

# Coalition seeks \$25 million to battle nonprofit displacement

## Market Street for the Masses chimes in at CAC hearing

By MARK HEDIN

**A**S MID-MARKET AND TENDERLOIN property continues to skyrocket, a new move is afoot to help neighborhood nonprofits whose survival is threatened by wealthy newcomers seeking space in the hood.

The Market Street for the Masses coalition is spearheading a campaign to amass a private \$25 million stabilization and acquisition fund to offset the disadvantage nonprofits face when competing for space in the current real estate market. Groups would get help with rent and some would be able to buy their own building, coalition members told the supervisors' Land Use Committee June 16.

In presentations at City Hall and at the offices of Twitter, the coalition of 28 organizations — including TNDC, the Y, St. Anthony's Foundation, Episcopal Community Services, Catholic Charities, Hospitality House, Curry Senior Center, Community Housing Partnership and the Coalition on Homelessness — has called on tech to do some serious good in the hood, where their arrival has wreaked such havoc.

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CAC CHAIRMAN

Six tech companies, including Twitter, are obligated to provide a package of benefits to the community. The Citizens Advisory Committee, which for 2½ years has been the community's only channel to voice its needs and concerns in an attempt to steer the direction of these givebacks, at its June meeting granted Market Street for the Masses a permanent place on future CAC agendas.

And at a meeting hosted by Twitter at its 1355 Market St. offices the week before, the coalition presented a short list of suggestions for the tax-break companies to consider, suggestions they reiterated at the June 5 CAC meeting and again June 16 when CAC Chair Peter Masiak and Vice Chair Robert Marquez told the Board of Supervisors' Land Use Committee how frustrating the CBA process, now in its third year, has been.

Marquez spoke of how there've been "frustrations on both sides" and said: "Zendesk is the only company that has engaged in this process." Indeed, Zendesk's work in the community has been documented nationwide in the press, whereas broadcasters and reporters have found little to talk about when it comes to the other, larger tech companies such as Twitter that also benefit from the city's payroll tax break.

That hearing marked the first time the supes had heard from the CAC in almost two years, since September 2012 when then-CAC Chair Dina Hilliard made a presentation to the Rules Committee. Then only Zendesk claimed the tax break.

Masiak and Marquez told the panel how the process has been marked by the firms' slipshod or nonexistent reporting of community benefit activities. The city administrator's office often called key meetings but did not communicate the place and time, they said, and had abruptly canceled some meetings, failed to enforce companies' reporting deadlines or

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**'HISTORIC'**  
Supervisor Jane Kim, right, administers the oath to members of the East Tenderloin-TNDC Resident Council. From left: Kim Mosteiro, Thanapa Simpanth and Connie Moy.

# A CITY HALL FIRST

## Supervisor Kim swears-in new TNDC council

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TOM CARTER

**S**UPERVISOR JANE KIM swore in nine members of the East Tenderloin-TNDC Resident Council in City Hall's second-floor John L. Taylor Community Room with the expectation that the group will be a force for positive change in the city's poorest neighborhood now in the throes of gentrification.

Kim said it was the first time she had sworn in a grassroots organization in City

Hall — "a historical first," she called it. "We do it for elected officials," she told The Extra, "so why not?"

"And here," she said, referring to the expectant crowd of 50, "there's support." Kim also marries couples at City Hall.

The ceremony was requested by TNDC spontaneously after one of the new council members asked what was next following the council election in May. (See Central City Extra June issue.) "One of the new members said, 'Let's have a swearing-in at City Hall,'" said TNDC spokesman Lorenzo Listana. Kim's office was contacted and her assistant, Sunny Angulo, handled the arrangements.

"I had nothing to do with it," said Don Falk, TNDC's executive director, "but it's very cool."

Indeed, it is also a City Hall first. The Extra canvassed the other 10 supervisors and none who responded had presided over such an event. Their aides mostly wondered what we were talking about, an indication Kim may have opened a door.

The city attorney's office is good with it, stating that anyone can use a City Hall room for a ceremony or event of their choosing. "City Hall is open to the public, so anyone who want to reserve a room to host their event, they can do so," said Gabriel Zitrin, deputy communications director. "If a public office holder wants to participate in their event, they're free to do that."

For Kim's June 12 ceremony, she and the council members had hammered out a 109-word pledge to satisfy TNDC's wishes. Kim read it phrase by phrase to the council members. With upraised right hands, and facing their smiling friends and neighbors, they gave antiphonal responses in the dim light of the dark-paneled chamber.

They solemnly pledged to work to "implement the programs of action developed

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Sign on the door at City Hall where the oath-taking ceremony took place.





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# Coalition asks for \$25 million rent fund

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explain how it determined compliance. Moreover, the city administrator consistently pressured the CAC to approve the CBAs despite the panel being given no time to review them.

"I never felt there was that interest to hold these companies accountable to the same level that small nonprofits are," Masiak said, referring to the expectations that must be met for nonprofits to garner and maintain city grants and funding.

As Masiak was telling the supervisors why the CAC had voted down all this year's CBAs except Zendesk's, Land Use Chair Scott Wiener got up and left the room. Wiener didn't get to hear that the move was to protest the lack of transparency that characterizes the city administrator's process.

Masiak said the CAC wants some estimate of the size of the tax break each company enjoys to better tailor CBAs to what the companies ought to be obligated to provide.

"We have no idea what the eco-

nomie value of the tax break is," Masiak said. "That would be a really helpful tool in managing expectations, to realize what scale I should expect from the companies to help craft an appropriately sized CBA."

And he did not mean the \$4.2 million the tax collector recently estimated as the overall cost to the city of the Twitter tax break last year. Masiak meant the cost to the city company by tech company because each CBA is a separate contract.

Supervisor Jane Kim sought to elicit a more positive spin, so Masiak said that at least the reporting on CBA activities is much more specific in 2014 than it was last year, as the companies now update monthly and most — One King's Lane the exception — show up at the monthly CAC meetings to discuss progress and plan.

"Overall, I've seen marked improvement since when I first came in," Masiak said.

Kim summarized her takeaway from Marquez and Masiak's presentation as the need for earlier drafting of

the CBAs so agreements aren't rushed through the process over the holidays; disclosing the value of the tax exclusion despite most companies' refusal to do so; the importance of timely, thorough reporting of benefits; and how the city administrator evaluates compliance. She promised a future hearing that would include testimony from the city administrator's office, "so that we can make sure that we're responding to the recommendations of the CAC."

