proposed four priorities to achieve this vision: ending the use of police in response to non-criminal activity; addressing police bias and strengthening accountability; demilitarizing the police; and promoting economic justice. These policies build on the City’s ongoing work to meet the standards contained in President Obama’s 2015 Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

“San Francisco has made progress reforming our police department, but we know that we still have significant work to do,” said Mayor Breed. “We know that a lack of equity in our society overall leads to a lot of the problems that police are being asked to solve. We are going to keep pushing for additional reforms and continue to find ways to reinvest in communities that have historically been underserved and harmed by systemic racism.”
“The initiatives Mayor Breed is announcing today are consistent with our department’s commitment to the Collaborative Reform Initiative and our aspiration to make the San Francisco Police Department a national model in 21st Century policing,” said San Francisco Chief of Police Bill Scott. “We understand that it’s necessary for law enforcement to listen to the African American community and embrace courageous changes to address disparate policing practices, and we recognize it will take sacrifice on our part to fulfill the promise of reform.”

This reform effort will focus on reducing the need for police to be first responders for non-criminal situations, and changing the Police Department’s hiring, promotional, training, and disciplinary systems to better reflect that the department’s fundamental mission to protect and defend all life. It will also focus on demilitarizing the police and redirecting funding to invest in marginalized communities. These reforms will be implemented on an ongoing basis, with some changes going into effect immediately.

These four priorities build on San Francisco’s ongoing police reforms, including efforts to limit use of force and require independent investigations. San Francisco has already implemented several best practices that have been shown to reduce police violence including banning chokeholds and strangleholds, requiring de-escalation, requiring a warning before shooting, and exhausting all other means before shooting. Additionally, San Francisco requires officers to intervene in cases of excessive use of force, bans shooting at moving vehicles, requires officers to use the minimum amount of force necessary when force is used, and requires comprehensive reporting.

Demilitarize Police
Mayor Breed has directed San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to establish an explicit policy barring the use of military-grade weapons against unarmed civilians. This includes, but is not limited to, chemical weapons such as tear gas, bayonets, and tanks. This plan will call on SFPD to inventory and plan how to divest the Department of any such weapons currently in their possession by the end of 2021, and to create safeguards to disconnect the SFPD from federal grants for weapons of attack used against the community.

End Use of Police as a Response to Non-Criminal Activity
In order to limit unnecessary confrontation between the SFPD and the community, San Francisco will work to divert non-violent calls for service away from SFPD to non-law enforcement agencies. Over the next year, the City will develop a systematic response plan to improve direct connection to community-based or City service providers, such as the CAHOOTS model of crisis response or the Homeless Outreach Team or Street Medicine behavioral health professionals. This plan will also reduce the need for armed police interventions in our schools.

Address Police Bias and Strengthen Accountability
To reduce the persistence of police bias, the Mayor has directed the Department of Human Resources, Department of Police Accountability, and SFPD to identify and screen for indicators of bias, improve training systems, improve data sharing across Departments, and strengthen the SFPD’s Early Intervention System for use of force violations.

Starting immediately, the Department of Human Resources will audit all SFPD and San Francisco Sheriff hiring and promotional exams to incorporate state-of-the-art testing for bias and potential for abuse of force. Moving forward, the SFPD and Police Commission will
also strengthen the affirmative duty to act policy and tie any violation to transparent
disciplinary action.

The Mayor has also directed the Department of Police Accountability to expand their focus
beyond individual instances of misconduct, using the Department’s chartered authority to
evaluate patterns and practice of bias within the SFPD.

Redirect Funding for Racial Equity
Mayor Breed has announced that divestments from law enforcement will support intentional
investment of funds in programs and organizations that serve communities that have been
systematically harmed by past City policies.

Decades of disinvestment in the African-American community and racially disparate policies
in San Francisco have exacerbated disproportionate harm in Black communities, affecting
outcomes from health and wellness to housing insecurity and economic outcomes. On June 4,
Mayor Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton announced a plan to prioritize the redirection
of resources from the San Francisco Police Department to support the African-American
community in the upcoming budget. They will lead a collaborative process with the
community in partnership with the Human Rights Commission to help identify and prioritize
funding needs.

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Commissioners,

I would like to remind you of a relatively recent addition to your filing requirements.

“On January 1, 2019, a new recusal reporting law that amends Sec. 3.209 of the City’s Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code became operational. Sec. 3.209 specifies recusal procedures for Commissioners who have a financial conflict of interest arising from pending matters, including public disclosure of the conflict and leaving the room during discussion, voting and any other disposition of the matter. Commissioners who must recuse themselves also must file a public disclosure form with the Ethics Commission within 15 days after the date of the meeting at which the recusal occurred or would have occurred. Commissioners must file the form even if the member did not attend the meeting that would have required their recusal.”


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MAYOR LONDON BREED, PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO, SUPERVISOR AARON PESKIN ANNOUNCE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISHERMAN’S WHARF CRABBERS IN WAKE OF PIER 45 FIRE

Financial assistance package will support San Francisco’s historic crabbing industry and its workforce

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London Breed, Port Commission President Kimberly Brandon, and Supervisor Aaron Peskin today announced a planned financial relief package to assist San Francisco crabbers impacted by a massive fire last month and ensure a crab season occurs this year.

More than 30 crabbers lost 8,000 crab, shrimp, and black cod traps pots during a 4-alarm fire that ravaged Pier 45 on May 23, 2020. Shed C, which was engulfed in flames and completely destroyed, housed the vast majority of the crab community’s pots, essentially bringing the local industry to a halt. The San Francisco crabbing community produces almost two million pounds of Dungeness crab each year. Approximately 50% of all Bay Area crab flows through
Fisherman’s Wharf. The fishing industry has been a mainstay of the San Francisco and Fisherman’s Wharf economy since the Gold Rush era.

“Many crabbers were already struggling financially due to COVID-19, and the loss of their equipment in the fire at Pier 45 has made an already challenging situation even more difficult,” said Mayor Breed. “The crabbing and fishing industry in our city is part of what makes San Francisco so special and we want to help them recover from the loss of their equipment. Our planned financial assistance will help them get back on their feet and ready for the fall crabbing season.”

“The Fisherman’s Wharf crabbing and fishing community have always been essential to San Francisco’s identity and economy,” said Supervisor Peskin. “Part of that identity is a City that knows how to take care if its own. We are asking San Franciscans who refuse to let this crisis erase all our beloved iconic institutions to dig deep and support our Pier 45 Crab Relief efforts.”

Supervisor Peskin will lead a $500,000 fundraising campaign to provide a down-payment assistance funds for crabbers. The down-payment assistance ensures crabbers can place orders immediately and obtain the pots in time for the next Dungeness Crab Season, expected to open this fall. Additionally, Port staff is working with Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) and the San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association to develop a loan payment program with favorable terms to support purchase of the pots to keep fishing community employed. Many crabbers have accumulated these pots over the course of their career and replacing an entire fleet of pots at one-time is financially impractical especially in this economic environment of uncertainty and hardship.

Down-payment assistance grants will provide up to $40,000 for each fisher’s down payment on replacement crab traps for the upcoming Dungeness crab season. Crabbers who lost pots and traps in Shed C, are Port tenants and are active fishers will be eligible for financial support.

Production of crab traps or pots is limited to a handful of manufacturers located in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Each trap is built by hand and consists of a welded metal frame covered in a thick layer of rubber and wrapped in wire mesh. Traps range in size and shape and take several weeks to complete and ordering for this custom equipment requires advance lead-time for the manufacturers to secure materials and prepare.

“The Port is looking forward to working with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Crab Boat Owners to help this historic community and keep people employed,” said Kim Brandon, President of the San Francisco Port Commission. “We know many essential workers are struggling to make ends meet and we recognize the hardship of losing equipment vital to earning a living. We need to ensure we have a crab season as our restaurants and retail along the Wharf reopen from the COVID-19 shelter in place.”

The Port and OEWD will present the relief program to the Port Commission on July 14, 2020. The program will be administered by OEWD, which will provide access to down-payment assistance funds and the 0% interest loans to the crabbers. To access the down-payment assistance and loans, crabbers will need to complete a simple application and document their losses. Grant payments will be available within two weeks of the program’s inauguration and the receipt of a complete application. Funds made available through this program will be
paired with technical assistance and will not preclude recipients from receiving grants or loans from additional City sources.

“The fishing community is integral part of Port community,” said Port of San Francisco Executive Director Elaine Forbes. “We want to assist this vital maritime industry in its recovery, and to ensure that the process of getting ready for November’s crabbing season is as painless as possible given these very challenging and uncertain times. We stand with our fishing community in recognition of the vital role this essential workforce plays in the Fisherman’s Wharf experience and in our economy.”

“OEWD is proud to support small businesses and workers impacted by disasters like the devastating fire at Pier 45,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As a City, we’re going to help reequip these small businesses with the gear they need now so that they don’t miss the crab season this fall.”

The Port of San Francisco is also working to identify new storage space for the crabbers and is considering a rent relief package for tenants. The Port has also written to its insurance company to see if any of this loss is eligible for insurance recovery.

“The fire at Pier 45 felt like a final blow to San Francisco fishing community,” said John Barnett, President of the San Francisco Crab Boat Owners Association. “We are struggling to make ends meet in this pandemic and just got back to work when the fire broke out. We are surprised and grateful that City leadership and the Port of San Francisco see what we are going through and are offering to support us through this time. We just want to get back on the water and earn a living but right now, we need help to do so.”

Fisherman’s Wharf is the center of Northern California’s commercial and sport fishing fleets. Pier 45 houses the West Coast’s largest concentration of commercial fish processors and distributors. These fish processing facilities, housed in adjacent sheds to the one that burned, are undergoing cleaning and safety inspections.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES OUTDOOR DINING IN SAN FRANCISCO STARTING THIS WEEKEND

Restaurants may begin outdoor service beginning Friday, June 12, with proper health and safety protocols in place.

City’s Shared Spaces Program to assist businesses by providing flexible use of sidewalks, streets, and other public spaces to serve customers

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a plan for restaurants to offer outdoor dining service starting Friday, June 12. The amendment to the current Stay Home Order is set to be released later this week and will outline the specific health and safety protocols required for the activity. Only food facilities that provide permitted sit-down meal service may open for outdoor dining.

As part of the City’s plan to safely and gradually reopen, businesses will be able to apply for the City’s Shared Spaces Program to use a portion of the public right-of-way, such as sidewalks, parking lanes, streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and outdoor dining. Beginning Monday, June 15, other businesses may reopen their storefronts for indoor retail and can also apply for Shared Spaces permits. With
proper precautions, outdoor locations carry less risk of transmission of the coronavirus than indoor locations, making outdoor dining a safer option for the gradual resumption of restaurant services.

“Opening our restaurants is a great step that will help our small businesses that are struggling, our workers who need paychecks, and our residents who are ready to safely sit outside and enjoy a meal,” said Mayor Breed. “We have supported our small businesses with economic grants and assistance throughout the pandemic and will continue provide health guidance to help keep their employees and customers safe. Our continued reopening is dependent on each of us, as customers, employees, and San Franciscans to do our part by wearing our face coverings, keeping social distance, staying home if sick, and following the other health guidelines that will slow the virus spread.”

Before establishing an outdoor dining area, business owners will be asked to comply with a number new and existing requirements, including:

- Social Distancing Protocol in the Shelter in Place Order issued on June 1, 2020.
- Food Preparation or Delivery Essential Businesses (Directive 2020-05) including for takeout or delivery.
- Patrons will be required to remain outside the outdoor dining establishment and may enter the establishment only for limited purposes such as to access a restroom, to access an outdoor space that is only accessible by traveling through the restaurant, or to order at an indoor counter.
- Tables must be limited to 6 customers, except for members of the same household. People in the same party seated at the same table do not have to be six feet apart.
- Customers must wear face coverings until seated and any time they leave the table, such as to use a restroom.
- Establishments will be required to comply with strict cleaning and disinfecting protocols.

Additional details and requirements to be released on June 12.

“San Franciscans have done a terrific job helping to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. With hospitalizations down, and testing up, we are making progress in building the new environment where we are gradually reopening,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “The next step of outdoor dining will rely on both restaurants and customers doing their part to take proper precautions, practice social distancing and ensure safety measures for staff. We all have a role to play in a healthy and safer reopening.”

