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*** STATEMENT ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ REJECTION OF JANE NATOLI TO SFMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed issued the following statement following the Board of Supervisors’ 6-4 vote against the appointment of Jane Natoli to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors.

“The Board of Supervisors’ decision to reject the nomination of Jane Natoli for the SFMTA Board is a deeply cynical move that represents what is wrong with San Francisco politics. And let’s be clear, this is simply about politics.

The Board made her wait for over 100 days just to have a hearing. During this time, the SFMTA Board could barely make a quorum while the SFMTA is having to make countless difficult decisions as a result of COVID-19. When Jane finally received a hearing, the Board
did not question her qualifications, in fact she received a unanimously positive recommendation in her committee hearing. Jane is a transit rider, a bicycle rider, and a transportation advocate who is well-respected for her advocacy. She would have been the first trans Director in the history of the SFMTA Board, bringing a unique perspective that the SFMTA Board has never had before. But the Supervisors decided that their political differences with her are more important than having qualified Directors on the SFMTA Board.

We should be thankful that people are willing to provide their expertise and serve our City. The message that the Board of Supervisors continues to send is that it does not matter if you are qualified, in order to serve San Francisco you must be aligned with them politically.”

###
Hi everyone – By now you should’ve received a Webex invitation for tomorrow’s HPC hearing. Please let me know if you did not receive an invite.

Attached are instructions for joining the Webex event as we are no longer using MS Teams. I recommend reviewing the PDF before the hearing and joining the hearing 10 minutes early to make sure you can successfully enter.

Please contact me if you have any issues.

Thanks,
Christine

Christine Silva
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Robert Cherny <robt.cherny@gmail.com>
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Commissioners,
Attached is the updated list. Reminder, each event starts at noon.

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Intern Presentation Day 1 (Tuesday, 08/18/20)
Intern Presentation Day 2 (Wednesday, 08/19/20)
Intern Presentation Day 3 (Thursday, 08/20/20)

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Attached please find the LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Strategy Report, Executive Summary and Cover Letter from the Strategy's Working Group.

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Commissioners –

Attached are your Calendars for August 19, 2020.

Respectfully,

Josephine O. Feliciano
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Wednesday, August 12, 2020
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES BALBOA RESERVOIR HOUSING PROJECT

San Francisco, CA — The Board of Supervisors voted yesterday to approve the Development Agreement for a housing project at the Balboa Reservoir site. After five years of a community engagement process, Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee introduced legislation in April to initiate the first steps of the City’s review of the housing project. The project is an important part of Mayor London N. Breed’s efforts to create more housing in San Francisco, and includes building 1,100 new homes with 50% dedicated for affordable homes for families and essential workers, four acres of public open space, a 100-seat childcare center with 50% of the seats reserved for children of low-income families, and a community meeting space.
Situated next to City College, it will include 150 affordable educator units to be prioritized for City College faculty and staff housing.

“San Francisco is still in the midst of a housing shortage, and we need to continue to build more homes throughout the entire city,” said Mayor Breed. “The Balboa Reservoir housing project will create over a thousand new homes for families, for workers, and for teachers, while also providing much-needed open space and childcare facilities. This project is a victory for San Francisco and our residents, and will help make the City a more affordable place to live. I want to thank President Yee and all the City staff who have worked tirelessly to make this project a reality.”

“Overall, the Balboa Reservoir project captures all the elements the community fought for over the years,” said President Yee. “The neighbors and the City College community were deeply engaged with shaping the project. We have come a long way and I believe we achieved the best possible project to bring online 550 affordable new homes for low- and middle-income families in perpetuity. City College educators and staff will also get first preference to 150 educator housing units. This project will be one of the first to actively incorporate child-friendly design elements to ensure that the housing attracts families with children and multi-generational households. Moreover, there will be a new public park, a community center, and a quality childcare center. It is not enough to just build housing, but to also provide connectivity and encourage diversity for a complete, inclusive neighborhood. I want families to see their future here in the neighborhood I was fortunate enough to raise my own children in.”

The Balboa Reservoir property is an approximately 17-acre parcel that the City and County of San Francisco owns under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. It is located in the West of Twin Peaks area of south-central San Francisco, north of the Ocean Avenue commercial district, and directly west of the City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus.

The project was approved unanimously this spring by the Planning Commission, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board. Supervisor Norman Yee established the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Committee in 2015, which included representatives for neighborhood associations, including Westwood Park, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, and the Ocean Avenue Association. The Committee provided a public forum to establish principles and parameters for the potential project that guided the City’s selection of a development team.

The Development Agreement, Special Use District, General Plan Amendment, and SFPUC Purchase and Sale Resolution approved today at the Board of Supervisors is the result of five years of collaboration between the community, City officials, and City College. The Developer Team will be a partnership between BRIDGE Housing and Avalon Bay Communities with Mission Housing and Habitat for Humanity participating in the affordable housing component of the project.

Community Driven Project
The project proposal is a response to more than five years of neighborhood outreach and discussion. From neighborhood meetings and workshops in 2014, the Balboa Reservoir Community Advisory Community (BRCAC) was formed. Over the following year and a half, the BRCAC created the parameters and goals for the project, and subsequently helped select
the developer team. Since their 2017 selection, the Development Team continued to work with
the BRCAC to refine the master plan and complete the environmental review.

550 Affordable Homes
Half of the 1,100 total homes will be affordable to low- and moderate-income families (30%
to 120% of Area Median Income). The affordable housing parcels that receive local financing
will be deeded back to the City. Over 25% of the affordable units will be dedicated to educator
housing, with a first preference for City College faculty and staff.

A New Neighborhood Park and Open Green Spaces
The development will include a new two-acre public park, located at the center of the new
neighborhood and easily accessible to all community members. This is part of four acres of
total public open space, including recreation areas and pedestrian ways.

Child-Friendly Project: Childcare and Community Spaces
A new childcare center will provide 100 spaces for children from families at a range of income
levels, with 50% of the seats reserved for children of low-income families, and will serve the
surrounding community and families who move into the new homes. The project will include
a large indoor community space on the ground floor adjacent to the public park. The project
will also include housing design elements that will be targeted for families with children and
will be guided by the San Francisco Planning Department’s Family-Friendly Housing General
Plan Amendment and Design Review Guidelines that are part of Mayor Breed and President
Yee’s San Francisco Child and Youth-Friendly City Initiative.

Transportation Improvements
The project will pay approximately $10 million in Transportation Sustainability Fees to the
City for transit and infrastructure improvements. The new neighborhood is designed around
transit-first principles to encourage new residents to walk, bike, and ride transit. As a
mitigation measure, the project will improve traffic signaling and rearrange dedicated turn
arrows along Ocean Avenue, aiding transit and automobile flow.

Collaboration with City College
City College staff and educators will have first preference on over 25% of the affordable units.
Public parking options will be available to the City College community to accommodate the
redevelopment of the existing reservoir parking lot. Neighborhood design and community
amenities will be arranged to provide easy access to the City College community and to
complement planned new College buildings.

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Tuesday, August 11, 2020
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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED DETAILS PROPOSED CITY BUDGET FOR COVID-19

*Mayor Breed’s budget proposal includes significant General Fund investments in COVID-19 response*

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today presented her budget proposal to continue the City’s ongoing response to COVID-19 in the next fiscal year. The COVID-19 budget investments are part of the Mayor’s two year budget proposal, which Mayor Breed announced on Friday, July 31, and which balances a $1.5 billion deficit with a responsible use of reserves, preserving jobs and with minimal impact to City services.

In total, Mayor Breed’s proposed budget allocates $446.1 million to ensure the City has the financial resources to meet the citywide priorities set forth by the COVID-19 Command.
Center, the centralized emergency operations center coordinating the response across City departments. The Mayor’s budget assumes the City’s General Fund will support $93 million of that total amount, and that the remaining amount will be covered through a combination of FEMA reimbursement, state grants, and funding from the CARES Act. Additionally, the $446.1 million in expenditures for COVID-19 are budgeted in only FY 2020-21 in the Mayor’s proposed budget. If there is a significant surge in cases or the pandemic requires the current level of response after July 2021, additional funding will be required.

“The spending I have proposed for the City’s COVID-19 response is an investment in San Francisco’s public health, but it is also so much more than that. Controlling this virus until we have a vaccine is critical to keeping our residents safe, allowing our businesses to operate, and helping our economy to recover,” said Mayor Breed. “San Francisco has been a national leader in our COVID-19 response but we cannot get complacent. We know this virus is going to be with us for months to come, and we need to continue to build on the progress we have made with these investments.”

“As we respond to the COVID pandemic, it is critical for us to remain strong, focused and well-coordinated,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “We must maintain our investment in public health to keep our community safe and save lives, and Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes the funding we need to respond to COVID-19.”

“Being able to effectively execute the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic requires complex coordination, communication and operations,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management. “It also means we need sufficient resources to keep our city as protected as possible from this virus. The COVID-19 Command Center is where many city agencies work together to combine strategies that fight COVID-19, and having the support of the Mayor’s proposed budget means we will be able to sustain this essential work to protect our community.”

“San Francisco is facing the steepest economic slide in modern history. As our COVID-19 response continues to protect public health and help businesses recover, people who are confronting the loss of a job or health insurance will need to turn to the City in new ways to help them through this crisis,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. “At this time of great economic uncertainty, the Mayor’s proposed budget includes significant new funding to prevent hunger, increase access to employment, and provide emergency housing to the families and communities who need this assistance the most.”

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes funding to ensure the City is able to continue its comprehensive, data-driven, and public health-focused response to the ongoing health threats and economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will be directed to four main categories: health operations; housing and shelter programs; food security and human services; and emergency communications and operations.

**Health Operations**

In total, the Mayor’s budget allocates $184.9 million for health operations. The Mayor’s budget ensures there is adequate funding for COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, expanded capacity at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, outbreak management, and contact tracing, among other expenses. The most significant health expense is testing at $55.9 million, followed by citywide personal protective equipment at $44.2
million. The health operations category also includes $12.7 million for community outreach and engagement in priority neighborhoods, congregate settings, and communities at high risk of exposure.

**Housing and Shelter Programs**
The proposed budget includes investments to address the needs of San Francisco’s unsheltered residents in the COVID-19 environment with shelter, food, and medical care. The budget provides $182.9 million for housing and shelter programs, including hotel rooms for vulnerable individuals without access to housing to safely shelter-in-place or recover from COVID-19.

**Food Security and Human Services**
Throughout COVID-19, addressing food insecurity has remained one of Mayor Breed’s and the City’s top priorities. The Mayor’s proposed budget includes $45.8 million in new expenditures for food programs. The budget also includes $16 million to continue the City’s expansion of the Pit Stop program.

**Emergency Communications and Operations**
In total, the Mayor’s proposed budget allocates $16.5 million for emergency communications and operations. The proposed budget includes $12.9 million for staffing and operations at the City’s COVID Command Center, including $3.6 million in funding for multi-lingual communications, outreach, and education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Give2SF**
The Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund has also been a major source for investment in economic recovery-focused initiatives. In March 2020, the City established Give2SF, a fund for the City to accept tax-deductible donations to fund efforts in three priority areas (1) food security; (2) access to housing; and (3) security for workers and small businesses. Give2SF raised over $28 million in FY 2019-20 and has dedicated funds to various programs, including meal programs for seniors, grocery gift cards for undocumented and mixed-status households, food pantries for low-income San Franciscans, small business emergency grants, small business no-interest loans, and financial assistance for rent, mortgage, and other housing costs. Funds directed towards these efforts will continue to be disbursed throughout FY 2020-21.

**Budget Timeline**
Mayor Breed’s proposed budget is now before the Budget and Finance Committee, after which it will go before the full Board of Supervisors. Following approval by the Board of Supervisors, the budget for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 will go to the Mayor for her signature and final adoption by October 1, 2020.

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 is available online [here](#).
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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PLAN TO CREATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STREET CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Paramedic and public health-led teams to assist people experiencing behavioral health emergencies are part of budget funding for mental health priorities, including increasing behavioral health bed capacity, creating an Office of Coordinated Care, and expanding service hours at the Behavioral Health Access Center

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a plan to create a Street Crisis Response Team pilot program, which would begin the effort to fundamentally change the way San Francisco responds to 911 and 311 calls regarding behavioral health emergencies, involving mental health and substance use. The goal for this new team is to provide an appropriate non-law enforcement response to behavioral health emergencies in San Francisco
and divert individuals in crisis away from emergency rooms and criminal justice settings into behavioral health treatment facilities.

“When people are experiencing a mental health crisis on our streets, we want to be able to respond in a way that is most appropriate and gets the person connected with the care and support they need,” said Mayor Breed. “Often, calls to 911 or 311 about someone who appears to be having a behavioral health emergency don’t actually need an armed police response. In fact, that type of response can sometimes makes things worse. With this pilot program, we’re taking the first step toward redirecting non-violent calls from police to other resources, and are expanding behavioral health services in San Francisco. Because even though we’ve been focused the past few months on our COVID-19 emergency response, the other challenges on our streets with mental illness and substance use disorder haven’t gone away, and we must remain focused on addressing that ongoing public health crisis as well.”

The Mayor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 includes $4 million from the General Fund to pilot a Street Crisis Response Team to help San Franciscans who are experiencing behavioral health crises. If the consensus Business Tax Reform ballot measure passes in November, Proposition C revenues will enable the City to direct a total of approximately $16.8 million to the pilot program over two years, which would expand the program and create additional Street Crisis Response Teams.

