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and make recommendations on reforms needed to ensure transparency, accountability, and the appropriate resolution of employee EEO claims at the SFMTA.

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In addition to Professor Gould’s investigation, City Controller Ben Rosenfield will also conduct a review of the EEO Division’s internal controls and workflow, in order to assess any weaknesses in EEO’s business processes that exposed the City to the misrepresentations made by one of its managers.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED NOMINATES FIONA HINZE TO
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A long-time transit disability advocate, Hinze will bring experience advocating for people with disabilities and ensuring equitable access to transit

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the nomination of transit accessibility advocate Fiona Hinze to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors. If confirmed by the Board of Supervisors, Hinze will bring experience advocating for transit access for people with disabilities.

Hinze lives with Cerebral palsy and she uses her power chair to get around the city, including on public transit. In addition to her own experience navigating transit, Hinze advocates for people with disabilities, with a particular focus on employment, transportation access, healthcare access, and civic participation. She recently completed two three-year terms on the California State Independent Living Council, following an appointment by then-Governor Jerry Brown in 2014. She is a co-chair of the Dignity Fund Coalition, and serves on the Paratransit Coordinating Council, the Senior Disability Working Group of the Vision Zero Coalition, the board of the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Elderly, and the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. If confirmed, she would be the second member of the SFMTA Board who is of Chinese descent.

“I am proud to nominate Fiona to serve on the SFMTA Board of Directors. It is important we have a member on the SFMTA Board who understands the needs of our disability community and the challenges people face getting around our City, whether that’s riding Muni or navigating our streets and sidewalks,” said Mayor Breed. “Fiona is a respected and trusted community member, and knows how to listen to the needs of people living with disabilities and advocate for change. She will bring an important perspective to the SFMTA Board and I’m confident she’ll prioritize equity and work to create a more accessible transit system for the people of San Francisco.”

“I am honored to be nominated to serve on the SFMTA Board,” said Fiona Hinze. “I will bring my expertise in accessible transit to ensure that San Francisco’s transit system is equitable and accessible for all San Franciscans, including seniors and people with disabilities.”

Hinze currently works as the Director of Systems Change for Independent Living Resource Center San Francisco (ILRCSF), a disability rights advocacy and support organization. She dedicates her time to the development of strategies around ILRCSF’s systems change and advocacy efforts by tracking key state and local advocacy issues and attending community committee and task force meetings. She works to ensure consumers are aware of advocacy opportunities in the community. Hinze is a graduate of Stanford University and has a B.A. in Psychology, with a concentration in Health and Development. She was born and raised in San Francisco’s Outer Richmond neighborhood.

“Fiona is a tireless, dedicated advocate for people with disabilities and seniors and very active with the Tenderloin Traffic Safety Task Force, working to improve traffic safety equity for this underserved neighborhood,” said Greg Moore, Director of Safe Programs for the Tenderloin Community Benefit District. “Fiona is always highly informed about any issues and topics on which she is working, and consistently brings that knowledgeable perspective to every meeting she attends.”

The SFMTA Board of Director duties include overseeing the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, operates the City’s public transit service, is responsible for all taxi-related functions of the former Taxi Commission and all traffic regulation and control, traffic engineering, parking enforcement, and administrative functions of the former Parking and Traffic Commission, including six of the City’s 19 parking garage practices. The Board of Directors adopts SFMTA rules setting forth the methods by which Municipal Railway performance shall be measured in accordance with industry best practices.

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Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, San Francisco will temporarily pause most planned reopening efforts previously scheduled to resume on Tuesday, November 3rd

Department of Public Health will assess situation; and resumption of further reopening is dependent on improvement of COVID-19 impact on City

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced the City will temporarily pause reopening of additional businesses and activities scheduled to resume or expand on Tuesday, November 3rd. This pause is due to an increase in COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations in San Francisco, coupled with the current increase in cases in California and across the United States. San Francisco will continue its strategy of a thoughtful and deliberate reopening, consistent with emerging scientific data, information and evidence, and will move forward in the safest way possible.

This pause is a precautionary measure to ensure San Francisco can continue to reopen safely, to try to help prevent San Francisco from moving backwards under the State blueprint, and to protect community health. It is better for San Francisco to take the time to pause now and assess the data than to keep reopening and risk needing to roll-back reopening at a future date. Especially with upcoming holidays and events, including Halloween and the election, and

people's desire to spend time with their families and travel, it is more important than ever that the City carefully evaluate the data and respond appropriately.

The majority of activities and businesses that were scheduled to reopen or expand their capacity on Tuesday, November 3rd will be paused. These include opening indoor pools, bowling alleys, and locker rooms at fitness centers, and expanding capacity at indoor dining establishments, places of worship, and museums, among other businesses and activities that are allowed only if a county at least reaches the orange tier under the State's blueprint. Businesses and activities that are currently allowed may continue operating at this time.

Limited lower risk activities that were planned to move forward on November 3rd (and are not tied to the State's orange tier) will still do so, including expanded filming productions with strict safety protocols, and indoor dining at museums up to 25% capacity. Schools will continue to reopen, with more than 75 schools approved and a handful of high schools approved to open their doors in the next week.

"Throughout our response to COVID-19, San Francisco has demonstrated our willingness to make hard choices and take reopening carefully and deliberately. Given what we're seeing in our numbers here as well as across the country and the world, we want to make sure we continue our cautious and deliberate approach, which is why we've decided to pause before moving forward with more reopening," said Mayor Breed. "With this pause, our public health experts can evaluate our cases and hospitalizations so that we can work to stay ahead of this virus and keep our community safe. We have to all keep doing our part and follow public health guidance to keep ourselves, our families, and our entire city safe. Wear your face covering when you go out, keep your distance, and avoid gatherings. This is going to be especially important with Halloween this weekend and the election on Tuesday. These aren't normal times and we can't act like they are."

"Our goal has always been to respond quickly and carefully, watch the data closely, and make decisions based on the data, science, and facts," said Dr. Grant Colfax. "The data is, once again, telling us to pause and to extend the time before we reopen the next phase of indoor activities. San Francisco's strategy has always been a deliberate and measured approach. As we increased activities throughout the City, we expected to see the virus circulate. We have always focused on making sure our healthcare system can handle cases, and while system capacity remains adequate, we know this virus can move fast, so we are pausing to evaluate and to ensure we can continue to manage the impacts of the virus and keep our communities safe."

The Department of Public Health will continue to monitor the City's COVID-19 Key Public Health Indicators and other information that will inform the status of further reopening, and will determine when it is appropriate for San Francisco to resume its gradual reopening. The City continues to encourage San Franciscans to avoid gatherings, wear face coverings when leaving home, and keep their distance from other people, and to get tested for COVID-19 if they feel sick.

"Although we are disappointed to hear that San Francisco will not be moving forward to allow indoor dining at 50% capacity at this time, we understand the need to pause our reopening plan in order to keep cases and hospitalizations under control," said Laurie Thomas, Executive Director, Golden Gate Restaurant Association. "This is not the news we were hoping for, but we are thankful that indoor dining at 25% capacity is continuing, as is outdoor dining, all adhering to our SF Department of Public Health guidelines. We appreciate the hard work of the Mayor, the Department of Public Health and our community to keep our city from facing

the surges and backtracking of reopening that we are seeing across many parts of the country and internationally.”

The following activities scheduled to resume on November 3rd will be put on pause:

- Reopening of indoor pools, indoor locker rooms and showers at gyms, and indoor family entertainment activities like bowling alleys.
- Expanding capacity from 25% to 50% (up to 200 people) at indoor restaurants, indoor food courts, movie theaters, museums, zoos, and aquariums, and houses of worship.
- Expanding capacity at outdoor events from 200 to 300 people at outdoor worship and political protests.

The following activities scheduled to resume on November 3rd, will continue:

- Reopening indoor dining at museums at 25% capacity (up to 100 people).
- Expanding outdoor film production from 12 to 25 people with safety protocols and easing restrictions on indoor film production with testing and ventilation requirements or an approved health and safety plan.
- Allowing additional types of outdoor live performances with up to six performers in a drive-in setting.
- Allowing increased real estate showing and open houses with social distancing protocols in place.

Additionally, to continue to operate at 25%, indoor restaurants and personal service providers that deliver services requiring mask removal will need to post signage about what ventilation measures they have put into place and comply with at least one of a list of recommended ventilations strategies by November 17.

