

# \$6 million Boeddeker redesign finally set

Now it's about waiting for makeover grants

BY TOM CARTER

SIX-FOOT-HIGH metal blades of green grass that chime. Big rocks on poles that you can spin. Shiny metal eggs 3 feet around that you can see your reflection in and hug — if you're a kid, hop on or hide behind.

These are three of the “dream” features in the complete makeover of Boeddeker Park that the Trust for Public Land is proposing. If dreams come true, it will be a vast change that park advocates have longed for, but never thought could happen.

The trust embarked on the project three years ago, after seven architects from various firms volunteered to sketch a park redesign pro bono. The community reacted favorably and the land trust proceeded with Rec and Park collaboration. At public meetings, residents voiced

their ideas and new plans were refined; they determined the locations of the park's major features.

The trust expects to hear this month about the \$4 million state grant it requested, which would launch construction in the spring. This is the park

residents said they wanted, according to the trust.

Those grass chimes could be chiming in the summer of 2012, the transformation's estimated completion date.

“The grass blades and spinning rocks are ideas of ours and would only be in the park if we get the full amount we applied for,” said the trust's Mary Muszinski in an interview. “The state people came to the park in July and stayed an hour and a half asking questions and looking at the park and the plans.”

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TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND

This drawing shows the proposed new Boeddeker clubhouse in a more open park.

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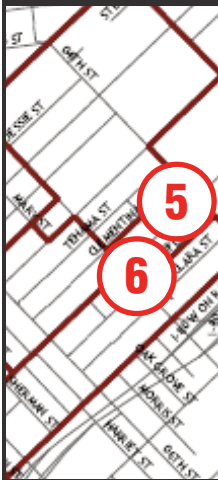
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'FRESH AND CLEAN'



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

Molly Trejo is the only female regular at the weekly Youth with a Mission shower.

## TL's only free shower

One afternoon a week, 10 people line up for 20 minutes in private

BY TOM CARTER

THERE'S one free shower in the city's poorest neighborhood, where a profusion of do-good nonprofits dwell. It's available only a few hours a week. But to the homeless in the Tenderloin, it's still a hot number.

When you don't have a nozzle at your fingertips for a week or two, when you're adrift on gritty, windswept streets and desperate for the warming, cleansing spray folks with a home take for granted, well, a good shower is new life.

Every Friday morning on Ellis Street, homeless people gather outside Youth with a Mission drop-in center to sign up for the free shower in the Tenderloin. The door opens at 9:30 a.m. and the first 10 who sign up get to take a private shower. The first shower is at 1 p.m. and then there's one every 20 minutes until 4:30 p.m.

“The list fills up in 10 minutes,” says staffer Janet Long. “And the regulars know that. They are so glad to have this chance. They feel so much better. They're fresh and clean, something we take for granted. But we can only do so much, and some are disappointed.”

With more staffing the showers could be used more. But for privacy, the connected

bathroom has to be closed during showering, and the center is reluctant to deprive drop-ins of the bathroom. So the free showers happen within a narrow window.

Long says there are eight shower-time regulars. One is a woman.

“Oh, she can't wait for her name to be called,” Long says. “And she's a different person when she comes out, too, so excited, and she puts on lipstick — we gave her some makeup for Christmas — and she feels like a woman.”

Another regular, Lee — no last name — has his hoodie up and is leaning against a window in the alcove at the door. He's 5-foot-7 with crystal-clear blue eyes and a beard. As the perpetual No. 1 in line, he always arrives before 8 a.m. He heard about the shower from street buddies two years ago, soon after arriving in the city.

“I bring a change of clean clothes in the afternoon,” says Lee, 50. “I've got a friend who'll do the washing.”

The shower's invigorating, gives a guy a boost.

“It feels a lot better from being sweaty and dirty all day. Some people, you can't get next to. It's their hygiene. Knocks you out.”

He eyes people edging closer to the door. Who's going to be first today could be in dispute.

