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Subject: FW: 714 Steiner Street 2020-01121COA
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To the members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

The owners of this historic property are asking to, among other things, alter the exterior of the building to remove the garage door and to install a bike shed in the front setback.

As you are aware, 914 Steiner Street is part of the postcard row of houses universally known by tourists as "the painted ladies," presumably in homage to Elizabeth Pomada and Michael Larsen, who coined the term for their 1978 book *Painted Ladies: San Francisco's Resplendent Victorians*. This famous row is part of what became the Alamo Square Historic District.

This is not the first time these architectural gems have been threatened; let us not forget that the entire district was scheduled for demolition by the Redevelopment Agency before the historic district was established in 1984, largely through the efforts of incoming settlers who purchased and restored these much-maligned beauties. Most of these pioneers are now enjoying their just rewards, with few left to speak out about the loss of heritage represented by changes such as those proposed.

Unfortunately, many newer owners are either indifferent to the historic significance of their homes, or lack respect for or knowledge of historic architecture, ignoring the fact that owning a home in a historic district is a privilege and a responsibility, and often includes accepting a measure of personal inconvenience.

Since this is already a two-unit building, the proposed work would not add additional housing, but instead turn 714 into a mansion disguised as a simple Victorian cottage.

Devotion to and promotion of the idea that everyone should use bicycles as a sole means of transportation need not extend to the desecration of historic resources. There are no bicycle sheds in front of the sister houses, nor is a bicycle shed historically accurate. And with regard to disguising the proposed structure as a planter, the question must be asked whether a planter, in and of itself, would be allowed.

Thank you for your consideration. Please deny this request.

Sue Valentine

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1027 Hayes Street

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Friday, October 1, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

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

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF
TWO BUILDINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH
AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS**

Located in the Mission and South of Market neighborhoods, the buildings will provide space for 26 adults to live in a community setting with access to care, services, and treatment.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco Department of Public Health today announced the acquisition of two buildings that will house people living with mental health and substance use disorders as part of the City's long-term plan to strengthen and expand access to behavioral health support. The two buildings, located on Florida Street in the Mission and Dore Street in the South of Market neighborhood, will be transformed into cooperative housing for twenty-six adults under the City's Cooperative Living for Mental Health (CLMH) Program.

The cooperative living model created under CLMH is a key part of San Francisco's work to provide housing and care for people with mental health and substance use disorders. Cooperative living allows people with mental health and substance use disorders to live in community with access to care, services, and treatment in spaces operated by local behavioral health service providers. The model can also assist in progress to independent living. Purchasing cooperative living buildings shields these spaces from market volatility, protecting clients and allowing the City's community-based organization partners to continue to offer

much needed affordable housing.

“These buildings are part of our long-term strategy to transform how we deliver support for those living with mental health and substance use challenges,” said Mayor Breed. “We are focusing on a whole range of solutions that cover everything from improving street outreach to providing safe, supportive housing for our most vulnerable residents. This is all part of our commitment to create a safer, healthier San Francisco for all.”

In addition to these purchases that ensure the long-term affordability of existing beds, San Francisco is adding 400 new treatment beds for people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges. This represents a 20% increase in the City’s residential treatment capacity. In 2021 alone, San Francisco will see 140 new beds opened, including the following:

- The 20-bed SOMA RISE Center, which will open this winter as part of the City's response to the drug overdose crisis. It will offer a safe indoor space for people who have used methamphetamine or other substances, monitor their health while intoxicated, and connecting them with other health and social services.
- A 10-bed residential treatment facility specifically designed to treat young adults with serious mental health and/or substance use disorders is under design.
- Neighborhood-based psychiatric respite facilities for people experiencing homelessness to shelter in a safe, supportive environment where they can also access ongoing care.

Nonprofit supportive housing and behavioral health care provider Conard House will own and operate the two CLMH properties on Florida and Dore Streets in partnership with the City’s Department of Public Health (DPH). Established in 1960 with the first transitional housing program in San Francisco, Conard House operates and provides social services at nine residential hotels and 19 private apartments across San Francisco, inclusive of the Florida and Dore Street locations.

“Establishing sustainable, viable and cost-effective housing opportunities for people living with serious mental health challenges is what these acquisitions represent and what we want to expand in San Francisco. Cooperative housing offers long-term solutions and alternatives to inpatient treatment, incarceration and homelessness. With public-private partnerships and initiatives like CLMH, we can ensure that everyone has a place to call home in San Francisco,” said Anne Quaintance, Executive Director of Conard House.

“Cooperative housing is a critical part of behavioral health services for people with serious mental health and substance use disorders. Mayor Breed’s commitment to preserve cooperative living spaces, as well as open 400 new treatment and care beds across San Francisco, addresses people’s psychiatric needs as well as their housing needs, which are both vital to achieving health and recovery,” said Director of Health, Dr. Grant Colfax. “With the purchases at Florida and Dore Streets, DPH is pleased to continue our partnership with Conard House and continue to offer supportive housing for some of our residents most in need.”

1140-1142 Florida Street is located in the Mission District and will house 8 adults in separate bedrooms, with access to shared kitchens, bathrooms, and a large backyard. 139-145 Dore Street in San Francisco’s South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood, will consist of six 3-bedroom apartments that will accommodate 18 adults. In both locations, residents will have individual bedrooms but will share common spaces. Conard House will provide services and case management to residents to ensure success living in their new homes.