Only food facilities that provide permitted sit-down meal service are allowed to open for outdoor dining. Meals must be prepared and served by the outdoor dining establishment or another person or business operating under an agreement with the outdoor dining establishment. Brewpubs, breweries, bars, pubs, craft distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms that do not provide permitted sit-down meal service must remain closed to the public, except for takeaway retail sales allowed by the order.

The City remains focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, while also actively planning for San Francisco’s recovery. Part of San Francisco’s recovery includes finding ways to more safely reopen parts of the economy, including allowing curbside pickup at retail stores, and identifying other creative solutions to support businesses and their employees.
Given that social distancing requirements will continue to apply until there is a vaccine for the virus, the Shared Spaces Program will support businesses by expanding their ability to operate into outdoor public spaces, providing additional space for required distancing among employees and customers.

The program allows individual businesses or local merchant associations to apply for a no-cost, expedited permit to share the sidewalk or parking lane for business purposes. Examples include restaurant pick-up services, general retail, and outdoor dining, as allowed by the Health Order. The program also includes the potential for broader repurposing of travel lanes or entire streets to support our neighborhood merchants and residents. Because these proposals would come with broader considerations such as impacts to Muni, these proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

“We are grateful to the Mayor and the City for moving so quickly to make the Shared Spaces Program a reality,” said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. “This entailed a lot of work and coordination between departments. The ability for restaurants to soon seat patrons outside will definitely increase the chances we can survive financially.”

The COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force developed the Shared Spaces Program. The Task Force is charged with guiding the City’s efforts to sustain and recover local businesses and employment, and mitigating the economic hardships of COVID-19 that are affecting the most vulnerable San Franciscans. The Task Force’s work is supporting San Francisco organizations and individuals and is laying the groundwork for economic recovery.

Business owners who are interested in participating in the Shared Spaces Program will be asked to self-manage basic requirements around personal safety and accessibility. Examples include ensuring a safe path of travel and accessibility in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Program rules, regulations, and an online application are available on SF.gov/sharedspaces.

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Hello Director Torres,

In these challenging times I know your department is dedicated to doing all you can to help San Francisco’s small businesses and nonprofits. Here at San Francisco Heritage we have been working hard to assist the city's legacy businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

The city's Legacy Business Program recognizes and supports businesses significant to the San Francisco's cultural heritage and economic vitality. We need to not only safeguard funding for the Legacy Business Registry and the Legacy Business Historic Preservation Fund in upcoming city budgets, but find ways to use its framework to direct additional aid to important
institutions such as the San Francisco Bay View National Black Newspaper, Caffe Trieste, and Project Open Hand.

The Legacy Business Registry is an established tool to assist significant neighborhood businesses and nonprofits. We need to preserve and increase program funding while finding ways to use it even more efficiently. Attached is a letter from our President & CEO, Mike Buhler, with our specific requests and ideas.

Thank you for your attention to this and for your dedication to the city's cultural and economic vitality.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED, BOARD PRESIDENT NORMAN YEE, AND SUPERVISOR AHSHA SAFAI ANNOUNCE $1 MILLION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT FAMILY CHILD CARE EDUCATORS

With funding from Give2SF, the new grant program will provide economic relief to Family Child Care educators in high-need neighborhoods who are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee, and Supervisor Ahsha Safaí today announced the creation of a new program to support Family Child Care (FCC) educators. FCCs provide child care for children ages 0 to 12 and are a vital resource for families, particularly in communities with a high need for early care and education but with limited child care resources. Like most small businesses in San Francisco, many child care providers are struggling financially due to COVID-19.

The Office of Early Care and Education (OECE) will use $1 million in funding from the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund to create a Family Child Care Emergency
Operating Grant program. The program will provide up to 150 FCCs with funding they can use to cover operating expenses such as staff retention, rent or mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities, and any other expenses related to typical program operations. The grant program will focus on supporting child care operators who are not eligible or do not have access to many of the funding resources available to other business sectors.

“As we move forward on our gradual reopening of the economy, we know that we need affordable, high-quality childcare options so people can get back to work and know that their kids are safe,” said Mayor Breed. “Unfortunately, many child care operators are struggling right now and are at a risk of closing. This grant program will help these small businesses remain open and provide much-needed early care and education for our city’s families, especially families who live in parts of the City where there aren’t as many child care options.”

“Family Child Care is the backbone support system for our city’s youngest learners. San Francisco and our families cannot afford to have Family Child Care programs close,” said Supervisor Norman Yee. “These providers are predominantly women and women of color and COVID has devastated this industry. Give2SF funding is critical to help support these small businesses and the families and children they serve.”

“Child care centers are the lifeblood of our economy,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safai. “We cannot talk about reopening our City without making sure our child care providers have support to pay rent, cover their mortgage and pay employees during this time. I have talked to many family providers who are on the brink of closure. These funds will be a lifeline to make sure this important workforce survives and that San Francisco families have access to quality care.”

Since child care programs will be facing reduced enrollment restrictions due to COVID-19, it is imperative that existing child care providers remain open so that there is sufficient capacity for San Francisco families. This funding will help child care operators survive until group size restrictions are relaxed through the Public Health Order. The grant program will prioritize FCCs in high-need neighborhoods, including the Tenderloin, SoMa, Mission, Excelsior, OMI, Bayview, Ingleside, Merced, and Visitacion Valley.

“We must commit to strengthening our fragile child care system for the essential-worker families who need child care now during this public health emergency, and for every parent needing to return safely to work,” said Ingrid Mezquita, Director of the Office of Early Care and Education. “Providing these operating grants to Family Childcare helps maintain and sustain our ECE system whole.”

Child care providers that are part of OECE’s Early Learning Scholarship and Preschool For All programs were limited as to who they could serve during the recent public health crisis and have lost funding from non-City sources, such as fees from families and state subsidy reimbursements. As the City plans for next school year’s programming for preschool-aged children, OECE is in need of licensed spaces in high-need communities. To prepare for the school year with classroom sizes maxing at 10 students, OECE needs every available licensed space to accommodate the children who will not have access to district, Head Start, or state-funded spaces that are normally available for three- and four-year-old children.

In March, Mayor Breed announced three priority areas for the Give2SF Fund: food security,
access to housing, and support for workers and small businesses, with a focus on assisting undocumented people who otherwise may not have access to social safety net programs; seniors and people with disabilities; and small businesses. The $1 million in funding from Give2SF is part of the small business category, since FCC educators are small businesses that often have limited financial means.

The grant funding will be managed through the Low Income Investment Fund’s Child Care Facilities Program, in partnership with OECE. OECE will assist FCC educators through the application process. Additional program details and application information will be available on OECE’s webpage: https://sfoece.org/

“As a small business owner, COVID-19 has been devastating! Many of us applied for grants and loans but only a few received help,” said Esperanza Estrada, FCC Educator, Excelsior Neighborhood. “Family Childcare Educators live paycheck to paycheck – this public health emergency has made it impossible to survive. Family Childcare Educators are a valuable community member and the backbone for our economic recovery. We need all the support and help to survive this emergency.”

Contribute to Give2SF
Anyone interested in making a monetary contribution to the City and County of San Francisco’s Give2SF Fund can do so at www.Give2SF.org. Money can be donated via check or wire to the Office of the Controller or through the Give2SF website via credit card. It is preferable that large donations be made by check or wire so no credit card merchant fees are incurred.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES REOPENING GUIDANCE FOR SAFER SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

As part of plan to safely reopen San Francisco and allow more activities, City issues new Public Health guidance on how to be as safe as possible if residents start to expand their social interactions.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced new health guidance that provides the public with information and resources on how to be as safe as possible if interacting with people outside their households, with the goal of continuing the effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Although the Stay Home Order is still in place, San Francisco recognizes that people may be starting to see family and friends again and is using a harm reduction model to provide guidance on the safest ways to do so.

Because San Franciscans have so carefully followed public health guidance to date, San Francisco continues to flatten the curve and is slowly and safely reopening as it meets key health indicators, in alignment with state guidance.

“Connecting with friends and family is one of the ways we will get through this health crisis together, but we have to be smart and vigilant,” said Mayor Breed. “San Franciscans have
made enormous sacrifices in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and as we gradually and safely reopen the City, we must follow all of the guidance from our health experts to keep the progress going. We all have to work together to adjust to this new normal until we have a vaccine, and today’s guidance gives our residents information they can use to stay safe if they choose to see their friends and family.”

“Staying home continues to be the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “We recognize that as the Stay Home Order continues, following it can be hard on San Franciscans’ mental health. Our hope is that these guidelines can help all of us make smart decisions about balancing the risks and benefits of limited interactions with people outside our households.”

San Francisco’s reopening plan is aligned with the State’s guidelines and is based on a San Francisco-specific risk model to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. As the City allows additional activities and businesses to resume over the next few months, the Department of Public Health will issue additional guidance. For now, the public should follow this new guidance while continuing to wear face coverings, wash hands frequently, and stay at least 6 feet from people outside their households.

**Guidance for Safer Social Interactions**

The first step when considering a social interaction during the COVID-19 pandemic is to assess your risk and the risk of your loved ones. If you or someone in your household is over the age of 60 or living with a chronic health condition such as diabetes or lung disease, the risk of an interaction increases.

If you choose to interact with people outside your household, you can make it safer by:

- Doing the activity outdoors.
- Staying 6 feet apart and wearing a face covering.
- Avoiding the use of shared objects like utensils and toys.
- Limiting the number of households and people involved.
- Staying home if you are feeling unwell – especially if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms like fever, cough, or fatigue.

For more detailed guidance for limited social interactions, go to [SF.gov/safersocializing](http://SF.gov/safersocializing).

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EXPANSION IN FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19  
Second Phase of Funding includes $6.5 million to support over 300 small businesses

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development today announced the opening of the application process for $6.5 million in funds to support small businesses. This $6.5 million includes $1.5 million for the San Francisco’s Small Business Resiliency Fund and $5 million for the Hardship Emergency Loan Program (SF HELP) in the form of grants and 0% interest loans to support over 300 small businesses. Financial assistance for small businesses has focused on providing relief and sustaining small businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic and to position businesses to transform and evolve as the economy safely reopens. To date, the City has identified $15.5 million in grants and loans to support small businesses.

“The impact of COVID-19 on small businesses has been unprecedented and many challenges lay ahead as we take steps towards reopening, but I know that together this City can rise to
meet this challenge,” said Mayor Breed. “Together with our community leaders, community organizations, and funding partners, we are responding to address the needs of our most vulnerable populations, our frontline workers, and small businesses.”

The San Francisco Resiliency Fund and SF HELP are programs designed to be flexible and low-risk to serve small businesses, sole proprietors, and independent contractors with little to no access to traditional credit in underserved communities. The programs are a result of public and private partnerships that leverage various resources, including the generous donations to the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. Donations to Give2SF support housing stabilization, food security, and financial security for workers and small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Small businesses that have been impacted or faced damaged from the recent civil unrest and that are eligible, may apply for the funds as well.

“Together, with private and public partners, we have committed ourselves to leveraging every resource available to equitably support our struggling small business communities through this unprecedented time,” said Joaquin Torres, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As the City reopens, our investments will continue to serve our small businesses and ensure our communities and neighborhoods have the support they need for the benefit of San Francisco’s cultural and economic recovery.”

The City partnered with community organizations to inform the grant and loan processes and ensure the resources are designed with a focus on equity to address the needs of our most vulnerable low-income businesses and to reach those in historically underserved neighborhoods. To date, the City has awarded $5.5 million in relief to more than 400 small businesses in San Francisco.

Interested small businesses can visit oewd.org/covid19/business to learn more about how to apply for SF HELP and the San Francisco Resiliency Fund program.

San Francisco Resiliency Fund

The second phase of San Francisco Resiliency Fund grant program will provide a total of $1.5 million to at least 190 struggling small businesses of up to $10,000 in aid. The funds may be used to support business expenses such as rent, payroll, and utilities or to supplement their income resulting from a direct loss of business revenue. The goal of the Resiliency Fund Phase Two is to provide financial support to the most vulnerable businesses, including those that are long-standing and those most heavily impacted by COVID-19 without access to any alternate flexible funding.