A thin, pleasant man with no teeth tries to establish the order. A woman tells him she arrived before Lee, but it turns out she's waiting for a clothing voucher. A lot of people are. So there are really two lines, one for showers and one for the first five people who sign for clothing vouchers at 9:30 a.m. at another table. A voucher from the Monday through Friday program is good for a set of free clothes at St. Vincent de Paul in

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## Street Science

It's time to flat-out put the lie to sit/lie. This ordinance is on the ballot because the city has not done its job, from the police to the mayor and all involved in keeping the peace.

It starts with Park Station police not understanding a basic law of the streets, an axiom as exact as if it were physics: Apply heat, create movement.

Say clusters of toughs and pitbulls occupy portions of Haight Street from Masonic to Stanyan. And say you don't want those punks to be there harassing folks. Why not assign some police officers to patrol Haight Street on foot? Put as many two-cop teams on the street as you need. This is a big deal. Control your turf. So deploy your troops wisely.

Hang around the motley crews' sidewalk encampments. Don't harass them. Just be there. Are the thugs going to fire up a doob with the man in their face? Will they hassle some shopper with a couple cops standing right there? You get only one guess.

It works in the Tenderloin. It will work on Haight Street.

The Extra blames this whole mess on Park Station for not being able to solve its police problem. Because the Park Station captain couldn't handle his business, we have a hue and cry and citywide legislation on the ballot.

Well, maybe the blame falls more properly on Police Chief George Gascon, who apparently didn't huddle with his Park Station staff and remind them that good old-fashioned crime-fighting will enable them to take control of their own neighborhood.

But wait, the police chief answers to the mayor, so maybe that's where the buck stops: City Hall Room 200.

Mayor Newsom isn't a cop, and he didn't come up on San Francisco's mean streets. So he probably doesn't know that if you apply enough heat you can cause movement. But he should know that adding redundant sections to the Police Code is no way to keep the streets safe.

And then you have the Board of Supervisors, a board of "progressives," but they couldn't keep the mayor's copout sit/lie ordinance off the ballot.

Only Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, whose District 5 includes Haight Ashbury, and his fellow supes who are pushing for foot patrols got it right. But it shouldn't require a citywide vote to get the police to do their job.

We wonder whether former Tenderloin Capt. Gary Jimenez, who came here from Park Station and now has moved on, would have allowed punks to best his officers. No way. Bet on it. And neither would his successor, Capt. John Garity.

So, because the Park Station police didn't do their job, and no one ordered them to, the city gets a pesky sit/lie ordinance to vote on. When the cops can't handle a problem, most people get scared, which means they'll probably vote for sit/lie.

There's a lot of crime in the Tenderloin, more per block than any other hood in the city. But it's not the central city that has forced onto the ballot a measure that attests to the failure of SFPD to bring order to a neighborhood under its jurisdiction.

No matter how sit/lie plays out, it's a testament to the inability of one of the highest-paid police departments in the nation to control its own turf. Pathetic. ■



"The Burroughs and Kookie Show: Late Night in the Interzone" is Christopher Kuckenbaker's take on the black, comedic world of William S. Burroughs at the new Exit Studio, Sept. 10, 13, 16 and 19.

## Fringe Fest opens at EXIT

EXIT Theatre's 19th Fringe Festival — the Tenderloin's premier annual cultural event — opens Sept. 8 with "Eat Our Shorts: The Secret Lives of San Francisco," a look at modern life from GuyWriters, a Bay Area gay men's collective.

The festival — 250 performances of 43 different raucous to thought-provoking shows — ends, 12 days later, with "The Weight Game," local playwright Sarah Abbey's solo vignettes on "society's obsessions with weight, self-esteem, and the conundrum that is peanut butter."

EXIT has now expanded from its original 49-seat black box to five venues, including four performance spaces — a veritable theaterplex — at its 156 Eddy St. headquarters. The newest theater in the complex is the 40-seat EXIT Studio that is being completed just in time for the festival.

Most shows in this non-juried, uncensored international festival are at 156 Eddy and 277 Taylor, but

three are "away" — at the Four Star Cinema on Clement Street, Portsmouth Square and the F-Market Muni turnaround in the Castro. Tix: \$7-\$10. Info: [sffringe.org](http://sffringe.org). ■



Brooklyn playwright Julia Steele Allen solos in a self-discovery journey from Transylvania to Texas in the world premiere of "Little Tainted Blood," Sept. 10-14 and 18 at Exit Theatre.