"Congratulations to Conard House for taking on these first two cooperative living sites for people with chronic mental illness," said Supervisor Hillary Ronen, who authored the CLMH legislation in 2019. "One of the most glaring gaps in our response to mental illness is the lack of housing options for people exiting residential treatment programs. For many people who are dealing with a combination of psychiatric and addiction issues, the key to stability and success is to be away from larger, sometimes hectic living situations that can trigger continued crises. Cooperative living can open the door to stability and serenity in their lives. These two properties mark a great step forward addressing our mental health crisis."

"Any effective response to the crisis on our streets will require us to create more appropriate placements for unsheltered people with significant behavioral health needs," said Supervisor Rafael Mandelman. "The Cooperative Living Opportunities for Mental Health Program is one innovative housing model for getting sick people off the streets into care. Bravo to Mayor Breed and Supervisor Ronen for their leadership; we need many more such facilities, in my district and across the city."

"The City's Cooperative Living Mental Health program fills a critical gap in providing housing for those struggling with mental health and substance use disorders," said Supervisor Matt Haney. "This is an opportunity to help stabilize some of our most vulnerable residents, provide onsite care, and prevent homelessness. My district in particular has suffered from the lack of appropriate responses and solutions to the mental health and substance use crises we are seeing on our streets. This program is a key component in finally addressing these issues."

The acquisitions and most rehabilitations planned for each site were financed by the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF). The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development expects to provide HAF with permanent financing for the buildings in 2022 following the completion of repair improvements and upgrades.

"We created the Housing Accelerator Fund to make sure the City and its partners were able to quickly access the resources they need to implement innovative, impactful solutions like the CLMH program," said HAF's CEO Rebecca Foster. "We look forward to continuing to work with the City and housing providers like Conard House to connect more residents to supportive homes."

For the latest update on San Francisco's residential care and treatment expansion, go to: sf.gov/residential-care-and-treatment.

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Commissioners,
Attached are your Calendars for October 6, 2021.

Cheers,

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HPC Hearing Results 2021

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NEXT RESOLUTION No: 1199

NEXT MOTION No: 0446

NEXT COMMENT LETTER: 0089

M = Motion; R = Resolution; L = HPC Comment Letter

September 15, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Election of Officers		Matsuda – President; Nageswaran – Vice	+7 -0 +4 -3 (Black, Foley, So against)
R-1198	2021-003608DES	Trocadero Clubhouse (19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove)	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7-0
	2019-0222850ENV	1101-1123 Sutter Street	Greving	Reviewed and Commented	

September 1, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for August 18, 2021	Ionin		+7-0
R-1197	2021-006260PCA	State-Mandated Accessory Dwelling Unit Controls [BF 210585]	Flores	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with Staff Modifications	+7-0
	2021-007060DES	200 Rhode Island Street	Westhoff	Added to the Landmark Designation Work Program	+6-0 (Matsuda recused)

August 18, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for August 4, 2021	Lynch	Adopted	+7-0
M-0444	2020-009076COA	900 Innes Avenue	Westhoff	Approved with Conditions	+6-0 (Wright recused)
M-0445	2019-023623COA	130 Townsend Street	Westhoff	Approved with Conditions	+6-0 (Wright recused)
	2018-013597ENV	Portsmouth Square Improvement Project	Taylor	Reviewed and Commented	

August 4, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for ARC May 19, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
		Draft Minutes for HPC July 21, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1195	2021-002831DES	One Montgomery Street (Aka 1-25 Montgomery Street), Crocker National Bank Building	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation	+6-0 (Wright recused)
R-1196	2021-002874DES	447 Battery Street (aka Jones-Thierbach Coffee Company Building)	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval as amended to include Findings articulated by Commissioners Nageswaran and Johns; and eliminating the three-story, rectangular shape as character defining features.	+5 -1 (Nageswaran against; Wright recused)
M-0442	2021-001636PTA	161 Steuart Street	Vimr	Approved with Conditions	+7 -0
	2019-021884ENV	2500 Mariposa Street	Greving	Reviewed and Commented (Commissioners Foley and Nageswaran recused)	
M-0443	2020-010382CRV	Delegation of Minor Scopes of Work to the Planning Department	Giacomucci; Vimr	Approved with Amendments read into the record.	+7 -0

July 21, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for July 7, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
	2020-009076COA	900 Innes Avenue	Westhoff	Continued to August 18, 2021	+6-0 (Wright recused)
M-0441	2021-004293COA	55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive	Taylor	Approved with Conditions as amended to include: 1. ARG Comments related to patching; 2. This temporary installation is to run concurrent with the Monumental Reckoning installation and expire on June 19, 2023; 3. Mock-up installation and removal to ensure no damage, prior to full installation; 4. Gasketing is to be further explored; and 5. Core drilling is no longer a part of the installation.	+7 -0

July 7, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
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		Draft Minutes for June 16, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1192	2021-005812PCA	Establishing the Sunset Chinese Cultural District Ordinance [Board File 210599]	Ikezoe	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
	2020-0096400TH	Centering Planning on Racial & Social Equity	Flores	Reviewed and Commented	
R-1193	2021-001791PCA	Review Of Large Residence Developments [Board File No. 210116]	Merlone	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with Staff Modifications, adding a Whereas clause, encouraging the Planning Commission and Supervisor to take additional time to provide clarity and address the concerns raised by the HPC.	+7 -0
M-0440	2020-005897PTA	233 Geary Street	Vimr	Approved with Conditions	+7 -0
R-1194	2021-004690CRV	555 19th Street	Giacomucci	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
	2019-014146ENV	520 John Muir Drive	Greving	Reviewed and Commented	
	2017-012086ENV	770 Woolsey Street	Greving	Reviewed and Commented	