One of the [key indicators](#) of COVID-19 prevalence in the city, the number of new cases per day per 100,000 people, has increased over the last two weeks from a low of 3.14 cases per 100,000 people to 4.17 cases per 100,000 people. The rate of increase in hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients is also a key indicator that affects the pace of reopening. San Francisco recently hit a low of 21 people in the hospital with COVID, but that number has begun to climb again and is now at 37 people.

Despite this recent increase in cases, San Francisco continues to do relatively well in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the community. San Francisco has the lowest death rate of any large city in the U.S. and has the second lowest test positivity rate of any large city. San Francisco leads in testing, with 5,100 average tests per day and more than 664,000 tests conducted to date.

The City’s relative success to-date is due to its COVID-19 response infrastructure, which includes testing, contact tracing, and support services, its deliberate and measured approach to reopening, and a willingness to pause and assess the data before moving forward on reopening.

The Department of Public Health will monitor the Health Indicators, the risk of specific activities, the estimated reproductive rate of the virus, the regional data and the State’s actions in determining when and how to move forward, pause, or dial back reopening. More information about San Francisco’s reopening timeline can be found at <https://sf.gov/step-by-step/reopening-san-francisco>.

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Commissioners,
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Tanner, nominated by Mayor Breed, will bring an equity lens and neighborhood planning experience to the Planning Commission

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed's nomination to appoint Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission was approved today by the Board of Supervisors with a unanimous vote.

Tanner currently serves as the Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services for the City of Palo Alto, where she oversees Palo Alto's planning and building permitting functions, including inspections. Tanner is currently a Commissioner on the San Francisco Board of Appeals, and was appointed to the Board in 2018 by then President of the Board of Supervisors Malia Cohen. She will resign from the Board of Appeals to join the Planning Commission.

"Rachael is experienced in city planning, has a demonstrated commitment to equity, and will bring her own experience living and working in the southeast part of San Francisco to the Commission," said Mayor Breed. "I am confident Rachael will be a valuable member of the Commission and will contribute to our efforts to make San Francisco a more, livable, affordable, and resilient city for generations to come."

Prior to working in Palo Alto, Tanner worked at the San Francisco Planning Department as a Senior Planner on the Excelsior and Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy, which was developed to guide the City's focus and investment in the commercial corridors of Mission Street and Geneva Avenue. She implemented outreach strategies during this process, including listening to community stakeholders by organizing focus groups and engaging monolingual residents and community organizations, such as Communities United for Health and Justice and the Excelsior Action Group.

"I am honored to serve on the Planning Commission," said Rachael Tanner. "I will be a voice joining in the chorus of our city crying out for racial and social equity, for equitably-planned housing, and for a brighter future despite the pandemic."

She continues to stay connected to the community through her volunteer work as a mentor to a middle school student and regularly performs marriage ceremonies. Tanner has lived in the Bayview Hunters Point and currently resides in SoMa. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan and her Master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The San Francisco Planning Commission consists of seven commissioners appointed by the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors, and Commissioners serve four-year terms. The Commission oversees the Planning Department, which plays a central role in guiding the growth and development of the City. The Department works with other City agencies and the community to help balance the needs of residents, businesses, and civic leaders to protect the environment and historical resources, create inspiring and livable urban spaces, cultivate neighborhood resilience, and enforce good land use practices. The Commission is also responsible for the stewardship and maintenance of San Francisco's General Plan.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for holiday lights and SkyStar
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:26:18 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 7:08 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for holiday lights and SkyStar

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Dear Rec and Park Commissioners and Board President Yee,

I am an Inner Sunset / Golden Gate Heights resident and I am writing to fully support having the SkyStar in Golden Gate Park for the 150th Anniversary celebration. I have a view of it from most windows in my home. It is heart warming to see something festive right now- and I adore its lighting at night as well. It entertains my kids and is a delight. We've been waiting for months to see it in action. I've been down to see the SkyStar up close and was very impressed by the crowd management, the safety precautions, and it is so quiet!

I am also looking forward to seeing the holiday lights in Peacock Meadow. I'm all for anything fun and light-hearted these days. Thank you for bringing joy to the neighborhood, the city, and all visitors to the Park!

I just wanted to be sure that you are aware of the community support the SkyStar and the Peacock Meadow lighting has from neighbors.

Keep up the good work!

Best,
Lainie Motamedi
Resident on Moraga St at 12th Ave

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for SkyStar and Holiday lighting
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From: Jenn Fox <jgreyfox@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2020 7:28 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for SkyStar and Holiday lighting

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Dear Commissioners:

I am emailing to support the Whimsical Wonderland of lights coming to Golden Gate Park and the SkyStar. These feel festive additions that will encourage families and all city residents to continue using the park for healthy and safe recreation. Golden Gate Park is a gift to San Francisco and its people and it is efforts like these that help keep it lively. Thanks for all your work.

With gratitude,
Jenn Fox
1265 6th Avenue
SF resident for 28 years.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden gate park sky wheel
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 10:16:19 AM

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From: Nicholas C. Belloni <nbelloni@swpsf.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:32 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden gate park sky wheel

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Hello Everyone,

I am writing in support of the sky wheel in golden gate park. I have to say this is a nice addition to the park and to the concourse. Being a native San Franciscan and life long resident of the Richmond district. I am happy to have this sky wheel here in the Richmond. So many reasons this is important to the Richmond, Sunset and the city as whole.

Community, the concourse has always been a gathering place, from it's inception it was meant for people to gather and celebrate, during this time in this worlds history, people need something to have hope and celebrate, this sky wheel, is kind of and emergence from the shelter in place. Being around the wheel on walks this week there is a joy and happiness I have seen, like wow this is something, a slow return to normalcy, I have not seen that joy since the beginning of year.

Economically as we start to come out of the shelter in place. Richmond and sunset businesses need a draw, I have been to the sunset 9th ave corridor, before the wheel was active as my vet is right there and it was dead, just a few people waiting outside the vet for their pets, stores shuttered restaurants trying to stay open via take out, or delivery. I have been in the area since the wheel was activated, and truly I have seen a transformation people walking the street, looking in stores that are slowly opening and restaurants having outside food service. This is a huge step in a economic recovery and in the livelihoods of many of these small businesses.

All I have seen on social media has been positive, from beautiful pictures of it at night with some amazing lighting

shots, to seeing the city, from a special view.

This is truly something special, people need this, San Francisco needs this.

Thank you for reading this,

- Nick Belloni

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support Letter for SkyStar Ferris wheel and Holiday Lights in GGP
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:54:03 AM
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From: Walter Van Riel <walter_van_riel@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Martha Ehrenfeld <martha@inner-sunset.org>
Subject: Support Letter for SkyStar Ferris wheel and Holiday Lights in GGP

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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of the Inner Sunset, I am strongly in favor of the ferris wheel and holiday lights coming to Golden Gate Park.

Don't let the grinchs spoil our holiday cheers. I bet most of them are grumpy old men always complaining but never doing anything to improve the community.

Kudos to you for trying to put some cheers into our lives. We need more, not less, of that.
You have my full support.

Walter Van Riel
1259 15th av

Sent from my iPhone

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:53:52 AM
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From: Stephanie Linder <SLinder@sfbg.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 4:29 PM

To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Subject: SkyStar Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

I understand that some members of the community have expressed concern about the SkyStar Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park and that the commission is taking public comment on the issue. I am writing to share my enthusiastic support for the Wheel.

As Executive Director of San Francisco Botanical Garden, I have the good fortune to work in Golden Gate Park. And the Garden is proud to be a community partner in the Golden Gate Park 150th

Anniversary Celebration. Like so many people, we were very disappointed that numerous activities planned for the anniversary had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. But now, our staff, board, members, and visitors are excited to see the Wheel operating. Adding this fun activity to Golden Gate Park is even more special given what a difficult year this has been. With the increased use of the park during this time, the Wheel provides a new way to enjoy the natural beauty of the park.

Moreover, as a resident of the Inner Sunset, I am hopeful that the Wheel will also bring our neighborhood merchants some much-needed business. I'm lucky that I can see the park and the Wheel from my living room window. The Wheel is beautiful, especially when lit up at night. For many years, I have worked in conservation so I understand the need to preserve the peaceful natural areas of our park but the Music Concourse has long been the site of special events and lively entertainment. I believe this is an appropriate use of that area of the park and the Wheel will be greatly appreciated by both residents and visitors. It is also good to see that all the necessary COVID-19 precautions are being taken to keep riders safe.

I purchased tickets to ride the Wheel next week and will surprise my husband for his birthday. I've timed the tickets for sunset so we can enjoy both the views and the lights as they come on.

Thank you for your time and service on the commission.