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CENTRAL MARKET ARTS



# Iron picket fence to replace park's fortress feel

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billion water, natural resource and park bond measure voters passed in 2006. Applicants' requests total \$1.6 billion, according to Sedrick Mitchell, deputy director of external affairs for State Parks, and 11% of that is available.

Mitchell said that because Boeddeker passed "physical" review it is in the running. Some applicants never got past the paperwork review. The state's vetting may continue into early October before awards are announced, Mitchell said. Some applicants won't get as much as they requested.

"Even if we get it," Muszinski said, "we'll need to raise another \$500,000."

The makeover expenditure goal is \$5 million. The trust, which transforms neglected public parks so kids can use them, also applied for a \$500,000 urban greening grant from the state. But the state is so inundated with those requests that the recipients won't be known until year's end, Muszinski said. The trust additionally is trying to raise a half million from corporations and individuals. It was successful earlier in raising \$1 million for the planning and design.

Late last year the trust feared that the state's sinking bond status could indefinitely delay distributing Prop 84 funds. The trust's Jake Gilchrist, who spearheaded the trust's work with Boeddeker, said the project needed to go forward on schedule, and not be put on hold, even if it meant scaling down to \$3 million. But the application wasn't held up and the state process apparently isn't slowing.

## NEXT UP: BIDDING PROCESS

After the grants are in, the bidding process will take several months. If construction starts next spring, the park will close for 16 to 18 months until it's finished.

Boeddeker is part of the public land trust's \$8 million improvement project for three San Francisco

parks. Hayes Valley at Hayes and Buchanan streets and Balboa Park out on San Jose Avenue are the others.

The preliminary plan presented in public meetings last year has undergone changes. But the aim to have a more open, greener and inviting park is still evident in the latest drawing.

**Boeddeker is one of 475 parks statewide that have applied for money from Proposition 84, the \$5.4 billion water, natural resource and park bond measure voters passed in 2006.**

The main gate will no longer be at the Jones and Eddy corner but pushed farther east on Eddy, where an 18-foot gate will roll open for ramp access. Walking up the ramp to the park level (from Eddy to Ellis the park slopes 16 feet) a visitor passes the glassed recreation room on the right, which also looks out on to Eddy. The rest of the clubhouse extends north and has activities and meeting rooms. Most of its west wall will be floor-to-ceiling glass for staff to keep an eye on the park. The floor will be warm from the radiant, geothermal heating system underneath. From

the roof, drain pipes will send rainwater into three large planters.

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## BUILDING TO GO SOLAR

Supplying all of the one-story building's energy needs will be solar panels on the roof. A "living roof" of plants and grasses proved impractical.

At the top of the ramp is a patio. Looking west is the airy, open park that the critics of fortress Boeddeker wanted. Gone is the park split by a wide brick walk from the Eddy and Jones gate and sectioned by low brick ledges. Instead, there's an 80-by-45-foot lawn suitable for soccer, tai chi and group yoga. Adjacent, to the north, is a multi-purpose court. Next to it, surrounded by trees, is a kids' play area with a stage, but without a sunken amphitheater-like plaza that once was considered. Nearby, centrally located, is the outdoor bathroom.

Protecting the lawn and court on the south and west sides will be a light-colored, 6-foot-9-inch-high perimeter fence to supplant the heavy, dark metal one that contributed to Boeddeker's reputation. The

new fence's wrought iron pickets are less than half the thickness of the others. And park trees, mostly poplars, will border the main park's south and west sides and turn along the north side and go past the children's area.

Because of the sloping land, the park will be terraced and ramped in four places. One ramp leads up to the northernmost section that borders Ellis Street, where there will be a maintenance gate and doorway. That section, with several small garden areas, tables and benches, was once the haunt of raucous domino players and dope dealers who were chased away. In recent years, oldtimers from Presentation Senior Community next door have volunteered on Saturdays to weed and hoe the flower beds and clean up trash. That section will have two patios, planter beds, tables and benches under two bordering rows of trees.