“The Crisis Response teams are a critical part of the Mental Health SF law we authored,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “I appreciate that the Mayor has dedicated significant funding to implement our comprehensive law and I look forward to fighting for additional funds throughout the budget process.”

“We wrote Mental Health SF with frontline providers to address the suffering on our streets and the lack of immediate response and support for people in crisis,” said Supervisor Matt Haney. “Maximizing 24 hour crisis response teams with experts responding to crises before they escalate is as essential and urgent as ever. This is a great start to fully implementing Mental Health SF.”

“Every day San Franciscans encounter people in crisis on our streets but don’t know who to call for help,” said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. “This city desperately needs a more effective response to behavioral health crises than the police can provide; we need teams of trained medical professionals and peers with the skills to actually make a difference in the lives of unhoused people with mental illnesses and the neighborhoods in which they take refuge. That’s why street crisis response teams were identified as a top recommendation by the Meth Task Force, are a key component of Mental Health SF, and are a top priority in Mayor Breed’s proposed budget. I am grateful for this important step towards full implementation of this critical reform.”

The Street Crisis Response Team pilot program is part of the first phase of implementation of Mental Health SF, the City’s strategic framework for improving the behavioral health response to people experiencing homelessness. In addition to funding the Street Crisis Response Team, Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes funding to establish an Office of Coordinated Care within the Department of Public Health, increasing behavioral health bed capacity to reduce wait times to access treatment beds, and expanding service hours at the Behavioral Health Access Center.
In June, Mayor Breed announced that the City is in the process of creating a system to divert non-violent calls from the Police Department to other first responders. Establishing a Street Crisis Response Team is an essential part of this system and enables appropriate calls to be directed toward behavioral health and medical professionals.

The Street Crisis Response Team will be a collaboration between the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Fire Department and will provide appropriate clinical interventions and care coordination for people who experience behavioral health crises on the streets of San Francisco. Each team will include a community paramedic from the Fire Department, and a behavioral health clinician and behavioral health peer from the Department of Public Health. The team will be dispatched to address calls for service by both the 911 and 311 call centers. In addition, individuals can be connected to additional services and would be supported by DPH to engage in these services and to ensure follow-up care is coordinated.

Through pairing behavioral health specialists and medical professionals, the Street Crisis Response Team can begin to respond to some of the calls to which the San Francisco Police Department would otherwise respond. These include suicide or self-harm calls and calls for assistance to people who are presenting as disoriented, or who have other symptoms of intoxication or psychosis.

The service model for the Street Crisis Response Team is unique in the incorporation of peer support workers with lived experience of homelessness, mental illness, and/or substance use disorder. Peer support workers are people who have been successful in the recovery process and are skilled to help others experiencing similar situations. This team will coordinate with the Department of Public Health’s Street Medicine team, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s Homeless Outreach Team, and the Fire Department’s EMS-6 team.

“Department of Public Health clinicians and San Francisco Fire Department paramedics, who have a long history of partnership, will join people with lived experience of behavioral health challenges as they team up to resolve nonviolent crises on our streets,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “Bringing together these three distinct skill sets is an evidence-based crisis response model that we are proud to pilot in San Francisco.”

“The San Francisco Fire Department has run a specialized unit for the past 4 years with trained community paramedics,” said Chief Jeanine Nicholson, San Francisco Fire Department. “They provide compassionate advocacy and medical assessment in order to connect vulnerable people to definitive care for acute medical, mental health, and social needs. Our approach has proven very effective. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Public Health and expand this program. As a city, we will be able to provide these services on a larger scale and facilitate access to care for those experiencing behavioral crises on our streets.”

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Commissioners,
You may recall that we must migrate to a new platform for our hearings. Our next hearing on August 19th, will be conducted on WebEx. In order for a smooth transition we are offering you a training session so that you are comfortable with WebEx prior to our first hearing.

Please sign-up by replying to me your preferred 30 minute slot to familiarize yourself with WebEx.

August 18, 2020
2:00 PM;
2:30 PM; or
3:00 PM.

Each slot may accommodate up to three Commissioners. First come first served.

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Commissioners,
If you are interested, please use the attached sign-up sheet to attend intern presentations. Up to three of you may attend any one session. First come first served.

Forward the edited spreadsheet to Josie.

Thank you,

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Per Commissioner Hyland’s request.

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Jonas and Pilar:

Would you forward this to the HPC, so they can review this DEIR ahead of time? Thanks.

https://www.ucsf.edu/cphp/community#eir
San Francisco has become the first county in the nation to stop generating revenue from incarcerated people and their families, lifting an economic burden from low-income communities, boosting connection to support networks, and easing re-entry.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, and Treasurer José Cisneros announced that all phone calls from county jails are now free, effective today. San Francisco County is the first in the country to permanently stop generating revenue from incarcerated people and their families through phone calls, commissary markups, or other services. In providing free phone calls, the Sheriff’s Office negotiated a first-in-the-nation fixed rate contract with GTL, a jail phone service contractor, to ensure the lowest possible cost to the City and taxpayers.

“When people are in jail they need to be able to stay connected with their family without being concerned about how much it will cost them or their loved ones. Being able to stay in touch with family is always important, but it is even more critical during a health emergency like COVID-19,” said Mayor Breed. “This change is an important continuation of our efforts to reform fines and fees that disproportionately impact low-income people and communities of
color. This has truly been a team effort, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to this work for their dedication and advocacy.”

“I am grateful to my staff who worked tirelessly over the last year to advance high-impact justice reform. They created a contract that serves both the needs of in-custody people while delivering the best taxpayer return on investment,” said Sheriff Miyamoto. “Our contract is quickly becoming a model for other jurisdictions. We would not have been able achieve this as well as other financial justice reforms without the support and commitment from Mayor Breed, Treasurer Cisneros, Supervisor Fewer and her colleagues, and the criminal justice community.”

“I am thrilled to see free phone calls being implemented in SF jails, and know that this will have a tangible impact on the lives of incarcerated people and their loved ones,” said Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer. “This new contract again puts our city on the map as leading policy change in the name of economic justice—and where San Francisco leads, the nation will follow.”

Marking up prices for phone calls and commissary items is a common practice in jails and prisons across the country, but San Francisco now joins a growing number of cities, counties and states that are reducing or eliminating these costs, including New York City. The plan to make jail phone calls free and end commissary markups was funded in Mayor Breed’s budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and was developed by the Sheriff’s Office over the past year.

Under the new contract with GTL, rather than paying the vendor per call minute as families did, the City will pay the vendor a fixed monthly rate per phone device. The innovative cost structure better reflects the cost of service paid by the vendor to provide access to phones in all county jails. The new contract also allows for free video calls.

The contract is a win-win for incarcerated people and the City of San Francisco. In 2018, incarcerated people and their families paid over a million dollars for phone calls from San Francisco jails. In 2020, incarcerated people will pay nothing for calls and the Sheriff’s Office will seek to maximize phone access as much as possible across all jails. For the City, the contract is also a good deal. Overall, San Francisco taxpayers will pay less for jail communications than incarcerated families previously paid to the phone provider.

“As a City we should invest in the most marginalized populations in our city, not profit off of them,” said Treasurer José Cisneros. “During the health pandemic it’s more important than ever that families be able to connect with their incarcerated loved ones. These reforms reflect our values as San Franciscans. I hope other counties take a hard look at them and commit to do the same. I am proud that our Financial Justice Project worked with the Sheriff, Mayor, and community advocates to bring these reforms to fruition.”

“San Francisco’s new jail phone contract is an innovative breakthrough for the prison phone justice movement that protects incarcerated people, their families, and all taxpayers from exploitation at the hands of the predatory prison telecom industry,” said Bianca Tylek, Executive Director of Worth Rises. “All prison and jail administrators should consider adopting a similar contract.”

In July 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously in favor of the People Over Profits ordinance authored by Supervisor Fewer. People Over Profits permanently bans the City from
profiting off jail inmates and their families via services such as phone calls and commissary items, and ensures the City cannot generate revenue through other services such as video calls and access to computer tablets.

California Senate Bill 555 (D-Holly Mitchell, Los Angeles) would dramatically reduce jail phone call rates and eliminate commissary markups statewide. The bill is being heard in the California Assembly’s Appropriations Committee on Friday, August 14.

Previously, high phone call costs and an average county markup of 43% on items from the jail commissary placed an economic burden on incarcerated people and their families. Prior to these reforms, if an incarcerated person made two 15-minute phone calls a day in San Francisco, it would cost $300 over 70 days, which is the average jail stay, or $1,500 over the course of the year.

Analysis done by the San Francisco Financial Justice Project in the Office of Treasurer José Cisneros estimates that 80% of phone calls were paid for by incarcerated individuals’ support networks, primarily low-income women of color. In a national survey of incarcerated people and their families, the cost of phone calls was identified as the primary barrier to staying in contact with loved ones in prison or jail. Studies show that people who maintain contact with their families while incarcerated are more likely to succeed after they are released and have lower recidivism rates. According to the Vera Institute, the majority of people who exit the criminal justice system end up residing with a relative or spouse after their release, and staying connected with family while incarcerated helps maintain these important relationships.

In addition to implementing free jail calls, in April 2020, the Sheriff’s Office eliminated commission or profit in the jail commissary (jail store) and prices dropped an average of 43%. Specific price reductions include:

- Reading glasses were $8.00, and now cost $4.55, a reduction of 43%
- Shoes were $30, and now cost $19, a reduction of 37%
- Deodorant was $3.50, and now costs $2.20, a reduction of $37%
- Refried beans were $3.00, and now cost $1.30, a reduction of 57%
- Top Ramen was $1.08, and is now costs $.50, a difference of 54%
- Tuna was $3.10 and is now costs $1.10, a difference of 65%
- Sausage was $1.65 and is now costs $.75, a difference of 55%

“As a formerly incarcerated woman, I often had to choose between whether I could afford a phone call home that month or whether I wouldn’t call and make sure that my family had enough to pay the bills while taking care of my children,” said Amika Mota, Policy Director, Young Women’s Freedom Center. “This is a huge win for San Francisco.”

“Free phone calls will make a huge difference for incarcerated people and their family members who are supporting them,” said Valentina Sedeno, Re-Entry Services Program Manager, Young Community Developers. “The higher the price of each call, the more difficult it is for incarcerated people to stay in touch with their circles of support—which are their lifelines and who they rely on and need to be in contact with to develop their plans of release and successfully transition back into the community. It is often close family members who typically are low-income, women of color, such as mothers, sisters, and partners, that tend to take on the financial responsibility by putting money on prepaid phone accounts to stay in
touch with their loved ones. The costs add up quickly and often become unaffordable to sustain, so free calls will really help.”

This reform builds on other efforts in San Francisco to assess and reform fines and fees that disproportionately affect low-income people and communities of color. In 2018, San Francisco became the first county in the nation to eliminate administrative fees across multiple City agencies that are charged to people exiting the criminal justice system. The City and County ultimately wrote off $32 million in debt that was owed by 21,000 people, since the fees were charged almost exclusively to low-income people who could not pay them. These fees created barriers to people’s re-entry and also had very low collection rates.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES $3.1 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Twelve organizations awarded funding to protect and expand opportunities for youth in affordable housing and the foster system; provide multilingual support to domestic violence survivors; introduce women, girls and gender nonconforming individuals to creative industry careers; and provide essential legal services

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, the San Francisco Arts Commission, and Community Vision today announced $3.1 million in transformative awards for nonprofit space acquisition and lease stabilization, including $2.15 million in vital support for Latino-led organizations expanding their space and services at new affordable housing sites in the Mission District. The grants are part of San Francisco’s Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative (NSI), which deploys financial assistance, professional services, assessment tools and other resources to help stabilize nonprofits, and are vital to providing and supporting residents including low-income families and children with social and mental health services as part of the response to COVID-19 and beyond.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted the Mission District and our Latino community, but we know the factors that led to this disparity existed long before this
health emergency,” said Mayor Breed. “We need to ensure that the organizations serving the community have what they need to continue their work, while also continuing our progress to build more affordable housing and create more community-serving spaces in the neighborhood.”

With increasing and diverse demands for government services, San Francisco has nearly 7,000 nonprofits that often work in partnership with the City to address complex challenges and the needs of residents. Administered by OEWD, the NSI continues San Francisco’s groundbreaking support of nonprofit space and sustainability, and investments in resilience that assist nonprofits and prevent displacement. The underlying objective of all NSI programs is to ensure access to quality of life resources as well as education, health, and human services for residents of San Francisco, and real estate assistance is a cornerstone of the program.

In addition to the awarded grants, the Mayor’s proposed budget includes $2.8 million for Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative real estate assistance in Fiscal Year 2020-21. Should funding be approved by the Board of Supervisors, the next round of applications for real estate acquisition and space stabilization will open in late 2020. Grants are administered by Community Vision, which will offer several workshops with more information. Past program guidelines are available at communityvisionca.org/sfsustainability. Information about past NSI awardees and current resources can be found at oewd.org/nonprofits.

“The organizations that are being supported through these Nonprofit Sustainability grants are essential anchors sustaining the life and culture of the Mission. With so much hardship hitting my district, I am relieved that we were able to protect these funds and invest it strategically to help our community recover and thrive,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen.