Stephanie

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From: [Silva, Christine \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Silva, Christine \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: Thank you
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 3:54:12 PM

Hi Commissioners,

After over 13 years with the Planning Department and one year with the Permit Center Team, I will be moving on effective Wednesday, November 4. I'm not going far, just next door in fact, accepting an offer to serve as MTA's Board of Directors, Board Secretary.

I wanted to take a moment to let you know how much I've enjoyed my time here. Planning is an incredible department (I really, truly mean that!) and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it for all these years. It's been an absolute pleasure working with you for everything commission related and I wish you all nothing but the best.

Although our time together is ending, I do hope to keep in touch. Starting next week you can reach me at christine.silva@sfmta.com or through my personal email at christinelamorena@gmail.com.

With overwhelming gratitude,
Christine

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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for SkyStar Ferris wheel and holiday lights in GGP
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From: Denise Donaldson <denise.donaldson@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:42 PM

To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpinfo@sfgov.org>

Cc: Raphael Merriman <raphaelmerriman@gmail.com>; Martha Ehrenfeld <MarMac@aol.com>

Subject: Support for SkyStar Ferris wheel and holiday lights in GGP

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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of the Inner Sunset and parent of 2 children, I am strongly in favor of the holiday lights coming to Golden Gate Park. Sunday night at 7:00pm, I rode the SkyStar and walked through the music concourse. There was a festive feeling as people were safely waiting online to take a ride on the SkyStar. During Covid-19, SF residents have been using the park in record numbers. Having a reason to take a

stroll in the evening with your family as the days get shorter is very important. I felt my mood improve last night as I sat on the grass and watched the lights on the wheel move and the bandstand's installation lighting glow and change colors. My children were in awe of the lights. This installation is consistent with other world class installations like the holiday lights at the National Zoo in Washington DC or Gardens Aglow at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. Please bring the Whimsical Wonderland light installation to Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Denise Donaldson

1365 6th Avenue, SF, CA 94122

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Holiday Lights in Golden Gate Park
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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 2:32 PM
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Cc: Ketcham, Dana (REC) <dana.ketcham@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of Support for Holiday Lights in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of the Inner Sunset, I am strongly in favor of the holiday lights coming to Golden Gate Park. Last night, at 7:30pm, I walked to the music concourse. There was a festive feeling as people were safely waiting online to take a ride on the SkyStar. During Covid-19, SF residents have been using the park in record numbers. Having a reason to take a stroll with your family as the days get shorter is very important. I felt my mood improve last night as I sat on the grass and watched the lights on the wheel

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Thank you,
Martha Ehrenfeld
1379 6th Ave

President, Inner Sunset Park Neighbors*
Co-Chair of the Tennis Coalition of SF*
SF Parks Alliance Board Member*
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The Tennis Coalition promotes San Francisco's advantage for year-round public tennis by spearheading the renovation of the historic Golden Gate Park Tennis Center and strengthening San Francisco's tennis community.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Huge Lighted Ferris Wheel turns GG Park into glaring gaudy grating amusement center
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:13:14 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 11:09 AM
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Subject: Huge Lighted Ferris Wheel turns GG Park into glaring gaudy grating amusement center

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Ladise and gentlemen:

As a San Francisco resident for more than 35 years who has very often relished the wonders of Golden Gate Park as a refuge for nature and green open space, I am saddened by this trend of turning it into a noisy, blaring, lighted amusement park. The enormous new ferris wheel, so--called observation wheel, with much-too-bright lights that are apparently to stay on ALL night (oh energy conservation--alas!) is a monstrosity. Harsh and obtrusive, its noise and lights are unrelenting unavoidable intrusions against Nature and against human desires for contemplation and peace.,

And it seems to be San Francisco's turning up its nose on Governor Newsom's October 7 mandate that it is now state policy to work to save 30 percent of our state's lands and coastal waters for Nature by 20230.

State policy, yes, but not San Francisco policy apparently. This observation wheel pushes San Francisco into an opposite, incompatible direction.

In Los Angeles, a 30 by 30 resolution has been introduced into their City Council. Shall San Francisco retreat to give up any claim to environmental leadership?

San Francisco could have used Golden Gate Park as the base for a vibrant 30 by 30 approach program for our city, if the Rec and Parks Department had not just declared war on Nature by giving us this anti-nature, anti environmental Huge Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

What about efforts to have dark night skies to allow nature critters some night time peace to recover from day time noise and human invasion? No longer a concern?

What about the people who love to come to Golden Gate Park to enjoy some peace and quiet from their own noisy, mechanized lives and revel in this supposed opportunity to find solace from Nature in the City. COVID 19 makes it more, not less, important to assure people access to some quiet Nature for comfort.

Please do all you can to end this new city unneeded, massive development at the first possible opportunity. It is time to give Nature -- and people -- a break.

Thank you for your attention,

Vicky Hoover
735 Geary St, #501
San Francisco, CA 94109

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Observation Wheel Lights
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From: Chris Duderstadt <cdmd@sfpix.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 10:26 AM

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Subject: Support for Observation Wheel Lights

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In support of the temporary Observation Wheel on the Music Concourse and it's lighting.

Firstly, few people understand that Golden Gate Park was modeled after New York's Central Park to resemble an English Garden. It was not designed to be a Natural Area. 90% of the Park in no way reflects what was there originally. Public Parks such as Golden Gate Park were created to serve the citizens of San

Francisco--people, not birds and bugs. As that, it is serving the people of our city as never before.

Though we wanted a great 150th celebration with 150 activities on that long forgot weekend, more people are using the park for activities and "social" distancing than at any time before. Certainly, birds, bugs, raccoons, and many other natural and not so natural creatures depend on the Park but the Park is for our people.

In 2004 William Kostura and I create the Landmark Designation Report used in the landmarking of the Music Concourse. The Music Concourse was intended to provide a venue for our people to gather.

The Observation Wheel brings our people to the Concourse with all Covid-19 protocols respected. It is the third such 'wheel' to grace the space and does it wonderfully. The first was in 1894 for the Mid-Winter's Fair. The second was for the opening of the new Academy of Science, and the third, the current Observation Wheel.

The lighting of the current "wheel" and of the Music Bandshell are a wonderful, temporary, addition to our Park. I strongly urge everyone to visit the Concourse of an evening to have this marvelous experience.

Chris Duderstadt

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF JOBS PROGRAM TO STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMY AND SUPPORT WORKERS AND BUSINESSES
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF
JOBS PROGRAM TO STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMY AND
SUPPORT WORKERS AND BUSINESSES**

JobsNOW! program grows by over \$7 million, will support 3,600 subsidized employment placements at hundreds of local employers

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of a newly expanded jobs program to help San Franciscans find employment, support local businesses, and advance the City's economic recovery. San Francisco's JobsNOW! program, operated by the Human Services Agency (HSA), provides employment and training services to low-income residents and reimburses employers when they hire program participants for permanent positions. The program expansion will make it easier for participants to sign up and increases support for small businesses to reopen.

In recognition of the critical need to stimulate job creation for vulnerable workers and support local businesses to maximize hiring as they reopen, the Economic Recovery Task Force recommended expanding the JobsNOW! Subsidized Wages Program. At a time when over 200,000 San Franciscans have filed for unemployment and the City's unemployment rate is estimated at 8.4%, a robust hiring program is essential to help businesses invest in the employees they need and create job opportunities for those who badly want to get back to work. The City has directed nearly \$28 million annually in the FY 2020-21 and 2021-22

budget for the program, which is a \$7.4 million increase from last year and will support 3,600 subsidized employment placements at hundreds of local employers.

“We need to get people back to work, and as businesses throughout the City continue the hard work of reopening and getting back on their feet, this is a great way to match people looking for jobs with businesses that are hiring,” said Mayor Breed. “With this program we’re focused on helping low-income residents find a job and get the work experience they need to succeed, and supporting businesses who are looking for employees. As we work to recover together, we need to make sure we’re reopening and recovering equitably. We need to bring everyone along – especially our most vulnerable residents.”

“JobsNOW! has been a trusted partner for businesses and job seekers to turn to since the last Great Recession. With San Franciscans in underserved communities continuing to bear greater job losses and slower economic recovery, this program is meeting the challenges of this moment by offering easier ways to get enrolled and back to work,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. “Whether looking for new employment or reopening a business, we’re helping people come back stronger from this pandemic with additional support to get hired and pay employees. JobsNOW! is a smart way to find work and get matched with the right talent.”