Trust representatives brought a small sample of the lighter fencing that will surround the park to the Friends of Boeddeker Park meeting Aug. 12. It will create better visibility into and out of the park.

## BULLETIN BOARD STAYS

Residents said they were eager to save the park's arty grant-funded bulletin board created two years ago. It's on the outside of the fence to the left of the gate and posts information on neighborhood special events, concerts and exercise classes. It's colorfully encircled by a wrought-iron garland of vines and flowers painted green, yellow and red. Rec and Park's Steve Cismowski said the bulletin board was popular and has remained undamaged since it was put up.

The historic clock at the park's Eddy and Jones corner was another consideration. It will be removed during construction, Muszinski said, but the city will decide if the JCDecaux privy will stay. Friends Chair Betty Traynor said she hoped the clock could be returned to the corner.

"While I was putting up some flyers for the concert, someone came up and asked why does this park have to look like a prison?" Traynor said later. "And why are there so many fences inside? Well, this is what the new design will change — it will transform the park into a truly open space. I really like the new design." ■

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# Homeless treasure the chance to get clean

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the next block.

Lee is still No. 1. The toothless man is No. 4.

The milling crowd of maybe 25 is volatile, the scene, at times, chaotic with yelling and cussing. One man bursts into ragged song at the top of his lungs, then stops a shapely young volunteer headed inside and starts dancing with her. She smiles, wiggles her hips and plays along. More than a score of young volunteers go through the door between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., often using their own keys. An angry woman in the crowd screams obscenities for a full minute, then walks off in a huff. Nobody pays her any attention.

Away from the group, alone at the curb, is Molly Trejo. She's leaning on a parking meter, a large black travel bag slung over her shoulder. Five feet tall with white hair that once was auburn, she has beautiful blue eyes and a ruddy face like a pretty farm girl. Her smile is radiant. But usually she's expressionless. She's 50, and a two-year shower regular. Typically, she's the only woman in the shower line.

"It's nice to have this hygiene," she says. "Helps the confidence. It really does."

Confidence?

"Confidence to be positive, and in a nice way."

Trejo lived 34 years in Seattle, 12 in Hawaii and the last four in San Francisco. She says she lives in

Hayes Valley, eats at Glide or St. Anthony's, walks several miles a day and often spends weekends strolling along the Embarcadero. She loves listening to conversations, longs to be included, but is too shy to break in, she says.

Free showers are scarce for the 2,700 homeless whom the Human Services Agency estimates sleep on the streets. Trejo's nearest other choice would be A Woman's Place, open daily at 1049 Howard between Sixth and Seventh streets. For Lee, it would be the Ozanam Center for men, 1175 Howard, weekdays only.

Jennifer Freidenbach, executive director of the Coalition on Homelessness, believes showers are "basic for hygiene." Without them there are health risks, especially foot problems and infections, to say nothing of a deterrent to employment.

"It's a human necessity," she says.

Today, Lee comes in first and Trejo follows at No. 5. She sets her bag down and begins circling the room, waiting for her name to be announced. If there's a no-show she could move up before any of the wait list's three or four names are called. But there aren't many no-shows.

When called, the person is given soap, shampoo, a towel and the bathroom key to lock the door. Bathers get a five-minute warning door knock, then a final knock.

For privacy, the drop-in center bathroom is



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

Lee likes to be first in line for the shower, so he arrives 1½ hours before the 9:30 a.m. signup.

closed and only one of the three showers is used. Otherwise, the showers are never used.

"You can't use the bathroom now when a shower is being used and we want to change that," Tim Svoboda, the center's director, told The Extra. He'd like to reconfigure and give the bathroom a separate door so there's access when a shower's in use.

"There's a shortage of bathrooms and showers in the neighborhood and we'd like to expand these," he said. "I think add another door. I'd guess it would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000, and we don't have it."

The Tenderloin Community Benefit District may help with funding. Director Elaine Zamora toured the center after hearing about Youth With a Mission's showers at a Friends of Boeddeker Park meeting.