Hospitality House Executive Director Jackie Jenks took the podium and said the coalition is waiting for an appointment with the city administrator's office to discuss counteracting displacement.

"We all know that that's the reality," she said.

No. 1 of four items on the coalition's list is to establish a Tenderloin/Mid-Market Community Stabilization and Acquisition Fund with a target of \$25 million in private donations to enable nonprofits to acquire "at least five to 10 properties before prices increase. The fund will act as a vehicle for the

rapid deployment of grants to enable nonprofits to get ahead of the market."

Jenks emphasized that, although the coalition expects the Twitter tax-break firms to contribute to the fund, the greater hope is that they would "use their influence" to solicit other tech contributions.

"A lot of property is disappearing into the hands of for-profit developers," Jenks said. "Nonprofits don't stand a chance of creating housing or creating spaces for nonprofits if we don't have the ability to create deals more quickly," she said.

The coalition also suggested wiring the neighborhood for free WiFi and upgrading electrical systems in SROs to enable residents to cook in their rooms.

A host of brief public comments endorsed the stabilization fund.

"This is an intelligent and timely proposal ... giving the tech community a real opportunity to make an important and lasting investment in the stabilization of our central city," said Peter Cohen of the Council of Community Housing Organizations. ■

## Youth with a Mission buying its building: \$3.75 million

BY MARK HEDIN

Market Street for the Masses' call for \$25 million to help nonprofits cope with rising real estate costs comes on the heels of \$4.5 million the Board of Supervisors recently allocated in a similar effort.

Tim Svoboda, director of Youth with a Mission, the nondenominational faith-based nonprofit organization that for 20 years has operated missions from its site at 357 Ellis St., on the same block as Glide, appeared before the Supes' Land Use Committee on June 16 to emphasize the need for such resources and to share his organization's tale.

Svoboda said he was notified May 16 that "big developers" made an all-cash offer to buy YWAM's building and that he was "scrambling at high speeds" to raise enough to match the offer and exercise his right of first refusal to buy that's in his lease.

The displacement fund, he said, is "totally, absolutely necessary for organizations like mine that have been there for 20 years and are doing everything they can to remain in the neighborhood. I don't want to leave, but that's our fight."

"The clock is ticking," Svoboda told The Extra, of the 30 days he had to match the developers' \$3.75 million cash offer. As of June 18, the website showed, YWAM had raised \$281,680 with another \$92,720 pledged, but the site said YWAM was facing an imminent deadline to tell the landlord, who YWAM says had always previously told him the property was not for sale, if it intends to buy the building.

YWAM already had \$470,000 in a property acquisition fund and was seeking to raise \$500,000 in "serious money" to make its intentions clear to the landlord, the site said.

At press time, things were more sanguine. Lawyer Steve Wilson, who represented YWAM in negotiations, said June 26 that "we are all optimistic" that there is a deal in place to buy the building.

"We want to be very respectful of the Sibell family," he said. "We're pleased with the cooperation and accommodation YWAM received."

The building had been held in a family trust since the passing of owner Herman Sibell in the early 90s. Last year, his widow, Fay Sibell, died at 91, leaving the trust in the hands of her heirs.

"When something like that hap-



PHOTO BY MARK HEDIN

Youth with a Mission food pantry clients line up outside on Ellis Street awaiting the food delivery. After two decades, the nonprofit is purchasing the building.

pens," Wilson said, "a transaction that wouldn't have been possible for decades becomes possible." Nonetheless, he said, "it was a bit surprising."

"We need a miracle," the organization's website said in its description of the capital campaign it was waging to compete with the cash offer for its property. Had the building been sold, who knows what the new owners might want, although YWAM had two years left on its lease.

Since 2008, the website says, Youth with a Mission has distributed 200 tons of food from its pantry and served thou-

sands of people with case management, free showers and hair salon services and aid directed specifically to women, among its many initiatives.

Wilson said that Youth with a Mission is one of at least a dozen loosely affiliated such organizations nationwide and that, although confidentiality rules precluded his being more specific, it was through the "wide network of supporters and followers of this work" that enabled the organization to find the funds.

"Everything is going in the right direction," Wilson said. ■



# Forced-out nonprofit stymied by NIMBYism

## Rent got raised, now neighbors complain

By MARJORIE BEGGS

IT'S BEEN EIGHT MONTHS since central city nonprofits went before the supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee to tell how they, like some residents, are being gentrified out of the neighborhood. Follow-up on one — Hyde Street Community Services — suggests that reversing the situation will be hard-won.

It's a case study in the growing problem of nonprofit displacement: Raised rents force providers out of long-time quarters, and suitable new space is tougher to find. NIMBYism increases the difficulty, as does landlords who won't rent to programs serving mental health and substance abuse clients.

Human services providers for at least two years have been unofficially barred from Market Street offices by landlords and property managers who turn up their noses at scruffy people in and out of their building all day long. Now Hyde Street Community Services is facing neighbors who don't want the program moving up the hill.

After serving mental health clients at 134 Golden Gate Ave. for 10 years, Hyde Street was facing an impossible-to-afford rent raise when its lease expires in September. The search was on.

### RENT SET TO DOUBLE

Cindy Gyori, executive director of the 39-year-old nonprofit, says she pays about \$27,000 per month for 18,000 square feet — \$18.27 per square foot per year.

"In talking with the landlord, he wanted to double the rent and preferred to rent the entire building," Gyori says. "Relocation is a huge issue for an organization like ours. We weren't just looking for offices — we have special needs for the people we serve."

More than 1,200 clients a year, many homeless, use Hyde Street's health clinic for individual and group counseling, medication evaluation, monitoring and maintenance, emergency psychiatric care, socializing and recovering from substance abuse.

Besides Hyde Street's space, 134 Golden Gate Ave. has a built-out basement that adds another 9,000 square

feet. North of Market Community Benefits District leased an office there as well as the Film Collective, an "incubator" project of the city's Film Commission. CBD Director Dina Hilliard told The Extra that her group, too, had been looking for permanent space elsewhere and, unable to find it, moved out of 134 at the end of June to take up temporary lodging with the Center for New Music at 55 Taylor St. The Film Collective has disbanded, Hilliard says.