Most recently, OEWD awarded $1 million from the Resiliency Fund to 128 small businesses from across 31 neighborhoods citywide including restaurants, retailers, caterers, and hair salons. All businesses who applied that were not awarded in Phase One will be automatically enrolled and considered for Phase Two. The Resiliency Fund is administered in part by the Northeast Federal Community Credit Union.

“Our small family restaurant has been operating since 1994 but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to close in March without knowing if we were going to make it at all,” said Noris Gomez, local small business owner of Sabor de San Miguel. “The Small Business Resiliency Fund has helped us pay for back dated utility bills, rent and has given us a fighting chance to come back stronger than ever. We are forever grateful for this assistance and hope to open and continue serving our community soon.”
“The application process was straightforward and not cumbersome. My application was reviewed shortly as their staff contacted me for missing documents and information. The staff were extremely efficient and courteous,” said Peter Wu, Munchboxx Café. “With the funds, I was able to pay rent and utilities on my mom and pop business to keep it afloat during this challenging time.”

San Francisco Hardship Emergency Loan Program
An additional $5 million to SF HELP will provide approximately 110 small businesses up to $50,000 in zero interest loans. SF HELP provides flexible funding to businesses unable to access other types of government loan products. This new round of SF HELP loans will be available in partnership with Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA), a nonprofit community partner. Through $1 million from Give2SF, MEDA was able to leverage and expand the loan program by $4 million through a finance tool with a state partnership. Currently, $3.5 million in loans are making its way to small businesses through community partner Main Street Launch.

“The reality for small businesses in our City has changed dramatically and quickly. Most small businesses have a vastly diminished customer base, if they are able to continue operating at all. Many have had to lay off their workers, and business owners have had to go without pay themselves,” said Luis Granados, CEO, Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA). “MEDA’s Fondo Adelante, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), is proud to partner with Mayor Breed, OEWD and the California I-Bank to put into action SF HELP -- an equitable solution for quickly deploying financial assistance during this crisis.”

The City is working to leverage additional funds for larger impact for small businesses and will announce the next application phase when it becomes available.

Neighborhood Small Business Mini Grants
Today, the City also announced the awarding of nearly $800,000 in Neighborhood Small Business Mini Grants to 276 small independently owned businesses in underserved commercial corridors including the Bayview, Central Market and the Tenderloin, Excelsior, Japantown, Fillmore, Mission, South of Market, and the Oceanview Merced Ingleside neighborhoods. An additional $200,000 is currently being processed as part of the Women Entrepreneurship Fund.

The grants were designed to provide financial support of $1,000 to $10,000 to family-run businesses, owner operated businesses, entrepreneurs of color, and other enterprises in historically underserved communities who may not have employees on payroll. These businesses included salons, barbershops, flower shops, gift shops, independent contractors and many others that were severely impacted when they had to close or reduce operations.

“The Third Street commercial corridor in Bayview/Hunters Point is mostly made up of diverse family-owned businesses whose owners live in the community they serve,” said Earl Shaddix, Executive Director of Economic Development on Third. “We are proud to have partnered with Mayor Breed and Office of Economic and Workforce Development to convert existing organizational funding into the Phoenix Grant which provided immediate assistance to our for-profit, Third Street business owners.”

Funds for the Neighborhood Small Business Mini Grants were made possible in close
partnership with neighborhood organizations to reallocate City economic development funds to COVID-19 relief efforts. Community partners administered the funds, conducted outreach and delivered the financial aid directly to qualifying businesses within these targeted areas. Partners include Excelsior Action Group, MEDA, Economic Development on Third, Renaissance Center for Entrepreneurs, Calle 24 Latino Cultural District, Japantown Taskforce and Japantown Community Benefit District, Japanese Community Youth Council, Tenderloin Equitable Development Project, Outer Mission Merchants, Northeast Federal Credit Union, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

**Additional Support for Small Businesses**
Mayor Breed’s initiatives to support small businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

- Deferring business registration fees with up to $49 million for 89,000 businesses and further delaying the City’s collection of the unified license fee until September 30, 2020. This will lead to $14 million in deferrals impacting 11,000 payees. In March, Mayor Breed announced an initial three-month delay for the collection of the fee.
- Business tax deferrals for small businesses with up to $10 million in gross receipts. Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros notified small businesses that their first quarter business taxes can be deferred until February 2021. No interest payments, fees, or fines will accrue as a result of the deferral.
- $10 million Workers and Families First Paid Sick Leave Program, providing up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee;
- $2.5 million in support for working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19;
- Issuing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions for small and medium sized businesses that can’t afford to pay rent;
- Capping the commission on 3rd party food delivery companies;
- Advocating for additional resources for small business and workers through the federal CARES Act;
- Establishing the [Give2SF](#) 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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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY TO RESUME ENFORCEMENT FOR STREET SWEEPING BEGINNING JUNE 15

With San Francisco beginning to gradually reopen following the Stay Home Order for COVID-19, SFMTA will resume enforcement for thorough mechanical street sweeping

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) today announced that the City will resume enforcement for parking violations related to street sweeping beginning on Monday, June 15.

Mayor Breed had announced on March 17 that SFMTA would not ticket for street sweeping following the Stay Home Order for COVID-19 in order to allow people to stay home without worrying about receiving a parking ticket. While the City had still encouraged people to move their vehicles if they could, street sweeping crews from San Francisco Public Works continue to see a large number of vehicles failing to do so, as many as 18,000 per day. Resuming enforcement for mechanical street sweeping is necessary to ensure that streets remain clean as the City begins to allow more businesses and activities to resume.
“At the beginning of the Stay Home Order we wanted to ensure that people who were sick were able to isolate themselves without needing to leave to move their vehicles,” said Mayor Breed. “Now as we’re reopening, we’ve reached the point where we must resume parking enforcement so that we can clean our streets. We’ll of course continue waiving tickets for people who face issues related to COVID-19.”

“Our agency’s main objective during our COVID-19 response was to promote safety and minimize risk to San Franciscans,” said Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. “As more businesses open up and more residents return to work, now is the right time to ensure our streets are clean and ready to support economic activity.”

“We certainly understand the needed pause on street cleaning enforcement during the early months of shelter in place, but there have been consequences. Our mechanical sweeping crews have not been able to do as thorough a job cleaning, resulting in more litter and leaves on the streets,” said Acting Public Works Director Alaric Degrafinried. “As the City is slowly starting to reopen, we once again can provide the service San Franciscans expect and deserve.”

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE CURFEW IN SAN FRANCISCO TO BEGIN TONIGHT AT 8PM

Following a day of peaceful protests, incidents of vandalism and violence last night in San Francisco have highlighted the need for residents to stay home at night to protect themselves and their communities.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, in consultation with the City’s public safety officials, announced last night that she will implement a citywide curfew beginning Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. The curfew requires people within the City of San Francisco to stay indoors from 8:00 p.m. on Sunday until 5:00 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2020.

The Mayor’s order comes following vandalism and violence yesterday evening, May 30, after a day of peaceful protests following George Floyd’s death in Minneapolis. This Order shall remain in effect until the Declaration of Local Emergency is terminated, or sooner at the direction of the Mayor.
“The murder of George Floyd is only the latest in a long history of African-American men who have lost their lives as a result of police violence. There is a lot of pain right now here in San Francisco and across the country,” said Mayor Breed. “We’re committed to doing the work to rectify past injustices and continue implementing reforms to ensure that our police force is not just policing our communities, but also a part of them as well. Peaceful protests in San Francisco will continue to have my full support and the full support of the City. Unfortunately, some of the violence and vandalism we saw last night is unacceptable, and we will be instituting a curfew beginning tonight. Please stay safe today. Let’s make our voices heard and keep the focus on George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and everyone else whose death demands our attention.”

Exemptions to the curfew include:

- Peace officers, firefighters, other City and County employees engaged in authorized emergency operations, members of the National Guard, or any other responding personnel deployed to the City and County;
- Individuals who can establish to the satisfaction of a peace officer that they are in such place for the sole purpose of traveling to a home or workplace or to obtain medical assistance;
- Authorized representatives of any news service, newspaper, radio or television station or network, or other media organization;
- People experiencing homelessness.

“Like Mayor Breed, I understand the strong feelings motivating people to protest what happened in Minneapolis, and all of us in the San Francisco Police Department are committed to protecting the constitutional rights and safety of everyone who wishes to express themselves in First Amendment activities,” said San Francisco Police Chief William Scott. “At the same time, we’re also seeing lawlessness and looting that has no place in our City. We will continue to enforce the law and protect public safety, and we ask all San Franciscans to heed the curfew order.”

“The San Francisco Fire Department responded to scores of incidents in the downtown area between Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, often for small fires that were quickly contained. We will always support and protect our First Amendment rights. The majority of people taking to the streets are doing it peacefully, powerfully, and with respect and compassion for the cause they’re fighting for,” said Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson. “However, yesterday following a day of peaceful protests, incidents of violence and vandalism ensued. Together we need to protect our communities from those not intent of peaceful protest. This curfew is in place to protect our San Francisco communities—and the safety of all who live and work in our city, and our first responders.”

“The women and men of the Sheriff’s Office are the community of San Francisco,” said Sheriff Paul Miyamoto. “We are people of color, people with family and friends, people who deal with social injustice and inequalities every day. We too are upset and frustrated by George Floyd’s death. When public safety is threatened, we stand by the Mayor and our fellow first responders to protect every resident, prevent further tragedy and violence and ensure a safe resolution.”

“San Francisco has a proud history of standing up against oppression and making our voices heard in the face of injustice,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management. “But the violence and vandalism we saw last night was shocking
and heartbreaking. One of the most important roles our 911 dispatchers provide to public safety is keeping our first responders informed and safe, yet last night our dispatchers were overwhelmed. This curfew is necessary to keep our community safe, and to protect our city’s first responders and essential employees.”

The City and County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management will be using numerous alerting systems to ensure the public knows about the curfew and to whom it applies. These alerting systems include the Wireless Emergency Alert System, which sends a text message to all cell phones connected to a cell tower in San Francisco; the Emergency Alert System, which airs the emergency message on TV and radio; and AlertSF, the City’s standard emergency alert system that sends a text message or email to registered users. To register for AlertSF text you zip code to 888-777.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES THE FIRST NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON TREASURE ISLAND IS MOVING FORWARD

Maceo May Apartments will be the first 100% affordable project built as part of the Treasure Island redevelopment plan and will feature 104 new homes for homeless and formerly homeless veterans

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the City has taken a major step forward in the development of 104 permanently affordable homes on Treasure Island with the construction finance closing of the Maceo May Apartments. Site work and construction will commence this summer. The redevelopment of Treasure Island will ultimately include 8,000 new homes, over 27% of which will be affordable, 550,000 square feet of retail and commercial space, 300 hotel rooms, and 290 acres of public open space.

“These last few months have shown us how crucial it is to have a safe, affordable place to call home,” said Mayor Breed. “It’s more important than ever that we keep building high-quality affordable housing and supporting our most vulnerable residents. Making progress on these
new homes for veterans is an exciting step in the City’s promise create a revitalized Treasure Island and make San Francisco a more affordable place to live for everyone.”

Maceo May Apartments is a 100% affordable, all-electric modular-built housing project and is being developed by Swords to Plowshares (STP), in partnership with Chinatown Community Development Center. Maceo May Apartments will provide 104 permanent supportive housing units for homeless and formerly homeless veterans, including veterans who currently live on Treasure Island. STP is a charter member of One Treasure Island, a non-profit organization committed to fostering an equitable, inclusive, and thriving community that includes formerly homeless and low-income San Franciscans.

“As the first new affordable housing project on Treasure Island, Maceo May is an exciting part of the redevelopment that will provide critical replacement units for current residents, and house additional formerly homeless and low-income veterans,” said Supervisor Matt Haney. “The Island is one the most diverse and low-income communities in San Francisco, and it’s exciting to see new affordable housing come to life with the incredible partnership of Swords to Plowshares and Chinatown CDC.”

The building is named in recognition of the dedication and advocacy of Maceo May, a Vietnam War veteran who worked at STP for 12 years and subsequently served as a board member for 14 years, until his passing in 2014. Maceo’s advocacy played a crucial role in ensuring homeless veterans would be recognized and served on Treasure Island and in the Presidio, and he remains a role model today for his staunch perseverance.