"We're waiting on a proposal from (them) for a bathroom/shower project that would allow for more staffing of their restrooms and showers, for more accessibility for people who need to use them," Zamora said in an email. "Accessibility to restrooms will help address the public urination and defecation issues in the neighborhood. That, along with the showers, brings dignity to folks, as well."

The CBD contributed \$23,500 last year to the Tenderloin's Wonderland art project and gives \$7,500 annually toward the neighborhood's Safe Haven campaign.

A new guy, a tall, friendly man with a lengthening 5 o'clock shadow, was in line among the regulars on July 23. Ed, 51, who didn't want his full name used, lived in Florida 12 years and a year in Colorado before coming to San Francisco three weeks ago. He lives in his car and heard about the YWM showers from other car-bunkers.

"This is nicer than most," Ed said. "You get 20 minutes. It's wonderful, even better than one in a gym. It's private and you don't have to worry about people stealing your stuff. San Francisco has good services, a lot better than Florida."

The only other shower he tried here was at the Fifth Street shelter. It wasn't as clean, he said.

At 9:30 a.m. everyone scurried through the door toward the things that would brighten their day. In four minutes the shower list was full. Ed was No. 2 behind Lee and when Ed was at the table he blurted, "You've got the best showers in town!"

Trejo was No. 5. ■

## How much is a shower worth?

**R**ICHARD May, 52, previously took showers for granted. Then he became homeless Feb. 3 and was suddenly without one. He went 10 days before going in desperation to the Mission Resource Center on Capp Street. He didn't know he had to make an advance reservation. But staff made an exception and squeezed him onto the free show-

er schedule.

"Afterward, I felt like I had lost weight," May said one morning at the Salvation Army's Kroc Center. "I was so happy I was singing — clean, hot water and fresh underwear! Man, alive."

Now he showers regularly at the Kroc center on Turk Street, having landed a low-income scholarship, good for six months and renewable. He pays 25% of the \$20 monthly adult membership fee — \$5. It gives him run of the place, including pool, gym, fitness room, locker room and showers.

A shower, according to TNDC, is also worth from about \$70 a month to \$240. At TNDC's Dalt Hotel, for example, residents pay \$596 monthly with shower compared with \$526 without, and at the West, \$472 versus \$537.

When TNDC's renovated, eight-story Civic Center Residence at 44 McAllister St. advertised its rooms — \$435 no-shower to \$675 with — Michael Wise, 61, went for the shower.

"Very consistent hot water, too," said Wise, standing next to his shower in his SRO "sanctuary." It's the first time in 26 years Wise has been on his own. In residential care, he always had roommates. "Board and care showers weren't as consistent."

The Civic Center rooms aren't all the same size. Wise has a larger, nicely located room, and the \$240 difference reflects more than just the shower. There's one room with a shower renting for \$625.

But with no guide to follow, the pricing is arbitrary. "Who's to say if we're selling them exactly right," TNDC Executive Director Don Falk said in an email.

The renovation trend is to install showers in some if not all SRO rooms. For decades, the hotels have had communal showers, usually at the end of a floor, and some old SROs remain that way. ■

— TOM CARTER



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Michael Wise shows off the shower in his newly renovated room in TNDC's Civic Center Residence, a luxury for which he's willing to pay \$240 a month.



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# District of extremes is driving the city

BY JONATHAN NEWMAN

**S**TEP up, ladies and gentlemen. Today's tour of the dynamic, the diverse and the problem-filled — District 6 in the heart of San Francisco — is about to begin.

District 6 is not the biggest election enclave in the city — District 10 holds that distinction — but of the 11 city supervisorial boundaries, District 6 is home to a populace with the very poor and very rich citizens at its edges — all trying to balance the contrasts between long unsolved social ills and promises of sky-high growth and unending technological advance.

On Nov. 2 some portion of the district's 43,000 registered voters will select a successor to termed-out Supervisor Chris Daly. You think you've got it tough? That successor must respond to resident concerns ranging from crime, homelessness, affordable housing, public transportation and land development to day care, public parks and street beautification — the gamut of wants and dreams as old as government itself.