“San Francisco’s nonprofits are a powerful economic engine,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “Beyond providing essential services, resources and vitality to our communities, nonprofits helped restart our economy after the last recession, generating early job growth and attracting over $1.5 billion dollars annually in regional and national philanthropy. They are vital to our recovery and we are committed to working with them now, particularly those advancing shared and equitable prosperity, to hold ground and stay focused on their missions.”

Spaces supported by NSI funds will protect and expand opportunities for youth in affordable housing and the foster system; provide multilingual support to domestic violence survivors; introduce women, girls and gender nonconforming individuals to creative industry careers; and provide essential legal services. This funding will be instrumental in stabilizing 55,763 square feet of nonprofit space for an average of 15.6 years, for organizations annually serving 105,069 beneficiaries.

“It is so invigorating that our Mayor London Breed and our supervisor Hillary Ronen were able to support our campaign to keep our vibrant, effective and groundbreaking organizations at the center of the Mission’s cultural community,” said Artistic Director Krissy Keefer of Dance Mission Theater and the socially charged Dance Brigade.

“West Bay has been serving San Francisco’s most vulnerable populations for the past 50 years, primarily focusing on recent Filipino immigrant youth, seniors and their families in SoMa, and has never owned its own space,” said Carla Laurel, executive director of West Bay Pilipino Multi Service Center. “Now more than ever, owning our space and expanding means
that we can answer the pressing needs of our community by providing in-person academic, social and emotional support to kids who live in small apartments and SRO’s and by supporting their parents, many of whom are essential workers, to go back to work.”

“COVID-19 is hitting our communities the hardest, exposing the inequalities in our education, healthcare, and economic systems. This innovative co-location with First Exposures and our partnership with MEDA allows us to continue serving the Mission community when we need to leverage collective resources the most,” said Youth Speaks Executive Director Cristy Johnston Limon.

About the Grantees
Real Estate Acquisition Grants:

West Bay Pilipino Multi Service Center, an organization that is celebrating 50 years of service to Filipino Americans and has continued providing essential services to low-income, immigrant youth and their families during the pandemic, was awarded funding to acquire a 7,500 square foot building located in the SoMa Pilipinas Cultural District. The acquisition of the two-story building will increase its program square footage from 1,500 to 6,215 square feet. Services and resources offered include: academic enrichment and mentorship, college prep, Kuya Ate Mentorship, case management, and senior wellness workshops. West Bay received the maximum award they were eligible for, which is 25% of the acquisition cost for space operated by nonprofits in their new building. Total award: $647,395

Space Stabilization Grants:

Nonprofit Space Stabilization Program Grantees

Alternative Family Services (AFS) supports vulnerable children and families in need of stability, safety, and wellbeing in communities. AFS is one of the last remaining Foster Family Agencies (FFA) still based in the city of San Francisco. AFS provides foster, adoption, shelter, and mental health services to court-dependent children and families in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area. In December 2018, total square footage for their location at 250 Executive Park Boulevard was reduced from 9,949 to 5,537 and the price per square foot increased substantially. AFS reconfigured the space to include confidential, private meeting, therapy, and office space for clinicians. Total award: $18,316

Asian Women’s Shelter (AWS) supports immigrant, refugee, and U.S.-born survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking to escape abuse, heal and stabilize. Services include family law, immigration, physical health, mental health, sustainable safe housing, children's development, and career development. AWS secured a three-year lease for a 1,175 square foot space in District 5. Funds will support professional services, moving expenses, tenant improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment as well as one-time staffing expenses for the relocation. Total award: $40,000

Dance Brigade (also known as Dance Mission) has the opportunity to increase its square footage from 8,600 square feet to 14,853 square feet and acquire a parcel in the to-be-developed multi-use property at 2205 Mission Street. Dance Mission requested support for pre-development professional services. Total award: $75,000

Galería de la Raza | Studio 24 (Galería) supports Chicano/Latino artists in the visual,
literary, media, and performing art fields whose works explore new aesthetic possibilities for socially committed art. Galería offers a series of public programs throughout the year that uphold the creative placekeeping mission that the institution was built upon. Programming includes rotating exhibitions, public art installations, literary and performance community gatherings, and off-site civic engagement projects. Galería intends to lease 7,580 square feet at 1990 Folsom, a 143-unit housing development for families in the Mission District, which will include a licensed child development center and arts-related spaces. The proposed terms include a base term of 10 years with five 10-year options and one 5-year option for a total of 55 years. Galería requested support for pre-development professional fees, staff time and construction expenses. Total award: $575,000

**HOMEY (Homies Organizing the Mission to Empower Youth)** inspires high-risk youth to not only choose a path of education, self-sufficiency and non-violence, but also strive towards physical, mental and emotional health. HOMEY’s key programs include: the Kalpulli Leadership Program, CALLES Care Management and IMPACT Work Readiness Programs, as well as Native Graphix, their social enterprise. HOMEY requested support for a 2,300 square foot space at 1990 Folsom, a 100% affordable housing development. 1990 Folsom provides improved long-term stability with an initial lease term of 10-years, two 10-year options, and a purchase option. Total award: $635,000

**Open Door Legal (ODL)** is pioneering the country’s first system of universal access to civil legal representation. Their goal is to show that poverty will be dramatically reduced when everyone has access to the law. They defend clients who are facing evictions, deportation, consumer fraud, foreclosures, and other civil legal issues. ODL secured a five-year lease expanding their square footage from 150 to 1,700 and requested support for furniture, fixtures and equipment, moving costs and one-time staff expenses for the relocation. Total award: $60,000

**PODER (People Organizing to Defend Economic and Environmental Rights)** has served low-income Latinx immigrant families and youth in the Mission, Excelsior, and other southeast San Francisco neighborhoods for nearly 30 years. PODER fosters Latinx immigrant community members’ civic engagement by providing skills-building trainings on community organizing; conducting workshops on environmental and climate justice and, immigrant rights, family preparedness and other relevant immigration policies; educating Latinx immigrants on the importance of their participation in the decennial census; and fostering neighborhood resiliency through its urban gardening and urban cycling programs. PODER intends to lease an expanded, 1,639 square feet of space for a total of 35 years at Casa Adelante-2060 Folsom Street. When complete, Casa Adelante will provide of 127 units of 100% affordable housing for families and transitional age youth. PODER requested support for professional services, construction, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Total award: $385,000

**Support for Families of Children with Disabilities (SFCD)** provides information, education, referrals, leadership opportunities and support services to families of children with any kind of disability or special health care need. It also provides information and training to professionals and collaborates to improve the coordination of systems and services for families. On January 2020, SFCD entered into a new agreement with its landlord at 1663 Mission Street to extend the lease for 10 years. They requested support for tenant improvements, professional services, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, staffing expenses that will help them grow in place. Total award: $57,628
The Village Project supports the well-being of children with an after-school academic support program with homework and literacy support, and sports. They also offer a free eight-week summer enrichment camp which consists of a literacy program, along with STEM activities, sports and fieldtrips in a safe and engaging environment for youth ages five to seventeen. The organization negotiated a lease in their current building, a church, at a cost of $500 per month. Their new, bigger, dedicated office space will allow for work stations for two staff members. The organization is requesting funds to for professional services, a rent stipend, moving expenses, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and one-time staffing expenses to support the new costs of the expanded space. Total award: $13,608

Women’s Audio Mission (WAM) uses music and media to attract over 2,500 underserved Bay Area women/girls/gender non-conforming (GNC) individuals annually to creative technology/STEM studies in the only professional recording studios in the world built and run by women. To date, WAM has helped place more than 800 women in careers at businesses including Dolby, Pixar, and SFJazz. WAM is expanding to a new space in SoMa that will accommodate its growing staff and serve an additional 300 women, girls and GNC individuals each year. They requested support for tenant improvements, moving costs and furniture, fixtures and equipment. Total award: $60,000

Youth Speaks (YS) creates safe spaces that challenge young people to find, develop, publicly present, and apply their voices as creators of societal change. First Exposures (FX) leverages mentoring relationships and photography to empower youth to thrive, express themselves, and become leaders. Youth Speaks/First Exposures (YS/FX) are partnering together to enter into a long-term lease and build out 4,628 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor of the new 2060 Folsom Street affordable housing development. YS/FX requested support for tenant improvements, moving expenses, professional services, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. Total award: $560,000

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND TREASURER JOSÉ CISNEROS ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL FEE DEFERRALS TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES DURING COVID-19

San Francisco further extends the deadline for businesses to file and pay their Business Registration Fee and Unified License Fees until March 2021

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Treasurer José Cisneros today announced the City will continue to defer collection of Business Registration Fees and the Unified License Fees until March 1, 2021. Unified License Fees include charges from City departments to restaurants and food businesses, bars, convenience stores, many small retailers, hotels, tour operators, and other businesses. The previously announced deferral on business taxes for small businesses and additional supports for small businesses remain in place.

“Businesses in San Francisco continue to struggle with a loss of revenue and unfortunately we know that the COVID-19 pandemic isn’t going away any time soon,” said Mayor Breed.

“When we initially issued the deferral of these fees, we were optimistic the situation would improve and businesses would be in a better financial position, but the lack of a coordinated
federal response to the pandemic has only exacerbated the situation. Continuing to defer the collection of these fees will provide some relief for business as we keep working with them to help them stay afloat and take care of their employees.”

“I’ve heard from many businesses that were concerned about paying these bills by September 30th. I am hopeful that further delaying collections of the business registration and license fees will provide some needed relief,” said Treasurer José Cisneros. “We will continue to work with businesses to find ways to lessen the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The measures Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros announced today are the following:

**Deferral of Business Registration Fee**
The City will extend the 2020-2021 Business Registration Fee deadline to March 1, 2021. Business Registration Certificates issued for 2019-2020 will remain valid through March 1, 2021. In April 2020, Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros announced an extension of the deadline to September 30, 2020 instead of May 31, 2020. Given that the situation with COVID-19 continues to be challenging for the City’s businesses, the City has decided to further extend the deadline.

Mayor Breed will be working with Treasurer Cisneros to notify businesses that they now have five additional months to file and pay the Business Registration Fee. Every business in San Francisco has to renew their registration annually. There are currently 93,000 registered businesses who pay nearly $49 million in Business Registration Fees.

**Deferral of Business Licensing Fees**
The City will provide regulatory fee relief for businesses by further delaying the City’s collection of the Unified License Fees until March 1, 2021. The Unified License Fees include, but are not limited to, charges to restaurants and food businesses, bars, convenience stores, many small retailers, hotels, and tour operators, from departments such as the Department of Public Health, Entertainment Commission, Fire Department, and Police Department. This impacts nearly $14 million billed to 11,000 businesses. In March, Mayor Breed announced an initial delay for the collection of the fee and in April further extended the deadline to September 30, 2020.

Mayor Breed’s other initiatives to support small business include:

- 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, proving up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee.
- $9 million Emergency Loan Fund providing up to $50,000 in zero-interest loans for individual small businesses.
- $2.5 million Resiliency Grants providing up to $10,000 grants to over 300 small businesses.
- $1 million for Neighborhood Mini-Grants to Support 300 Small Businesses in Underserved Communities.
- $2.5 million in support for working artists and arts and cultural organizations financially impacted by COVID-19.
• Supporting nonprofits funded by the City so workers do not lose their incomes;
• Issuing a Moratorium on Commercial Evictions for small and medium sized businesses that cannot afford to pay rent.
• Capping the commission at 15% on 3rd party food delivery companies;
• Advocating for additional resources for small business and workers through the federal CARES Act.
• Establishing City Philanthropic www.Give2SF.org Fund, where donations will support housing stabilization, food security, and financial security for workers and small businesses impacted by coronavirus.
• Launching a one stop City website for businesses and workers seeking resources, contacts, and updates during the COVID-19 emergency: www.oewd.org/covid19.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED UNVEILS CITY BUDGET WITH INVESTMENTS IN RACIAL EQUITY, HOMELESSNESS SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AND COVID-19 RESPONSE

Mayor Breed’s two-year budget proposal makes critical investments while also balancing a significant budget deficit

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced her budget proposal for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-21 and 2021-22, which includes new investments to prioritize racial equity and reinvest in the African-American community, continue making progress on homelessness and behavioral health, and maintain the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The budget proposal makes these important investments while also balancing the two-year $1.5 billion deficit with a responsible use of reserves, preserving jobs and with minimal impact to City services.

The annual $13.7 billion budget for FY 2020-21 and $12.6 billion budget for FY 2021-22 is the culmination of months of collaborative work with elected officials, City departments, and community organizations, which was made challenging this year due to the COVID-19
pandemic. The proposed budget for FY 2020-21 is higher than the budget for FY 2019-20 primarily due to one-time expenditures to respond to COVID-19, and which go away in the second year of the budget. Public outreach on the budget was done virtually in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

“This budget closes our $1.5 billion deficit while still making critical investments in the most pressing issues facing San Francisco,” said Mayor Breed. “This time last year, we did not expect that we’d have to respond to a public health emergency like COVID-19, but we have risen to the occasion and are directing significant City resources to keep San Franciscans safe and healthy. We are listening to the African American community, which has for too long been unheard and underserved, and redirecting investments to close the disparities that we continue to see to this day. And we’re keeping our focus on helping people who are homeless get off the streets and into shelter, providing mental health and substance use treatment, and ensuring that we can continue providing essential City services for all our residents.”