When word got out that 134 Golden Gate's owner was looking for a single tenant, another nonprofit surfaced quickly: Larkin Street Youth Services — a 30-year-old organization with 25 programs at 15 sites around the city where more than 4,000 homeless and at-risk kids get help with housing, education, employment and health needs.

### LARKIN STREET STEPS IN

Larkin Street had been looking for three years for a site where it could consolidate its drop-in, education and employment programs and administrative offices, wrote Executive Director Sherilyn Adams in an email. "The current commercial rental market is a very difficult one to navigate and our specific needs — size, location, affordability in both rent and tenant improvement aspects — only made our search harder." Its lease at 134 is for 15 years.

Neither she nor the building's owner would disclose the rental rate.

Gyori says she bears Larkin Street no ill will: "I know Larkin Street has wanted to accommodate their programs under one roof. And the owner understandably wanted to rent the entire building, something we just couldn't do."

Hyde Street needed to stay in or near the central city, home base to most of its clients. Gyori searched all over the Tenderloin and looked South of Market, but saw nothing affordable.

Early this year, she found two floors at 815 Hyde St., a three-story former medical services building between Bush and Sutter streets a block down the hill from St. Francis Memorial Hospital. The 9,000-square-foot space and its price — \$28.05 a square foot — fit the bill, and Hyde Street negotiated a lease with the landlord scheduled to begin in August.

Halving the amount of space, Gyori says, won't be a problem: Service and staff cuts in recent years meant that Hyde Street has been underutilizing much of its space at 134 Golden Gate. Though the rental rate is a third more, Gyori will save more than \$6,000 a month with the move.

### HYDE STREET BACK ON HYDE

The irony of Hyde Street Community Services returning to Hyde Street isn't lost on Gyori. For 27 years, the agency was at 251 Hyde, "and we moved out after the two owners of the building sued each other."

The proposed new location is within the appropriate service area for clients, who can get there on two bus lines without difficulty, Gyori told the Health Commissions Finance Committee.

She was presenting at the June 17 committee meeting because, to allay neighbors' concerns, DPH contractors must get the department's approval to relocate services, significantly expand them or open new ones.

In 1998, S.F. voters passed Proposition I, the Citizens' Right-to-Know Act, also called the Good Neighbor Policy, which attempts to stop NIMBY — not in my backyard — before it gets out of hand. Providers have to notify DPH of pending moves or changes. Then, 30 days before DPH meets to consider approval, the provider has to post signs on and around the site telling about the incoming program, the date for a community meeting to discuss concerns and the Health Commission approval meeting date. The program hosts the meeting, answers neighbors' questions and seeks their okay to relocate, which is on the agenda of the next Health Commission meeting.

Sean Nguyen, DPH's manager for contract compliance and community programs, told the health commissioners that everything was done in a timely fashion: Notices were posted and Hyde Street staff had distributed flyers in the neighborhood in a one-block radius.

Five neighbors spoke during the public comment period, and all asked for a continuance. They were insufficiently notified, they said, and couldn't muster their opposition in time for the meeting.

"The problems of the Tenderloin are moving up the hill and causing us a lot of problems," said a man who said he is a

member of Save Our Streets.

Said another, "I live a half-block away. We already have the Granada Hotel next door (on Sutter) with drug abusers and a homeless shelter a block away. And this is an historic building." (The building indeed has a plaque: "In 1904 this building served as the East Exchange Telephone Company.... It is the only known pre-fire building in this district to completely survive the earthquake of 1906.")

A third speaker said he'd been to 134 Golden Gate and found the street "a sea of shopping carts. The possibility of this population migrating to our neighborhood is appalling."

Hyde Street board member Mark Davey addressed the commissioners and the public: "We complied with all the regulations about notifications. I'm very concerned that people are suggesting that our clinic is the cause of the conditions on Golden Gate Avenue."

### HEALTH DIRECTOR'S SOLUTION

At this point, DPH Director Barbara Garcia stepped in. She acknowledged that the speakers just want to know that Hyde Street is following the Good Neighbor Policy.

"We're strong on this process," Garcia said, "and the neighbors need contact with the organization — I see this working out over time." She asked Gyori the implications of delaying DPH approval for another month. Tenant improvements will take about three weeks, the next meeting isn't until mid-July and Hyde Street must vacate 134 by September, Gyori responded.

"We require deep engagement with your neighbors — they might be your neighbors for another 20 years," she told Gyori, then directed Nguyen to work both sides.

To the protesting neighbors she added, "This is an excellent program with excellent supervision of staff and clients."

Gyori agreed to meet with neighbors twice to try to reach some understanding. Their first meeting was scheduled for June 26.

"I say failure is not an option," she said. "We'll make this work." ■

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# Newcomers get a good taste of Tenderloin

## Neighborhood program introduces tech workers to local restaurants

TOM CARTER

IT PROMISED to be a delightful outdoor luncheon adventure in late May as tech guests wound their way up through the renovated, airy interior of 255 Golden Gate Ave. to a spacious, second-story roof with wooden flooring, tables, sofas, chairs and potted trees too immature for shade on this shirt-sleeve, sun-splashed day.

The 1916 building is Dataway Inc.'s, a business that designs Web-based security infrastructures.

Dataway was site host, but the lunch sponsor picking up the tab was PeerSpace, a SoMa newbie that rents companies' off-hours space to clients.

The aim of the lunch was to have a good time, of course, and sample the Mexican fare of Tenderloin fixture El Castillito just across the street. It also was to be a memorable experience, for the digerati. It was the Tasting the Tenderloin "anti-poverty" program of the Tenderloin Economic Development Project (TEDP) that gets new techie neighbors in touch every other Thursday with Tenderloin restaurants, giving the eateries a boost for the day and maybe some return business.

El Castillito was the eighth stop in the series that began March 6 at the Mong Thu Cafe on Hyde Street. No. 6, though, was the most unusual, held outdoors in the hood's transformed alley-cubby, the rustic Tenderloin National Forest. The affair was catered by Morty's Deli on Golden Gate, a few doors west of El Castillito.

The first, who arrived before noon to help if needed, were youthful PeerSpace employees Kelly Morales and Nicole Locicero. They'd had a great time, they said, two weeks prior at Four Seasons, a Vietnamese restaurant on Larkin Street.