June 16, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for May 19, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
	2020-005897PTA	233 Geary Street	Vimr	Continued to July 7, 2021	+7 -0
	2020-009076COA	900 Innes Avenue	Westhoff	Continued to July 21, 2021	+7 -0
M-0437	2021-001102PTA	660 Market Street	Vimr	Approved	+7 -0
M-0438	2020-010710COA	400 California Street	Enchill	Approved (Option 2) adding a finding indicating a strong recommendation for an on-site interpretive program, with the expectation that the Planning Commission will make it a condition of approval as part of the project's entitlement.	+7 -0
	2018-013597ENV	Portsmouth Square Improvement Project	Taylor	Reviewed and Commented	
M-0439	2015-001033COA-02	940 Battery Street	Salgado	Approved	+6-0 (Foley absent)

May 19, 2021 ARC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
	2020-005897PTA	233 Geary Street	Vimr	Reviewed and Commented	
	2021-004293COA	55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive	Taylor	Reviewed and Commented	

May 19, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for May 5, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
	2020-010710COA	400 California Street	Enchill	Continued to June 2, 2021	+7 -0
R-1185	2021-004010LBR	Pier 45 Shed D-1	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+6 -0 (Matsuda recused)
R-1186	2021-004011LBR	6040 Geary Boulevard	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1187	2021-004018LBR	3067 Sacramento Street	Bishop	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1188	2021-004015LBR	25 Russia Avenue	Bishop	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1189	2021-004017LBR	618 Broadway	Wu	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1190	2021-004016LBR	1745 Folsom Street	Wu	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1191	2021-001853DES	San Francisco Eagle Bar, 396-398 12th Street	Westhoff	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0

May 5, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
	2020-009076COA	900 Innes Avenue	Westhoff	Continued to June 2, 2021	+7 -0
		Draft Minutes for April 7, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
M-0436	2021-000965COA	1201 Ortega Street	Cisneros	Approved	+7 -0
R-1184	2021-001721DES	"The Making of a Fresco Showing the Building of a City," 800 Chestnut Street	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval as amended.	+7 -0

April 21, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for April 7, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1183	2021-002933PCA	Simplify Restrictions on Small Business [Board File No. 210285] –	Nickolopoulos	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with staff modifications.	+7 -0

April 7, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for March 3, 2021	Lynch	Adopted	+7 -0
M-0434	2020-010391PTA	1 Kearny Street	Salgado	Approved	+7 -0

R-1175	2021-005280LBR	298 Pacific Avenue	Wilborn	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1176	2021-002581LBR	358 Noe Street	Wilborn	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1177	2021-002571LBR	550 Bayshore Boulevard	Wu	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1178	2021-002569LBR	650 04th Street	Balba	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1179	2021-002579LBR	1735 Mission Street	Balba	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1180	2021-002570LBR	937 Cole Street	Agnihotri	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1181	2021-002891LBR	4115 19th Street	Agnihotri	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
M-0435	2020-004724COA	1045 Sansome Street	Langlie	Approved	+7 -0
	2020-009076COA	900 Innes Avenue	Westhoff	After hearing and closing public comment, Continued to May 5, 2021	+7 -0
	2014.0263U	Residence Parks Historic Context Statement	McMillen	Reviewed and Commented	
R-1182	2021-000795DES	Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park	McMillen	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
	2016-013156SRV	Citywide Cultural Resources Survey	Boudreaux	Reviewed and Commented	
	2015-0071810TH	Preservation Reporting and Landmarks Update	Boudreaux	Reviewed and Commented	

March 3, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for February 17, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
	2020-004724COA	1045 Sansome Street	Langlie	Continued to April 7, 2021	+7 -0
M-0432	2021-000208COA	1800 Mission Street	Salgado	Approved	+6 -0 (Matsuda absent)
R-1171	2021-001263LBR	848 Washington Street	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1172	2021-001264LBR	350 Hayes Street	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1173	2021-001265LBR	888 Brannan Street, Suite 100	Wu	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1174	2021-001255LBR	4494 Mission Street	Wu	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
M-0433	2019-022126COA-04	55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive	Taylor	Approved as revised by Staff and amended to include: 1. Eight weeks for Rec/Park to provide materials re: the generator and fencing; and 2. An update hearing in 12 months.	+7 -0

February 17, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for February 3, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1170	2020-011305DES	Lyon-Martin House, 649-651 Duncan Street	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval, striking any reference to the adjacent vacant parcel.	+6 -1 (Hyland against)
	2019-022126COA-04	55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive	Taylor	After hearing and closing public comment, Continued to March 3, 2021	+6 -0 (Johns absent)

February 3, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for January 20, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1167	2020-010430CRV	FY 2020-2021 Proposed Department Budget	Landis	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1168	2021-000331LBR	250 Napoleon Street	Wilborn	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1169	2020-000330LBR	5166 3rd Street	Bishop	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
	2019-022850ENV	1101-1123 Sutter Street	Greving	Reviewed and Commented	

January 20, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for January 6, 2021	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
		Election of Officers	Ionin	Hyland – President; Matsuda – Vice	+7 -0
	2020-010430CRV	FY 2021-2023 Proposed Department Budget and Work Program	Landis		
R-1165	2020-009613DES	2778 24th Street (Casa Sanchez Building)	LaValley	Adopted a Recommendation for Initiation	+7 -0
R-1166	2020-009614DES	2868 Mission Street (Mission Cultural Center)	Corrette	Adopted a Recommendation for Initiation	+7 -0

January 6, 2021 HPC Hearing Results:

Action No.	Case No.		Planner	Action	Vote
		Draft Minutes for December 16, 2020	Ionin	Adopted	+7 -0
R-1160	2020-011535LBR	415 Geary Street	Wilborn	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0

R-1161	2020-011546LBR	3003 03rd Street	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1162	2020-011549LBR	1376 Haight Street	Gunther	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1163	2020-011536LBR	1792 Haight Street	Agnihotri	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0
R-1164	2020-011534LBR	2720 24th Street	Agnihotri	Adopted a Recommendation for Approval	+7 -0

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
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Subject: FW: For Review: Memo regarding public meetings
Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 9:28:55 AM

HPC and CPC Commissioners,

FYI, the below mentioned resolution will be added to your Oct. 6th and Oct. 7th hearing Agendas, respectively.