“Last week we hit a major milestone getting to the State’s yellow tier. But reopening alone won’t translate to recovery,” said Assessor Carmen Chu, Co-Chair of the Economic Recovery Task Force. “Many businesses still can’t afford to hire back workers and that’s where JobsNOW! comes in. By investing an additional \$7.4 million, we seed employment in our economy enabling businesses and workers to stabilize and restart with a little less out of pocket.”

The expanded JobsNOW! program is designed to support San Francisco residents who make less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which for a single person is \$25,520, and for a family of four is \$52,400. This group includes individuals who are enrolled in public benefits such as CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or cash assistance programs. The program offers several tiers of wage reimbursement to meet the specific needs of businesses who are currently operating or working towards reopening, and incentivizes placements in jobs that pay more sustainable wages.

JobsNOW! reimburses employers \$625 to \$1,500 a month for six months to help cover the wages of employees they hire through the program, depending on the paid wage amount and the employer’s ability to offer full or part time work. Deeper subsidies are available to small businesses trying to reopen or start a business (100% of the wages reimbursed for the first three months, and 50% for the next three months) and to employers who pay \$25/hour or more (50% wage reimbursement for six months).

The Economic Recovery Task Force recommended that the City make several programmatic changes to ensure JobsNOW! serves San Francisco residents and businesses during the City’s recovery from COVID-19, including:

- Provide more subsidized job opportunities.
- Provide job opportunities with career pathways post-subsidized employment.
- Encourage online application, enrollment, and job opportunities.
- Lower barriers for small businesses and job seekers to participate.

- Extend outreach to unemployed people for greater awareness of job opportunities.
- Focus on reaching communities that are the most vulnerable.

In the expanded JobsNOW! program, HSA implemented the recommended changes in order to support the job seekers and businesses most in need. San Francisco has reduced enrollment barriers for program participants and increased the amount of wage subsidy support for small businesses and businesses paying \$25/hour or more. Additionally, unemployment insurance and CARES stimulus payments will not count towards a person's income for purposes of determining program eligibility.

Human Services Agency staff will co-locate at the State's Employment Development Department office in San Francisco in order to connect people receiving unemployment insurance benefits with JobsNOW! Services, as well as referrals to public benefits for food and health care coverage, and other supports.

"Getting San Franciscans back to work is our priority, and JobsNOW! is an essential tool that will get them back on their feet. This expansion supports our most vulnerable residents, connects job-seekers to work opportunities, and provides incentives to businesses so more employees can be hired," said Joaquín Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. "As we reopen our economy, local businesses and workers need access to the resources that will help them thrive and this investment in JobsNOW! will create jobs, help our low-income workers build career foundations, and support a more resilient workforce as we lean into San Francisco's economic recovery."

"JobsNOW! will help CinemaSF stay afloat by bridging the financial gap between now and the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, and allowing us to retain our fantastic employees so they are ready and available when it is time to restart business," said Adam Bergeron, owner of Balboa Theater.

"The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with the City on JobsNOW! and this new expansion will be a great help to businesses that are looking to rehire and reopen," said Rodney Fong, President and CEO, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. "As businesses recover and look to reopen, we'll work with our network of employers to make sure they're aware of the JobsNOW program and the financial assistance it provides, and encourage them to hire local program participants."

"As the second largest employer in San Francisco, UCSF is committed to building a workforce that reflects our community," said Francesca Vega, UCSF Vice Chancellor for Community and Government Relations. "We are thrilled to support the Mayor's expansion of the JobsNOW! program, as UCSF has partnered with JobsNOW! for 10 years to train San Franciscans for careers in healthcare."

JobsNOW! was created in 2009 in response to the Great Recession. Since 2009, the program has supported 27,000 job placements and 1,600 businesses have participated. JobsNOW! connects participants to both private sector and public sector opportunities. The program funds Public Service Training opportunities at City and County of San Francisco agencies, as well as work experience opportunities through contracted partners, and private employers. According to data from the California Employment Development Department, 59% of program participants were employed three years after exiting subsidized employment, and average quarterly earnings increased 63% over those three years.

JobsNOW! is an inter-agency collaboration with City agencies that connect with employers and job seekers. Participating agencies include the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco's Office of Small Business, and the State's Employment Development Department.



Eligible participants:

- San Francisco residents.
- Authorized to work in the U.S.
- Receive HSA benefits (CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or cash assistance) or have income below 200% Federal Poverty Level. Unemployment insurance benefits and CARES stimulus payments are excluded from the income calculation.

Employer requirements:

- San Francisco business registration, Franchise Tax Board account, comply with San Francisco labor laws, and pay California payroll taxes.
- Intend to retain the employee once the subsidy period ends.
- Subsidized wages are consistent with other employees doing the same work.
- Cannot subsidize an existing employee unless they meet the JobsNOW! program and income criteria.
- No favorable hiring for family members.

For more information about the JobsNOW! program, go to: [SFHSA.org/jobsnow](https://sfhsa.org/jobsnow) or call (877) 562-1669.

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Subject: Comments: Observation Wheel lighting

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Thank you for letting me weigh-in on the artificially lit Observation Wheel. The structure is massive, blaring and visible from miles away.

The city of San Francisco should be known as a forward thinking, environmentally-friendly city but I wonder if this project was viewed through the lens of science. Did the city consult a biologist, entomologist or ornithologist before erecting this structure?

This structure potentially poses harm to wildlife, specifically birds and insects. Has a plan been developed to mitigate any unintended consequences?

Bird collisions are one of the largest threats to the demise of birds after habitat loss and predation by pet cats. We should be especially concerned about what these lights are doing to birds during the current migration season. Well-lit structures can attract migrating birds and cause them to get disoriented.

And what about the impact on insects? Insects are currently in the middle of a dramatic decline worldwide. Light pollution has been cited as a major contributor. Skyglow—light from populated areas that scatters through the atmosphere and can be seen from miles away—reduces many insect species' ability to orient themselves, find food, avoid predation and reproduce. According to an [article](#) published in the Annals of Applied Biology, many insects are attracted to direct light sources such as street lamps and stadium lights, where they may be killed on contact by heat, electrocution or the force of impact; they may also get trapped and exhausted or preyed upon. Moreover, the study notes that artificial light can impede communication among insects, diminish their average lifespans, and even change their physiology.

SF Recreation and Parks needs to do better. They have some amazing marketing ideas but don't seem to care too much about the ramifications to wildlife. How could science not guide an entity that is supposed to be a nature retreat for its citizens? When you add up the additional lighting from the soccer fields, new tennis courts and art projects like the Observation Wheel and Entwined Meadow, one has to wonder if, in the blare of the blinding lights, SF

Rec and Park has lost its way.

Bob Hall

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I am writing after watching years of environmental destruction of Golden Gate Park and the Ferris Wheel really demonstrates the problem. Please do not light the copycat ferris wheel and do remove

it soon. The long-time direction of SF Rec and Park has been all about recreation and very little about park. Golden Gate Park is not an amusement park. We are not downtown London or the Santa Monica Pier. GGP is important greenery in a dense urban environment, and should be a dark place at night.

We have watched the clearing of the park with the excuse of keeping out the homeless. That did not work, but the habitat for wildlife has been cleared. Shrubbery and trees have been removed. There is little if any environmental awareness coming out of SF Rec and Park in this time of climate change. We need a department that focuses more on park, green places for people to learn about nature, lush landscapes. Walking in a park is a healthy activity in which many can participate.

I have experienced a lot of public participation planning events from Rec and Park. It has been a huge disappointment. I would call it "let them vent, and we will do what we planned to do anyway". It starts with several formulated plans, rather than actually gathering ideas from the public. It is "top-down" governing and is pretty typical of a big problem in SF.

Consider a change of leadership for Rec and Park, an embracing of new, creative, climate appropriate ideas for our important Golden Gate Park! Make it a green space again.

Thanks for your attention!
Pam Hemphill MD

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
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Subject: FW: Feedback on lighted Observation Wheel - Music Concourse, GGP. Friends of the Music Concourse.
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Friends of the Music Concourse (c)

Dedicated to the Preservation
of the Historic Golden Gate Park
Music Concourse

Commissioners,

Attached please find our letter outlining our concerns with the lighted Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park, as well as the letter that we submitted last year on this project.