They liked the food, met a dozen people and promoted PeerSpace in a "working lunch." Yes, they would come

back into the Tenderloin. It didn't seem so bad, they said, "depends on the time of day, but together, not alone, and even for dinner."

They agreed that now they know the walkable streets, but might use Lyft or Uber or take a bus from their new digs in SoMa, a 15-minute walk from Market Street. Normally, though, they'd stay put and eat in South Park's pricier cafes.

### 'I'D GO AGAIN'

"I've been to Turtle Tower," Morales said of the Little Saigon restaurant on Larkin Street, which hasn't been in the series, "and I'd go again."

The Economic Development staff regularly canvasses 10 square blocks, checking out street activity, loitering, police presence, blight vacancies and lighting. It picks the restaurants from a list of about 100 businesses that look like they could use a lift (see sidebar).

"We do a visual inspection every day," Anh Nguyen, TEDP executive director, says. "Our organization focuses on art and culture, and we saw how small businesses really contribute — but also the needs they have. We'd like to see them join the 21st century technology. Some of these restaurants could be making \$700 to \$1,000 more a day. But they don't know what they don't know."

It is the tech dollar fluttering all around them that can make the difference. So many ethnic restaurants were started to feed just their own people, Nguyen says. And they've used Old World ways, maybe starting the business with "their own social network," rather than a bank loan, dealing only in cash and using family members as employees to keep costs down. But techies and most business-sector workers use credit cards for everything, making it easy to track business expenses, among other things.

Nguyen says she is talking with Square to determine the costs to mod-



PHOTOS BY PAUL DUNN

**PeerSpace workers** Nicole Locicero (left) and Kelly Morales enjoy Mexican fare catered by El Castillito on a Tenderloin rooftop. The hearty meal with rice, beans, salad and a choice of meat was prepared by the taqueria's chef, Leno Quintaner; top right, and carried across the street to be served picnic-style on the roof; below right, of the old KGO TV building now owned by the tech company Dataway. PeerSpace picked up the tab, and El Castillito may pick up some new customers.

ernize payment procedures for these restaurants. TEDP has signed "client engagement forms" with the restaurants and at some point, before "their leases are up," will sit down to discuss, for free, how to bring in more business. Nguyen says that in response to the questionnaire TEDP sent out to gather this information, most restaurants said their greatest need centered on safety issues. "They were worried about loitering outside," Nguyen says. The consultations haven't started yet.

### SHARE THE WEALTH

TEDP is a 1999 "rebranding" of the nonprofit North of Market Neighborhood Improvement Corp. and is funded by the city. It helped start the North of Market Tenderloin Benefits District in 2005 and, more recently, the 950 Market St. Center for the Arts. It is starting a Tenderloin merchants association.

At 12:10 the deep aluminum tubs of pungent taqueria meat, rice and beans arrive with green salad: Moist shards of red and yellow bell peppers glisten in the ever-warming sun. Only 14 people are here so far from an invited list of nearly 30 PeerSpace employees, plus a few veterans of previous lunches from other tech companies.

"It's a big networking thing, a business card exchange," said Michelle Nguyen, TEDP's graphic artist and marketing and communication liaison playing host at the door. "More will be here."

Her boss, Ahn Nguyen, makes a short, impassioned speech in the shade near the serving table to explain what TEDP does and the purpose of getting to know the neighborhood, then proposes a toast "to share the wealth." She adds a clever promotional touch, too. She asks everyone to grab their iPhones now and say something about the event on Facebook, insurance against

forgetting to do it later.

She had chosen the first sponsors to invite based on familiarity with the companies and her contacts. Twitter has not been a sponsor because, she said, it didn't have "a community person" until recently. Nguyen had a meeting with Twitter July 2. According to its community benefit agreement with the city, stemming from its payroll tax break, Twitter is committed to buying "at least \$500,000 worth of goods and services from small businesses, suppliers, caterers, and restaurants in the local San Francisco community in 2014."

Matt Bendett, PeerSpace president/CEO, and Simon Lewis, CEO of Dataway, are chatting near the serving table about how devoted Zendesk is to giving in the community. It's evident the two are keen about being engaged with the neighborhood and keeping it healthy and distinctive.

Lewis, a longtime San Francisco resident, says the buildings in the area, many of them handsome structures built during the 1906 earthquake recovery era, were movie repositories with vaults of black and white silent films that were shuttled back and forth to a score of theaters on Market Street.

"This was the hub of film distribution," Simon said, working on his plate of rice, beans, meat and salad.

The Dataway building was a player then. It later morphed into KGO TV headquarters. Renovation was complete 18 months ago, and Dataway moved in from offices it had occupied for 13 years on Van Ness Avenue at Golden Gate.

### 'CLEARLY ON THE WAY BACK'

The essence of Tenderloin's problems, Lewis said of his new neighborhood, isn't homelessness, which doesn't bother him, but "public drug

# Eating away at TL's huge wealth disparity

IMAGINE THAT you're eking out a living from your restaurant but can't tap into a river of business cash at your fingertips.

That's the dilemma of scores of ethnically diverse Tenderloin mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, as startups and tech companies with hundreds of young employees flood into the city's poorest neighborhood with wandering feet and willing wallets.

The main disconnect is the old way of doing business. That's why the Tenderloin Economic Development Project came in, first to get new customers

coming through restaurant doors with a new experiment, then to help upgrade business practices.

TEDP's imaginative angle is called Tasting the Tenderloin. It has had techies sampling a new TL restaurant for lunch every other Thursday since March, with corporate sponsors they lined up paying the tabs. The "anti-poverty strategy" has bookings through September.

"Our clients are predominantly ethnic small businesses," says Anh Nguyen, TEDP executive director.

Often restaurants the techies will visit under the program are family-run

enclaves since the 1990s for a base of Chinese, Vietnamese, Thai, Mexican or Indian customers. Some accept only cash. Business practices may seem 50 years behind, with owners oblivious to tech magic.

Still, owners like what has worked for them, regardless of their small profits. They keep appealing, for example, to their ethnic customers and shunning change. Some don't know how to negotiate a lease, Nguyen says, or about renters rights or going rates.

Meanwhile, it's possible that many family members are living in a cramped apartment space, not paying themselves salaries, yet thinking it's an acceptable if not a good life.