Quite honestly, I would be surprised to hold in-person hearings in November this year.

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Dear Colleagues:

This is to advise you that the City Attorney's Office has updated its advice on public meeting requirements in light of recently enacted State legislation and other developments. The City Attorney's memorandum (dated September 28, 2021) can be accessed on the City Attorney's website at [this link](#).

Of particular relevance and importance to you all, the memorandum outlines new requirements under State law (AB 361, signed by the Governor on September 16th) in order for boards, commissions and advisory bodies to continue holding remote meetings. Specifically, **all public policy bodies must regularly adopt certain findings at least once every 30 days in order to continue holding remote meetings, beginning with the first public meeting convened on or after on October 1, 2021.**

You may refer to Section B beginning on page 4 of the City Attorney's memorandum for additional guidance on what is required under AB 361. A sample motion adopting

findings is also attached at the end of the memorandum.

Please note that this is a *permissive* State law (that is, it allows public bodies in California the *discretion* to continue virtual meetings without otherwise complying with provisions under the Brown Act, provided that these certain requirements and criteria are met); however, as noted in previous emails, City boards and commissions (except Members of the Board of Supervisors, or in cases of personnel-related matters) continue to be *prohibited* from meeting in person under the Mayor's Emergency Order. Once the Mayor and/or Board of Supervisors take action to lift those provisions of the Emergency Order, City boards and commissions will once again be required to meet in person as provided under local laws.

The Mayor's Office has not provided an update on the timing of when the Emergency Order will be lifted, but we know that it will be no sooner than November 1st. The City Attorney will issue a follow-up memorandum to address the applicable rules and requirements once commissions are obligated to return to in-person meetings on or after November 1st.

I will continue to update you as I receive further information from the Mayor's Office. In the meantime, you are required to comply with the requirements under AB 361 while your board or commission continues to convene meetings remotely as required under the Emergency Order.

We thank you for your patience and continued compliance with these complex legal requirements. Please consult with your Deputy City Attorney should you have any questions or wish to modify the template motion included in the advice memorandum.

Warmest Regards,

Tyra Fennell

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Office of Mayor London N. Breed

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DAVID CHIU TO SERVE AS SAN FRANCISCO CITY
ATTORNEY**

Assemblymember Chiu, who previously served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and as a public interest attorney, will replace Dennis Herrera, who served as City Attorney since 2001

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today appointed Assemblymember David Chiu to serve as the next San Francisco City Attorney. Chiu will succeed City Attorney Dennis Herrera, who served in that role since 2001 and will be the new General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

Chiu has represented the 17th Assembly District since 2014, during which time he has authored a wide range of bills on issues relating to housing, homelessness, transportation, education, environment, health, public safety, and civil rights. Before entering public office, Chiu served as a civil rights attorney with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, a criminal prosecutor with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, Democratic Counsel to the United States Senate Constitution Subcommittee, and a law clerk for Judge James R. Browning of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"I am proud to appoint David Chiu as the next City Attorney for the City and County of San

Francisco,” said Mayor Breed. “David has spent his career working to improve the lives of San Franciscans, from his time at the Board of Supervisors through his work as an Assemblymember. He has the vision, integrity, and experience, and I know he will continue to fight for the people in our community who are most in need. I know that he will bring that same approach to this new role and I am confident that the City Attorney’s Office will be in good hands for years to come.”

"I am deeply grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve as San Francisco's next City Attorney," said Assemblymember Chiu. "Throughout my legal career and in public service, I have seen the real impact of the law on everyday people. It will be an honor to be able to use the power of the law to fight for justice on behalf of the people of San Francisco in this new capacity. The San Francisco City Attorney's Office has been on the forefront of some of the most important legal battles in the country, and I look forward to continuing that legacy."

In the State Legislature, Chiu authored significant legislation to expand and strengthen the civil rights of women, immigrants, and LGBTQ+ Californians. As chair of the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee, he worked to protect tenants from evictions during COVID, and passed the largest expansion of tenants’ rights in California in decades. Chiu fought often to protect consumers through the regulation of entrenched interests like pharmaceutical companies, Wall Street banks, lead paint companies, for-profit colleges, and gun manufacturers.

Chiu received his undergraduate, master’s, and law degrees from Harvard University. The son of immigrant parents, he grew up in Boston, Massachusetts, and moved to San Francisco in 1996. Chiu would be the first Asian American City Attorney of San Francisco.

The City Attorney’s Office is tasked with providing legal services for the City and County of San Francisco. This includes representing the City in all legal proceedings, providing advice and written opinions, making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding settlements or dismissal of legal proceedings, investigating claims made against the City, and pursuing allegations of unfair and unlawful competition in the City.