In our letter, we have requested the following mitigations for this installation:

- All Observation Wheel lighting should be turned off at dusk.
- Night time security lighting should be minimal. The current de Young Tower lighting is a good example of a sensitive way to minimally light a park structure at night. (See footnote 1 in the letter for photos of the stark contrast between the Wheel and the Tower.)
- The Observation Wheel should be removed from the Park by early 2021, at the end of the Anniversary Celebration, as agreed to by the Department of Recreation and Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard

Co-Chair

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Sierra Club - Oppose lighting on Observation Wheel in Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:26:47 PM
Attachments: [Observation Wheel photos - from one mile away.pdf](#)
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Subject: Sierra Club - Oppose lighting on Observation Wheel in Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park

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K. Howard

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Subject: 55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive - Installed and running lighted Observation Wheel in Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park

Commission President Aaron Jon Hyland,

The Sierra Club had concerns about the proposed lighted Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse. because it was installed without an adequate environmental review (see attached letter, January 7, 2020.) Now that we see the Observation Wheel in place with its intensely bright and completely unshielded lighting, we wish to state even more strongly our concerns with this potentially environmentally damaging structure.

The Observation Wheel was originally proposed by the Department of Recreation and Park as an attraction that would bring people into Golden Gate Park. However, COVID-19 has shown us that the people of San Francisco treasure and enjoy their parks and open space as parkland. The use of our parks now is higher than it has ever been; many people go to enjoy nature in them. The Observation Wheel is not natural by any stretch of the imagination and does not enhance the experience of parkland.

Furthermore, the lighted Observation Wheel may have negative impacts on wildlife, in particular on birds. The bands of exterior booth lights are all extremely bright, white LED's. Many of the patterns on the wheel and spokes include white as part of their design. The wheel is so bright that it can be seen more than a mile away and is brighter than any other lighted object in the western part of San Francisco. (See attached exhibits illustrating the jarring brightness of this object.)

The Sierra Club supports Dark Skies, protection of migrating birds, and a safe, dark nighttime habitat for other wildlife. Wildlife needs darkness. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night; in addition, the Park is part of the western flyway for migrating birds. We are now in the middle of bird migration season. And yet the Department of Recreation and Park has chosen to light the center of the Park with extremely bright lights. In fact, there is a trend now to light all of Golden Gate Park -- from the Beach Chalet Fields with 150,000 watts of stadium lights to the Conservatory of Flowers light show and a new lighting project in a meadow. It is unfortunate that the Department of Recreation and Park does not follow either its own policies that forbid this kind of extensive lighting, such as the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, or

the City's Recreation and Open Space Element, which supports maintaining safe and beneficial habitats for wildlife.

The additional use of the park by large numbers of people and the increased artificial lighting all have a negative impact on this valuable habitat.

We ask that you require the exterior lights to be turned off after dusk and to also honor the agreement to remove the Observation Wheel in early 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein

Arthur Feinstein

Member, Sierra Club California Executive Committee

Chair, Sierra Club California Conservation Committee

Board Member, SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee

cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Recreation and Park Department

Attachments: Sierra Club letter of January 7, 2020
Observation Wheel photos - from one mile away
Observation Wheel photos - in the Music Concourse

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
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Subject: Observation Wheel lighting and animal safety

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Dear Decision makers and City government officials,

Please consider reducing the light from this project especially after dark and during times of bird migration.

From a January 3, 2019 letter from the Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS):

For bird safety, at the very least we recommend that the observation wheel not be lit during the spring and fall bird migration. The spring migration is **February 15 through May 30** and the fall migration is **August 15 through November 30**. This is also an opportunity to share the message about Lights Out for Birds during Migration with the public.

Nighttime light pollution is something San Franciscans just do not tolerate, especially in this peaceful open space park.

Sincerely,
Lance Carnes

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES GROUNDBREAKING
OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FAMILIES IN THE
MISSION**

681 Florida Street will provide housing for 130 families, including formerly homeless households

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the groundbreaking of a 100% affordable housing project in the Mission at Casa Adelante – 681 Florida Street. Once complete, the building will provide 130 new homes, of which 30% are set aside as Permanent Supportive Housing for formerly homeless households. Carnaval San Francisco will occupy the ground floor of the development once construction is finished, creating a new arts hub for the surrounding neighborhood.

The housing development at 681 Florida advances the City's strategy for economic recovery, which includes stimulating new job creation and investing in infrastructure that ensures San Francisco's post-COVID economy emerges more equitable and resilient than before. The development of 130 new affordable homes, including 39 units of Permanent Supportive Housing, makes progress on the Economic Recovery Task Force's recommendations to invest in housing and meet the needs of San Francisco's most vulnerable residents. Lastly, including a new arts hub with Carnaval San Francisco on the ground floor of the development illustrates

the City's efforts to activate and draw upon San Francisco's unique neighborhood and cultural assets, which was another key policy recommendation from the Task Force.

"Our economic recovery as a city depends on creating good paying jobs, making sure people can afford to stay in San Francisco, and supporting our vibrant arts community. This project helps us make progress on all fronts," said Mayor Breed. "The groundbreaking of 681 Florida is an exciting step in our efforts to create more 100% affordable housing in the Mission, and builds on our work to create more homes throughout the city for people experiencing homelessness. I want to thank the Mission community for their advocacy and commitment to creating affordable housing in the neighborhood."

The 681 Florida site was initially part of a plan for a large market-rate development at 2000-2070 Bryant Street. That plan would have demolished seven buildings, including Cell Space, a longtime arts and creative space. The City worked with the community and the owner of the parcel to come to an agreement where 19,000 square feet of land was dedicated to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) as part of the inclusionary housing program to create 100% affordable housing.

"What we are celebrating today is the result of a long and hard-fought fight to preserve blue-collar jobs and protect the working-class community of the Mission," said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. "Casa Adelante / 681 Florida will be the seventh new affordable housing building in the Mission in the last few years. I will keep pushing, alongside my constituents, to bring my district the housing we need."

In February 2017, MOHCD selected Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) to develop, own, and operate the affordable housing development proposed for the site. MEDA operates two other Casa Adelante housing developments, at 2060 Folsom and 1296 Shotwell, and 681 Florida will be the third Casa Adelante site.

"Casa Adelante – 681 Florida starting construction is a true testament to the years-long collaborative effort to keep this particular location for arts and culture and affordable housing. We could not have done this without our allies, artists and neighbors joining forces to fight for this site, plus our City recognizing the value of this investment," said Karoleen Feng, Director of Community Real Estate, MEDA. "We know as a community that Casa Adelante – 681 Florida is as an integral part of reversing the displacement of the Latinx and immigrant community. We are equally excited for the Mission community to see this space once again be reimagined as home for the arts."

The 130-unit development at 681 Florida Street, will have 39 Permanent Supportive Housing units for formerly homeless residents. Amenities at Casa Adelante – 681 Florida will include a 9,250-square-foot commercial space suitable for production, exhibition, and arts performance as well as a number of green building features including 100% renewable energy and solar thermal heating.

"Breaking ground on Casa Adelante – 681 Florida is a huge milestone in a project critical to ensuring more San Francisco families are housed," said Don Falk, CEO, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation. "We're proud to work with MEDA, MOHCD and the Mission neighborhood to foster supportive, sustainable homes for over 100 families, as well as a permanently affordable arts space."

“Carnaval San Francisco fought alongside of Our Mission No Eviction for the affordable housing and art space at 681 Florida Street, which we named the Beast on Bryant, since they were proposing to build luxury housing after the eviction of Cell Space, a collective shared art space once the home of Carnaval San Francisco and many arts organizations,” said Roberto Hernandez, Artistic Director and Executive Producer of SF Carnaval. “We come full circle and look forward to sharing the space with artists and arts organizations and serving the residential community!”

The nine-story building, designed by Mithun includes studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments. Once complete, the new homes will be available to applicants with a broad range of incomes including 35%, 40%, 50%, 60% and 85% Area Median Income (AMI) or below. Construction is expected to last 22 months with an anticipated completion date of August 2022.

“We know that housing is healthcare, which is why increasing the City’s housing inventory is critical, and specifically increasing Permanent Supportive Housing as a permanent solution to homelessness, a key part of the Mayor’s Homelessness Recovery Plan,” said Abigail Stewart-Kahn, Interim Director of San Francisco’s Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “We are thankful to the Mayor and all the partners’ who joined forces to increase affordable housing units and create new homes for people experiencing homelessness.”

Major financing for 681 Florida was provided by a \$35 million investment from MOHCD that enabled the \$90.3 million project to move forward, as well as a loan from the California Department of Housing and Community Development Multifamily Housing Program. The Permanent Supportive Housing units will be supported through a City-funded Local Operating Subsidy Program contract, and will be referred through the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing’s Coordinated Entry System.