"They naively think landlords have their best interest in mind, a model from the old country," Nguyen says.

Through Tasting the Tenderloin, TEDP's business-retention efforts seek to assist switches to POS systems, cred-

it card readers, social media marketing, new business branding and improving facades.

"They need to adapt to new technology and get new customers," Nguyen says. "They need to get on social media and make a new look, a brand, establish themselves in the larger community and expand their base — become more English-friendly."

"It's not very practical to tell them what to do," she adds "We've had to show them where the money is to be made. They are very vulnerable, especially now in the Tenderloin."

"San Francisco is getting wealthier," she continues, "and these restaurants aren't growing at the same rate. We want them to step up and share in this. A small (downward) tick in their business could ruin them." ■

— Tom Carter





## DIVERSE TASTES

Restaurants, addresses and sponsors for Tasting the Tenderloin, from the initial event March 6 through June 26.



**Mong Thu,**  
248 Hyde St.  
WeWork



**Zen Yai Thai**  
771 Ellis St.  
Zendesk



**Kusina Ni Tess**  
237 Ellis St.  
One Kings Lane



**Tikka Masala**  
425 Ellis St.  
Arthur Evans



**Four Seasons Restaurant**  
721 Larkin St.  
Zendesk



**Morty's Delicatessen**  
280 Golden Gate Ave.  
Spotify



**Lalita Thai**  
96 McAllister St.  
Zendesk



**El Castillito Taqueria**  
250 Golden Gate Ave.  
PeerSpace



**Un Cafecito**  
335 Jones St.  
Spotify

use” being staged on sidewalks. “There must be a solution to it,” he said.

And there is, of course: gentrification. Lewis is hopeful about the future.

New developments are “bringing vitality back to the neighborhood,” Simon said. “It’s clearly on the way back. It’s got great architecture, and I’m thankful we’ve been able to save something here. Hopefully, other people will want to save things, too. So, one saved,” he said, finishing his plate, “and several hundred to go.”

And the food from El Castillito?

“Good, but heavy, not what I’m used to.” He prefers salads.

Latecomers keep strolling in. By 12:40 more than two dozen were eating and talking.

“We like to vary the food, too,” says Michelle Nguyen.

She doesn’t have numbers, but says the feedback from the lunching techies and sponsors has been positive and growing in the last few weeks.

“People stop me and are asking about sponsorship now,” she says. “I think the companies have heard about this and are talking to each other. It’s word of mouth. We’ve only advertised on our website, nowhere else.

“Before, it was difficult to find

sponsors. Now people are confident because it’s been successful.”

Indeed, sponsors keep coming back, too. Zendesk has paid for three and Spotify will sponsor its third July 10. The cost of a luncheon ranges from \$300 to \$1,200, depending on the number of people.

Anh Nguyen says she doesn’t have much feedback from the restaurants because her three-person staff is so short-handed there’s been little follow-up. The TEDP budget, funded through the city with federal block grants, was slashed 28% this year and she doesn’t know why. But Mong Thu, Four Seasons and Lalita restaurants told her they’d had small upticks in business, and in some cases at the bar, but couldn’t quantify it.

Carlo Mapa was sitting at the picnic table that had been full. But now, after 1 p.m., people were leaving. He’s been at WeWork’s San Francisco office at 25 Turk St. for a year. He said he’s more “comfortable” in the neighborhood each day. TL police Capt. Jason Cherniss came to his company recently to give a 15-minute talk on neighborhood safety, another assist in acclimating him to his new surroundings.

### ‘OUT OF COMFORT ZONE’

“I didn’t know where to eat when I first came here,” Mapa said. “So that’s what I like about this — it gets you out, and out of your comfort zone.” He was happy with the meal, an option to his usual visit to Tu Lan on Sixth Street or grabbing a bahn mi in the TL.

“Oh yes, I’m very happy,” Mapa said, shoving off. “I’ll go across the street and get a menu from Castillito’s to take back to the office. My co-workers asked me to.”

Across the street, Castillito’s manager, Leno Quintaner, is busy, sweating in front of a grill. He turns and peers over the order counter, not sure why someone has questions for him at 1:20 p.m.

Soon he takes a break, wipes his hands on his apron and slides into a booth. His tables are still mostly filled. The place deals only in cash. He speaks English reluctantly, not well, but he’s understood.

He’s worked in Castillito restaurants (there are several in San Francisco) for five years. He gets 20-40 catering jobs a month like Dataway’s. Is there going to be more business now?

He shrugs. “Have to wait and see,” he says. ■



# Healthy SF phases out as Obamacare begins

## Now feds will pick up the tab

By MARK HEDIN

**M**AYBE ALL GOOD THINGS do come to an end, but in San Francisco, where Healthy SF since 2007 has enabled previously uninsured residents to get affordable health care but is now phasing out because of Obamacare, the Department of Public Health is making the transition as smooth as possible.

The new options under the Affordable Care Act may be better, DPH Communications Director Rachael Kagan told The Extra, but DPH will continue to keep Healthy SF available through the end of this year for those who aren't ready to make the change. Had the Health Commission not endorsed the extension, Kagan said, Healthy SF would have been off the table for anyone eligible for Covered California or Medi-Cal as of the end of March.

Obamacare got off to a well-publicized rocky start late last year, with backlogs in the enrollment process, confusion with the new system and questions about its options' price, scope and availability. So at least for another six months, Healthy SF will remain open for business.

A key feature of Obamacare is the expansion of the Medicaid system. Medicaid, administered by California as Medi-Cal, is now available to anyone whose income falls below 138% of the federal poverty level, currently \$16,105 for a single person, \$21,707 for a family of two and \$32,913 for a family of four.

With the 2010 passage of the Af-

fordable Care Act, DPH began identifying clients who would be eligible under the expanded Medi-Cal. This January, when that program became available, DPH seamlessly transitioned 15,046 people who qualified into Medi-Cal, with the federal government ultimately picking up the tab for their care, easing the city's financial burden.

"They didn't have to do a thing," Kagan said of the 15,046 new Medi-Cal enrollees.

Because eligibility for Healthy SF like Medi-Cal, is based on income, "we have income information on members," Kagan said. So, beginning in 2011, DPH began looking at "who of this group is going to be eligible for Medi-Cal" when it becomes available and enrolled them in a program, SFPATH, that transitioned them into Medi-Cal.