“It has been the professional honor and privilege of my life to serve the people of San Francisco as their City Attorney for nearly 20 years,” outgoing City Attorney Dennis Herrera said. “I’m pleased to be able to leave this office in the hands of David Chiu, someone who is committed to the mission, values, and integrity that have made the San Francisco City Attorney’s Office so remarkable for so long. I’ve known David for years. He is a person of principle and integrity. He is committed to transparency and clean government. And he is independent. He is going to be a great City Attorney.”

Chiu will replace Dennis Herrera, who was first elected as City Attorney in 2001. Herrera will become the new General Manager of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on November 1, 2021.

Following Chiu’s start as City Attorney, the Governor will call for a special election to be held within 140 days for the Assembly District 17 seat.

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**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
APPROVES CONTRACT FOR DENNIS HERRERA TO SERVE
AS GENERAL MANAGER**

Herrera, nominated by Mayor Breed, will begin serving as General Manager on November 1

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) today approved Dennis Herrera's contract to serve as the new SFPUC General Manager. Herrera was elected as City Attorney of San Francisco in 2001, and will bring decades of experience serving City residents and advancing environmental policies around clean water and renewable energy through his nationally-recognized office.

Mayor Breed nominated Dennis Herrera to the SFPUC in April, and in June, the SFPUC Commission officially recommended him to serve as the agency's next General Manager. With the ratification of his contract today by the Commission, Herrera will officially serve as SFPUC General Manager beginning November 1.

“With the Commission approving Dennis Herrera's contract, I am glad we can now move forward with a new era for the SFPUC,” said Mayor Breed. “Dennis's long track record of integrity and ethical leadership, as well as his experience leading on issues from civil rights to environmental protection to renewable energy, has demonstrated the type of leadership he will bring to this new role. I am confident that he is the right person at the right time for this job,

and I fully expect the SFPUC to continue moving forward programs like CleanPowerSF and our ambitious efforts around public power. I want to thank the Commission and President Sophie Maxwell for their leadership during this process and Dennis Herrera for his willingness to serve.”

“I can’t wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work for all of the SFPUC’s ratepayers,” Herrera said. “It’s an honor to have this unique opportunity to face the challenges of our time as the General Manager of the SFPUC. We are in a historic drought fueled by climate change. PG&E’s unsafe and unreliable management of the power grid hampers our ability to meet our climate change goals. Now is the time to make real progress. It’s time to further diversify our water sources, boost our water recycling, deliver a state-of-the-art seismically strong wastewater system, and buy the electric grid in the City so we can provide all San Franciscans with clean, safe, and reliable public power. I want to thank Mayor Breed and the SFPUC Commission for this opportunity. I couldn’t be prouder of the work the City Attorney’s Office has done over the last 20 years, and now I’m ready to join all of the hardworking staff at the SFPUC to meet these challenges together.”

The SFPUC provides retail drinking water and wastewater services to the City of San Francisco, wholesale water to three Bay Area counties, green hydroelectric and solar power to Hetch Hetchy electricity customers, and power to the residents and businesses of San Francisco through the CleanPowerSF program.

“After a thoughtful and deliberative process to select the new General Manger, the Commission looks forward to working with General Manager Herrera to make the SFPUC a model utility of the future, and to tackle the critical issues facing the SFPUC and the state,” said SFPUC Commission President Sophie Maxwell. “We want to express our thanks to Acting General Manager Michael Carlin for his service these past 10 months.”

For nearly two decades, Herrera has been at the forefront of pivotal water, power and sewer issues. He worked to save state ratepayers \$1 billion during PG&E’s first bankruptcy in the early 2000s and has been a leading advocate for San Francisco to adopt full public power for years.

In 2009, he reached a key legal agreement with Mirant to permanently close the Potrero Power Plant, San Francisco’s last fossil fuel power plant, and secured \$1 million to help address pediatric asthma in nearby communities.

In 2018, Herrera defeated a years-long attempt to drain Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, the crown jewel of the SFPUC system, which provides emissions-free hydroelectric power and clean drinking water to 2.7 million Bay Area residents. He is also leading efforts before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the courts to fight PG&E’s predatory tactics to grow its corporate monopoly by illegally overcharging public projects like schools, homeless shelters, and affordable housing to connect to the energy grid.

Herrera sued the five largest investor-owned fossil fuel companies in the world in 2017, alleging they knew for decades that their products caused global warming, and yet they deliberately deceived consumers about their products’ known dangers while continuing to promote and profit off them. The lawsuit, currently ongoing, seeks billions of dollars for infrastructure to protect San Francisco against sea-level rise caused by the fossil fuel industry’s products, including large portions of the SFPUC’s combined sewer and stormwater system.

Herrera was first elected as City Attorney in December 2001, and went on to build what *The American Lawyer* magazine hailed as “one of the most aggressive and talented city law departments in the nation.”

Herrera’s office was involved in every phase of the legal war to achieve marriage equality, from early 2004 to the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark rulings in June 2013. Herrera was also the first to challenge former President Trump’s attempts to deny federal funding to sanctuary cities. He repeatedly defeated the Trump administration in different cases as it sought to punish sanctuary cities, deny basic benefits like food stamps to legal immigrants, and discriminate in health care against women, the LGBTQ community, and other vulnerable groups. He brought groundbreaking consumer protection cases against payday lenders, credit card arbitrators and others. He also brought pioneering legal cases to help young people, including allowing public school students to safely return to in-person education and blocking an attempt to strip City College of San Francisco of its accreditation.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES OVER \$12 MILLION
IN FUNDING FOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS**

Grants for the Arts funding priorities the City's commitment to economic recovery and community activation by supporting local parades and festivals

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and City Administrator Carmen Chu today announced over \$12 million in general operating support grants to fund arts and cultural organizations. This year's Grants for the Arts (GFTA) funding is primarily dedicated to the general operating support for arts organizations and also aims to support community parades and festivals to help restore the City's cultural vibrancy and drive its economic recovery.