Right now in District 6 you can rent a single room (bath not included) at the newly renovated Civic Center Residence on McAllister for \$435 a month, or you can bid to buy the penthouse at The Millennium Tower 60 stories above the corner of Fremont and Mission for double-digit millions. At Sixth Street's Tu Lan you can get full on Julia Child-touted Vietnamese food for \$6; a block away a prix fixe tasting menu at Fifth Floor in the Hotel Palomar starts at \$72, wine extra. Tonight, some of the district's citizens will stay behind their locked doors in fear of street rats with guns, others will complain their favorite cafe doesn't have enough sidewalk seating.

Census tract figures for 2000 show a population of about 93,000, making District 6 one of, if not the largest in the city. In the Tenderloin were 28,480 people, more than a third of them disabled; more than 15,000 in Hayes Valley and 50,170 South of Market. Tenderloin residents had a per capita income of \$17,634 a year, with nearly 63% of them

living in single rooms. In Hayes Valley, the annual per capita income was \$31,913, South of Market it was \$37,115. Those money numbers will be changing, don't you think? Some of us got poorer than we were, some richer.

In the past 10 years nearly 9,500 new housing units have gone up in District 6. The Planning Department projects nearly 20,000 more housing units coming online in the district, including 8,000 on Treasure Island alone. Look closely, ladies and gentlemen, a city within the city is rising before your eyes.

Now, as we approach central Market Street, you might want to take a break. Not much to observe unless you're enthralled by vacant buildings, empty storefronts and public misbehavior in the middle of stalled renovation projects. There's life here, though, and beneath that temporary eyesore a glimpse of a revived arts and theater district might be had.

At Civic Center, watch out for bureaucrats. This part of the district is home to three federal office buildings, two state buildings, a county courthouse and the dome of City Hall, not to mention the Main Library, the Asian Art Museum and dozens of lesser Civic Center offices. No wonder Seventh and Market is the city transportation hub, shuttling commuters and government workers in the tens of thousands each weekday.

Hayes Valley — you oldtimers remember it as a dead zone under the freeway — is alive again. If you're noshing or shopping or snapping pictures of how the city creates thoroughfares disguised by trees, plants and boulevard divides, this is your place. Look stylish, blend in and, if you've got a snap brim hat with a

stingy brim, wear it as we pass along Valencia Street, a hipster haven with new bike lanes.

That November election? Fourteen politicians are running for one spot. Like the district, the candidate roster has something for everyone. You can vote for champions of more affordable housing and more public nudity, zealots for less crime and more jobs, advocates of community development, less parking spaces and better public transportation. All that's sure is that someone will win and we'll do it all again in four years. See you later. ■

— MARJORIE BEGGS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS REPORT

## Purloining her Tenderloins

Everyone knew  
that the T-Lo  
had something unique  
vibrant bleak  
a shabby chic  
where the flag of the freak  
flies high and proud  
where vindication of the meek  
electrifies fiery loud  
the last frontier of sf where it's not yet a crime to be poor  
skidrow's past masks hidden paths to time's door  
now everyone who's anyone  
knows that the T-Lo's got "it"  
but they know that they can't buy "it"  
(not even at the farmer's market)  
cuz that "it" is the spirit of free spirits who resist  
so they try and take "it"  
and pray like hell  
that no one can tell  
that they're so fakin' it.  
Guess I'd better strike it rich  
before I become too poor  
to afford to live in the Tenderloin anymore.

— D.V. ATRIA

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, COORDINATION AND PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICES FOR THE MID-MARKET PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE MID-MARKET REDEVELOPMENT SURVEY AREA

The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified individuals or entities to provide administrative, coordination and outreach services to support the Mid-Market Project Area Committee ("PAC") through a Personal Services Contract. Services will generally include coordination of all PAC meetings; serving as a point of contact for information requests; implementing discrete PAC projects; maintaining, developing and implementing a public information program; and drafting reports, letters, memoranda, etc. This opportunity is open to all businesses, both for-profit and non-profit. Responses to the Request for Qualifications will be accepted until Monday, September 20, 2010, 4:00 p.m. To obtain a copy of the Request for Qualifications packet go to [www.sfgov.org/sfra](http://www.sfgov.org/sfra) or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Zayas-Chien, Project Manager, Telephone: (415) 749-2504 or [Lisa.Zayas-Chien@sfgov.org](mailto:Lisa.Zayas-Chien@sfgov.org).