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget does not include any layoffs of permanent City staff, maintains City services with minimal impacts, and closes the approximately $1.5 billion General Fund deficit through a combination of revenue and expenditure solutions. However, the Mayor’s budget as currently proposed is contingent in part upon revenue from the consensus Business Tax Reform measure, which will be on the November 2020 ballot. Additionally, the budget assumes that the City and its labor unions will reach an agreement to defer scheduled wage increases over the two-year budget period.

Redirecting Funding to the African American Community and Prioritizing Equity
The Mayor’s proposed budget acknowledges the structural inequities impacting the city’s African American community, resulting from generations of disinvestment. The proposed budget reinvests $120 million in funds over two years, predominately from the City’s law enforcement departments, towards efforts to repair the legacy of racially disparate policies on health, housing, and economic outcomes for African Americans. The proposed budget also includes $15 million in one-time funding for the San Francisco Unified School District to support San Francisco’s public school students most disparately impacted by COVID-19 and the resulting school closures. The budget further includes additional General Fund investments in programs for San Francisco youth.

On Monday, July 27, Mayor Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton released a report from the Human Rights Commission that summarizes the findings of initial community engagement and provides a framework for ongoing conversations and decisions to reinvest in San Francisco’s Black community. The report highlights recommendations, research and data raised through the community input process to prioritize resources to the African American community.

Mayor Breed’s budget is informed by that process and recognizes that the African American community must continue to be involved in determining the specific allocations of the funding. Therefore, the Human Rights Commission will continue leading a community process to determine how the $120 million will be allocated. Based on the initial input from the community, Mayor Breed has proposed that 60% of the funding be directed for mental health, wellness, and homelessness, and 35% be directed to education, youth development, and economic opportunity. The disbursement of funds will be discussed, tracked, and evaluated on an ongoing basis through the Human Rights Commissions’ continuing process of community engagement.
The remainder of the redirected law enforcement funds in the Mayor’s proposed budget will be allocated for a thorough planning process in FY 2020-21 to divert non-emergency, low priority calls for service away from the Police Department to non-law enforcement agencies.

The Mayor’s proposed budget also invests a total of $12.5 million to extend stipend programs for SFUSD teachers in high turnover schools and for educators in the City’s early care and education system. Mayor Breed’s budget adds $5.5 million over the two years to extend the Opportunities for All (OFA) pilot, a youth internship program initiated in last year’s budget. Lastly, the Mayor’s proposed budget allocates another $4 million over two years to be distributed by the Office of Racial Equity within the Human Rights Commission, to maintain and prioritize ongoing community involvement and responsive programming.

**Homelessness and Mental Health**

To continue to address the homelessness crisis and help people suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders, Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes funding to maintain investments in behavioral health beds, rental assistance and subsidy programs, and other critical mental health and homelessness programming. The proposed budget also makes new investments to pilot a new crisis response model and seeds funding for the Office of Coordinated Care in the Department of Public Health.

**Homelessness**

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes a number of critical investments in homelessness, to be largely funded by the passage of the November 2020 Business Tax Reform measure, which would unlock new revenue from the November 2018 Proposition C measure. This funding will be used in part to implement the City’s Homelessness Recovery Plan, which Mayor Breed announced earlier this month. Through the Homeless Recovery Plan, the City will continue emergency homelessness response initiatives in the short-term and make 6,000 placements available over the next two years for people experiencing homelessness.

The proposed budget funds a historic investment in the City’s permanent supportive housing portfolio; in addition to enabling the City to newly lease or acquire 1,500 permanent supportive housing units through the Homelessness Recovery Plan, the budget funds a significant expansion of newly constructed permanent supportive housing units through the City’s Local Operating Subsidy Program and the 833 Bryant project. Additionally, the budget adds $6.6 million in funding to continue emergency shelter and eviction prevention pilot programs.

**Mental Health**

The Mayor’s proposed budget supports the implementation of the first phase of Mental Health SF, a comprehensive overhaul of San Francisco’s mental health system. Notably, the budget will fund the creation of an Office of Coordinated Care within the Department of Public Health, pilot a non-law enforcement Crisis Response Team for engaging people on the street experiencing mental health or substance use-related crises, and increase the City’s capacity for mental health and substance use treatment beds.

These investments would be supported by approximately $66.5 million over two years, should the Business Tax Reform measure pass in November. Mayor Breed’s budget includes $5 million from the General Fund to accelerate the implementation of the Office of Coordinated Care and the Crisis Response Team, so that work can begin regardless of the outcome of the
COVID-19 Ongoing Response and Recovery

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes funding to ensure the City is able to continue its comprehensive, data-driven, and public health-focused response to the ongoing health threats and economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In total, the Mayor’s proposed budget allocates $446.1 million to ensure the City has the financial resources to meet the citywide priorities set forth by the COVID-19 Command Center, the centralized emergency operations center coordinating the response across City departments. The Mayor’s budget assumes the City’s General Fund will support $93 million of that total amount, and that the remaining amount will be covered through a combination of FEMA reimbursement and funding from the CARES Act.

This funding will be directed to three main categories: health and human services; housing and shelter; and emergency communications and coordination. The Mayor’s budget ensures there is adequate funding for COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, expanded capacity at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, outbreak management, and contact tracing, among other expenses. Throughout COVID-19, addressing food insecurity has remained one of Mayor Breed’s and the City’s top priorities. The Mayor’s proposed budget includes $45.7 million in new expenditures for food programs. Lastly, the budget includes investments to address the needs of San Francisco’s unsheltered residents in the COVID-19 environment with shelter, food, and medical care.

Community based organizations have been an integral part of the City’s ongoing response to COVID-19. Mayor Breed’s proposed budget includes funding to ensure that community partners can continue to work with the City to provide community-based and multi-lingual outreach and education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Budget Timeline

In order to allow the City to be responsive to the COVID-19 emergency and to ensure sufficient time to understand the full economic impacts, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors agreed to an updated schedule for the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget process which extended the process by two months. After originally releasing budget instructions for the upcoming two-year budget in December 2019, the Mayor reissued instructions to departments in May 2020 to reflect the revised budget shortfall. Departments were instructed to submit new budget proposals to aid the Mayor in developing a balanced budget in June and July.

Following Mayor Breed’s introduction of the proposed budget, it will now go to the Budget and Finance Committee and the full Board of Supervisors, after which it will go to the Mayor for her signature and final adoption by October 1, 2020.

Mayor Breed’s proposed budget for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 is available online here.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND PUBLIC DEFENDER MANO RAJU ANNOUNCE YOUNG DEFENDERS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Paid internship program, created in partnership with the Mayor’s Office, Public Defender’s Office, Human Rights Commission, and Teachers 4 Social Justice, provides 25 public high school students with a 40-week experience to learn about the criminal legal system and public defense

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Public Defender Mano Raju today announced the creation of the San Francisco Young Defenders Program, a paid educational internship program to provide employment and mentorship opportunities to 25 local public high school students around criminal justice issues. The Young Defenders Program is part of the Opportunities for All initiative, which Mayor Breed created in 2018 to connect young people of all backgrounds to paid employment, job training, and mentorship opportunities.

The Young Defenders Program seeks to invest equitably in youth empowerment rather than the criminalization of youth, and ensure that youth of color have the opportunity to achieve a
more successful future for themselves, their families, and their community. The program is the result of a unique partnership between Mayor Breed’s Opportunities for All initiative, the Public Defender’s Office, the Human Rights Commission, the San Francisco Unified School District, and Teachers 4 Social Justice. The internship program started last week with orientation, and the interns begin their placements with the Public Defender’s Office today.

“I know firsthand how an internship can change the course of a young person’s life,” said Mayor Breed. “We created Opportunities for All to empower youth and give them a chance to learn new skills and build professional connections, while also getting paid for their time. When we focus on providing opportunities for all of our young people, those youth go above and beyond to prove themselves and then succeed in ways they and others never imagined. This program invests in communities that have historically been left behind and opens up opportunities that otherwise would have been out of reach. I want to thank all the partners who have worked to make the Young Defenders program a reality, especially at a time when it’s more important than ever that we’re making concrete investments in supporting communities of color.”

“I am proud that we are launching the Young Defenders Program at this moment in time, as the movement for Black Lives Matter continues to build momentum across the country, and young people are calling for racial justice and changes to the laws and practices that directly affect their lives,” said Mano Raju, Public Defender of San Francisco. “Through this program we have an opportunity to train and educate young San Franciscans on how the criminal legal system works and how public defenders advocate for people through every step of the process. My hope is we can start to build a new pipeline of diverse Public Defenders and criminal justice advocates through this program.”

The San Francisco Public Defender’s Office is lauded as one of the premier public defender offices in the country, with a deep commitment to community engagement and achieving structural reforms to the criminal legal system locally and statewide. The Young Defenders Program is in line with the Public Defender’s commitment to close the school to prison pipeline, as evidenced by its community-based M.A.G.I.C. programs which connect youth and families to opportunities and resources in the Bayview and the Fillmore-Western Addition neighborhoods. The Young Defenders Program is an opportunity to further guide and empower young San Franciscans through direct mentorship.

Over the course of 40 weeks, Young Defenders will hear lectures from guest speakers, be paired with defense attorneys and social workers to complete weekly assignments, participate in group projects such as mock trials, and develop virtual community outreach events on topics such as knowing your rights, increasing the diversity of juries, and facilitating restorative justice. Many will also earn academic credit toward high school graduation while earning minimum wage for up to 15 hours a week. Due to COVID-19, students will participate in the program remotely for the time being, and will be provided the technology they need for remote work.

The first group of Young Defenders were selected for the program through an interest survey following their summer internship with Opportunities for All. Opportunities for All and the Mayor's Office will fund the youth stipends, and the Public Defender’s Office will fund the program through staff time and service hours. As many families are struggling financially due to COVID-19, it is more important than ever that students have access to paid internship opportunities.
“The purpose of this program is to expose students to the world of criminal justice from the perspective of the Public Defender’s Office while inspiring students to use their own power as educators and activists for change,” said Athena Edwards, Senior Fellow, Opportunities for All.

“I like that this cohort is teaching me things that I need to know about the law and my rights,” said Aniyah, a San Francisco native and rising junior at Raoul Wallenberg High School. “I also like my Fellows. They’re very creative in leading our activities and our group conversations and even though these things can be tricky, it’s fun trying new things. I enjoy being a part of this cohort and getting to experience different job techniques, while doing activities outside of my comfort zone.”

“It’s a good opportunity for me to learn about criminal justice,” said Shamira, a San Francisco native and rising sophomore at KIPP San Francisco College Prep. “Last week in orientation, we did our first presentation. My partner and I focused on Breonna Taylor, and how the police who killed her have not been arrested. We learned a lot about laws, but also used our own knowledge and understanding for the presentation.”

“I’m excited to be starting my second year interning with Opportunities for All,” said India Brar, a student joining the Young Defenders program. “I am extremely passionate about helping people especially ones in need and believe that being placed with San Francisco’s Young Defenders program was not only more than I could’ve asked for, but will allow me to make a difference which is something I am looking forward to.”

Since taking office, Mayor Breed has consistently prioritized funding for programs that make San Francisco more equitable. As announced on Friday, the Mayor’s budget continues to prioritize equity, with funding both from the General Fund and redirected from the City’s law enforcement departments. Mayor Breed has proposed using funding to reinvest in the African American community and to repair the legacy of racially disparate policies on health, housing, and economic outcomes for African Americans in San Francisco.

In addition to redirecting funding from law enforcement departments, the Mayor’s budget includes ongoing and new investments from the General Fund to support vulnerable populations throughout San Francisco, prioritizing several children- and youth-focused initiatives that will ensure more equitable outcomes for future generations of San Franciscans. Specifically, the Mayor’s proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 includes $5.5 million in funding from the General Fund to continue the Opportunities for All program.

“I am grateful for the ability to connect Opportunities for All with Teachers 4 Social Justice and the Public Defender’s office to launch this program,” said Sheryl Davis, Executive Director, Human Rights Commission. “Opportunities for All provides young people with the opportunity to not just develop skills and build their social networks, but programs like the Young Defenders, centers youth voice, encourages and empowers youth to address issues of inequity, to transform systems and challenge business as usual. I look forward to learning from the youth and seeing the impact they will have in the community and the criminal justice system.”

"This is the City, the School District and community based organizations working together to do the most for young people, especially during this time,” said Jeremiah Jeffries, public
school teacher and coordinator for Teachers 4 Social Justice. “SF Young Defenders is a concrete example of where we should be reallocating funding to, away from policing and criminalization of youth, toward education and giving youth a foundation to build careers focused toward justice.”

“In my role as Board of Education Commissioner and Education Advisor to the Mayor, the creation of SF Young Defenders is the fulfillment of one of the many promises we asked the public to trust us to fulfill,” said Jenny Lam, Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Education. “The potential I see in these young people and in this opportunity is why cross institution and community partnerships can be so powerful and should be the rule not the exception for how to get things done for young people.”

In October 2018, Mayor Breed announced the launch of Opportunities for All (OFA), a program to address economic inequality by ensuring that all young people can be a part of San Francisco's thriving economy and explore different career paths. In the first full summer of the OFA program in 2019, there were more than 3,800 total placements, including at least 1,500 new placements.