“We know that the pandemic has been hard on all of us, but it has been especially difficult for our city's artists and cultural organizations,” said Mayor Breed. “The arts are part of what makes San Francisco so special and create an inclusive atmosphere for all who live in and visit our city. During this critical time in our economic recovery, we need to do everything we can to bring back our community festivals that are loved by so many, and support those who contribute to our city's vibrant culture.”

As president of the Board of Supervisors, Mayor Breed spearheaded Proposition E, which was passed by voters in 2018 and allocated 1.5% of hotel tax revenue to the arts. Due to the loss of hotel tax revenues brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Breed allocated funding from the General Fund to backfill losses during this year's budget cycle. Mayor Breed's

budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 also includes \$12 million for GFTA to support arts organizations, as well as parades and festivals.

“Cultural festivals and arts have always been an essential part of San Francisco’s vibrant community. They draw people to San Francisco, bring communities together, and in many ways, define our experiences here,” said City Administrator Carmen Chu. “Supporting our arts organizations during these challenging times is key to our City’s recovery.”

The City Administrator manages GFTA, a program that has provided a stable and dependable source for general operating costs to support the City’s arts and cultural organizations since 1961. Since its inception, GFTA has distributed over \$400 million to hundreds of arts non-profits and cultural organizations. GFTA funds over 250 arts organizations each fiscal year, including those organizing and supporting parades and festivals throughout the City.

Committed to serving San Francisco’s diverse communities, this is the first year GFTA implemented a funding process that used a strong equity lens to focus on art organizations deeply rooted in and serving diverse populations.

“Having art and cultural events around every corner in the City is why people live here and it’s why people from all over the world visit San Francisco. Art and culture is the soul of San Francisco,” said Vallie Brown, Director of Grants for the Arts. “As San Francisco slowly comes out of our long COVID nap, it’s vital that we support our arts organizations and our community’s parades and festivals.”

“Cultural live music and dance has been missing from our community throughout the pandemic,” says Roberto Hernandez, CEO of Carnaval San Francisco. “We appreciate Mayor Breed and Grants for the Arts for providing funding for all communities as we begin to recover and heal.”

In addition to parades and festivals, GFTA funds other essential arts activities, specifically those that capture and reflect the experiences of the City’s diverse communities, including BIPOC and LGBTQ communities and cross-cultural collaborations.

“We are blessed to live in one of the best cities in the world that cares about BIPOC stories, artists, and arts organizations by putting actionable effort into funding them,” says Rodney Earl Jackson Jr., Artistic Director of San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Company (SFBATCO). SFBATCO is a Black, Latine, Asian-led non-profit organization producing compelling theater that builds community, fosters cross-cultural dialogue, and promotes social justice.

A complete list of GFTA’s Fiscal Year 2022 grants can be found [here](#).

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED AND SAN FRANCISCO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCE VACCINATION
REQUIREMENT FOR ALL AIRPORT WORKERS**

Mandate for all airline, service, concession, and construction employees effective immediately

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) today announced a requirement that all airport workers be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The mandate, the first for a U.S. airport, goes into effect immediately and requires all on-site personnel to be vaccinated or, if exempt, be tested weekly for COVID-19.

“We know that vaccines are the most effective way to prevent COVID-19 transmission and reduce hospitalizations and deaths,” said Mayor Breed. “This new requirement supports our aggressive measures to protect the health and safety of our region and our continued economic recovery. I want to thank SFO for their continued leadership protecting our city and its visitors.”

“Throughout this pandemic, SFO has been leading the aviation industry in protecting passengers and employees alike,” said Airport Director Ivar C. Satero. “As SFO prepares for the upcoming holiday travel season, and the return of pre-pandemic passenger levels, we have an obligation to provide a safe airport facility for the traveling public and our on-site

employees. According to the Centers for Disease Control, vaccination is the most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19.”

Effective immediately, every SFO tenant or contractor must require all on-site personnel to be fully vaccinated. The Airport continues to offer free vaccines at the SFO Medical Clinic. Exemptions from the vaccination requirement can be granted by the employer for either medical disability or sincerely held religious belief. For employees granted an exemption, the tenant or contractor employer must establish a weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting protocol.

Tenants and contractors will also be required to submit reports on the status of their respective workforce until all on-site personnel are fully vaccinated. Failure to comply could result in fines under the Airport’s Rule and Regulations.

In August 2020, SFO became the first U.S. airport to establish an on-site rapid testing capability and now administers tests to an average of 500 travelers at various on-site locations every day.

In February 2021, SFO first offered vaccines on-site when it partnered with the County of San Mateo to provide vaccines to health care workers and County residents over 65. The Airport converted one of its multi-level garages to serve as a drive-through vaccination facility. Over 26,500 doses were administered through this program. SFO also launched a vaccination clinic in early May, located in the International Terminal, which offered doses to airport workers, local residents, and travelers. This program was administered through a partnership with Safeway and administered almost 2,200 doses.