"If we didn't have them grouped, we would have had this enormous task," she said, "but instead we were able to just switch them into Medi-Cal, a much better program for any person who could be eligible."

Healthy SF, unlike Medi-Cal, covers its enrollees only for medical expenses incurred within San Francisco. Medi-Cal also includes dental care and has an expanded network of eligible pharmacies for members to use. Also, whereas Healthy SF only allows members one opportunity per year to change their primary care providers, Medi-Cal clients have that option every month.

Individuals and employers who opted to create health care savings accounts through Healthy SF, howev-

er, have experienced a wider range of available services.

Healthy SF's enrollment as of early June stood at 30,843, Kagan told The Extra, down from its January 2011 peak of 57,436.

That drop in enrollment is nearly twice the 15,000 rolled over to Medi-Cal. Kagan said some may have been hired at jobs that provide insurance, others might have become eligible for Medi-Cal subsequent to the expiration of the SFPATH program in January due to decreased income, and probably more than a few left town.

Healthy SF will continue to be there, though, for those who need it. For instance, not everyone is eligible for Obamacare. Some exceptions: Undocumented people, those who have

religious exemptions, members of sovereign American Indian groups and the incarcerated. DPH will continue to offer Healthy SF to those people.

In addition, there's the group Kagan referred to as "the disorganized" who are unable to make the transition, whether due to homelessness, mental health issues, missed deadlines or are recent arrivals to San Francisco.

In fiscal year 2012-13, the most recent figures available, Kagan said, Healthy SF cost the city approximately \$97 million.

That's the balance of the program's cost after revenue from members, employers and grants is factored in, Kagan said, and the city expects that figure to decrease as Healthy SF clients transition to Medi-Cal. ■

## 3 seats on citizens panel vacant

By MARK HEDIN

**T**HREE OF THE 11 seats on the Citizens Advisory Committee are vacant.

Tim Ho of the city administrator's office confirmed that Jeff Kositsky, whose seat is reserved for someone with expertise on homelessness, transitional age youth or supportive housing, resigned after the June meeting.

Kositsky, executive director of Hamilton Family Services, at his last appearance on the CAC successfully moved that Market Street for the Masses be granted a permanent spot on the committee's agenda.

The Extra was unable to reach Kositsky for comment at press time.

Nella Corpuz Manuel, a member of the CAC since its inception in 2012, told The Extra she resigned in March from her seat reserved for someone with expertise on seniors or disabled residents in the neighborhood, "be-

cause we weren't doing anything."

She was "just wasting my time" at the CAC, she said. "Makes me mad, makes me angry."

"It's painful," she told The Extra. "I don't want to be considered that I'm not doing anything."

"This is politics and I'm not a politician. They created the CAC so the people will not protest. They should put this tax exemption on the ballot. It's the office of the mayor that has the last say, it's not the CAC. We are not the ones negotiating with the companies; it is not the CAC approving it."

"We did the framework of the CBAs, that's all we did," she said.

The third unfilled seat has been vacant since Mara Blitzer stepped down in November.

Anyone interested in serving on the panel — it's a volunteer position — can contact Alisa Miller, clerk of the supervisors Rules Committee, at 554-4447. ■



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## DARREN BARRETT He brought laughter

Few of the formerly homeless who land at the Arlington Residence make as lasting an impact in so short a time as Darren Barrett did.

A black man with a long beard, Mr. Barrett had a bad ticker when he arrived eight months ago with his wheelchair and cane. But he never used them, according to Clarke Martin, the SRO's lead social worker. "He didn't want to be a slave to the chair," Martin said. So he walked gingerly around the Arlington in a diminished version of exercise while bringing a new wave of laughter to any of the hotel's 150 residents in his company.

"He was in our men's group and harm reduction group," said Martin. "He had a good sense of humor, a deep voice and a rich laugh — and he liked to laugh at his own jokes. He was a genuinely nice guy and well-liked."

Mr. Barrett, found dead in his room by pest control inspectors May 21, was believed to have died two days earlier. He was 49.

The Arlington has had so many deaths that it designates the second Tuesday each month for one memorial for all who died in the previous 30 days. In a recent seven-month stretch, 10 residents died. But on June 10, Mr. Barrett didn't have to share with anyone else the prayers of Rev. Paul Trudeau, who conducted the ceremony, or the 14 mourners paying their respects to the amusing, bearded man they so enjoyed being around.

Most mourners remained quiet throughout the 20-minute ceremony except to say amen to the prayers of Trudeau, the young Presbyterian minister from City Church San Francisco, chosen by retired Rev. Glenda Hope to take up the neighborhood memorials where she left off.

Mr. Barrett had come from Medical Respite, a Department of Public Health program at S.F. General that provides "recuperative care, temporary shelter, and coordination of services for medically and psychiatrically complex homeless adults in San Francisco," according to the DPH website.

The few mourners who spoke up said they appreciated Mr. Barrett's cheerfulness and joke-making. He brought life and levity, not dreariness, to the Arlington and was a treat to be around. But little was known about him.

"He put smiles on a lot of people's faces, you know what I'm sayin'?" said a white man. "We came from the same neighborhood — Bayview — but I didn't know him before. We used to watch TV a lot together. He had a long beard, but he cut it off. He joked all the time, know what I'm sayin'?"

"He just got out of the hospital," added a woman. "He had a bad heart."

"He was a good person," said a man.

To enrich "processing the loss of Darren," Trudeau invited mezzo-soprano Molly Mahoney to sing. Sometimes residents and outside friends of the deceased sing at memorials but rarely with the quality Mahoney displayed in delivering "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." She's a trained opera singer who studied at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music (2009-10). She is affiliated with Transcendent Pathways, a year-old nonprofit dedicated to bringing live music "to help people suffering from mental illness, or any affliction that might make them feel isolated," according to its website. Transcendent Pathways and City Church paid her a stipend, which Trudeau says will continue, adding soloists to the memorials he conducts.

Mahoney stood near a table that held a solitary vase of bright yellow and warm lavender flowers. She filled the community room and lobby with her soaring song. A few minutes later she

sang the poignant "I'll Fly Away."

The mourners applauded each of a series of songs.

A moment of silence followed the last one until a man stood up.

"I didn't know him very well, but I cut his hair once," he said, and sat down.