To date, the summer 2020 OFA cohort has placed over 1,400 youth in internships. Additionally, 68 Opportunities for All Fellows and 12 Senior Fellows were placed. Fellows are college aged young adults who work directly with high school students, creating project design, and developing their projects and presentations. OFA introduced the Senior Fellow position this year, 12 upper-class college students, and postgraduates, who each managed a small group of Fellows, offering daily, direct engagement, facilitating meetings, and supporting the project design for their cohorts.

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MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR MATT HANEY ANNOUNCE NEW PEDESTRIAN SPACES TO ADDRESS NEEDS IN THE TENDERLOIN

San Francisco will implement a 4-block temporary project on Jones Street, while rolling out Shared Spaces and Play Streets for pedestrian space in the Tenderloin for maintaining physical distance

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Matt Haney today announced the creation of new pedestrian spaces to support residents and businesses in the Tenderloin, which has been especially hard-hit by COVID-19. The City will temporarily refashion San Francisco streets, including the implementation of sidewalk expansions, the Play Streets program, and the Shared Spaces program. In the coming days, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will implement a 4-block temporary project on Jones Street, from O’Farrell Street to Golden Gate Avenue for residents to have more pedestrian space in the Tenderloin while maintaining physical distance.

“We know that it’s been difficult for people to maintain physical distance on sidewalks when
going out for essential outings in the Tenderloin, and these changes will make it easier for people to get around their neighborhood safely,” said Mayor Breed. “COVID-19 has also made it difficult for our businesses, and thanks to our Shared Spaces Program, more restaurants in the Tenderloin will be able to use outdoor space to operate, which will support the economic and physical health of our entire community.”

“The Tenderloin not only deserves but desperately needs streets that are re-designed to meet the needs of the residents, essential workers, businesses, families, and seniors,” said Supervisor Haney. “With the critical guidance of the Tenderloin Traffic Safety Taskforce and many other stakeholders, I’m excited that this set of projects is being implemented.”

The Tenderloin is a dense neighborhood with a high percentage of low-income residents, people of color, seniors, and transit-dependent San Franciscans who need more space for physical distancing and making essential trips. With support from Mayor Breed and Supervisor Matt Haney, the SFMTA will implement the following efforts in the Tenderloin to address community needs starting next week:

- **Physical distancing lanes**: These lanes will provide an additional 5 to 8 feet of walking space, adjacent to a sidewalk, and protected from moving vehicles with concrete barriers known as k-rail or with parked vehicles. On Jones Street, the SFMTA is removing a parking lane and a travel lane on the east side of the street.
- **Play Streets**: With the loss of playgrounds and schoolyards, the thousands of children living in the Tenderloin have limited space to play and move around. The Play Streets effort will fully close entire blocks on Saturdays to create a safe place for kids and adults.
- **Outdoor dining streets**: In coordination with the restaurants on blocks, the SFMTA will assist with developing a Shared Spaces plan to support the small businesses as identified with the Tenderloin Merchants Association.

From the beginning of the City’s COVID-19 response, the SFMTA has supported the Tenderloin community through changes such as a parking lane closure at the pop-up test site on Ellis Street, daytime street closure in front of St. Anthony’s at the 100 block of Golden Gate, and a parking lane removal for more pedestrian-queuing space at GLIDE on the 300 block of Ellis. The City and SFMTA will continue to support additional community needs, such as curb changes needed to support testing sites and food pantries, both the short-term and into the future.

“The Tenderloin has San Francisco’s highest concentration of vulnerable residents and highest concentration of traffic crashes. It also has the highest rate of emergency service calls. The street safety and design approaches that work in other neighborhoods did not work in the Tenderloin” said Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. “We’re grateful to the creativity of community-based organizations, the Fire Department, and other partners for helping us find creative solutions that work for the unique needs of Tenderloin residents.”

Several Tenderloin community groups have been important partners with the City and SFMTA in the effort to create these programs. These groups include the Central City SRO Collaborative, Tenderloin Community Benefit District, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, and the Tenderloin People’s Congress.

“We’re happy the Jones project has gone forward, but it is only just the beginning of broader
shift towards a more equitable future that puts the Tenderloin’s residents — not car traffic — first,” said Evan Oravec, co-chair of the Tenderloin Traffic Safety Taskforce.

More details on the City’s COVID-19 Response for Tenderloin streets can be found here: https://www.sfmta.com/news-blog

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO GO

San Francisco Public Library cardholders can soon start to pick up materials at the front doors of select library locations

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and City Librarian Michael Lambert today announced the launch of SFPL To Go, which will enable San Francisco Public Library cardholders to pick up and return their materials at select library locations throughout the City. The new program will roll out in phases with the first locations opening at the Main Library on Monday, August 10th and at the Excelsior Branch on Tuesday, August 11th.

“The San Francisco Public Library has significantly increased digital access to its collection during the COVID-19 health emergency, but I know that for many of us nothing replaces the feeling of holding and reading a physical book,” says Mayor Breed. “The launch of SFPL To Go will allow for pick-up and drop-off in a safe and convenient way, and will help provide greater access to resources for our youth who will need extra support to ensure that this academic year is a success. I want to recognize Library staff for their tremendous contributions to the City’s COVID-19 response efforts, from contact tracing to food distribution and community outreach, along with their continued commitment to keeping our
Library operating and accessible to all our residents.”

On July 9th, the San Francisco Public Library Commission endorsed a plan for SFPL To Go, the Library’s version of curbside pick-up. Over the coming weeks, the Library will open more SFPL To Go locations at Mission Bay, Eureka Valley, Merced, and Marina branches. Additional neighborhood libraries will offer the service as staffing capacity allows. Almost half of the Library’s staff are currently deployed as Disaster Service Workers.

Each location will operate under a City-approved Health and Safety Plan and will follow all masking and social distancing requirements and OCLC and Institute of Museum and Library Services’ strict guidelines for materials handling.

“Books are back!” says City Librarian Michael Lambert. “We are thrilled to launch SFPL To Go and to see all of our patrons again at our front doors. We thank everyone for their patience as we implement contact-free service throughout the City. As we look ahead, Library staff will continually reevaluate our operations and develop safety protocols for the next phases of service.”

Library patrons can request a book, DVD, audiobook, LP or any circulating library item for front door pick-up by going to sfpl.org and placing a hold through their library account; by emailing info@sfpl.org or by calling 415-557-4400. Once the item is ready, patrons will receive a notice for retrieval. Book drops will be open only at SFPL To Go locations during operating hours.

All patrons are encouraged to release any holds they may no longer want by August 7th, so that staff can focus on fulfilling current requests. Materials checked out pre-closure are not due until September 30th. As SFPL is Fabulously Fine Free, there are no late fees. For more information, visit sfpl.org/sfpl-to-go.

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Commissioners,
Attached are your Calendars for August 5, 2020.

Enjoy the break,

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES $15 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

San Francisco will help close School District funding gap while continuing to invest in programs to support children, families, and teachers affected by the move to distance learning resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced $15 million in new funding will support the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) in order to help alleviate the financial burden caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will be included as part of the Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 budget, which Mayor Breed will announce this Friday.

The funding is another effort from Mayor Breed to support students, families, and teachers as they navigate the uncertainty surrounding the upcoming school year and adapt to changes such as distance learning. SFUSD currently faces a budget shortfall of $22 million largely due to a decrease in revenues from the pandemic and would otherwise face potential cuts to staffing.
and critical training without this additional funding.

“One of the most frustrating aspects of the failure of national leadership to contain COVID-19 is that students are facing another year of education without the ability to be in the classroom, parents are facing another year without the childcare provided by schools, and teachers are facing another year of uncertainty due to the looming budget deficits,” said Mayor Breed. “The City is stepping in to help the school district through this challenging time because we need to do everything we can to ensure that our students don’t fall further behind during these uncertain times. Whether it’s this additional funding, continuing to provide daily meals for students who no longer have access to school lunches, or creating learning hubs for up to 6,000 disadvantaged students, we’re trying to provide as much assistance as possible.”

“We greatly appreciate this budgetary support from Mayor Breed, which will provide much needed fiscal relief as our school community ramps up for a challenging year,” said Superintendent Vincent Matthews. “The pandemic has required significant additional costs and reduced local revenues, and this assistance will help us focus on supporting students and families instead of decimating our budgets further at the worst possible time.”

The $15 million in funding will come from the City’s General Fund in the Mayor’s proposed budget. Following the announcement from SFUSD earlier this month that the school year will begin with distance learning, Mayor Breed and the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) announced that San Francisco will transform facilities around the city into supervised Community Learning Hubs to support distance learning for high students starting this fall. Additionally, the City will extend its emergency child and youth care program to support families during COVID-19, to serve the children of healthcare workers and City employees serving as Disaster Service Workers.

Even prior to the pandemic, SFUSD faced significant budget challenges due to expenses steadily increasing more quickly than revenues over multiple years. The District took steps this past spring to address a mid-year deficit as well as a $57 million budget shortfall projected for FY 2020-21, by significantly reducing expenses and reprioritizing use of restricted resources.

COVID-19 has caused significant additional fiscal challenges for the new fiscal year, including losses of a $12 million cost of living adjustment on minimum baseline state funding (called the Local Control Funding Formula) and $18 million in local revenues, as well as significant deferrals of cash payments from the state. The state budget currently provides some one-time funding to help offset learning losses, but these will not be sufficient to cover all the unforeseen costs related to COVID-19 -- such as technology, personal protective equipment (PPE), enhanced cleaning, health screening, and reduced class sizes -- especially once in-person learning may safely resume.

In April, Mayor Breed announced a partnership between the City, School District, and nonprofit organizations to provide internet connectivity support students in San Francisco who lack home internet access, including the deployment of up to 25 WiFi “SuperSpots.” Since March 2020, SFUSD has distributed more than 13,000 Chromebooks and 3,500 hotspots, with a focus on 3rd to 12th grade students for distance learning. The City’s Department of Technology has connected more than 1,300 public housing units where students live to the internet through the Fiber to Housing program. The City plans to continue expanding Wifi access for low-income residents, with particular focus on students to support learning.
Additionally, in partnership with the Human Rights Commission, the San Francisco Housing Authority, and HOPE SF community anchors, HOPE SF has distributed close to 500 laptops across all four housing sites. HOPE SF continues to work with partners to ensure students have access to the resources they need for distance learning.

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San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, in partnership with the COVID Command Center and Latino Task Force (LTF), today announced new strategies for COVID-19 awareness and recovery resources for the City’s Latino communities.

Included in the plan is the La Familia Unida Contra COVID-19 (Families United Against COVID-19) campaign that will focus on culturally-responsive safety messaging to increase awareness of health orders and guidelines, as well as programs that support the community with food, housing, finance, and mental health services. One such program is the Right to Recover program that provides qualifying residents with financial support while they recover from the virus.

“Our Latino community has been heavily impacted by this pandemic, and we have been working closely with our community partners to make sure resources and testing are...
accessible for those who need it most,” said Mayor Breed. “The City and the Latino Task Force have created innovative programs, many supported by Give2SF, and we need to continue to do the work to connect people to these critical resources. This new campaign will help us continue to spread the word in the community about what everyone can do to keep themselves and their families safe, healthy and supported.”

Latinos make up of 50% percent of reported cases of COVID-19 in San Francisco, despite the demographic making up just 15% of the City’s population, according to the Department of Public Health. The stark disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on the Latino community can be traced back to crowded living conditions and the high number of frontline and essential workers who are Latino.

“The virus is impacting our community greatly. We need to take stronger action now. To protect our Latino families, essential workers and community, we must come together and join the collective effort to fight against COVID-19, because doing so helps us all” said Valerie Tulier Laiwa, the Latino Task Force Lead Coordinator. “The City, in partnership with the Latino Task Force, has put forth La Familia Unida Contra COVID-19 Campaign strategy along with the Latino Task Force Resource Hub, to provide critical services from financial support to food assistance and most importantly, to empower the community.”

Mayor Breed directed an initial $100,000 food security investment to help establish the Latino Task Force Resource Hub, and subsequently directed an additional $200,000 from Give2SF towards this effort. The City has since leveraged these investments to attract an additional $600,000 philanthropic commitment from the Crankstart Foundation to support these critical health resources. Each $100,000 supports one month of vital food security to 7,000 primarily immigrant households in the Mission and citywide.

To ensure important safety messaging is received by the most vulnerable and at-risk, the campaign promotes safety information via public service announcements on traditional, print, and digital platforms, such as Univision Radio, Telemundo, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, newspaper promotional ads and billboards promotional messaging within the communities most affected by COVID-19. Spanish-language flyers promoting testing sites in the Mission also were created to spread messaging of available resources for Latino communities.

The City’s relief programs are working to fill the gaps in federal funding by putting money in the hands of the people that need it the most. The programs aim to remove barriers to allow access to relief for those who may not trust government programs due to their immigration status and experience in the criminal justice system. In total, the below programs are providing over $7 million to support vulnerable San Franciscans, including immigrants and undocumented residents.