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**SAN FRANCISCO AWARDED \$29 MILLION FROM STATE'S
PROJECT HOMEKEY FOR PURCHASE OF 130-ROOM
HOTEL FOR HOMELESS HOUSING**

State Homekey funding will allow the City to purchase a second hotel site for Permanent Supportive Housing, as part of Mayor Breed's Homelessness Recovery Plan

San Francisco, CA — Today San Francisco was awarded \$29.1 million in capital and operating costs from the State's Project Homekey for the purchase of the Hotel Diva as Permanent Supportive Housing. The San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and Episcopal Community Services, with support from Supervisor Aaron Peskin, applied for \$29.1 million in funding to purchase the 130-room hotel, located near Union Square.

This is the second San Francisco project to receive Homekey funding. San Francisco was recently awarded \$45 million in Project Homekey funding to acquire the 232-room Granada Hotel, also in District 3.

“Permanent Supportive Housing is the foundation of our Homelessness Recovery Plan. By expanding access to housing and other support, we can create real opportunities for people to

get off the streets and create a path for them to live a fuller, healthier life,” said Mayor Breed. “We pursued additional Homekey State funding to ensure that the thousands of people who have been in our emergency housing during this public health crisis exit into stable housing placements.”

Under the Homekey program, funding will be applied to the purchase of the Hotel Diva, a 130-unit hotel at 440 Geary Street. The project will increase the City’s housing inventory by creating 130 new units of Permanent Supportive Housing for people experiencing chronic homelessness. Supervisor Peskin advocated for the Hotel Diva to be submitted as a Project Homekey applicant.

“Ultimately, the best way to address homelessness after a Navigation Center is established is to create housing to navigate residents to,” said Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who represents District 3 where both San Francisco Homekey sites are located. “When we began negotiating emergency hotel contracts during my first deployment to the Emergency Operations Center, it was with the goal of acquiring sites for longterm supportive housing for those most in need. The Hotel Diva is a perfect opportunity for yet more permanently affordable housing and we’re moving quickly to deliver!”

In July, Mayor Breed announced her Homelessness Recovery Plan, with planned investments in the upcoming two-year budget and continued delivery of funded projects and programs, expanding the City’s capacity in the Homelessness Response System. The Homelessness Recovery Plan 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 over the next two years, the largest one-time expansion in the City in 20 years. The City currently provides housing, shelter, and services to over 13,000 formerly homeless people. This includes services for 10,000 people who are supported in 8,000 units of Permanent Supportive Housing.

“Because housing is healthcare, we have been aggressive in our pursuit of funding as the City moves into a recovery phase and we begin the implementation of the Mayor’s Homelessness Recovery Plan,” said Abigail Stewart-Kahn, Interim Director of San Francisco’s Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “We are thankful to the Governor and for our partners’ help in securing this second grant from the state that will, combined with the Granada Hotel purchase, bring a total of 362 units online through Project Homekey funding.”

“Now is the time to take bold action to acquire new units of Permanent Supportive Housing, a proven solution to ending chronic homelessness. We are grateful for the leadership and partnership of the City of San Francisco and the State of California on behalf of the most vulnerable residents of our community,” said Beth Stokes, Executive Director, Episcopal Community Services (ECS). “ECS’ acquisition of the Diva, in conjunction with the Granada, will add 362 units of Permanent Supportive Housing to the City’s homeless response system, one of the largest expansions of Permanent Supportive Housing in San Francisco history.”

Building on the success of Project Roomkey, Project Homekey is the next phase in the State’s response to protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are at high risk for serious illness and are impacted by COVID-19. Administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), \$600 million in Project Homekey grant funding will be made available to local public entities, to purchase and rehabilitate housing,

including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings, and other buildings and convert them into interim or permanent, long-term housing.

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**SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES INITIATIVE TO HELP
VULNERABLE RESIDENTS VOTE IN ELECTION**

Deliver the Vote, a new citywide initiative in partnership with the Shanti Project, will help homebound and marginalized residents cast their ballots in the 2020 Election

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the launch of Deliver the Vote, a nonpartisan initiative to help San Francisco residents who are unable to leave their homes vote in the upcoming election. The City of San Francisco has partnered with the Shanti Project, a volunteer nonprofit organization, to provide personalized ballot pick-up and drop-off services to San Francisco voters who request assistance.

“Voting is essential to our democracy, and we need to support people in our community who need extra help to safely cast their ballot in this election,” said Mayor Breed. “Not everyone can easily walk to their nearest polling place or mail box, and especially with COVID, it’s more important than ever that we offer this service to our most vulnerable residents.”

The Deliver the Vote ballot pick-up and drop-off service is available to any San Francisco voter who is unable to cast their ballot on their own, whether due to age or disability. Upon request, a volunteer from the Shanti project will be assigned to go to a client’s residence, pick up their ballot, drop it off at the City’s Voting Center or an official drop-off site, and provide

information to the client on how they can track their ballot.

“In this political climate, we must do everything possible to protect and preserve the civil rights of our most marginalized communities,” said Shakirah Simley, Director of Office Racial Equity, San Francisco Human Rights Commission. “Safe and accessible voting options are critical for San Francisco voters of color, many who struggle with disabilities, are homebound or immunocompromised. I’m thrilled to work with Shanti, DAS, and our community partners to deliver this essential service, and ensure equity and inclusion in this election cycle.”

“It’s wonderful that the city, Shanti, and our nonprofit community network has come together to ensure that older and disabled people are able to cast their votes,” said Shireen McSpadden, Executive Director, San Francisco Department of Disability and Aging Services. “This is an especially important election, and we want to ensure that those sheltering in place and those with mobility challenges have their voices heard.”

Trained and trusted Shanti volunteers have been providing essential services to San Francisco residents since the beginning of COVID-19 and the Stay Home Health Order. These volunteers will provide a majority of the ballot pick-up and drop-off services. The Shanti project has partnered with several trusted nonprofit organizations to support this effort, including Bayview Senior Services, Tenderloin Community Benefit District, Curry Senior Services, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

“In a democracy, there is perhaps nothing more essential than voting,” said Kaushik Roy Shanti Project’s Executive Director. “Shanti is honored to work with the City and many of our great nonprofit partners to help ensure that all registered voters in San Francisco have the opportunity to be heard in this election”

Chip Supanich, a longtime San Francisco resident who has been HIV-positive for 35 years and experienced extreme mobility challenges, shared his gratitude for this service, “I know so many folks for whom physically voting is virtually impossible. This is an invaluable service for the City to offer.”

Any San Francisco resident who is homebound or otherwise facing challenges to dropping off their ballot can contact the Shanti Project for assistance by texting 415-449-7190 or calling 415-674-4701. Other neighborhood nonprofit organizations who would like to help with this service in their community should contact the Shanti by email at vote@shanti.org. For more information about Deliver the Vote, visit www.shanti.org.

Voting Options in San Francisco

Everyone registered to vote by October 19 in San Francisco was sent a vote-by-mail ballot for the November 3, 2020 election. San Francisco residents who are able to leave home to vote have several options for casting their ballot.

- **By Mail** – The USPS provides nearly 1,400 collection boxes in the City. Find your nearest mail box [here](#), and ensure the USPS can collect your ballot and postmark it on or before Election Day.
- **At the Voting Center (Civic Center)** – Through November 3, and open weekends starting Saturday, October 24.
- **At a Polling Place on Election Day** – Polling places are open on November 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. There are 588 polling places in San Francisco. Find your polling places

on San Francisco's [Voter Portal](#).

- **At Ballot Drop-Off Sites** - Through November 3, voters can drop-off ballots at the Voting Center.
 - Starting October 31 and through November 3, the Department will provide 12 drop-off sites throughout the City. Find your official ballot drop-off station [here](#).
- **Accessible Vote-by-Mail System** – allows voters to mark screen-readable vote-by-mail ballots using common internet-connected devices. After marking an AVBM ballot, a voter must download and print the ballot and return the ballot printout by mail or in person in a timely manner, just as vote-by-mail voters who use official paper ballots must do.

Voting Center

The Voting Center provides ballots and services to all City residents who wish to pick-up or drop-off vote-by-mail ballots, register to vote (before or after the registration deadline), obtain personal assistance, use accessible voting equipment, obtain replacement ballots, or cast their ballots in person.

To protect the health of voters wishing to obtain in-person voting services, the Voting Center is set up in the area outside of Bill Graham Civic Auditorium on 99 Grove Street, between Polk and Larkin Streets.

The Voting Center is open during these times:

- Every weekday through November 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Two weekends, October 24 and 25, and October 31 and November 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (same voting hours as polling places).