The Arlington provided cookies and sodas afterward. ■

— Tom Carter

## PAUL RIOS Diabetic, he gorged on sugar

The resident mourners at the Hamlin Hotel memorial for the always smiling Paul Rios had not a bad word to say about him. Though he had lived there three years, little was known of his life other than he was a loner, not unusual in SROs.

But the trim Mr. Rios made a fine impression. He greeted people with a smile and light conversation before disappearing into the privacy of his room where he gorged uncontrollably day after day on a cornucopia of cheap sweets which, compounded finally by his rejection of medical help at the hospital in his midnight hour, killed him. A diabetic, Mr. Rios was 51.

His June 19 memorial began typically, this one in the tiny community room off the Hamlin lobby where two perky nosegays of small red, white and pink carnations rested on a table with a card showing Mr. Rios' sunrise, Sept. 24, 1962, and sunset, March 30, 2014. A sickly sweet aroma of cookies the hotel set out for the occasion hung heavily in the still air while a giant red Coke machine's grinding motor dominated the airspace until Rev. Paul Trudeau, who was conducting the memorial, had enough.

"Can someone please pull the plug on that machine?" he asked. Someone did.

Mezzo-soprano Molly Mahoney, continuing her new role as a frequent memorial soloist, sang "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "where troubles melt like lemon drops."

Then a half dozen mourners spoke briefly about how nice Mr. Rios was. He smiled, chatted, was "a good individual," but "was a private person." One woman said he was the first person she met at the hotel and was overjoyed when she discovered they had the same birthday. She knocked on his door to say they could "celebrate together."

Lisa Rios, Mr. Rios' sister from San Mateo, arrived 10 minutes into the ceremony with an envelope of snapshots in her purse, too late to display. She stood in back sniffing and waited the few minutes of abbreviated comments before speaking. Then she rolled out the story of her brother, the youngest of five kids from South San Francisco.

Mr. Rios was a bright, competent, yet complicated man eventually beset by more devils than he could handle, also not unusual for the neighborhood. The family had moved to Utah where Mr. Rios graduated from high school. He later attended Heald Business College. He was a mechanical technician who worked in Colorado for a company that made rifles and machine guns, she said.

"Oh, he was smart," she said. "He was an arms dealer."

He had married an Asian woman and was deep into the culture, becoming a black belt in karate, doing kickboxing and, "for calming," tai chi.

"He could do the splits between two chairs," his sister said.

But things started falling apart. His marriage ended in divorce. His father died. He got into trouble coming into California from Arizona with arms in his car. And he had developed "mental disabilities."

"It was heavy times in Arizona," she said.

Mr. Rios came to San Francisco 22 years ago. He loved the city and was



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comfortable landing in the Tenderloin. By then, he was diabetic and increasingly addicted to sugar while fighting "the voices in his head." He didn't like taking meds for the voices, but when he did, she said, "he really looked better."

Still, when Lisa Rios or another sibling would visit him, they were shocked to find that Mr. Rios was ignoring his diabetes medications while feasting from his two refrigerators filled with sugar, from Coco Puffs and Tootsie Rolls to cakes, cookies and candies.

"He'd hibernate with all that sugar."

She thought he considered the Tenderloin a sanctuary, where he wasn't under scrutiny or criticism for his self-destructive habits.

Mr. Rios paid a price. When his stomach hurt so bad he had to be hospitalized, he was back in the clutches of the medical world, which he didn't like. It happened a lot. "A van would come and get him."

The last trip to St. Francis Hospital was the worst.

"He had pneumonia and two cysts on his pancreas," his sister said. "He had a tube in his throat. In the past when that happened, he'd just pull it out and walk home. This time, it was the 30th of May, the doctor told him if he pulled it out he'd die. He did it anyway."

And Mr. Rios died that day in the hospital.

After the ceremony, several mourners hovered over the cookies and someone plugged in the Coke machine. Lisa Rios continued to talk through her sadness to the social workers, showing the snapshots of her with her little brother and Mr. Rios' older brothers. He looked good, she said. And he was smart.

"He lived his life the way he wanted," she said.

— Tom Carter

## RAY WORKMAN One precious friend

The end of life came quickly, surprisingly, for Ray Workman. One day he was living to the fullest, loving his job, then came his devastating cancer diagnosis. Two withering months later he was dead in his Ambassador Hotel room, leaving only a compassionate hotel desk clerk he befriended to tell his story.

"There are not a lot of nice people in the Tenderloin, but he was one," said Lynn Wheeler, a desk clerk for about a year. The elderly white man, a resident just a few months longer, and the young black woman had serendipitously meshed during brief moments when he had stopped at the desk, coming and going.

"More than anyone in the hotel, he's the one that touched me." Wheeler paused, remembering his little acts of kindness. "Only a few people knew him, but he was a nice guy with a heart of gold. He was a diamond in the rough."

Wheeler was talking in a room adjacent to the front desk. Another staffer was spelling her as she spoke with a reporter.

Mr. Workman was a career IRS employee who loved his work. Although Wheeler didn't know exactly what he did, "he lived for his work," she said. "And he loved the theater and would tell me what he saw." She was pretty sure he had been a drag queen earlier in life.

When he went out, Mr. Workman often asked Wheeler if he could bring her anything. She always said no. But when he returned and stopped at the desk — and when she turned her back — he would disappear but leave a magazine or cookies or the cranberry juice he knew she loved.

"He had tears in his eyes when he told me he had to retire and couldn't work anymore. He called me every morning."

The last thing Mr. Workman left her the week before he died — "still joking and in good spirits" — was a red leather, long-stem rose, a flower that lasts forever.

"It's so beautiful," Wheeler said. "I keep it on my mantel."

Mr. Workman donated his body to science.

"I signed the papers for him," she said, "but they wouldn't accept it because of the cancer. He trusted me a lot. And I definitely trusted him. He was a genuine good person."

Mr. Workman's April 7 memorial in the Listening Post on the mezzanine had ended a few minutes earlier after a closing prayer by Rev. Paul Trudeau. It had been an unusually short ceremony, displaying no flowers, no photo nor customary vital statistics. Workman was 66 and had died in mid-March, it was later learned. Wheeler was one of three mourners who attended; two didn't know him.

"I just saw him in passing," offered one woman. "He was quiet, kept to himself."

"No, I didn't know him," said a man.