Treasure Island was activated as a United States Naval Base in 1940 and played a substantial role in World War II and the Korean War. In 1993, the Federal Government placed the Treasure Island Naval Station on its Base Realignment and Closure list and it was formally decommissioned in 1997. In 1994, the City began to conduct hearings and community meetings that informed the redevelopment plan that will result in a new San Francisco neighborhood incorporating residents of various socio-economic backgrounds. The Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) was also formed in 1997 as a non-profit, public benefit agency dedicated to the economic development of the former Naval Station and the administration of municipal services.

“Local history has been made with the final financing approvals for the Maceo May Apartments,” said Sherry Williams, Executive Director of One Treasure Island. “After 25 years of planning, a former military base will now begin its housing development in earnest, with the first affordable project serving homeless and formerly homeless veterans. It is a fitting honor to those who have served and who have struggled with housing and it is a fitting tribute to Maceo May, our first Board President and Swords to Plowshares’ tireless Housing Director.”

“This is a tremendous milestone in the process of converting the Naval Station to civilian use, and it was important to everyone involved that this first project acknowledge the service of our nation’s veterans,” said TIDA Director, Bob Beck.

Maceo May Apartments will be completed in 2022 and is made possible by financing support from the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, TIDA, the State of California Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, Raymond James, Silicon Valley Bank, and the California Community Reinvestment Corporation. Operating subsidies
will be delivered through the City’s Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing Continuum of Care program and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program.

“We are thrilled to be moving ahead with Maceo May Supportive Housing for formerly homeless veterans,” said Michael Blecker, Executive Director of Swords to Plowshares. “I think Maceo, our first-ever Housing Director and champion for homeless veterans, said it best himself that ‘former military bases that were once used to transform young men and women into instruments of war now are used to eliminate their depression, desperation and destitution while beginning to cultivate once buried dignity, dreams and aspirations.’ It truly represents the meaning of turning swords into plowshares.”

“Chinatown CDC is proud to be partnering with Swords to Plowshares to build housing for homeless veterans at a time when the cost of our homelessness crisis could not be more clear,” said Chinatown CDC Executive Director, Malcolm Yeung. “Starting construction on this critical supportive housing project in the middle of a pandemic and financial crisis is a huge accomplishment that took perseverance from our City and private financing partners. We are thrilled to be carrying out their mandate to build 104 apartments for veterans exiting homelessness.”

Community Driven Partners
Founded in 1994, One Treasure Island’s (One TI) charter was to ensure that supportive housing and employment programs for formerly homeless households were an integral component of the reuse plan. Maceo May was One Treasure Island’s first Board President. Since 1999 both market rate and formerly homeless households have been living in former Navy housing on an interim basis. Well over 10,000 homeless and low-income San Franciscans have been and continue to be served on Treasure Island in housing, employment and financial services provided by One Treasure Island and its members, including Swords to Plowshares and Chinatown Community Development Center who are codevelopers of Maceo May Apartments. Other One TI members include Catholic Charities, Community Housing Partnership, Mercy Housing California, Health Right360, Rubicon Programs, and Toolworks.

Redeveloping the Island
Treasure Island Community Development (TICD) was selected to be the master developer for Treasure Island in 2003 and played an integral role in shaping the reuse plan that was approved by the Board of Supervisors and then-Mayor Newsom in 2011 along with environmental findings and transaction documents. As the master developer, TICD is responsible for all utilities, site improvements, and other public facilities and infrastructure and will oversee the development of more than 6,000 market rate housing units. TICD’s first new residential project on adjacent Yerba Buena Island will be completed in 2021.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES TIMELINE AND PLAN FOR SAFELY REOPENING SAN FRANCISCO

Plan formulated by the Economic Recovery Task Force allows outdoor dining, indoor retail, and certain outdoor activities to resume on June 15th, assuming they are allowed by the State; additional activities will be permitted to resume with modifications in phases.

As part of plan to safely reopen, San Franciscans will need to wear face coverings when around other people not in their household.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a plan for reopening San Francisco that will allow certain businesses and activities to resume with modifications in phases over the coming weeks and months. As long as San Francisco continues to make progress slowing the spread of COVID-19, meets key health indicators, and state guidance continues to allow more activities, San Francisco restaurants will be able to offer outdoor dining, retail businesses will be able to allow customers to shop inside with modifications, and additional outdoor activities can resume on June 15th. The City plans to allow additional activities and businesses to resume in July and August.
“Our residents have a lot to be proud of with how we responded to this pandemic, with many people making enormous sacrifices to protect the health and safety of their fellow residents,” said Mayor Breed. “We’re entering a new phase of this crisis and we feel comfortable that we’re at a place that we can begin reopening parts of our economy, but that is not to say that this virus doesn’t continue to threaten our city. As we begin recovering and reopening, all of us are going to have to play our part to adjust to the new normal until we have a vaccine, and we’ll continue to do everything we can to offer clear guidelines and precautions to support residents and businesses with the new adjustments that will be needed moving forward.”

San Francisco’s reopening plan is aligned with the State’s guidelines and is based on a San Francisco-specific risk model to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. The plan is also informed by the work of the San Francisco COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force. The timeline for allowing certain businesses and activities to resume will be adjusted as needed based on public health data.

Part of San Francisco’s plan for safely reopening includes requiring residents to wear face coverings on most occasions when they leave their home and are near other people, both indoors and outdoors. The public also must comply with other health and safety requirements and recommendations such as social distancing, handwashing, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces. The Department of Public Health will issue a new Health Order today with updated requirements regarding face coverings.

San Francisco’s Plan separates the State’s second stage into three phases – Phase 2A, 2B, and 2C. San Francisco’s Phases 3 and 4 are aligned with the State’s stages. San Francisco has already entered into Phase 2A, which allows curbside pickup permitted for most retail, construction, elective surgeries, and outdoor businesses like carwashes, flea markets, and garden stores to operate.

San Francisco’s current Stay Home Health Order does not have an expiration date and will be amended over the coming weeks and months to allow for a gradual and safer reopening. Today’s plan details the next phases, and provides dates that the City anticipates additional businesses and activities can resume with modifications. The dates in the plan will be finalized through amendments to the Health Order or directives, and will be guided by health indicators. If the City make progress faster than expected, then the timeline outlined below may shift to allow some reopening to occur earlier. For each phase, guidance will be issued to provide businesses and operators with adequate time for planning and compliance with health and safety requirements.

Guidance for personal activities and interactions, such as visiting friends, having play dates and dinner parties is forthcoming. The plan and timeline to reopen businesses and activities was created in coordination with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s (SFMTA) Transportation Recovery Plan. For each reopening phase, SFMTA will add and adjust services incrementally.

“San Francisco’s early and aggressive actions were key to the success we have had fighting the coronavirus,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “As we move to reopen, continuing to prioritize community health will be essential. Every San Franciscan can and must help if we are going to reach better times ahead. That means, covering your face, keeping social distance and getting tested if you have any symptoms. These actions have saved lives and are going to be more important than ever as we start to move around the city again.”
“San Francisco led the way with our public health response and we can lead the way again with a thoughtful and responsible approach to reopening,” said Assessor Carmen Chu, co-chair of the Economic Recovery Task Force. “Through the task force, we heard from hundreds of San Franciscans on the need to balance our public health needs with our ability to make ends meet and today’s announcement provides a roadmap for all of us to plan and prepare for the future.”

“As we move to reopen, this framework provides business with the information they need to plan their next steps towards recovery,” said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “And as our communities follow good public health practices, we will see an increase in the activities necessary to move San Francisco towards full economic vibrancy.”

**San Francisco Planned Reopening Timeline**

The list below does not include all the businesses and activities that the City has included in the plan for reopening. San Francisco will only allow reopening of businesses and activities that are permitted under the State’s guidelines. For full information about the City’s plan to allow additional activities and business to reopen in phases, go to [SF.gov/reopening](http://SF.gov/reopening).

**Phase 2A – June 1st**
- Child care
- Botanical gardens
- Outdoor museums and historical sites
- Outdoor curbside retail for services with minimal contact (shoe repair, dog grooming, etc.)

**Phase 2B – June 15th**
- Most indoor retail
- Outdoor dining
- Summer camps
- Private household indoor services
- Religious services and ceremonies
- Outdoor exercise classes
- Professional sports games, tournaments, and other entertainment venues with no spectators
- Non-emergency medical appointments

**Phase 2C – July 13th**
- Indoor dining with modifications
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Real estate open houses (by appointment only)

**Phase 3 – Mid-August** – to be determined, will be more than one sub-phase
- Schools with modifications
- Bars
- Other personal services
  - Nail salons
  - Massage parlors
  - Tattoo parlors
• Gyms and fitness centers
• Playgrounds
• Swimming pools
• Indoor Museums

**Phase 4 – Date to be determined**
• Concert venues
• Live audience sports and performances
• Nightclubs
• Festivals
• All hotels and lodging for leisure and tourism

The Shared Spaces program, which Mayor Breed announced on Tuesday, May 26th, will allow neighborhood businesses to share a portion of the public right-of-way, such as sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity. Outdoor dining is permitted to resume locally on June 15th, and if the State allows outdoor dining by that time, restaurants will be able to apply for a permit to set up tables and chairs in the public right-of-way.

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Commissioners,

Attached are your Calendars for June 3, 2020.

Although this will be our second consecutive cancellation, I expect to reconvene this Commission on June 17, 2020.

Best,

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SHARED SPACES PROGRAM TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITY AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Shared Spaces will enable more flexible use of sidewalks, streets, and other public spaces for neighborhood businesses.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the creation of the Shared Spaces Program to support neighborhoods by providing additional public space to support local business activities. The COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force developed the Shared Spaces Program, which will allow neighborhood businesses to share a portion of the public right-of-way, such as sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity, as allowed by San Francisco’s Public Health Order. Once restaurant dining is allowed under the Health Order, the public right-of-way could be used for outdoor restaurant seating.

“We know businesses in San Francisco have been hit hard, and since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we’ve been finding ways to support local retailers, restaurants, and
other small businesses,” said Mayor Breed. “Thanks to the work of our Economic Recovery Task Force, this new program is a creative solution that will give our businesses more space to operate safely, and shift some of our street and sidewalk space to protect the economic and physical health of our entire community.”

The City remains focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, while also actively planning for San Francisco’s recovery. Part of San Francisco’s recovery includes finding ways to safely reopen parts of the economy, including allowing curbside pickup at retail stores, and identifying other creative solutions to support businesses and their employees. Given that social distancing requirements will likely continue to apply until there is a vaccine for the virus, the Shared Spaces Program will support businesses by expanding their ability to operate into outdoor public spaces, providing additional space for required distancing among employees and customers.

The program will allow individual businesses or local merchant associations to apply for a no-cost, expedited permit to share the sidewalk or parking lane for business purposes. Examples include restaurant pick-up services, beverage sales, and general retail that are eligible to operate under the City’s Health Order. Once permitted by the Health Order, restaurants could set up tables and chairs outdoors for dine-in service.

“It’s an incredibly difficult time for businesses and their employees in San Francisco, and the Economic Recovery Task Force has been hard at work identifying solutions to help businesses and people get back on their feet,” said Assessor Carmen Chu. “The Shared Spaces program is one way we’re helping to create flexibility for local businesses so that they can reopen and keep their employees and customers safe.”

The Economic Recovery Task Force is charged with guiding the City’s efforts to sustain and recover local businesses and employment, and mitigating the economic hardships of COVID-19 that are affecting the most vulnerable San Franciscans. The Task Force’s work is supporting San Francisco organizations and individuals and is laying the groundwork for economic recovery.

The program also includes the potential for broader repurposing of travel lanes or entire streets to support our neighborhood merchants and residents. Because these proposals would come with broader considerations such as impacts to Muni, these proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Business owners who are interested in participating in the Shared Spaces Program will be asked to self-manage basic requirements around personal safety and accessibility. Examples include ensuring a safe path of travel and accessibility in compliance with the ADA. Final details of the initiative and permit process will be complete by mid-June and program updates will be available on SF.gov.