The Voting Center offers accessible voting tools such as page magnifiers, pen grips, and seated voting, as well as accessible ballot-marking devices with touchscreen/audio format and personal assistive device compatibility. Any voter may request to vote “curbside” at the Voting Center by calling (415) 554-4375 or by asking a companion to enter the voting center to request delivery of voting materials to the voter.

To make their voting experience faster and safer, voters can use the [Voting Locations and Wait Times Tool](#) to check wait times at the Voting Center as they are planning their trip. With early voting opportunities available before Election Day, San Francisco encourages residents to vote as early as possible.

General Voting Information

San Franciscans can review their registration information, find their polling place, track their ballot, and more, using San Francisco's [Voter Portal](#). For more information, go to <https://sfelections.sfgov.org/>.

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FEE AND TAX
WAIVERS TO SUPPORT ENTERTAINMENT AND NIGHTLIFE
BUSINESSES**

Fee and tax waiver will help approximately 300 businesses that have been unable to open due to COVID-19

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Treasurer José Cisneros today announced San Francisco will provide \$2.5 million in support for entertainment and nightlife venues in the form of additional fee and tax waivers. These businesses have been in large part unable to open due to COVID-19 and need assistance now. Waiving license and business registration fees and taxes for these businesses is part of Mayor Breed's efforts to support San Francisco's economic recovery, as is aligned with the policy recommendations from the Economic Recovery Task Force.

“We need to do more to support those businesses that contribute to San Francisco's unique and vibrant culture, which is a cornerstone for our economic recovery as a city,” said Mayor London Breed. “As we recover and keep up our progress on reopening, we want to make sure these businesses are still around to bring music, performances and excitement, as well as provide jobs for so many. Entertainment and nightlife are such an important part of why

people live and visit our city, and we hope these additional fee waivers reduce some of the financial stress they're experiencing."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, San Francisco's entertainment and nightlife businesses and venues have either not been able to operate at all, or in a very limited capacity, which has reduced their ability to survive. These businesses include music venues, clubs, bars, restaurants with live performances, all of which contribute tremendously to San Francisco's culture. Despite not being able to operate, these businesses were still required to pay certain license and business registration fees and taxes.

"When San Francisco faces an incredible challenge, the entire community pulls together," said Treasurer José Cisneros. "This tax and fee relief will remove a looming burden from many businesses who've been shuttered by COVID-19."

The City will provide financial relief for approximately 300 businesses that are permitted as entertainment venues and that have gross receipts of less than \$20 million, representing a total of approximately \$2.5 million in support for these businesses. Relief will be provided by waiving these businesses' regulatory license fees and Business Registration Fees for two years and by waiving their Payroll Expense Taxes for 2020. This is a fee waiver, not a deferral, so businesses will not have to pay back these fees at a later date. Businesses will still be required to file all business tax returns.

"Our entertainment venues are a large part of the reason people flock to San Francisco and rave about our culture," said Ben Bleiman, President of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. "They are also particularly vulnerable during these times due to their business models. We must do all we can to support these businesses, so that we have places to be able to come together once we're able to come together again. Thank you to Mayor Breed for her continued support of our entertainment and nightlife venues."

Waiving these fees aligns with the Economic Recovery Task Force's policy recommendations of preserving operations and lessening regulatory burdens for businesses. Additionally, the ERTF recommended supporting arts and cultural organizations, and this new policy provides financial relief for those organizations, many of which have been unable to open since March.

These new fee waivers build on Mayor Breed's prior support for San Francisco small businesses. In August, Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros announced they would continue to defer collection of Business Registration Fees and the Unified License Fees until March 1, 2021. These deferrals remain in place for other businesses.

Mayor Breed's other recently announced efforts to support small business and arts and cultural organizations include:

- Extending Shared Spaces permits through June 30, 2021 and working to make elements of the program permanent beyond that date.
- SF Shines Program, providing \$1.6 million in grants and design services to support neighborhood businesses that need to purchase furniture and fixtures and reconfigure space in order to meet health requirements for operating.
- Directing nearly \$6 million in funding for artists, teaching artists, arts organizations, and cultural workers, including a new universal basic income pilot program for San Francisco artists.
- The Cultural Districts Community Building and Impact program will award \$265,000 to

each legislatively approved Cultural District working to preserve, strengthen, and promote their cultural communities.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Breed has launched several initiatives and programs to assist businesses in San Francisco:

- Business tax deferrals for small businesses with up to \$10 million in gross receipts. Mayor Breed and Treasurer Cisneros notified small businesses that their first quarter businesses taxes can be deferred until February 2021. No interest payments, fees, or fines will accrue as a result of the deferral.
- \$10 million Workers and Families First Paid Sick Leave Program, providing up to 40 hours of paid sick leave per employee.
- \$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.
- \$3.2 million for the African American Small Business Revolving Loan Fund.
- \$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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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES CREATION OF COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT IN SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A new Community Liaison Unit will focus on supporting San Francisco's diverse communities, improving reporting of crime, and supporting victims of hate crimes and prejudice-based incidents

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the creation of a new Community Liaison Unit at the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). The unit is a team of five dedicated officers from the Police Department's Community Engagement Division that will focus on supporting the community's public safety needs and ensuring San Francisco's diverse communities feel safe and comfortable working with the Police Department.

The primary focus of the Community Liaison Unit is to gain the trust of the community, improve reporting of crime, support victims and their families, and seek out information that leads to the resolution of hate crimes and prejudice-based incidents. This team of officers will be responsible for SFPD's tracking of prejudice-based incidents, identifying patterns, and intervention techniques, and helping the community navigate the criminal justice system. They will serve as a liaison to San Francisco's diverse communities, including the Asian and Pacific Islander, African American, LGBTQ, Muslim, and Latino communities, communities with limited English proficiency, and older San Franciscans.

“We want to make sure that anyone who is a victim of a hate crime or any other crime motivated by prejudice knows that their City and their Police Department is there to help them. This new unit will give the community a place to turn to when they need assistance, and where they know they’ll be treated with dignity and respect,” said Mayor Breed. “We’re allocating our resources in a way that focuses on helping the community navigate the criminal justice system, which can be confusing and intimidating if you don’t have help, and we’re continuing our work to prevent crime from happening in the first place.”

“Building trust and communication between law enforcement and diverse communities is crucial to keeping our communities safe,” said Assemblymember David Chiu (D-San Francisco). “With anti-Asian sentiment and hate crimes on the rise, this new program will be especially beneficial for our API communities navigating this difficult time.”

The Community Liaison Unit is part of Mayor Breed’s public safety reform roadmap and efforts to support violence prevention and deploy resources in a way that supports the community. It allows police officers to conduct proactive outreach with community members and community-based organizations, and to build relationships before crime happens. When crimes do occur, the Community Liaison Unit is charged with enhancing the Department’s response and providing assistance to victims.

The creation of the new unit comes as there are increased reports of violence against Asian and Pacific Islander residents in San Francisco. The Community Liaison Unit builds on Mayor Breed’s efforts to bring the community together against discrimination. Recently, Mayor Breed and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission launched the Stand Together campaign, which is focused on denouncing and combating discrimination in San Francisco. Additionally, Mayor Breed’s Opportunities for All program has created a Cross-Cultural Justice Cohort, which has 10 youth who are working to build a youth coalition between the Asian and Pacific Islander community and the African American community in San Francisco.

“The San Francisco Police Department is committed to working collaboratively with community members, community-based organizations, other city agencies, and others, in order to reduce violent crime, create safer communities, and enhance the health and vibrancy of neighborhoods in San Francisco,” said San Francisco Police Chief William Scott. “This new unit within our Community Engagement Division will support our ongoing efforts and ensure that the City’s diverse communities feel safe and comfortable working with SFPD officers. Maintaining this trust and cooperation with the community is essential to our crime prevention mission and in solving crimes when they do occur.”

“CYC has a strong commitment to build a violence free community with our partners by developing community driven strategies to address the root causes of violence,” said Sarah Wan, Executive Director, Community Youth Center of San Francisco. “It is important for our monolingual Chinese and immigrant communities to feel safe and have more access to resources to live without fear. The newly formed Community Liaison Unit is one step forward in being more intentional in building and earning trustful relationships with the community.”