Citing job restrictions, Mr. Workman's social worker said he couldn't discuss anything about him.

"There have been 25 deaths here in the last five years," added the man, who didn't or wouldn't give his name.

— Tom Carter

## 'Historic 1st' for City Hall

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by committees," and, repeating these words, to:

1. Help TNDC residents achieve quality of life;
2. Build their leadership as a self-governing body;
3. Support TNDC's strategic direction towards community development, and
4. Practice values-based community building in order to affect positive change in my neighborhood."

TNDC community organizer Hatty Lee afterward suggested that the legitimacy the supervisor has bestowed on the council has the effect of a "magnifying community voice."

"It's a big commitment," Kim said.

Two of the 11-member council, Guzhi Shen and Secretary Charles Armenta, were absent because of prior commitments. They were included late, after the election committee adjusted the membership to follow TNDC's rule limiting a building's representatives to no more than two. Council President Curtis Bradford of the Alexander Residence said it was not strictly the top vote-getters who won seats. Reginald Meadows and Rosalia Tavera from the Alexander were lopped off, replaced by Shen and Armenta. ■

Sophia Heller, Study Center executive assistant, contributed to this report.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## ARTS EVENTS

**"A Streetcar Named Desire,"** July 6, 1-3:30 p.m., Main Library. Merola Opera Program's special screening of the 1951 film classic in conjunction with its July 10 and 12 presentation of André Previn's opera based on Tennessee Williams' play at Everett Auditorium, 450 Church St. Info: merolaopera.com/calendar

**Thursdays @ noon**, movies at the Main Library, Koret Auditorium, films shot or set in San Francisco: July 10, "Pal Joey" (1957); July 17, "It Came from Beneath the Sea" (1955); July 24, "The House on Telegraph Hill" (1951); July 31, "Dark Passage" (1947). Info: sfppl.org.

**"Now and at the Hour,"** July 11-26, EXIT Theatre, 156 Eddy, theatrical magician Christian Cagigal's semi-autobiographical solo on the main stage. Info and tix: theexit.org.

**Night Light: Multimedia Garden Party**, July 19, 9 p.m.-midnight, SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St., \$12 admission. Art installations, including audiovisual performances and digital and cinematic projections by more than 30 artists. Group exhibition remains on view July 22-Aug. 16 during gallery hours (Tues.-Fri. noon-7 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m.), free admission. Info: somarts.org/nightlight2014.

## REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

**Tenant Associations Coalition of San Francisco**, 1st Wednesday of each month, noon, 201 Turk St., Community Room. Contact Michael Nulty, 339-8327. Resident unity, leadership training.

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

**CBHS Client Council**, 3rd Tuesday of month, 3-5 p.m., 1380 Howard, Room 515. Consumer advisers from self-help groups and mental health consumer advocates. Public welcome. Info: 255-3695. Call ahead as meeting location may change.

**Healthcare Action Team**, 2nd Wednesday of month, 1010 Mission St., Bayanihan Community Cen-

ter, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home services, expanded eligibility for home care, improved discharge planning. Light lunch. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

**Hoarding and Cluttering Support Groups**, weekly meetings at various times, conducted by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, 870 Market St., Suite 928. Info: 421-2926 or mentalhealthsf.org/group-search.

**Legal Clinic**, 4th Thursday of the month, 507 Polk St., 10 a.m.-noon. Legal help for people with psychiatric or developmental disabilities who need help with an SSA work review, sponsored by People with Disabilities Foundation. Sliding-scale fee. By appointment only: 931-3070. Info: pwndf.org.

**Mental Health Board**, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

**Tenderloin Healthy Corner Store Coalition**, 4th Thursday of the month, 3 p.m., Kelly Cullen Community Building, 220 Golden Gate Ave., 2nd floor auditorium or 5th floor gym. Public meetings to discuss legislation that encourages corner stores to sell fresh food and reduce tobacco and alcohol sales. Info: Jessica Estrada, jessica@vydc.org, 771-2600.

## SAFETY

**SoMa Police Community Relations Forum**, 4th Monday of each month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly email info: 538-8100 x202.

**Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting**, last Tuesday of month, 6 p.m., police station Community Room, 301 Eddy St. Call Susa Black, 345-7300. Neighborhood safety.

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

**Alliance for a Better District 6**, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or sf\_district6@yahoo.com, a districtwide improvement association.

**Central Market Community Benefit District**, board meets 2nd Tuesday of month, Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market St., 3 p.m. Info: 882-3088, http://central-market.org.

**Friends of Boeddeker Park**, Meetings continue during park renovation, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Un Cafecito, 335 Jones St. Info: Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

**Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board**, 3rd Thursday of month, 5 p.m. Works to protect SoMa resources for all residents. Gene Friend Rec Center, 270 Sixth St. Info: Tim Figueras, 554-9532.

**North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District**. Full board meets 3rd Monday at 4 p.m. Call 292-4812 for location or check nom-tlcbd.org.

**Safe Haven Project**, 4th Tuesday of each month, 3 p.m., 519 Ellis St. (Senator Hotel). Contact: 563-3205, x115, or centralcitysafehaven@gmail.com.

**SoMa Community Stabilization Fund Advisory Committee**, 3rd Thursday of month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor. Info: Claudine del Rosario, 701-5580.

**Tenderloin Futures Collaborative**, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon, Tenderloin Police Community Room, 301 Eddy. Presentations on issues of interest to neighborhood residents, nonprofits and businesses. Info: 820-1412.

## SENIORS AND DISABLED

**Mayor's Disability Council**, 3rd Friday of month, 1-3 p.m., City Hall, room 400. Call: 554-6789. Open to the public.

**Senior & Disability Action** (formerly Planning for Elders/Senior Action Network), general meeting, 2nd Thursday of month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. SDA Housing Collaborative meeting, 3rd Wednesday, 1 p.m. HealthCare Action Team meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 1010 Mission St., (Bayanihan Community Center). For info about SDA's Survival School, University and computer class schedules: 546-1333, www.sdaction.org.



PHOTO ERIC STALLER

**Eric Staller's Lightmobile**, Volkswagen Beetle with 1,659 lamps, computerized into 20 light patterns, at SOMArts, part of the July 19 opening of Night Light: Multimedia Garden Party.

## DISTRICT 6 SUPERVISOR

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