“Outdoor dining and shopping should be a centerpiece of our economic recovery this summer,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, who serves on the Task Force. “The past few months have been awful for most San Francisco small businesses, their employees and the neighborhoods that love them. The Shared Spaces program is a bright spot emerging out of a dark time. The City needs to move quickly to make these opportunities available to small businesses, and I will continue to work with merchants and the community to make this experiment a success in District 8 commercial corridors in Glen Park, on Church and 24th
“Putting forward clear guidelines developed in tandem with health professionals and the small business and restaurant communities will be essential for this next phase of neighborhood recovery,” said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. “I also intend to use the Board’s legislative authority to waive additional fees that present unnecessary barriers to entry for small businesses on the brink.”

“Our small business community was squeezed by layers of red tape even before the pandemic,” said Supervisor Catherine Stefani. “Now more than ever, we need creative ideas that will support our neighborhood businesses and allow them to reopen as safely as possible. By providing room to maintain physical distance, Shared Spaces will help San Francisco rebuild our local economy where help is needed most—our merchant corridors.”

“We must do everything we can to support restauranteurs and small business owners whom have had to revamp their entire business operations due to the pandemic,” said Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer. “By increasing access to public spaces such as sidewalks and parklets, we can help businesses become more resilient. Based on my office’s work with the Office of Small Business, merchants associations and other stakeholders, I am confident these measures will provide substantive relief to small businesses serving our neighborhoods at a time when it is most needed.”

“Our COVID-19 response challenges us to reimagine and repurpose how we use our streets to either accommodate curbside pickup or room for social distancing” said SFMTA Director of Transportation, Jeffrey Tumlin. “We are thrilled to support Shared Spaces, a broader repurposing of travel lanes or entire streets to support our small business community.”

“Making public space available to businesses is a key strategy that will help them reopen safely while mitigating some of the difficulty that is caused by diminished seating and capacity indoors,” said Rodney Fong, President and CEO San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

“This is a great use of our sidewalks, streets and public spaces that will help businesses recover, will save jobs, and will create a positive environment for San Franciscans to enjoy and support their favorite restaurants and shops.”

“Shared Spaces will make our City more vibrant, and give small businesses a chance to rebuild, while helping everyone stay safe,” said Sharky Laguana, CEO and Founder of Bandago. “This is an exciting new chapter for San Francisco and I can’t wait to see it!”

“We want to thank Mayor Breed and the City for making this happen,” said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. “With social distancing and the reduced number of customers who will be able to dine in, the ability to expand seating to outside will help our eating and drinking establishments be able to survive financially. We are so excited to help bring life back to our city and especially to our neighborhoods.”

“The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations welcomes collaboration between the City and the city’s restaurants and dining establishments in streamlining and expediting permit options to creatively expand opportunities to assist all businesses in their quest for recovery while maintaining safe social distancing,” said Maryo Mogannam,
President of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations.

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Hello Josie,

Please forward the attached to the HPC Commissioners.

Thank You

Have a lovely weekend...

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES REOPENING OF MODIFIED CITYWIDE SUMMER CAMPS AND PROGRAMS

Recreation and Park Department programs, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families programs, and other summer camps and program can operate with modifications starting on June 15th

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced San Francisco’s summer camps and summer programs can reopen on June 15th with limited capacity and modifications intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Department of Public Health (DPH) today issued a Health Order for summer camps and programs that is consistent with the statewide guidelines.

Under the Health Order issued today by DPH, San Francisco summer camps and programs can open this summer for children and youth ages six to 17. The camps and programs are open to all children and youth in San Francisco. Summer camps and programs must prioritize spaces for children of people who work in businesses and organizations that are allowed to operate under the Health Order, including children and youth of parents who are telecommuting for an allowable business. Camps and programs must also prioritize children and youth who need it
the most, including low-income youth and those who are part of the most vulnerable populations.

In addition to allowing summer camps and programs to open, the Order clarifies that child care programs may continue operating or reopen. The City’s emergency care for children ages zero to five will continue operating, and will resume regular child care programming after June 1st. The San Francisco Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are needed.

“We have worked hard to create a safe environment for kids to be kids this summer,” said Mayor Breed. “Children need to be able get outside and have fun while their parents know they are safe. While summer camps and programs will look different this year than they have in the past, it will provide relief for some parents and give their children the opportunity to play and spend time with other kids their age.”

The Order applies to public and private camps and summer programs, and includes safety measures such as temperature screenings and enhanced cleaning. The City will allow summer camps and programs serving children to begin operating on June 15th, 2020 through August 17th, 2020. Individual summer sessions are required to last a minimum of three weeks in duration to minimize co-mingling of children. Camps and programs can choose to run a session that is longer than three weeks. Summer camps and programs will serve distinct groups of up to 12 program participants with the same pod of children and staff.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will operate three camp sessions this summer, from June 15th through July 2nd, July 6th through July 24th, and July 27th through August 14th. Summer programs funded by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) will be able to provide programming from June 15th through August 17th.

“Summer is a magical time for children and we are thrilled that the joy can continue this summer,” said San Francisco Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg. “We deeply appreciate the Mayor’s leadership and commitment to ensuring our city’s kids have safe, fun, healthy ways to get out and play.”

“Our much anticipated summer is here,” said Maria Su, DCYF Executive Director. “We are deeply committed to ensuring that children and youth, particularly those from working and low-income families, have enriching, safe and fun activities to participate in this summer.”

Summer camps and program will replace the Emergency Child and Youth Care program operated by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, DCYF, and community-based organizations, which will end June 5th. A transition time between the end of the Emergency Child and Youth Care program and the beginning of the summer camps and programs is necessary to make sure staff are appropriately trained and that facilities are cleaned so that camps can operate in a healthy and safe manner.

The City’s Emergency Child and Youth Care program provided free care for the children of first responders, healthcare workers, and essential City employees on the front lines of the City’s COVID-19 response. Over 50 sites provided free healthy meals and snacks; early drop off and extended hours; support for distance learning distance; and safe and clean facilities per Department of Public Health guidelines.
Visit dcyf.org/care for more information. Public and private service providers interested in activating summer programming will be required to review the Health Order and guidelines to learn how to safely open and operate for in-person programming and complete a form certifying their compliance. Families who are interested in enrolling their children in summer camps and programs, or who have questions about their eligibility, can find more information on this page. The Recreation and Park Department will open registration for their lottery on May 26th at http://sfrecpark.org/register.

About the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department administers more than 220 parks, playgrounds, and open spaces, including two outside the city limits—Camp Mather in Yosemite Valley and Sharp Park in Pacifica. The City’s park system includes 25 recreation centers, nine swimming pools, five golf courses and numerous tennis courts, ball diamonds, soccer fields and other sports venues. Included in the department’s responsibilities are the Marina Yacht Harbor, the San Francisco Zoo, and Lake Merced.

About The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families
The San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) has administered San Francisco’s powerful investments in children, youth, transitional age youth, and their families through the Children and Youth Fund since 1991. With a deep commitment to advancing equity and healing trauma, we bring together government agencies, schools, and community based organizations to strengthen our communities to lead full lives of opportunity and happiness. Together, we make San Francisco a great place to grow up.

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Good afternoon,

The Draft EIR for the proposed 550 O’Farrell Street Project, Case No. 2017-004557ENV, has been published today, May 20, 2020.

To review, please use the links below to access the Draft EIR components:

Draft EIR (550 O’Farrell St, 2017-004557ENV)

DEIR Appendix A: Initial Study (550 O’Farrell St, 2017-004557ENV)

DEIR Appendix B: Notice of Preparation (550 O’Farrell St, 2017-004557ENV)

DEIR Appendix C: Historic Resources Evaluations (550 O’Farrell St, 2017-004557ENV)

DEIR Appendix D: Noise and Vibration Assessment (550 O’Farrell St, 2017-004557ENV)

Please note that the Draft EIR will be before the Historic Preservation Commission on June 17, 2020, and before the Planning Commission on June 25, 2020.

The public review period will end July 7, 2020.

Should you require any additional materials, please contact me at the project email address, CPC.550OFarrellStEIR@sfgov.org, or at (415) 575-8754.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF “GREAT PLATES” MEAL DELIVERY PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK SENIORS IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE

Great Plates Delivered SF will deliver three restaurant meals a day to seniors in need while supporting local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of Great Plates Delivered SF, an emergency food assistance program for seniors sheltering in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program will deliver three free restaurant meals a day to seniors, who are at high-risk from COVID-19. The program is also an economic catalyst for local restaurants and food vendors, who will partner with the City to prepare and deliver meals.

“Staying home is especially important for seniors, who continue to be at greater risk for COVID-19. But that means many older adults also need additional support in accessing meals and groceries while staying at home,” said Mayor Breed. “Great Plates Delivered SF will provide freshly prepared, nutritious meals for our seniors while helping to bring much-needed business back to some of our local restaurants.”
In late April, Governor Newsom announced the availability of state funding for locally administered Great Plates Delivered programs in an effort to support at-risk seniors throughout the state while reigniting economic activity. Given that seniors are at heightened risk of COVID-19, this program is for older adults who live alone or with another senior and are unable to prepare or obtain meals while sheltering in place.

Since the Governor announced the temporary program last month, over 350 eligible clients have contacted the City’s disability and aging helpline to sign up for the program. The City’s Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) estimates that Great Plates Delivered SF could end up serving over 6,000 seniors daily.

“Access to food is critical during this COVID-19 emergency and we know there is still considerable need. Great Plates Delivered SF is an innovative City and community partnership that will address food insecurity, particularly for those older adults who live alone or do not have additional support in place,” said Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director of DAS. “Through this new program, many seniors will be able to access the food they need to stay healthy and safe during this crisis.”

Great Plates Delivered SF will serve eligible seniors over 65, as well as those age 60 - 64 with certain underlying health conditions. Eligible seniors must live alone or with another eligible senior and earn less than $74,940 for a single-person household or $101,460 for a two-person household. Participants will receive up to three free meals a day provided by local food vendors that have entered into a partnership with the City. All deliveries will be contactless for safety, and all individuals delivering meals are subject to background check.

In April, the City conducted a public procurement process for the Great Plates Delivered SF program and selected SF New Deal, a San Francisco based non-profit and rapid response organization, as the primary vendor. SF New Deal is currently providing 20,000 meals per week to vulnerable San Franciscans and has partnerships with over 65 local restaurants across San Francisco.

“We are excited to partner with the City to bring Great Plates Delivered SF to the community. This will provide seniors with access to delicious meals made by local small businesses. Neighbors are helping to keep neighbors nourished, healthy, and safe,” said Lenore Estrada, Executive Director of SF New Deal, a volunteer-led, nonprofit rapid response effort. “With over 65 local restaurants already on our roster, collaborating with Great Plates Delivered SF will allow us to provide to more members of our community and to bring onboard additional local businesses and the workers they employ. We are so grateful for the support of Mayor London Breed and all of the City employees for continuing to support the essential needs of everyone in our community.”

Older adults interested in the program can call (415) 355-6700 for assistance. This helpline is operated by DAS and is available seven days a week, from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Support is provided in multiple languages.

Seniors who currently receive state or federal food assistance such as CalFresh or home-delivered meals should contact the DAS helpline to understand their eligibility for this program or other assistance: (415) 355-6700. San Francisco residents seeking additional
Addressing food insecurity and expanding food access has also been a critical objective of the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Last week, Mayor Breed announced a major contribution of $15 million to the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, with $5 million going to food security efforts. To date, the EOC’s Feeding Unit has:

- Delivered over 20,000 meals in partnership with Off the Grid, who prepared meals for medically isolated San Franciscans who are COVID-19 positive or living with a COVID-19 positive individual.
- Delivered close to 20,000 meals to vulnerable clients of organizations such as City Suppers, Project Open Hand, and Self Help for the Elderly.
- Deployed a daily average of 70 City employees to the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank to help package and distribute roughly 2,800 grocery bags per day.

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Supervisors,

I am writing to express my concerns about the above legislation. I have written previously about the need to house the homeless in hotels during the pandemic, and I understand that the intent of this ordinance is to find safe and sanitary sites for those who are not being sheltered and are at risk from Covid-19. However, I am very concerned about the impact of this legislation on our parks, not only immediately but also into the future.

Our parks provide the people of San Francisco with the opportunity to experience and enjoy nature.

Parks such as Golden Gate Park were originally established to provide a refuge from urban life for people. They continue to be enjoyed today in this great tradition. As our cities become more and more dense, as buildings become taller and backyards disappear, people turn to the parks to reestablish that connection. Wealthier people may be able to retreat outside of the urban areas, but for the average resident this is not an option.