“As someone who has had over 30 years of experience in working with our seniors and monolingual Chinese residents, I am excited, grateful and hopeful for this newly formed SFPD unit to work with our community. This new unit will help address the underlying causes of some of the safety issues in a linguistically and culturally competent way,” said Marlene Tran,

Spokesperson of the Visitacion Valley Asian Alliance, current Southeast Community Facility Commissioner, and former Immigrant Rights Commissioner. “This effort by Mayor Breed and the SFPD is important to our community’s safety especially during this unprecedented time. I also want to take this opportunity to remind all our residents to support our police department and report all crimes.”

San Francisco’s existing Community Liaison Officers in the SFPD’s Community Engagement Division work hand-in-hand with Mayor Breed’s Street Violence Intervention Program and community crime prevention programs. They also educate and advise communities of their rights and responsibilities.

This new unit will support San Francisco’s Community Liaison Officers at each of the ten SFPD district stations. The officers will serve as a liaison between and in partnership with the SFPD District Stations, Investigations Bureau, the Media Relations Unit, the District Attorney’s Office, and the community, to improve the flow of communication on the status of cases and keep victims informed.

The officers in the Community Liaison Unit will regularly attend community meetings throughout the City with an emphasis in getting to know the community well, building partnerships and establishing trust. They will provide educational information to the community to prevent individuals from becoming victims of crime and to encourage reporting. Additionally, they will coordinate presentations and connect the community with nonprofit agencies and other resources that specifically address hate crimes and prejudice-based incidents.

The Unit aims to serve all members of San Francisco’s diverse communities, including residents who do not speak English. Over the coming months, the Community Liaison Unit will promote the use of crime tip lines dedicated to non-English language speakers, and will improve the SFPD’s communication with monolingual speaking residents through the use of social media platforms such as “We Chat.”

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The San Francisco Planning Department has published a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project at 447 Battery Street (Case No. 2014.1036ENV). The Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report is attached.

The document may be accessed here: https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents?field_environmental_review_catag_target_id=All&items_per_page=All

Hard copies and electronic files may be made available upon request.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED CELEBRATES CEREMONIAL
GROUNDBREAKING OF 100% AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON
BALBOA PARK UPPER YARD**

Former SFMTA surface parking lot will be converted into 131 homes for families

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today participated in the ceremonial groundbreaking of 131 affordable homes at Balboa Park Upper Yard (BPUY). The site is one of two new 100% affordable housing developments getting underway in District 11, and will feature a revamped Balboa Park BART station plaza as part of the total design. Once completed in 2023, the transit-oriented development will feature a number of community benefits, including a licensed early childhood education center with an outdoor activity area and family resource center.

The development advances the City's strategy for economic recovery, which is centered in stimulating new job creation and investing in infrastructure that ensures San Francisco's post-COVID-19 economy emerges more equitable and resilient than before. Pursuing the development of 131 units of new affordable housing, including onsite childhood education and incorporating multiple modes of transportation makes progress on several recommendations made by the Economic Recovery Task Force and illustrates the City's efforts to retain and support its residents.

"Moving forward with affordable housing now is critical as we work to get on the road to

recovery,” said Mayor Breed. “This project will create badly needed new affordable homes in a part of the city that hasn’t seen much new housing, and it will bring jobs at a time when we need to get people back to work. I want to recognize Supervisor Safaí for his leadership in fighting to move affordable housing project forward, and thank everyone who has helped make this project possible.”

In 2012, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors approved the sale of the BPUY to other partner agencies in order to meet community goals of increased transit ridership, new affordable housing and improved services to residents, consistent with The Balboa Park Station Area Plan. The BPUY site, a former SFMTA surface parking lot, was transferred to the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) in 2018 for the purposes of developing affordable housing. As an interim use, the site has been serving as the City’s first Vehicular Triage Center, which was created as a pilot program to provide a secure location and services for people who are living in their vehicles. The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing will continue to operate the Center through January 2021.

“I am extremely proud to bring 131 units of affordable workforce housing to District 11,” said Supervisor Ahsha Safaí. “By creating affordable workforce housing, District 11 will be able to retain its cultural and economic diversity, this means that working families such as janitors, teachers and nurses will be able to live in the city they work in — a win for all. This housing is also emblematic of the great things that can be achieved when all stakeholders work toward a common goal. Thanks to Mayor Breed, Mission Housing, the community and everyone else who helped bring this project to fruition.”

In September 2016, MOHCD selected Related California (Related) and Mission Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) to develop, own, and operate the family housing proposed for the Site. BPUY is the first affordable housing development in the City to receive planning department approval to utilize Senate Bill 35, which has streamlined the approval processes for this infill project and will allow construction to start sooner.

“Mission Housing is honored to help develop such an important community asset,” said Sam Moss, Executive Director, Mission Housing Development Corporation. “The Balboa Park Upper Yard represents the best of what we can accomplish when the community works together to build something truly beautiful.”

The 131-unit development at BPUY, which is being developed by MHDC in partnership with Related, has 39 apartments set aside for existing HOPE SF residents voluntarily relocating from the Sunnydale-Velasco public housing site. Amenities at BPUY will include a 3,994-square-foot licensed early childhood education center, a family wellness community resource center operated by MHDC’s resident services department, and a commercial space operated by PODER, a grassroots environmental justice organization, for bicycle maintenance.

“We’re proud to be working with the Mayor, Supervisor Safaí, BART and our community partner, Mission Housing, to develop this mixed-use community adjacent to public transportation that will provide the residents of District 11 the housing and services they deserve,” said Bill Witte, Chairman and CEO, Related California. “We cannot let the pandemic distract us from our work to make San Francisco a more equitable city.”

As part of the funding applications, the developers worked closely with BART and SFMTA to

complete a redesign of the southern portion of the Balboa Park BART Station Plaza, in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the area. The result will be a brand-new pedestrian plaza next to BPUY and a new vehicle drop off area will that be built at the same time as the housing.

“The Balboa Park Upper Yard project and new BART plaza are smart investments in this vibrant neighborhood,” said Bevan Dufty, Member of the BART Board of Directors. “Transit-oriented development, advancing affordable housing and safe pedestrian and bicycle access, builds complete communities with vital access to jobs, services, and cultural destinations by BART.”

BPUY is supported by California Strategic Growth Council’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) with funds from California Climate Investments —Cap-and-Trade Dollars at Work. The developers submitted a successful application for nearly \$30 million in grant dollars, which includes \$20 million in housing funds, \$3.3 million for new BART cars, another \$5 million for the BART Plaza and another \$1.2 million for Ocean Avenue bike and pedestrian safety improvements, in partnership with the SFMTA. Residents of the new building will also receive free Muni passes for three years. In addition, the developers were awarded an Infrastructure Infill Grant to fill the Plaza gap for another \$3.5 million, bringing the total contribution from the State to approximately \$33.2 million. Locally, the BART Plaza also received another \$1 million for capital costs from the San Francisco County Transportation Authority from Prop K.

“The Balboa Park Upper Yard exemplifies the type high-quality, transit-oriented development the California Strategic Growth Council is proud to support,” said Louise Bedsworth, Executive Director, California Strategic Growth Council. “We congratulate the project partners on today’s groundbreaking, and commend them for working with the community to realize affordable housing options that connect San Francisco families with transit and active transportation, green spaces, and on-site childcare – all while reducing the emissions that contribute to climate change.”

“HCD is proud to be a small part of this giant accomplishment,” said Gustavo Velasquez, Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development. “With funding from our Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities and Infill Infrastructure Grant programs and an ongoing partnership with the City of San Francisco, we continue to fund housing that supports the state’s greenhouse gas reduction goals and creates healthier communities and Californians by making it easier for residents and neighbors to live near the things they need so they can walk, bike, and take transit.”

The nine-story building, designed by Mithun includes studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and three-bedroom apartments. Once complete, the new homes will be available to applicants with a broad range of incomes including 40%, 50%, 74% and 104% Area Median Income (AMI) or below. Communities United for Health and Justice led a diverse coalition of District 11 residents to partner with key stakeholders on the design of BPUY.

“This has been a true neighborhood-wide effort, with diverse community residents planning and leading the way, combining the first-hand knowledge and expertise of numerous community members,” said Jessie Fernandez, program manager, Communities United for Health and Justice. “Together we have flipped the script of community development by forging a bold community-based vision first. The Upper Yard represents the very best in

collaboration between the community and decision makers. Our success at the Balboa Upper Yard should set an example of people-focused planning for our ever-changing city to always keep its people at the forefront.”

Major financing for BPUY was provided by a \$32.5 million investment from MOHCD that enabled the \$122.8 million project to move forward. Operating subsidies will be delivered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Project Based Voucher program administered by the San Francisco Housing Authority.

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