- **The Right to Recover Fund**: The program provides those who qualify with a wage replacement while they recover. Based on San Francisco minimum wage, a two-week wage replacement amounts to $1,285. The program’s financial support will serve up to 1,500 San Franciscans who test positive for COVID-19 to focus on their health and recovery regardless of their immigration status. *($2 million from Give2SF)*

- **Family Relief Fund**: This fund offered monthly financial relief of $500 to $1,000 for families that do not qualify for local, state, or federal assistance such as cash or food aid, sick time (due to hours reduction or job loss), and unemployment. The program
prioritizes 1) families with a parent or guardian that is incarcerated or recently deceased, 2) individuals without social security, and 3) undocumented residents. Funds were distributed by community-based organizations that have long-standing relationships with the communities they serve. ($4.88 million from Give2SF)

- **Immigrant Workers Fund**: To further support immigrant workers who are ineligible for state and federal programs and have been impacted by COVID-19, the City has partnered with Bay Area Community Resources and Community Youth Center to facilitate and distribute funds for supportive services and food aid. Eligible individuals receive up to a single $200 payment for supportive services and a single $200 payment for food security. ($400,000 from Give2SF)

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For more information on the above programs, call the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) Workforce Hotline at (415) 701-4817 where representatives are available 7 days a week to answers calls in multiple languages, or email workforce.connection@sfgov.org. Information is also available online at oewd.org/covid19/workers or by calling 311.

Currently there are four community testing sites in the Mission District that are administered by the Department of Public Health:

- **LTF Resource Hub**: 701 Alabama St, Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Castro Mission Health Center**: 3850 – 17th St., Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Mission Neighborhood Health Center**: 240 Shotwell St., Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Zuckerberg San Francisco General Testing Site**: 1001 Potrero Ave., Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additional mobile testing capacity will be deployed to those communities highly impacted by the virus and a new brick and mortar site will be established in the southeast sector of the city. All of the community testing centers provide tests results by phone, conduct contact tracing, and offer social services if test results are positive.

In addition to the economic relief programs listed above, the City has funded numerous programs to provide food security and housing stabilization for San Franciscans, with a focus on supporting residents who are most vulnerable.

**Food Security**

- **Isolation/Quarantine (IQ) Food Helpline** – The City’s centralized resource for food insecure people in isolation or quarantine due to COVID-19. This resource provides free groceries or prepared meals to people who have been diagnosed as COVID-19 positive, are a Person Under Investigation (PUI) awaiting test results, or are considered a “close contact” and cannot otherwise access food. Individuals may be referred to this resource by a medical provider, public health staff, social services organization, or 3-1-1.
- CalFresh – CalFresh is a state program that issues monthly payments to recipients that can be used to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and some restaurants. CalFresh also gives recipients access to free job and training services as well as discounts on utilities, transportation, and more. To sign up for CalFresh, contact: (415) 558-4700 or visit: GetCalFresh.org.

- Great Plates Delivered – A temporary food delivery program of three meals a day to adults 65+ who are sheltering in place or adults 60-64 who are high risk of contracting COVID-19. Great Plates currently runs through August 9.

- Home-Delivered Meals and Groceries – Meal delivery for homebound adults who are unable to shop due to a mental or physical condition.

- Community-Based Take Away Meals – Offers meals to adults 60+ at sites located throughout San Francisco.

- Food Pantries – Weekly and bi-monthly groceries at sites located in San Francisco.

- Help is available to all San Franciscans in need of food assistance due to COVID-19. If you know anyone who is experiencing hunger or needs help finding food pantries or food assistance programs, please encourage them to call 3-1-1.

**Housing**

- COVID-19 Eviction and Rent Increase Moratoriums – Emergency tenant protections, including more time to pay your rent, suspension of evictions during the pandemic, and a rent freeze in City-subsidized housing.

- Give2SF Housing Stabilization Program – Financial help to pay rent, utilities, and other housing costs if you have been financially impacted by COVID-19.

- COVID-19 Homeowner Emergency Loan Program (HELP) – No-payment loans of up to $25,000 to cover HOA dues, property taxes, and lump-sum deferred mortgage payments.

**Mental Health Support**

- Hotlines and urgent care centers that offer mental health and comprehensive crisis services.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON RELEASE ROADMAP TO GUIDE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE AND INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Recommendations from community engagement process led by Human Rights Commission provides direct feedback from the African-American residents of San Francisco, which includes a need for funding for mental health, homelessness, education, youth development, and economic justice

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton today released a report from the Human Rights Commission with initial recommendations from the African-American community on reinvesting in the City’s African-American community. In June, Mayor Breed and Supervisor Walton announced their intention to redirect funding from the police department into the African-American community following the killing of George Floyd. A key part of this process involved hearing directly from community members, particularly those most impacted by systemic racism, through a process facilitated by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC).
Mayor Breed will announce the amount of funding being reinvested later this week as part of her proposed budget, which must be submitted by August 1st. In addition to investing in new programs, the Mayor has also prioritized maintaining and enhancing African-American serving organizations, despite the needs for broader cuts in this year’s budget to address the $1.5 billion deficit.

The report released today summarizes the findings of this initial community engagement and provides a framework for ongoing conversations and decisions to reinvest in San Francisco’s Black community. The report highlights recommendations, research and data raised through the community input process to prioritize resources to the Black community. Key issues by the community include the areas of mental health, homelessness, education, youth development, and economic justice, and more. The report also includes findings about significant concerns over the need for better systems accountability from the City to engage with and deliver services to the public. The report will serve as a guiding document about where and how City funding should be reinvested in the upcoming budget for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22, as well as longer-term policy changes and budget investments.

“If we truly believe that Black Lives Matter, then we need to listen to Black voices, not tell Black people in this city and this country what is best for them. That includes listening to those who have long lost faith in City Hall to actually deliver on promises that are so often made, but not kept,” said Mayor Breed. “While protests have happened all over the world to support the movement to change the racist systems that have long plagued our country, it is time to do the hard work now and into the future. Over the past month we initiated a process to hear directly from residents so we can begin the move for real, tangible changes in addressing the systemic issues facing our community. This is only the first step in a long process to bring resources and accountability to our community that has for decades been underserved, underrepresented, and ignored.”

“The only way to address some of the systemic issues that have negatively affected Black people and have existed for decades in our city, is to make a sizable investment in the Black community that will lead to real change,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “Having Black voices take the lead on the process for reinvestment in our community, is key to developing strategies that lead to tangible outcomes. I’m excited to share what the Black community has identified as priorities, so that we as policy makers can make the resources available to achieve tangible results. With reparations, the redirection of SFPD resources and community truly taking the lead, this is only the beginning.”

“Our community engagement process captured a spectrum of participant sentiment, from disheartened community members who have gone through this before, only to be let down, to those with renewed hope that the historic moment we are living in will bring real change,” said HRC Director Sheryl Davis. “Racial equity becomes real when we appropriately meet community needs and racism no longer determines outcomes for our residents. It’s clear that Black people want and deserve better public service from their City and we have been falling short.”

Investing in San Francisco’s African American community is necessary to repair the legacy of systemic racism and resolving the disparate outcomes in economic opportunity, housing, and health indicators for African American and Black people in the City. African Americans in San Francisco experience significant structural inequalities that need to be addressed and
remedied.

- African Americans have the lowest median household income in San Francisco, and the average income for a Black household is $31,000, as compared with $116,000 for white households.
- Black people have the highest mortality rate for nine of the top ten causes of death in San Francisco. African Americans have the lowest rate of homeownership in San Francisco at 31%.
- Black and African American individuals comprise 37% of the City’s unhoused population, despite making up less than 6% of the City’s population as a whole.
- About 45% of all San Francisco Police Department use-of-force cases involved Black people in 2019.

In order to make lasting, structural change in the City’s policies and budget investments, community engagement must be ongoing and sustainable. The Human Rights Commission documented emailed comments, hosted online meetings, and created a short survey for initial thoughts and feedback. More than 600 people participated in some capacity in the process. The report includes a recommended timeline for ongoing community engagement.

**Next Steps**
The Human Rights Commission will host two community meetings to gather additional feedback and recommendations to add to the report. In September, the HRC will launch monthly community meetings to review progress on recommendations and build out implementation plans with legislators through a working group. In October, the HRC will launch quarterly meetings to share updates with the public on the report.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES START OF CONSTRUCTION ON PLUMBERS UNION HOUSING PROJECT

Hundreds of new homes, including supportive housing, a new union hall, and public open space will transform underused parking lots and restore the historic Civic Center Hotel while providing crucial jobs.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that construction has begun on the Plumbers Union mixed-use project, which will transform a crucial stretch of Market Street by adding 580 new homes, including 96 supportive housing units for people experiencing homelessness, as well as a new union hall and public open space. The project is also expected to provide about 1,800 jobs, highlighting the economic benefits of housing production as the economy struggles to recover from the pandemic.

“This milestone is a reminder that we cannot let today’s economic challenges create tomorrow’s housing affordability crisis,” said Mayor Breed. “The Plumbers Union project helps us meet two of our most critical needs – housing and jobs. Starting construction of this major project during a time of great economic uncertainty supports residents struggling to
keep a roof over their heads and earn a living wage. I want to recognize Local 38 for seeing the potential of this property and working with a development partner to turn their vision into reality.”

Approved in December 2017, the Plumbers Union project encompasses six buildings – five residences and a new union hall – across 2.2 acres fronting Market Street and bordered by 12th, Brady, and Colton Streets. New open spaces will include the Joseph P. Mazzola Gardens, a plaza, and mid-block passages, while restored historic façades along Market Street will anchor the 13,000 square feet of retail space. The privately-funded project is being developed by Strada Investment Group in partnership with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 38 and its Pension Fund.

“UA Local 38 is extremely proud to have broken ground on such a substantial project that will not only give our membership a new Union Hall and headquarters, but will provide badly needed housing,” said Larry Mazzola, Jr., President of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council and Business Manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 38. “This was my grandfather Joe Mazzola’s dream when he purchased all of this property as Chairman of the Board of Trustees back in the 1960s for the Local 38 Pension Fund. Having a construction job of this magnitude start during this pandemic and downturn is an enormous lift to Building Trades workers. The jobs provided will help offset the unemployment numbers in all trades, and will give hope to workers for the future.”

“This project demonstrates the breadth of public benefits that can be created through private investment and without taxing limited City resources when the City, Labor and the private and non-profit sectors work together as partners,” said Michael Cohen, Co-founder and Principal of Strada Investment Group. “These benefits include desperately needed housing, good union jobs, supportive homeless housing and a major new park. The fact that we were able to secure the funding necessary to commence construction in the midst of the pandemic is a testament to the fundamental soundness of the project and that partnership.”

The Plumbers Union project will deliver 580 units of housing across five residential buildings. The first two projects are the 190-unit Building A on Market Street at Brady Street, and 53 Colton Street, a 96-unit supportive housing project for formerly homeless individuals. The project at 53 Colton is a 50/50 joint venture between Strada and Community Housing Partnership (CHP), a nonprofit that currently operates the Civic Center Hotel Navigation Center. The renovation of the Civic Center Hotel will take place after 53 Colton opens. The Plumbers Union project also worked with the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development to preserve 101 affordable housing units at the South Beach Marina Apartments that would have seen their affordability expire.

“We are proud to partner with Strada in the development of 96 permanent homeless supportive housing apartments at 53 Colton as a core part of the overall project,” said Rick Aubry, Chief Executive Officer of Community Housing Partnership. “CHP is celebrating its 30th anniversary and now, more than ever, adding new supported homes for people who have experienced homelessness is essential for the City we all love. We currently provide a home for over 1,900 residents our across the City and the new housing at Colton and other projects under development in partnership with the City will expand our capacity to address the challenge.”

The start of construction on the Plumbers Union also serves as a reminder of the importance of housing production to job creation. During the Great Recession, housing production, which
had already failed to meet housing demand for decades, fell from a high of 3,366 units in 2009 to an anemic 418 units in 2011. Construction jobs also plummeted, dropping by more than a third between a peak in 2007 and a low point in 2010, according to State of California data for the San Francisco/San Mateo area. The robust economic recovery from the Great Recession, coupled with the significant underproduction of housing, led to skyrocketing housing costs. In 2019 San Francisco saw an increase of more than 4,850 housing units, and 9,600 units were under construction as of March 2020, but pandemic-driven economic uncertainly again threatens both housing production and construction jobs, further highlighting the importance of the Plumbers Union project.

The Plumbers Union project will contribute to the revitalization of the section of Market Street near the intersection of Van Ness Avenue known as the Hub, where three major projects are nearing final approval at the Board of Supervisors. A broader Planning Department plan for the area that includes 15 more sites as well as significant impact fees and other community benefits is expected to be considered by the Board again in early 2021.

The Plumbers Union project is scheduled to complete construction in 2024.

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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

MAYOR LONDON N. BREED’S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

Monday, July 27
Mayor London Breed has no public events.

Note: Mayor’s schedule is subject to change.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
MAYOR LONDON BREED AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR NAOMI KELLY ANNOUNCE FINALIZED CITYWIDE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT WORKING PEOPLE AND SMALL BUSINESSES ON PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project labor agreement promotes efficiency in public construction projects, supports small businesses, and expands opportunities for graduates of the City’s job training programs

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly today announced San Francisco has finalized a citywide Project Labor Agreement for public construction projects, which supports working people and small businesses.

The 20-year agreement was negotiated and executed on behalf of San Francisco by the City Administrator following legislation that Mayor Breed advanced and signed in January 2019, which created a structure for this negotiated Project Labor Agreement. The legislative
framework was the result of input from Mayor Breed, the Board of Supervisors, City Departments, labor leaders, community stakeholders, and small and local business owners.

“I am committed to making sure that working people can continue to live in San Francisco and I am proud that we finalized this Project Labor Agreement, which is good for workers, the City, and provides opportunities for our local small businesses,” said Mayor Breed. “San Francisco has a long economic recovery ahead of us, and using our public construction projects is a key way that we can provide good-paying jobs and economic opportunity.”