The legislation briefly mentions protecting recreation -- but that often means organized sports such as soccer and baseball. There is no mention of preserving parks for the enjoyment of just being outdoors in a natural setting. The pandemic has shown that, when life becomes stressful, people find great comfort in 'passive' recreation or RE-creation of their peace of mind by getting outside and enjoying nature in their parks.

- Parkland is vital habitat for wildlife.

The earth is experiencing an unprecedented era of extinctions. Habitat is being systematically destroyed all over the world, and the United States is not an exception to this. As wildlands are lost, some plants and animals are able to find a small niche in our city parks. But with more and more buildings in our parks, paving over with artificial turf, and hosting large events such as concerts, this little remaining habitat and its wild inhabitants are being put under a great deal of stress.

- The language in Section 2, "Finding of Park Purpose" sets a bad precedent.

- This section may be setting official park policy without full review by the public and an analysis of the
implications of the policy.

Firstly, this section states that the purpose of our parks is to provide a place for emergency uses; this is not the case. San Francisco has used parks to respond to emergencies, but to call that a 'long history' is inaccurate. The 1906 earthquake was a singular event, resulting in the destruction of a major portion of the built City. With the many aftershocks, many people were afraid to return to the remaining houses. The western part of San Francisco was not built up -- there still remained considerable open space and habitat. In addition, there was not the current awareness of the importance of habitat; nature was considered a source of abundant and unending supply. But even then, San Franciscans wanted their new park back, and the earthquake shacks were moved out as soon as possible.

Secondly, stating that a limited past use equals the purpose of our parks opens the door to losing our parks completely. Over the years, more and more buildings and paving have been added to Golden Gate Park. Does this precedent mean that there should be even more construction? If we follow this reasoning to its logical conclusion, then eventually all that will be left of our parks is a series of buildings, roads, and amusements, with a few trees here and there to remind us these were once great parks.

Section 3 gives many strictures for the public health aspects of the emergency response sites, but there is no mention of how habitat will be protected if there is increased human habitation in our parks.

This ordinance contains no mention of nature, habitat, appreciation for nature, wildlife or otherwise recognition of nature in our parks. Park habitats can be fragile. There is no recognition in the ordinance of any requirements for protecting what has taken years to establish and can be easily destroyed.

In summary

Despite the good intentions, the actual wording of the legislation is what will be referred to in the future in regards to the uses of our parks. It gives carte blanche for future uses of our parks with no limitations. If park policy is going to be established that changes the purpose of our parks, changes people's experience of it, and has the possibility of negatively impacting those parks, this should be discussed in a public forum with a full review of the reasons for the policy, an analysis of the potential impacts on our parkland, and an evaluation of additional alternatives for meeting the needs of the homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard, ASLA

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW COVID-19 TESTING SITES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS

Three new testing opportunities—a mobile site initially stationed in the Tenderloin, a site at City College, and another in Hunters View—bring testing resources to neighborhoods that are underserved and bolster San Francisco’s capacity to test workers and people experiencing a symptom of the virus.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced the creation of three new COVID-19 testing opportunities in San Francisco, including the City’s first mobile testing site and testing for families in Hunters View. Increasing access to testing is an important part of the City’s efforts to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in San Francisco. The expanded testing opportunities is another step toward the City’s goal of universal access to testing for all San Franciscans.

Equity has been a central focus of the City’s COVID-19 emergency response, and ensuring access to testing is an important part of that ongoing effort. The new testing sites are part of the City’s efforts to reach communities that are affected by disparities in the spread of the coronavirus and provide additional testing resources in areas of the city that do not currently have as many testing options. Combined, the new sites will add capacity to conduct over 500
additional COVID-19 tests per day.

“These new testing sites help make testing more convenient and accessible for San Franciscans, especially people who are most at-risk and communities that have been hardest hit by the virus,” said Mayor Breed. “As we continue toward universal testing, it’s critical that we focus on reaching communities that have historically been underserved and that don’t have as many testing resources available to them.”

Any worker that serves San Francisco and who leaves their home to work can get tested for COVID-19, regardless of symptoms or exposure. Any person living in San Francisco with at least one symptom of COVID-19 or who has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 can get tested. For more information about COVID-19 testing, contact your primary health care provider, call 311, or visit SF.gov/GetTestedSF.

“Today, we are taking another step towards ensuring equitable access to testing for San Franciscans,” said Dr. Colfax. “By strengthening our efforts in neighborhoods that we know are most vulnerable to severe impacts of the virus, we continue to help people get the care they need and slow the spread of the virus. Not only does testing expansion help identify cases more rapidly and inform outbreak detection, it also continues to be an essential part of our overall strategy towards recovery.”

“Testing is critical and we need to make it as convenient for our residents and workers as possible,” said Supervisor Norman Yee. “That’s why we advocated for more testing sites to serve westside neighborhoods. We are grateful for this unique partnership with City College and with the State to expand our capacity.”

“A new testing site in our community is a major win in the fight against COVID-19,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safai. “As the zip code with the second highest rate of COVID infections in the City, I am glad the state has identified 94112 as a priority and is offering free testing to all California residents. I hope this resource helps to stop the growth of COVID in our City.”

“COVID-19 has hit our most vulnerable communities,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “More testing helps us identify those who need critical medical services while protecting all of us from this deadly virus. We have to get to 100% asymptomatic testing, but this is a major step forward.”

“A testing site in the Tenderloin will help ensure that testing is easily accessible and available to those who need it most,” said Supervisor Matt Haney. “We need to be able to identify, isolate, and track people exposed to the virus in order to provide the protection and treatment necessary to keep people safe and start opening the city back up. Tenderloin residents are especially vulnerable to contracting COVID-19 with many unhoused residents as well as people living in SROs with shared facilities and shelters. The neighborhood has many essential workers, people with underlying medical conditions, and seniors. I am collaborating closely with City departments and community partners, and I am grateful for everyone coming together to make this happen.”

**Mobile Testing Site**
The City is collaborating with Verily to operate a mobile COVID-19 testing site, which is the first mobile testing site in San Francisco. The site will begin offering walk-through COVID-19 testing in the Tenderloin on Wednesday, May 20. It will initially operate at the Tenderloin
Recreational Center, after which it will move to another high-need neighborhood.

The mobile testing site has the capacity to conduct several hundred tests per day. Online appointments are strongly encouraged; however, staff from GLIDE and Code Tenderloin will be onsite to register individuals who have barriers to registering online. GLIDE and Code Tenderloin will help create a familiar and welcoming presence at the testing site.

Verily’s Baseline COVID-19 Program provides a connected solution to support individuals from screening through testing and receipt of their test results. Verily developed The Baseline COVID-19 Program working closely with state and local government health authorities and other private health organizations to expand access to COVID-19 screening and testing in areas with a high volume of known cases. To date, the platform has supported the testing of over 100,000 people nationally.

For each deployment of the mobile testing site, the City and Verily will collaborate with trusted community organizations, to help raise awareness about the site and connect people to other services. While the mobile site is located in the Tenderloin, the City will be working with GLIDE and Code Tenderloin to conduct community outreach about the site and ensure the site remains safe and accessible for everyone in the neighborhood.

“COVID-19 is bringing new dimensions to the crisis of homelessness in San Francisco and solutions are more complex than ever before,” said Karen Hanrahan, President and CEO of GLIDE. “Comprehensive testing is a foundational piece of our efforts to understand how this pandemic is impacting the most vulnerable, and to protect everyone in the city from what could be a catastrophic spread of the virus. As we have from day one of this crisis, GLIDE will continue to step up to meet rising demand across the city, remain on the front lines serving those most in need, and provide solutions that offer protection, dignity and safety to all San Franciscans.”

“Code Tenderloin is extremely grateful the community voices were heard in District 6,” said Del Seymour and Donna Hilliard from Code Tenderloin. “We believe that with everyone working together we will have a better chance at defeating Covid-19. Thank you Director Sheryl Davis and everyone else involved in the Human Rights Commission Community Roundtable. A coordinated effort with all our organizations can rebuild our community, and this testing is just the beginning. We look forward to giving all of our efforts to fighting this pandemic.”

**Testing Site at City College**

A second COVID-19 testing site will open today at the City College Student Health Center. This site is open to any California resident and is part of the State’s efforts to increase testing access in areas with the highest need. The State identified zip codes throughout California that have a lack of COVID-19 testing access, including the 94112 zip code in San Francisco, which encompasses the Excelsior and OMI neighborhoods. The City’s Emergency Operations Center has worked with the State to operationalize this additional testing resource in the city.

The site offers COVID-19 testing by appointment and is operated by OptumServe, which is funded through a contract with the State of California. It has the capacity to conduct around 130 tests per day.

“This is one of the many creative ways our campus can continue serving the people of
San Francisco, even as we teach our students remotely,” said Dianna Gonzales, Interim Chancellor of City College of San Francisco. “We are happy to be partnering with the State of California and the City of San Francisco to help secure the health and safety of our community.”

**Testing in Bayview-Hunters Point**
The City continues to focus on areas that have been disproportionately impacted, which includes the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood. In addition to having one of the highest rates of cases in the City, there are unique risk factors inherent to many families in this community, including higher rates of multigenerational households, chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes, transient housing, and essential workers. In order to support vulnerable communities served by the Bayview Child Health Center, the City and partner organizations will be bringing testing directly to families in their neighborhood from Wednesday, May 20, through Friday, May 22, and continuing every Friday thereafter for the foreseeable future.

Testing will occur in conjunction with preexisting social services programming in the Hunters View community. Residents will have the option of pre-registering for testing and receiving a telehealth visit or signing up same day and having a live visit with a clinician prior testing. Anyone testing positive will have access to a hotel room to quarantine in order to prevent the spread of the virus within their household. Additionally, mask and hand sanitizer will be distributed as part of hygiene kits provided along with food distribution and educational resources for children. This initiative builds upon HOPE SF and the Human Rights Commission’s work to lead with community and uplift a culturally competent and inclusive approach to the City’s disaster response.

**COVID-19 Testing in San Francisco**
As important as testing is, it is just one piece of an overall approach to fight the coronavirus. It is just as crucial to prevent getting sick in the first place. That includes staying at home, physical distancing, covering your face when you are around other people, and frequent hand washing. It is equally important to develop strong systems to respond to the pandemic, including a well-prepared hospital system to handle a surge of cases, an effective contact tracing system to reduce spread and limit exposure, and sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment for health care workers and patients.

San Francisco began local COVID-19 testing in the Public Health Lab on March 2, 2020 and has been continually expanding testing capacity. Below are a few examples of the City’s additional testing expansions to date:

- The City opened two CityTestSF sites for symptomatic frontline workers and essential workers as well as San Franciscans who are uninsured or have barriers to health care access. CityTestSF will test frontline workers and essential workers without symptoms, close contacts to confirmed COVID-19 cases without symptoms, and anyone living in the city with one symptom consistent with COVID-19.
- DPH has opened test sites in the community at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Castro-Mission Health Center, Southeast Health Center and Maxine Hall Health Center. In addition, DPH Jail Health Services tests all people coming into the jail who will be housed in jail.
- DPH announced on May 1st that all residents and staff working at the 21 skilled nursing facilities in San Francisco will be tested for the COVID-19 virus.
San Francisco now has at least 28 public and private testing sites across the city at UCSF, NEMS, One Medical, Kaiser, Sutter, Chinese Hospital, and Dignity Health.

The City is working with partners, such as UCSF and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, on COVID-19 testing. There is research underway that uses testing to help us learn more about the prevalence of the virus in the community.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO RELEASES GUIDELINES FOR RETAIL BUSINESSES TO OPERATE STOREFRONT PICKUP AND DELIVERY

As long as COVID-19 indicators in San Francisco continue to demonstrate progress on slowing the spread of the virus, retail businesses will be able to operate for storefront pickup and delivery starting on Monday, May 18.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced the next step in the City’s measured plan to safely reopen San Francisco by releasing guidelines for businesses in the city that are eligible for curbside or storefront pickup. As long as San Francisco continues making progress on reducing the spread of COVID-19, the City will amend the Stay Home Order that was issued on April 29th to allow most retail businesses to resume operations with storefront pickup as soon as 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18th.