About San Francisco International Airport

SFO is excited to welcome travelers back to the skies with an airport experience featuring seamless access, thoughtful amenities, sustainable design, and inspiring artwork and exhibits. SFO reminds travelers that face masks are still required by federal mandate for air travel. For up-to-the-minute departure and arrival information, airport maps and details on shopping, dining, cultural exhibitions, ground transportation, masks and COVID related protocols and more, visit www.flysfo.com. Follow us on twitter.com/flysfo and facebook.com/flysfo.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES ORGANIZED
RETAIL CRIME INITIATIVE**

SFPD led initiative aims to partner with private sector to result in higher reporting rates and more investigations, better enabling regional task force partners to solve cases and target upstream criminal enterprises

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today unveiled details from San Francisco's Organized Retail Crime Initiative, a new initiative led by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) in partnership with local retailers and regional law enforcement agencies. The focus of the plan is to increase reporting, investigating, and solving of retail theft cases and the upstream criminal enterprises that fuel them.

The Plan has three main elements:

- **Expanding and reallocating police investigative resources**
 - Increasing the SFPD Organized Retail Crime Unit from two to five investigators and adding one dedicated Lieutenant to better investigate crimes locally and to work regionally with the California Highway Patrol's Organized Retail Crime Task Force
- **Strategic restructuring of publicly and privately funded deployments**
 - Dedicating SFPD personnel to ensure tightly-coordinated field operations and communications with retail partners
 - Tripling the SFPD Community Ambassador program, which employs retired

- SFPD officers to patrol and serve as deterrence, and expanding geographic area served
- Managing privately funded deployment of 10B officers to focus on deterrence
- **Public-private partnerships aimed at reporting, investigating and solving cases**
 - Increase reporting of crimes through expansion of Teleserve Unit, which was implemented during COVID-19 pandemic to take reports without in-person contact

“Retail theft and commercial burglaries are not victimless crimes,” said Mayor Breed. “They hurt working families due to reduced work hours, shuttered stores and lost jobs. They hurt customers and seniors who are losing convenient access to prescription medications and vaccinations because of pharmacy closures. They hurt neighborhoods suffering from fewer local retailers and more empty storefronts. The strategy we’re outlining today is an all-hands-on-deck approach that brings the full partnership of state and local law enforcement and retailers to bear to aggressively pursue, investigate and deter organized retail crime in San Francisco.”

“Mayor Breed directed us to develop a plan to maximize the impact of SFPD’s resources by strengthening our partnerships with retailers and law enforcement agencies, and leveraging our successes from such previously announced strategies as our Mid-Market Vibrancy and Safety Plan and Tourism Deployment Plan,” said Chief Bill Scott. “The result is our Organized Retail Crime Initiative, and we are incredibly grateful for the participation of local retailers whose partnerships are making this endeavor truly groundbreaking. This collaborative approach reflects the full promise of community policing — not solely to support our City’s economic recovery, but to better protect public safety that is too often endangered by retail theft crews and the sophisticated criminal enterprises funding them.”

Expanding and reallocating police and investigative resources

The initiative will expand SFPD’s Organized Retail Crime Unit from two to five full-duty sworn investigators under the command of a dedicated lieutenant. In addition to cases they investigate within their citywide purview, unit members will serve as full partners to the California Highway Patrol’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force, which Governor Gavin Newsom reauthorized on July 21, 2021.

Prior to its reauthorization after sunseting earlier this year, CHP’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force worked in close partnership with the San Francisco Police Department in operations that recovered millions of dollars in stolen merchandise and cash from criminal enterprises engaged in retail theft activities. One of those coordinated operations led to an \$8 million seizure in partnership with the San Mateo Sheriff’s Office on Sept. 30, 2020, in which multiple law enforcement agencies recovered merchandise stolen from San Francisco Bay Area retailers.

Strategic restructuring of privately funded deployments, expanded patrols

The initiative calls for reallocating resources to SFPD’s Field Operations Bureau to focus on deterrence. This will include a newly assigned lieutenant to coordinate privately funded “10B” officers and a sergeant who will function as a dedicated retail theft coordinator. Initial allocations of police officers’ 10B time are expected to average more than 3,800 hours per two-week pay period, spanning at least 34 retail locations citywide. Additionally, SFPD’s Community Ambassador program will be more than tripled in size — from 8 to fully 25

ambassadors — and expanded to cover new areas beyond Union Square (where it is currently focused), including Yerba Buena/Moscone Center, Lower Market/Embarcadero, Chinatown, and Fisherman’s Wharf.

SFPD’s Community Ambassadors are unarmed civilians who patrol in high-visibility SFPD Community Ambassador windbreakers. Utilizing their wealth of law enforcement experience, these ambassadors observe and report issues and problem-solve within their assigned area in partnership with community stakeholders. Initially launched in November 2020 with eight retired SFPD officers as part of the Holiday Season “Safe Shopper” program, SFPD ambassadors have been instrumental in helping to solve several crimes to date, providing critical information that led to the arrest of suspects involved in several organized retail theft and robbery incidents.

Public-private partnerships aimed at reporting, investigating and solving cases

The San Francisco Police Department is dramatically expanding incident reporting capabilities for participating retailers under the Organized Retail Crime Initiative — initially through SFPD’s Teleserve Unit.

SFPD first implemented its Teleserve Unit last year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitate the intake of incident reports without the risks of in-person contacts. The system was upgraded in August 2021 to allow for reports of retail thefts to be prepared over the phone, a time- and cost-saving technique designed to encourage retailers to maximize their reporting of theft incidents. A planned upgrade to SFPD’s online reporting system from LexisNexis Coplogic Solutions will allow participating retailers to more easily report thefts via an online portal.