“We look forward to the continued work to deliver the many public works projects under the finalized Project Labor Agreement,” said City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly. “Thank you to the San Francisco Building Construction Trades Council for their valued participation throughout the process to ensure stability and continuity of public work and improvement projects.”

“This Agreement is very important in that it will protect all workers to make sure that they receive the pay, benefits and working conditions that they deserve when working on publicly funded projects,” said Larry Mazzola, Jr., President of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council and Business Manager of Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 38. “It also levels the playing field for contractors bidding on this work, ensuring that the bidding process will be fair and equitable. I want to thank Mayor London Breed who believed in this PLA and agreed that workers deserved these protections when working on City construction jobs. The Agreement wouldn’t have happened without her.”

“This is a historic accomplishment for all of San Francisco and San Francisco workers,” said Tim Paulson, Secretary Treasurer of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council. “This agreement, where all the City family participated, ensures good jobs and apprenticeships to all the workers who will build San Francisco's public infrastructure for the next generation.”

“Part of what has been critical to the Project Labor Agreement discussion is the fundamental notion of fairness in hiring,” said Supervisor Peskin. “Whether it’s criteria for how our public bond dollars are spent or ensuring a fair bidding process, this is going to reduce the opportunities for corruption in contracting and restore faith in our local government for both workers and the general public.”

“This historic Project Labor Agreement is the culmination of multi-year negotiations and could not have been accomplished without the collaborative spirit of all stakeholders whose focus was working families, and I am proud to have played a role in this. The Agreement not only uplifts existing workers but future generations who will join the workforce by providing a pathway for direct entry with unions,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safai. “This news is much-needed and welcomed news for San Francisco’s working families, the backbone of San Francisco, as many are currently being pummeled by a spiraling economy in the midst of an ongoing pandemic. This is a win for all.”

“The local small business construction community is pleased that their concerns were heard during the process of writing this groundbreaking Project Labor Agreement,” said Miguel Galarza, President, Yerba Buena Engineering & Construction, Inc. “The strong small business protections, coupled with the robust workforce and CityBuild components ensure that accountability is in place to guarantee, no one from the City’s impoverished communities are
left behind that desire a career in the building trades.”

The agreement between the City, San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, its member unions, and construction contractors that perform work on certain public projects seeks to avoid delays and control costs by establishing clear and consistent obligations for those performing work. Additionally, this agreement helps establish and stabilize wages, hours and working conditions for the workers employed on these projects.

This agreement and these standards will be applied to a number of public construction projects which meet certain monetary thresholds. For work funded by bonds, the threshold triggering applicability of the project labor agreement begins at $5 million and lowers to $1 million over a three-year time period. For all other work the threshold is set at $10 million.

Additionally, this agreement also memorializes policies to ensure that local small businesses have the opportunity to participate in the economic opportunity these public construction projects create. Specifically, Local Business Enterprises are allowed to accumulate $5 million worth of work before being subject to the terms of the Project Labor Agreement, allowing time for smaller Local Business Enterprises to grow.

Public construction projects are also critical to job creation for San Francisco residents. The Project Labor Agreement incorporates support for pre-apprenticeship programs including San Francisco’s CityBuild Program, which provides pre-apprenticeship and construction training. The Project Labor Agreement requires unions to ensure graduates of CityBuild have a pathway for direct entry into union apprenticeship programs.

Previously, there was not a requirement for the City to use a Project Labor Agreement on its public work and improvement projects. As a result of the legislation passed by the Board of Supervisors on January 15, 2019, and signed by Mayor Breed, the City Administrator negotiated and executed the Project Labor Agreement on behalf of the City.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY LEARNING HUBS TO SUPPORT DISTANCE LEARNING AND EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY CHILD AND YOUTH CARE FOR COVID-19 FRONTLINE WORKERS

Community Learning Hubs will support approximately 5,000-6,000 children and youth in San Francisco as distance learning begins this fall

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that San Francisco will transform facilities around the city into supervised Community Learning Hubs to support distance learning for high need San Francisco Unified School District students starting this fall. Additionally, the City will extend its emergency child and youth care program to support families during COVID-19.

The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) will launch Community Learning Hubs on September 14th at more than 40 sites across the city including recreation

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centers, branch libraries, cultural centers, and several community based organization sites, pending approval from local and state health officials. DCYF will partner with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD), Public Library (SFPL), community-based agencies and other City departments to provide in-person support to students, while prioritizing children and youth with the highest need. The Community Learning Hubs are designed to support children and youth from low-income households; residents of HOPE SF, public housing, and single room occupancy hotels; youth experiencing homelessness; foster youth; and English Language Learners.

“Many young people in San Francisco are struggling with being away from their friends and the support systems they have outside of their homes, and some students don’t have the space or resources to successfully participate in distance learning from home,” said Mayor Breed. “It will take a village to address the wide range of learning needs for our City’s children and youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Community Learning Hubs will provide a much-needed resource for our most vulnerable students. I want to thank DCYF, the Recreation and Park Department, the Library, and our community partners for coming together and creating this innovative solution so that students still get the support and education that they need.”

The Hubs will provide full-day, in-person programming and will support children and youth’s access to technology for distance learning and provide additional enrichment programming including STEAM, literacy, and nature-based outdoor play and education. The Hubs will offer social-emotional support services, healthy meals and snacks, and recreation and physical activities. The Hubs will provide safe and digitally connected spaces within walking distance from children’s homes that will be staffed by community based organization providers with strong track records of implementing high-quality and culturally competent programming.

Community Learning Hubs will begin enrollment on August 15th and will continue until September 4th, 2020 using a centralized registration system. Enrollment will prioritize connecting high need children and youth to a Community Learning Hub in their neighborhood. DCYF will work closely with HOPE SF, the Human Services Agency and other City and School District partners to identify children and youth in need of support and focus to help them continue to learn and thrive.

“Understanding the learning loss impacts and how best to support students’ social and emotional needs after the huge disruption of COVID-19 will be essential,” said Maria Su, DCYF Executive Director. “Our City’s children, youth and families are facing so much uncertainty and instability such as greater food insecurity, loss of family income and fear of catching the virus themselves. We are here to support our City’s children, youth and families by keeping them safe and connected while at home and in the community.”

In addition, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will offer Emergency Child and Youth Care spaces at five recreation centers to serve the children of healthcare workers and City employees serving as Disaster Service Workers. Programming will begin August 31st at the Glen Park, Richmond, Sunset, Hamilton, and Potrero Hill recreation centers. Spots in the program will be invitation only and based on need, with priority given to families who enrolled in the program in the spring.

In March, Mayor Breed announced the creation of the emergency youth and child care program, to support families during the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency care program
provides youth and child care for frontline employees who are working in San Francisco. Between March 16th and June 5th, the emergency care program served 513 youth, operating up to 13 hours a day to serve the extended shifts of healthcare workers. Students received assistance with distance learning and enjoyed art, sports, and outdoor adventures with trained Rec and Park staff. Rec and Park staff worked closely with health officials to comply with each updated Health Order, including social distancing, masks, disinfection of surfaces, health screening and temperature taking.

This summer, RPD, DCYF, and the Office of Early Care and Education have led the City’s effort to help families connect with child and youth care services and summer camp programs. Over 1,300 youth have participated in the City’s summer camps, exploring nature, creativity and STEAM in neighborhoods around the City. Rec and Park prevented the spread of COVID-19 through limiting camp capacity, restricting campers and staff to small cohorts, and by practicing enhanced cleaning and social distancing.

“We are grateful to continue offering fun, safe, high quality care for children and peace of mind for parents by partnering with DCYF on Community Learning Hubs, as well as extending our Emergency Child and Youth Care program,” said Rec and Park General Manager Phil Ginsburg. “Our recreation professionals have done an incredible job not only helping children access distance learning but meeting their needs for socialization, recreation, and loving care.”

“San Francisco Public Library is ready to support families during this challenging time,” stated City Librarian Michael Lambert. “Libraries are sanctuaries of learning, and we look forward to welcoming students through our doors and doing our part to ensure a successful academic year.”

The health, safety and continuity of learning for children and youth is one of San Francisco’s highest priorities. Emergency Child and Youth Care will continue to operate under existing Health Order guidance, while Community Learning Hubs will operate under updated health guidance and new Health Order currently under development by the Department of Public Health.

In April, Mayor Breed announced a partnership between the City, School District, and nonprofit organizations to provide internet connectivity support students in San Francisco who lack home internet access, including the deployment of up to 25 WiFi “SuperSpots.” Since March 2020, SFUSD has distributed more than 13,000 Chromebooks and 3,500 hotspots, with a focus on 3rd to 12th grade students for distance learning. The City’s Department of Technology has connected more than 1,300 public housing units where students live to the internet through the Fiber to Housing program. The City plans to continue expanding Wifi access for low-income residents, with particular focus on students to support learning.

Additionally, in partnership with the Human Rights Commission, the San Francisco Housing Authority, and HOPE SF community anchors, HOPE SF has distributed close to 500 laptops across all four housing sites. HOPE SF continues to work with partners to ensure students have access to the resources they need for distance learning.

For more information on the City’s Emergency Child and Youth Care Programs and the Community Learning Hubs, visit dcyf.org/care.
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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN COVID-19 TESTING CAPACITY AND ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD SITES

City to add 1,400 testing slots at three COVID-19 testing sites and an expansion of CityTestSF. Testing to be located in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced new strategies for COVID-19 testing prioritization and availability to address the surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in San Francisco. San Francisco’s public COVID-19 testing program will focus on people who have symptoms consistent with the virus, close contacts of confirmed cases, and people prioritized by the Department of Public Health such as those impacted by an outbreak.

In addition, San Francisco’s public COVID-19 testing program will continue to serve first responders, activated Disaster Service Workers, people who must leave their homes to work in San Francisco, people without health insurance, and communities disproportionately impacted by this global pandemic. People with private health insurance should continue to request tests...
from their health care providers.

To support this effort, the CityTestSF site at the Embarcadero will add 400 new appointments per day to ensure that first responders, including City Disaster Service Workers, have access to testing. Additionally, two new mobile testing sites that can each conduct up to 250 tests per day will be added to the City’s current testing assets, and will be deployed in neighborhoods disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The placement of these new sites will be determined in consultation with community members. A new long-term test site also will be added in the southeastern part of the City, starting with approximately 500 more tests per day for individuals most in need of testing.

“San Francisco has been exceeding our goals for daily COVID-19 testing, but like cities around the country we’re now facing challenges due to increasing demand,” said Mayor Breed. “Since we issued the first Stay Home Order, there have been over 29 testing sites set up throughout the City with nearly 200,000 tests performed. Our public CityTestSF sites are conducting thousands of tests per day and we’re continuing to expand capacity, but we need private providers to step up and do their part so that our public resources remain available for those most in need.”

Consistent prioritization of testing in congregate settings such as skilled nursing facilities has greatly contributed to San Francisco’s achievement of a fivefold lower death rate than those in comparable counties. San Francisco has consistently exceeded its target of conducting 1,800 tests daily, reaching an average of 3,212 daily tests this week.

“We have made tremendous progress, but the data show that we must prioritize specific populations for testing in order to flatten the curve again. Paired with contact tracing, that is the best way to find cases and subsequently reduce further exposures and infections,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “New cases are up fourfold from where they were one month ago, and hospitalizations are currently higher than they were at the initial rise of the pandemic in San Francisco. The City needs to continue adapting and improving our prevention and response efforts, including testing. I’m grateful to our many partners in this work, as it will take all of us to reach our goal of universal access to testing for San Franciscans.”

In early July, a combination of increased testing demand paired with a delay in national laboratory results created a need to reevaluate existing testing resources in the City and determine how testing capacity could be improved, reprioritized and expanded.

“Containing the spread of COVID-19 requires a significant increase in testing and fast turnaround times for results,” said Caroline Savello, Chief Commercial Officer, Color. “Working with the City of San Francisco, Color and our clinical partners have built one of the most efficient testing programs in California. We’ve provided over 100,000 fast, reliable results through CityTestSF, and built the foundation that will help meet changing public health needs.”

“With the recent surge of the virus across the country and in the Bay Area, increased access to testing throughout our communities is paramount. We appreciate the commitment of the Mayor’s office in continuing to lead the response in battling this pandemic,” said Eren Bali, Co-Founder and CEO of Carbon Health. “We are excited to expand our partnership with the City, which will provide us with an opportunity to add hundreds of new jobs for our local healthcare workers while increasing access points for thousands of San Franciscans.”
Next Steps for COVID-19 Testing Improvements in San Francisco

Issued a Health Order requiring private health care providers to expand testing services
San Francisco’s Health Officer has ordered private health care providers to test people with symptoms, close contacts of confirmed cases, and anyone whose test is recommended by the Department of Public Health. The new Health Order also recommends that private health care providers test people whose work outside the home puts them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Reassess existing testing assets and revise testing priorities
Starting this week, the City is assessing existing City and privately operated testing facilities throughout San Francisco to determine where capacity can be expanded particularly for priority populations. Priorities include close contacts to a confirmed positive case as identified by contact tracers, those showing symptoms, and those prioritized by the Department of Public Health.