Today, the City issued guidelines for retail businesses, as well as associated manufacturers and warehouses. The guidelines are available online at SF.gov/curbside. Before a business can open, they must prepare, post, implement, and distribute a social distancing protocol for each
of their facilities, and a written health and safety plan that addresses all applicable best 
practices that are detailed in the relevant Health Officer directives.

The Department of Public Health is working closely with the Office of Economic and 
Workforce Development and the Economic Recovery Task Force to develop best practices for 
facilitating safe pickups at retail businesses. The City is also partnering with business 
stakeholders to distribute the guidelines to businesses in multiple languages. Businesses can 
call 311 or the Small Business hotline at (415) 554-6134 for more information.

“Allowing retail to operate storefront pickup is a great step for our small businesses, which 
have been struggling since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Mayor Breed. 
“Businesses that will be allowed to open next week won’t be able to operate like they used to 
but this hopefully offers a measure of support. We will be monitoring our key COVID-19 
indicators carefully, and will be ready to quickly make any adjustments as needed to respond 
to a spike in cases, or an increase in hospitalizations.”

“This is a meaningful step on the gradual path to the new normal,” said Dr. Colfax. “As we 
take these hopeful steps, we will continue to balance them alongside protecting community 
health. We will keep a close eye on the data, so that we can move forward, or pause, or 
increase restrictions, depending on the spread of the virus in the community.”

Key requirements of the current Health Order remain in place, including requirements to stay 
home except for essential needs and certain permitted activities, including outdoor businesses 
and activities. Additionally, San Franciscans must continue to follow social distance 
requirements and wear face coverings when waiting in line for pickup or inside of businesses.

Under the amended Health Order, any retail store in San Francisco that faces the street will be 
able to operate under the following conditions:

- Storefront, curbside, or outside pickup only. Customers may not enter the store.
- No more than 10 personnel may be on site in the retail facility at any time. Smaller 
  stores may need to limit personnel to fewer than 10, to allow for required social 
  distancing.
- Stores must have access to an adjacent curbside adjacent sidewalk, street, alley, or 
  parking lot for pickup by customers using any form of permitted travel. The pickup area 
  must not block pedestrians, or cause pedestrian or vehicle congestion.
- Retail stores in an enclosed indoor shopping center may not reopen at this time, except 
  to the extent that the store has a separate entrance to an exterior sidewalk.

In addition to retail stores, certain manufacturers, warehouses, and logistical businesses will be 
allowed to open. Businesses that manufacture the goods sold at retail stores covered above and 
have no more than 50 personnel on site in the facility at any time will be allowed to operate. 
Businesses that provide warehousing and logistical support to the retail stores covered above 
and have no more than 50 personnel on site in the facility at any time will also be allowed to 
operate. They will also need to abide by State guidelines for safety during this pandemic.

Businesses can request that the street parking outside the entrance to their store be converted 
to a temporary loading zone to help encourage physical distancing and reduce crowding. That 
application information is available online, along with the guidelines for retail businesses.

This announcement builds on the April 29th extension of the Stay Home Order, which allows
additional businesses, including construction and outdoor businesses, to resume safely, with health and safety precautions in place. The type and frequency of contact between people is relatively low when done outdoors as curbside pickup. Businesses that involve outdoor interactions carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor businesses, and curbside pickup at these stores should result in only a relatively modest increase in the number of people moving about and entering facilities.

However, the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing. San Francisco communities will be dealing with it for a long time to come. The City expects outbreaks to continue, especially among vulnerable populations. That is why the City is building strong systems to protect our communities into the future. DPH will monitor new cases, hospitalizations and the health care system’s capacity to handle a surge of patients. DPH will also continue to watch the indicators with regard to sufficient testing, contact tracing, and personal protective equipment. The City will continue to work with community and business leaders to accomplish careful, measured progress and move forward to further reopening.

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Commissioners,

Both matter on your Agenda this week are proposed for Continuance. Therefore, we are simply cancelling the meeting.

Enjoy the weekend,

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Dear Preservation Commissioners,

I moved into The City 20 years ago. I am a small business owner and my employees often struggle to find housing. Our City is in desperate need of more housing. I am writing to you to voice my support for the Planning Department's "Standard Environmental Requirements" proposal which would remove one of MANY barriers to building new housing. I urge you to take all necessary steps to streamline the entitlement process for new housing.

Regards,

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Wednesday, May 13, 2020
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FOOD RELIEF FOR STUDENTS DURING COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES

Children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals can receive up to $365 in Pandemic EBT benefits

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that San Francisco students can receive hundreds of dollars in nutrition assistance to help prevent childhood hunger while schools are closed amid the coronavirus pandemic. Families with children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals can receive additional support to purchase groceries through California’s Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (P-EBT).

The San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA) and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) are informing families of the availability of this new emergency benefit. Children who participate in both free or reduced-price school meals and public benefit assistance from HSA will receive P-EBT cards in the mail. P-EBT benefits do not replace any emergency school meal programs or CalFresh. Children who receive P-EBT may continue to
pick up SFUSD’s free grab and go meals from 24 locations throughout the city.

Families with P-EBT eligible children that receive CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or Foster Care benefits do not need to apply for P-EBT benefits and will receive a P-EBT card of up to $365 for each eligible child. Cards will arrive in the mail from the State starting this week through the end of the month. Other families receiving free or reduced-price meal benefits but not on public benefit assistance will need to complete a short online application, which will open on May 22. For families that do not receive the P-EBT card in the mail, the deadline to apply is June 30, 2020.

“Many San Francisco students depend on the meals they get at school for their nutrition, and with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we’ve had to find other ways to make sure children and youth in our city have enough to eat,” said Mayor Breed. “This assistance from the state will provide much-needed food security for some of our most vulnerable residents, and goes hand in hand with the other emergency food programs being offered by the School District and the Human Services Agency’s ongoing work to connect people to other public benefits like CalFresh.”

School meal programs play a crucial role in childhood nutrition and encouraging healthy eating habits. While the decision to close schools can help slow the spread of coronavirus, the closures disproportionately impact low-income children who rely on free or reduced-price school meals to prevent hunger. P-EBT will help meet the needs of children most vulnerable to food insecurity. More than half of SFUSD students, approximately 35,000 children, qualify for free and reduced-price school meals.

“As a school district we want to ensure that during this difficult time families continue to receive the resources they rely on,” said Superintendent Dr. Vincent Matthews. “SFUSD has provided over 800,000 free meals to children and youth since closing school buildings in March. This additional resource provides much-needed relief to families and we’re dedicated to making sure families know what is available to them. No child should be without nourishing meals.”

“Thousands of San Francisco families rely on free school meals as a lifeline to prevent hunger,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. “With the switch to distance learning this year, Pandemic EBT can help put food on the table for our most disadvantaged students who are at risk of missing nutritious school meals. This is especially important for families struggling with transportation or parents who continue to work and can’t easily make it to free meal sites.”

The California Department of Social Services has identified roughly 3.8 million children who could qualify for P-EBT. This new benefit provides a solution to feed students who were eligible to receive free or reduced-price school meals before the pandemic, as well as those who are newly eligible. P-EBT is used like a debit card to purchase food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and retail outlets that accept EBT for online purchases.

P-EBT benefits are available to all eligible California children, no matter their immigration status. P-EBT is not the same as CalFresh or food stamps. This is an emergency State food assistance program and is similar to other benefits that United States immigration officials do not consider for public charge purposes.
For more information on P-EBT in San Francisco, visit sfhsa.org/p-ebt or call 311. SFUSD families may contact Student Nutrition Services with questions by emailing SchoolLunch@sfusd.edu or by calling (415) 749-3604.

To apply for P-EBT online starting May 22, 2020, visit https://ca.p-ebt.org/

For additional information about food resources, the Emergency Operation Center’s Feeding Unit has launched a public webpage at sf.gov/get-food-resources and 311 resources to help people navigate their food options, including community providers and public benefits.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES UPDATED BUDGET IMPACTS AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

$1.7 billion deficit for the current fiscal year and upcoming two-year budget does not include projected COVID-19 emergency response spending.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the City is facing a $1.7 billion deficit in the current year and upcoming two-year budget as result of the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the current year, the City must close a $250 million shortfall. For the upcoming two-year budget, the shortfall is projected to be $1.5 billion. These projections assume a slow recovery beginning in late 2020, but if that recovery is delayed due to continued community exposure, the projected deficit could grow.

The report released today was prepared jointly by the Mayor’s Budget Office, the Board of Supervisors Budget and Legislative Analyst, and the Controller’s Office. The report summarizes current projections of the City’s General Fund revenue and expenditures for the five-year period from FY 2019-20 through FY 2023-24.

The City also laid out the current spending for the COVID-19 Emergency Response effort to be approximately $375 million for the current fiscal year. Portions of this spending will be
covered by federal and state support, however ongoing costs are largely unknown at this time and any ongoing coverage for these types of expenses is uncertain. The two-year deficit projections do not currently include any ongoing emergency response costs, which are likely to be significant and will add to the already steep shortfalls.

“While from Day One we have focused on confronting this public health emergency, we have also been taking a significant economic hit at the same time,” said Mayor Breed. “With over 100,000 San Franciscans applying for unemployment and an uncertain timeline for recovery, we are in for a long, hard road. This is going to require a lot of tough choices and creative solutions, but I’m confident that we can do the work it takes to get San Francisco through this.”

“The City is working hard every day to avoid the community health impacts we’ve seen from around the country and the world, but the unfortunate truth is that the economic and financial impacts can’t be escaped,” said Ben Rosenfield, City Controller. “The City’s financial outlook has taken a sharp turn for the worse, and while our financial preparation in recent years will soften the blow, extremely hard choices lie ahead.”

The City has delayed its budget process given the public health emergency. The Mayor’s Office will issue revised budget instructions to departments next week, and by June 1st, the Mayor will introduce a balanced interim budget at the Board of Supervisors. This will be followed by a proposed balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors by August 1st. The Board will review, amend, and adopt that proposed budget by September 30th.


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*** PRESS RELEASE ***  
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES $15 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO GIVE2SF FROM JACK DORSEY’S #STARTSMALL

Jack Dorsey has contributed $15 million from #StartSmall to support undocumented, mixed-status, and low-income households in San Francisco.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a major contribution of $15 million from Jack Dorsey’s #StartSmall to the Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund. The funding will assist undocumented, mixed-status, and low-income households in San Francisco. The $15 million will be allocated evenly across the Give2SF priority areas, with $5 million going to food security, $5 million to housing access, and $5 million to supporting workers and small businesses.

As of today, $11.3 million has been raised for Give2SF in donations and pledges to the City and through the San Francisco Foundation. This donation of $15 million more than doubles the total contributions to Give2SF to date, and brings the total funding for Give2SF to $26.3 million.
“I am incredibly grateful for Jack Dorsey’s generous contribution to Give2SF and our efforts to support our most vulnerable residents during this public health crisis,” said Mayor Breed. “This donation will make a critical difference in the lives of thousands of undocumented, mixed-status, and low-income San Franciscans who are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the $15 million from #StartSmall, we’ll help people get food on the table, remain in their homes, and receive the financial assistance they need to make it through this emergency.”

“COVID-19 affects us all, but disproportionately affects those who were already in need,” said Jack Dorsey. “It’s important to acknowledge this fact and provide more support to those who are struggling. Food and shelter to weather this crisis is critical, and I want to thank the Mayor and City of San Francisco for ensuring these funds will help people directly and immediately.”

The $15 million in funding from #StartSmall will:
- Support 5,000 households over three months with grocery gift cards, home-delivered and takeaway meals, and other related food supports;
- Provide at least 1,250 households with up to $3,000 for assistance meeting housing costs, including rent and utilities; and
- Provide financial relief for immigrant workers and provide 0% interest loans to small businesses through the San Francisco Hardship Emergency Loan Program.

In March, Mayor Breed announced three priority areas for the Give2SF Fund: food security, access to housing, and support for workers and small businesses, with a focus on assisting undocumented people who otherwise may not have access to social safety net programs, seniors and people with disabilities, and small businesses. The Fund’s priority areas were selected based on analysis of the most pressing needs and the swiftest available methods to deliver impactful support, with an equity lens to address disparities faced by certain communities.