If successful in enabling retailers to maximize their reporting of retail crimes, a potentially dramatic increase in larceny and commercial burglary crime rates should be expected. However, more robust reporting and data aggregation will more effectively target the San Francisco Police Department’s deployment of police resources, while enabling SFPD investigators to more fully inform partner agencies within the California Highway Patrol’s Organized Retail Crime Task Force. By better facilitating information from incidents together with accompanying evidence, the initiative can help to solve retail theft cases and more effectively target the upstream criminal enterprises fueling them.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED SWEARS IN VANITA LOUIE AND
LARRY GRIFFIN TO THE RECREATION AND PARK
COMMISSION**

Louie, a well-known Chinatown advocate, and Griffin, a long-time union representative, will bring diverse perspectives to the Commission

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today swore in Vanita Louie and Larry Griffin to the Recreation and Park Commission, the seven-member body charged with setting the Recreation and Park Department policies. Establishing the guidelines by which the Recreation and Park Department operates, the Commission is responsible for the over 220 parks, playgrounds, and open spaces throughout San Francisco and two outside the City limits.

“It is an honor to swear in Vanita and Larry to the Rec and Park Commission,” said Mayor Breed. “It is critical to have diverse representation and valued leadership in our city government and on our city commissions. I am confident that Vanita and Larry will continue advocating on behalf of their communities while guiding one of the best and most loved parks departments in the country.”

Vanita Louie, a well-known Chinatown advocate, and former president of the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown, is a retired small business owner with over 25-years of experience in the hospitality industry. In 2017, Louie received the Outstanding Community Service

Award from Gum Moon Women's Residence Center.

"It's a privilege and an honor to be the voice of the communities and the voters and to serve as a commissioner with Rec and Park," says Louie. "The parks, open space, and playgrounds of San Francisco are like gems in a jewel box which make up a large part of this beautiful city."

Larry Griffin, a long-time labor advocate, is the former Western Area Vice President at the International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center in the Fillmore District. Additionally, he serves as a delegate for the San Francisco Labor Council and the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades.

"Our world-class parks system is the great equalizer, it is enjoyed and cherished by all backgrounds," said Griffin. "Our parks are a 10-minute walk from most homes in the City. It is an honor to be appointed to this incredible body that is entrusted with keeping our parks on par with the world's best!"

"I am thrilled to welcome Commissioners Louie and Griffin, two passionate advocates for parks and open space," said San Francisco Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg. "Access to green space is not a luxury, it is absolutely essential to the health of our communities. We are fortunate to have commissioners who prioritize the wellbeing of all San Franciscans."

Mayor Breed swore in Vanita Louie and Larry Griffin at Lincoln Park in the Richmond District, joined by invited family members, Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg, current Recreation and Park Commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors.

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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ISSUES EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE
TO REFORM DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION**

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today issued an Executive Directive to the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) requiring the Department to take additional actions to prevent misconduct, increase transparency, improve processes, and make the Department more effective at providing services for San Francisco residents.

The Executive Directive follows an independent review of DBI conducted by the Controller and the City Attorney, which Mayor Breed requested. Previously the Controller and the City Attorney have issued six similar reports relating to other Departments. Following each of those reports, Mayor Breed has issued similar Executive Directives to implement their proposed reforms and take proactive steps to improve the Departments.

“Every City department must operate with the highest level of integrity and transparency, and all City employees must hold themselves to the highest ethical standards in their work,” said Mayor Breed. “When that does not happen, it is our responsibility as leaders to understand what went wrong and take steps to prevent future misconduct. The Controller’s report issued today documents an unacceptable pattern of misconduct and systemic failures under the previous leadership of the Department of Building Inspection. It describes a culture that allowed for continued wrongdoing set by a ‘tone at the top’ that failed to institute ethical

leadership and guidelines. The people of San Francisco deserve better.

When a resident or a business interacts with the City, they deserve transparency, accessibility, and a timely response. When a City department relies on an opaque, antiquated, overly-bureaucratic system, it not only fails to meet those standards, it also creates an environment that allows corruption to flourish. This Executive Directive and the work ahead of us are focused on delivering systemic and fundamental change at the Department of Building Inspection. This change will benefit everyone who interacts with the Department as well as the staff members who work hard and follow the rules. I want to thank the Controller and the City Attorney for their continued work on this effort. I am also appreciative of the initial reform efforts and the new tone being set by the current leadership at the Department of Building Inspection to address these longstanding issues, but we have a lot more work to do.”

Today’s Executive Directive issued by Mayor Breed requires the following:

- Additional sharing of information for staff and the public on the City’s Whistleblower program to increase reporting of questionable behavior;
- Improving procedures for identifying possible irregularities in the plan review and inspections procedures;
- Strengthening and making more frequent staff certification of compliance with DBI’s requirements, such as financial disclosure and conflict of interest forms, and staff training;
- Implementing technical changes to DBI’s Permit Tracking System (PTS) to reduce opportunities for fraud and manipulation;
- Requiring ongoing work and analysis with the Controller’s Office, and a third-party entity to analyze and recommend changes to existing penalties for non-compliant construction; and
- Requiring the creation of a Compliance team in DBI in collaboration with the Controller’s Office and a third-party entity to identify risks, and combat fraud and abuse in the permitting and inspection processes.

In addition to the Executive Directive issued today, the Mayor intends to work with all of the City departments involved in the permitting process to evaluate and advance additional ways to improve permitting and inspections functions for staff and applicants alike. These additional approaches will include consideration of structural reforms to improve performance and accountability; the development of clear performance measures across the permitting process; and improved technology, including electronic plan review, to prevent abuse and increase transparency in permit processing.

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