Expand community testing to locations that show recent increases in transmission
Starting next week, the Department of Public Health will expand alternative testing sites in partnership with the San Francisco Health Network (SFHN) Primary Care and community partners to provide testing based on existing health care and community infrastructure. This continued focus on community will include the launch of two CityTestSF Mobile assets which will be deployed to areas that show intensive active transmission of COVID-19. This will allow San Francisco’s response efforts to follow the path of the virus throughout the community and will decrease the burden of COVID-19 in the City as a whole.

Expand testing for priority populations in areas with less access to testing
The southeastern section of San Francisco includes the neighborhoods of highest transmission of COVID-19 and populations of highest risk of severe outcomes. Improving access to testing decreases the amount of time that individuals may be unknowingly spreading the virus throughout their communities. Therefore, the City is currently assessing potential locations for a new CityTestSF site in the southeastern quadrant of the City. Once finalized, the location will mimic the existing CityTestSF site in SoMa and will have the ability to begin testing 500 people per day.

The new testing sites will be created in partnership with Color and Carbon Health. San Francisco will begin implementation of the above next steps for testing improvements this week as part of the City’s response to the surge of COVID-19 in our community.

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Commissioners,

I am pleased to inform you that we were successful in moving items on your August 5th Advance Calendar to August 19th.

Enjoy the break.

Cheers,

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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES PLAN TO FUND HOMELESSNESS RECOVERY PLAN PRIORITIZING HOUSING EXPANSION

With planned investments in upcoming two-year budget and continued delivery of funded projects and programs, the City will make 6,000 additional placements available for people experiencing homelessness over the next two years—including the largest two-year expansion of new Permanent Supportive Housing units in the last 20 years.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed announced a plan to support investments in housing and shelter as part of a broader Homelessness Recovery Plan that will help the City create more housing and shelter for homeless residents as San Francisco endures and eventually emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Homelessness Recovery Plan, the City will expand capacity in the Homelessness Response System and will make 6,000 placements available for people experiencing homelessness through Coordinated Entry, including 4,500 placements in Permanent Supportive Housing. This includes acquiring or leasing 1,500 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing in the next two years, the largest one-time expansion in the City in 20
The Homelessness Recovery Plan will include placements so that the City can ensure homeless residents who have been moved into Shelter in Place hotels during the COVID-19 pandemic are not returned to the streets. These exits include new and existing Permanent Supportive Housing, maintaining safe sleeping sites, and reactivating some spaces in the shelter system at a safe capacity with COVID-19 modifications in place. By the close of 2022, the City plans to complete its historic expansion of Permanent Supportive Housing.

“Throughout this pandemic, San Francisco has provided emergency housing and shelter for thousands of unhoused people, and we are continuing to work to help those living on our streets each and every day,” said Mayor Breed. “But we have also continued our long-term planning to provide housing and shelter for thousands of people for years to come. Even in the midst of this historic budget crisis, we can still do our part to move forward solutions, while still advocating for more support from the federal and state government. We know housing is the solution to homelessness, and by expanding access to housing, we can help people get more stable and also create more opportunities to help people off our streets and into our system of care.”

This system expansion is dependent on the passage of two measures on the November ballot—the Business Tax Reform measure and the Health and Recovery General Obligation Bond, in addition to activating further state and local funding sources. The Health and Recovery Bond received unanimous support from the Board at its first vote on Tuesday, July 14th.

The Mayor’s Homelessness Recovery Plan is based on proven approaches such as Rapid Rehousing, Prevention and Problem Solving, and Permanent Supportive Housing. Permanent Supportive Housing is the City’s most effective intervention for ending chronic homelessness for people with long histories of homelessness and complex health care needs. San Francisco currently has approximately 8,000 units of PSH which house approximately 10,000 people every night.

“This Plan is nothing short of a game changer. San Francisco leads in the most Permanent Supportive Housing per capita of any community in the country and with the Mayor’s leadership, will have the largest one-time expansion of housing in twenty years,” said Abigail Stewart-Kahn, Interim Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “It is critical that we provide more housing, shelter, prevention and diversion for those experiencing homelessness to realize our goal of not exiting anyone who came inside during this crisis to the street while preventing thousands more from becoming homeless during this crisis.”

As part of the City’s COVID-19 response, the City has opened more than 20 hotels with 2,527 rooms for vulnerable residents to isolate, quarantine and shelter in place, as well as 120 RVs and additional safe sleeping villages and sites. In the short-term, the City will continue to move approximately 1,000 more people currently experiencing homelessness off the streets and into alternative housing sites, including Shelter in Place hotel rooms, shelter, and safe sleeping sites.

**Homelessness Recovery Plan**

The City’s Homelessness Recovery Plan is as follows:
Beginning this year, the City will move Coordinated Entry Housing-Referral Status individuals, some currently in Shelter in Place Hotels, into Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, the City plans to purchase and lease 1,000 new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units and add an additional 500 PSH units in FY 2021-2022.

In partnership with Tipping Point Community, 200 of the newly leased units will be made available through a flexible housing subsidy pool, which matches people experiencing homelessness with private market apartments and provides support services and rental subsidies to keep them housed. Tipping Point and other philanthropic partners are also hard at work raising additional funds to support this Recovery Plan.

The City will be looking at a variety of possible sites for acquisition to identify buildings that meet the needs of future tenants and that are financially feasible for the City. By 2022, the City will have completed the largest one-time expansion of PSH in the last 20 years, with 1,500 new units on-line.

In addition to the new units, each year, the City will place approximately 1,500 individuals in PSH each year, identifying and optimizing a pipeline of units completing construction and maximizing turnover within the City’s current PSH portfolio.

Additionally, the City plans to reactivate its adult shelter system up to approximately 1,000 beds, reopening more placements for people experiencing homelessness. This increase will maintain necessary spacing between residents and will include robust safety measures including daily health screening, social distancing, enhanced cleaning, testing, and other preventative measures. Due to the pandemic, the City’s adult congregate shelter system will remain at 50% total capacity to protect the safety of clients and staff.

In fall 2020, the City plans to open a new first-of-its-kind Transitional Age Youth Navigation Center at 888 Post, providing beds for young people ages 18-24.

In January 2021, the City expects to open a new adult SAFE Navigation Center at 1925 Evans Street to serve the Bayview community.

Additionally, the City plans to continue the operation of 120 RVs to maintain this expanded emergency shelter.

In addition to expanded exits to homelessness, the City will invest further in homelessness prevention as the City anticipates that people experiencing the crisis of homelessness may increase as the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic evolve.

Finally, assuming the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, capacity in the adult shelter system will return to pre-COVID levels, reopening approximately 1,000 placements in previously existing shelter locations.

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*** PRESS RELEASE ***
SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES NEXT STEPS ON CONTROLLING SPREAD OF COVID-19 AND CONTINUED PAUSE ON REOPENING

City will focus on changing behavior, serving communities most impacted by virus, and increasing testing capacity

New Public Health Order to be issued Monday will require private healthcare providers to expand testing to ensure access to testing for symptomatic people, close contacts of known cases, and frontline workers

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health, today announced next steps for flattening the curve in San Francisco as cases and hospitalizations have continued to rise. The City’s schedule for reopening will remain on pause indefinitely in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in San Francisco and protect community health. The decision by the San Francisco Department of Public Health to pause reopening comes as San Francisco has been placed on the State of California’s county monitoring list, or “watch list.”

The City will follow the State’s restrictions for counties on the watch list, while continuing its
work to slow the spread of the virus. Key strategies include increasing public outreach to change San Franciscans’ behavior, focusing on communities most impacted by the virus, and expanding access to testing. The Department of Public Health will be issuing a new Health Order requiring private health care providers to expand testing, including to require that symptomatic people those with close contacts of confirmed cases access to same day testing. The Department of Public Health has expanded testing recently in the Bayview, Tenderloin, Mission and other impacted communities in the last week, and will continue that work to provide more testing access in areas of need.

“We are living with COVID, and we all need to do our part to take basic steps to get this virus under control immediately,” said Mayor London Breed. “If we want our schools to reopen, if we want to our small businesses to be able to operate, we all need to do the basics: limit our gatherings, cover your face in public, and wash your hands. We also know that we need to see more testing if we are going to identify cases quickly. This requires the entire healthcare system to expand access so when people need a test, they can get one. San Francisco has flattened the curve before, and we can do it again.”

“In the past weeks, San Francisco has been experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations that have forced us to pause our reopening plans, increase our testing and contact tracing and care for many more COVID positive patients,” said Dr. Colfax. “We need to focus on these key strategies so San Francisco residents, businesses, the health care system and the City are all working together toward one single purpose. Together, we have the opportunity to flatten the curve once again, if we act now.”

Next Steps for Flattening the Curve in San Francisco

Pausing Reopening
San Francisco is experiencing a surge of cases and hospitalizations, and reopening cannot continue until the spread of the virus has slowed once again. The pause in reopening businesses and activities will continue until San Francisco Key Public Health Indicators improve, and none of them are in red, or “high-alert.” In addition to the health indicators, other data will inform the decision on how to proceed, including the Reproductive Rate of the virus, the State’s actions, and the impact of the virus in the Bay Area region.

Following the State’s Requirements
As of today, San Francisco is on the State’s watch list due to rising hospitalizations. This means that San Francisco must abide by the State’s restrictions, which includes closing indoor malls and non-essential offices, and continue the paused reopening, at least until the State lifts its restrictions. Indoor malls and non-essential offices must close, except for minimum basic operations, effective Monday, July 20. If the State adds more restrictions for counties on the watch list, San Francisco will abide by those restrictions as well. If local conditions do not improve, San Francisco maintains the ability to close additional businesses and activities that go beyond the State’s requirements.

Changing Behaviors – Face Coverings and Reduced Gatherings
In order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the short-term and adapt to living with the virus until there is a vaccine, San Franciscans need to redouble their efforts to consistently wear face coverings and limit gatherings with people not in their household. Research shows that if the vast majority of people wear masks that cover their nose and mouth, San Franciscans can effectively slow the spread of the virus and save lives. Many of the new cases of COVID-19
that are part of the current surge are the result of social gatherings among family members and friends, so it is important that San Franciscans limit such gatherings as much as possible. In addition to these behavioral changes, everyone must continue practicing social distancing, hand washing, and staying home as much as possible.

**Focus on Equity and Impacted Communities**
San Francisco has focused on equity and addressing the disparate impacts of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. As part of the City’s five-point plan, San Francisco will continue to focus on the communities most impacted by the virus, especially members of the Latino community, people who must leave home to work, Black and African American residents, and the eastern and southeastern neighborhoods. This focus includes expanding access to COVID-19 testing and conducting targeted community outreach in impacted communities. For example, this week, San Francisco opened a new testing site at the Potrero Hill Health Center, adding to a recent expansion of testing options in the Tenderloin, Mission, Sunnydale and Bayview.

**Expanding Access to Testing**
The City continues to meet its testing goals, however in the current surge it has taken longer for people to access testing appointments and receive their results. In an effort to address this challenge, the City will issue a Health Order on Monday requiring private health care providers to increase their testing services by providing same-day testing for patients with symptoms and close contacts of confirmed COVID cases. Additionally, private hospitals and clinics must provide testing to asymptomatic workers in jobs where they have more risk of exposure, such as health care, first responders, and jobs with frequent public interactions at less than six-feet apart. Staff and residents of congregate settings also must be provided testing if requested.

The goal of this Health Order is to more fairly distribute testing across city providers and ease the demand on City-run sites so that residents who are uninsured or are members of impacted communities are able to get tested in a timely manner.

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For the HPC Commissioners for today’s hearing. Thank you. –Karen Kai

Hi Shelley,
It was good to see your name as the staff person on this resolution. Having worked with you on a number of projects, I could see the care and dedication that you applied to it.

I won’t be able to attend the HPC hearing today due to another meeting. I do support the resolution and feel that the interactions I’ve had with HPC through the development of JCHESS and working to landmark the Issei Women’s Building demonstrate the department’s willingness to work with and support communities of color. I have one concern related to this experience, however. I believe that the JCHESS process was a major example of how Planning/HPC have supported a meaningful planning process for a community of color that was comprehensive, rigorous, community guided and forward looking. It was the model/inspiration for the Cultural Districts program (mentioned on pg. 14 of the resolution). In this regard, I’d like to see a specific mention of Planning/HPC working to develop plans and strategies that are part of the Planning tools that will define and protect communities of color.

While I realize that much of the JCHESS-type work has been placed under the Cultural Districts program, my observation is that without the involvement of Planning/HPC the JCHHESS (the additional H being for Housing), there is a lack of understanding of the concepts and purposes of a larger planning process. As Japantown’s CHHESS is being developed I am concerned that this lack of a large-view, long-term planning perspective is leading to a piecemeal approach that focuses on creating individual projects that, while addressing specific community needs and desires, are prioritized to appeal to capitalizing on visibility, public appeal and opportunity. Big picture issues such as overall community character (including density, design and need), balancing of equities among Japantown constituents, interaction with other communities of color and culture, and long-term community benefit are not receiving careful consideration. I believe that the more structured and demanding approach that is required in processes through Planning and HPC are essential to creating and maintaining meaningful cultural preservation plan

Planning/HPC has a great deal to offer communities of color/marginalized people in developing planning tools such as JCHESS that will guide development in a manner that promotes and enables cultural continuation. It should be included by MOEWD as an integral part of the Cultural Districts process. I hope that the HPC resolution can more specifically include this element of Planning/HPC assisting and guiding the creation of culturally sensitive and responsive plans part of the Cultural Districts program.

With thanks for your efforts and all best wishes,
Karen