Many African American, Latino, immigrant, and low-income communities in San Francisco have been especially hard-hit by the coronavirus. Many are further disadvantaged by the fact that they do not qualify for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act or loan programs because of immigration status. Prior to the global outbreak of COVID-19, rates of chronic illness, poor housing conditions, and low wages were already concentrated in these groups and the virus has disproportionately impacted these groups as well. For example, Latino people make up 40% of reported cases of COVID-19 even though they make up just 15% of San Francisco’s population.

“San Franciscans have been incredibly generous and Jack Dorsey’s significant gift will help us meet the needs of so many residents that need additional help during this challenging time,” said City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly. “From enhancing food security to helping small businesses, Give2SF is making a difference in responding to this challenge.”

“Support from partners like #StartSmall is critical during times of crisis,” said Matthew Goudeau, temporarily assigned as a Disaster Service Worker as Director of Philanthropy for the Give2SF Fund. “Every gift is important because, as we all know, the needs of our community will grow and evolve over the months to come. I hope that Mr. Dorsey’s incredible generosity inspires others to keep stepping forward so we can continue to help our neighbors in need through Give2SF’s impactful programs.”
“At this moment, our community is coming together to address the challenge of our lifetime. The powerful response highlights the value of leadership, and the San Francisco Foundation is proud to partner with the Mayor to support the City’s Give2SF Fund,” said Fred Blackwell, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation. “We also recognize the essential role that philanthropy is playing to move quickly, fill the gaps, and ensure that our most vulnerable neighbors are protected. We are deeply grateful for this extraordinary gift.”

“The Give2SF fund allows the City to support our must vulnerable populations and minimize barriers to access much needed resources,” said Sheryl Davis, Executive Director, Human Rights Commission. “The fund allows us to be innovative and flexible, to meet the most pressing needs. Our low-income, immigrant, undocumented and communities of color are being disproportionately impacted by this pandemic. The funding coupled with the commitment of the City to address issues of inequity, has the ability to make a difference beyond this crisis and begin to dismantle the systems that contribute to these disparate outcomes.”

“La Raza Community Resource Center is happy to partner with the City and the Give2SF Fund,” said Melba Maldonado, Executive Director, La Raza Community Resource Center. “Our goal is to help Latino families meet their basic needs of staying sheltered, pay their bills and feed their families. Through this Fund, we aim to serve Latino, Native American and undocumented families, which are among the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Fund will provide hope for stability, and our work will engender solidarity and strength among community, agencies and the City.”

Contribute to Give2SF
Anyone interested in making a monetary contribution to the City and County of San Francisco’s Give2SF Fund can do so at www.Give2SF.org. Money can be donated via check or wire to the Office of the Controller or through the Give2SF website via credit card. It is preferable that large donations be made by check or wire so no credit card merchant fees are incurred.
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEXT STEPS FOR REOPENING BUSINESSES IN SAN FRANCISCO

If progress continues on reducing the spread of COVID-19, the City anticipates allowing some businesses to do storefront pickup as soon as Monday, May 18th

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced that San Francisco plans to allow some businesses to resume operating, with modifications. As long San Francisco continues making progress on reducing the spread of COVID-19, the City anticipates allowing some businesses to resume operations with storefront pickup as soon as Monday, May 18th. Retailers such as bookstores, florists, and music stores will be the first stores allowed to operate storefront pickup. This follows today’s announcement by Governor Newsom regarding modified statewide guidelines that allow certain retailers to begin curbside pickup as soon as tomorrow, May 8th.

San Francisco will issue details on this phased business reopening next week. Key requirements of the current Health Order remain in place, including requirements to stay home except for essential needs and certain permitted activities, including outdoor businesses and activities. Additionally, San Franciscans must continue to follow social distance requirements and wear face coverings when waiting in line for pickup or inside of businesses.
“We have been hard at work to find ways to reopen more businesses and activities safely and responsibly,” said Mayor Breed. “Giving businesses the option to reopen and provide storefront pickup will provide some relief for everyone in our city—allowing some people to get back to work, while still protecting public health. The last thing we want is to see a spike in the number of cases or hospitalizations, so we’re going to be keeping close track of our key COVID-19 indicators and will be ready to make any adjustment needed to keep our community healthy.”

“San Franciscans have done a tremendous job to flatten the curve and protect community health,” said Dr. Colfax. “We will continue to study the indicators that tell us how the coronavirus is affecting our communities and amend the health orders as warranted in the best interest of community health. We share the urgency to reopen and restore our economies and our normal activities, and the equal importance of doing so in a way that is safe, responsible and does not erode the progress we have made together.”

“Our residents and businesses have made tremendous sacrifices for the greater health and safety of our community,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “As we reopen, the focus has to be on doing so smartly. We’re all anxious to get back to work and restart our economy, but the right way to do this for now is in phases. We can’t jeopardize all the sacrifices and progress San Francisco has made by rushing in too far, too fast. We want to reopen, and stay open.”

The categories of businesses that would be eligible to operate storefront pickup were determined in collaboration with business leaders, and based on state and local public health guidance and may be expanded over the coming weeks as conditions allow. This announcement builds on the April 29th extension of the Stay Home Order, which allows additional businesses, including construction and outdoor businesses, to resume safely, with health and safety precautions in place.

As long as San Francisco continues making progress on reducing the spread of COVID-19, consistent with the amended State Order, the first round of businesses that will be allowed to operate with storefront pickup as soon as May 18th include:

- Bookstores,
- Florists,
- Music and record stores,
- Hobby, toy, and game stores,
- Home furnishings and home goods,
- Cosmetics and beauty supply,
- Arts supplies stores,
- Musical instrument and supplies stores,
- Sewing, needlework, and piece goods stores.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will be developing guidelines for businesses that are consistent with the statewide guidelines. The San Francisco Health Officer will continually review whether modifications to the Order are justified and will adjust the Order as needed.

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development will be working closely with DPH and the Economic Recovery Task Force to develop best practices for facilitating safe pickups at these businesses. As guidelines become available, the City will post the information on the
SF.gov website in addition to partnering with business stakeholders to distribute in multiple languages. Businesses will also be able to call 3-1-1 or the Small Business hotline at 415-554-6134 for more information.

The coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing. San Francisco communities will be dealing with it for a long time to come. The City expects outbreaks to continue, especially among vulnerable populations. That is why the City is building strong systems to protect our communities into the future. DPH will continue to watch the indicators with regard to sufficient testing, contact tracing and personal protective equipment. DPH will monitor new cases, hospitalizations and the health care system’s capacity to handle a surge of patients. The City will continue to work with community and business leaders to accomplish careful, measured progress and move forward to further reopening.

“Providing the option for curbside and storefront pick-up is a great and responsible step to reopening our local economy and supporting our neighborhood businesses,” said Rodney Fong, President and CEO of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. “These new guidelines will keep our merchant corridors active, while also establishing important public health protocols to keep our residents safe. The entire San Francisco business community appreciates Mayor London Breed’s leadership and thoughtfulness throughout this crisis.”

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM DURING COVID-19

As part of the COVID-19 response, San Francisco will lease 51 rooms in a hotel setting and provide intensive support services for people experiencing homelessness who are involved in the criminal justice system

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the Adult Probation Department today announced a plan to provide supportive housing for people involved with the criminal justice system who are experiencing homelessness as part of the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the program will provide housing with on-site case management at a hotel site serving up to 51 individuals who are either unhoused individuals released from jail prior to case adjudication, or other justice-involved unhoused residents of San Francisco who can safely leave jail during this time. These individuals will be
referred by the Superior Court of San Francisco to the San Francisco Pretrial Diversion program.

“One of our biggest concerns from the beginning of this pandemic has been congregate living situations that are especially vulnerable to outbreaks, like our jails,” said Mayor Breed. “I’m glad to see so many partners working together throughout this process to help ensure that we protect public health and public safety while we adapt to the new challenges we face. We’ve moved over 1,100 people into hotels and we’re continuing to move more vulnerable and homeless residents into these rooms every day. This is yet another innovative effort to respond to these unprecedented circumstances.”

“In response to this public health crisis, Adult Probation is pleased to partner with Recovery Survival Network and the Pretrial Diversion Project to launch an emergency housing program for unhoused individuals released from the San Francisco County Jail,” said Karen Fletcher, Chief Adult Probation Officer. “The program provides a platform for change with a shared vision that focuses on client needs and supports their success, while ensuring public safety. Through this collaborative partnership, participants will be engaged in case management and have access to public benefits, permanent housing options, basic necessities like food, clothing, hygiene kits, laundry cards and toiletries, and other supportive services through our Community Assessment and Services Center.”

During the course of the six-month emergency housing and release program, this facility will provide integrated resources and room for social distancing. Through this pilot, the Adult Probation Department will directly partner with two nonprofits in San Francisco: Recovery Survival Network, a provider of case management and housing support services for justice involved people and marginalized populations; and the San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project, a provider of pretrial services that is under contract with the San Francisco Sheriff’s Office. This partnership is designed to support the safe and effective transition of the target population from jail to private hotel rooms, and provide the Court with an additional option as it navigates the new landscape of release decisions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through this collaborative effort involving the Adult Probation Department, the Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, San Francisco Pretrial Diversion, Recovery Service Network, and other City and nonprofit partners, this program focuses on public safety and client success. Services will include case management, virtual classes, wellness activities, support groups, and workshops designed to help clients move toward permanent housing placements. The program will be led and funded by the Adult Probation Department.

Effective March 17, 2020, the San Francisco Superior Court reduced operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, closing 80 percent of its courtrooms, and delaying filings and trials in the interest of public health. While San Francisco’s jail capacity is at a historic low due to efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19, over 700 individuals remain in custody, down about 35 percent from the average daily count in January 2020.

“We should not have to choose between public health and public safety. This plan provides opportunity, accountability, and space to stop the spread to those exiting jail,” said Supervisor Catherine Stefani. “By providing housing, on-site case management, and supportive services this is another critical step to protect the most vulnerable San Franciscans – including victims of crime – during this pandemic.”
“Our priority is to ensure that the people who are released from jail remain healthy and safe while sheltering among the broader community,” said San Francisco Sheriff Paul Miyamoto. “This housing opportunity provides our partner, SF Pretrial, with the resources they need to supervise releases and provide supportive services in safe locations out of custody.”

“As San Franciscans shelter in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, my office has been dedicated to protecting those who are most vulnerable—people with no homes in which to seek shelter. We are proud of this joint effort with our justice partners to support unhoused people, which will promote public safety and prevent recidivism by providing critical resources to people released from jail,” said District Attorney Chesa Boudin. “We appreciate the leadership of Adult Probation and Pretrial Diversion Project in providing housing and support to protect our unhoused population from the increased risks they face during this pandemic.”

“As public defenders we are constantly worried about our clients who are living on the streets, unable to shelter-in-place or care for themselves properly during this time. They already face such huge challenges and the public health crisis puts them at even greater risk of illness and falling through the cracks,” said Public Defender Mano Raju. “I am very glad that we have all come together to help address the housing and service needs of this vulnerable population, and I am extremely grateful that Adult Probation and the SF Pretrial Diversion Project are partnering to run this unique initiative.”

We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with Adult Probation, RSN and the Mayor’s Office, Superior Court, Sheriff, District Attorney and Public Defender. SF Pretrial is committed to public safety and the success of individuals on our caseload. This hotel provides a safe space for social distancing and gives our staff the ability to stay connected with clients and focus on their needs as they navigate this phase of presumed innocence. SF Pretrial has been fully operational throughout this crisis, and our hardworking and dedicated team will take full advantage of the safe environment and access afforded through these resources,” said David Mauroff, CEO of SF Pretrial.

“San Francisco Adult Probation Departments Reentry Division is light years ahead of other probation departments around the country and they provide a host of rehabilitative services. This is a winning combination along with an array of housing to help reduce homelessness for participants. RSN is proud to part of the SFAPD service providers menu available to all San Francisco probationers,” said Lou Gordon, Executive Director of Recovery Service Network. “The Reentry Division funds services designed to help justice involved participants exit the criminal justice system with a chance to succeed and become productive contributors to society.”

The Adult Probation Department currently has 270 units across 9 buildings, in addition to a rental subsidy program, available for supervised individuals and other justice involved adults. Their most recent launch was a transitional housing site in South of Market in April 2020.