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# Candidates for sup



## Elaine Zamora

**Date of birth:** Dec. 12, 1951

**Date of District 6 residency:** November 2007

**Occupation:** Attorney (semiretired) and district manager of the North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District

**What I do best:** Work very hard and smart and able to facilitate collaboration of very diverse people.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My legal experience and law practice business ownership. Also, the many accomplishments achieved for the Tenderloin during running my law office and while running the North of Market/TL CBD.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** I believe it is land use issues. I will engage residents, businesses, property owners, city departments/agencies, developers and any other stakeholders in developing common sense, fair and reasonable land use decisions and solutions for balanced, safe and healthy District 6 neighborhoods.



## Jim Meko

**Date of birth:** Feb. 13, 1949

**Date of District 6 residency:** March 1977

**Occupation:** Printer. I own The Best Impression, a print shop at 366 10th St., with my partner, Roy.

**What I do best:** 33 years living and working in District 6 has blessed me with a rich network of community contacts to help work out community-based solutions that everyone can live with.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My 10 years as chair of the SoMa Leadership Council and my service as an Entertainment Commissioner since 2003 are very valuable, but the experience most relevant to my candidacy comes from the hundreds of hours of community meetings that I've organized as chair of the Western SoMa Citizens' Planning Task Force. I have learned that what matters the most is our shared vision of creating complete neighborhoods for everyone.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The Board of Supervisors has got to stop talking about pension reform and must act now. This unsustainable cost is resulting in more and more cuts to city services every year. Removing the set asides that now lock up 85% of the budget is another priority so that available funds are distributed more fairly and justly among all departments.

The budget deficit is our most pressing problem. It has priced families out of the Gene Friend Rec Center and forced United Playaz to find a storefront for their safe communities program. ... We can't keep spending money that we don't have. What we do spend must serve the greatest good.



## Theresa Sparks

**Date of birth:** Declined to state

**Date of District 6 residency:** August 2009

**Occupation:** Executive director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

**What I do best:** Job creation and human rights advocacy

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I started up, built and managed new businesses for 25 years, primarily in the clean-tech industry, have been president of the Police Commission and executive director of the Human Rights Commission.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The most pressing problems facing District 6 are unemployment, the absence of good jobs, affordable housing and public safety.

As supervisor, I intend to immediately introduce legislation to stimulate growth in our local economy by creating economic zones of innovation for clean tech, high tech and biotech startup companies, encourage developers to create more housing opportunities for low-middle-and working-class residents by offering incentives, and work with the SFPD to not only increase funding for more beat cops on the street but adopt a restorative justice model to first-time offenders instead of immediate incarceration.



## James Keys

**Date of birth:** Nov. 6, 1961

**Date of District 6 residency:** August 1999

**Occupation:** Unemployed

**What I do best:** Advocacy

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** My work in the D-6 supervisor's office as a legislative intern, my work on the S.F. Mental Health Board, my past job at Senior Action Network has had me working on health care, children and education, equal rights, balanced budgets, citizenship, ethical corporate leadership, environmental responsibility, secure energy policies and fair trade issues.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** Housing — I want to continue the work in this district that has prioritized the construction of affordable housing and the protection of our existing rental housing stock, especially the SRO hotels. As someone who has lived in affordable housing in the Tenderloin, ... I will work to provide real opportunities for low-income individuals in hotels to improve their quality of life by moving into better housing. This in turn would open up units, which would allow homeless individuals to obtain housing.



## George Davis

**Date of birth:** Sept. 17, 1946

**Date of District 6 residency:** August 1968

**Occupation:** Writer

**What I do best:** Listen and act.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have written about and am familiar with San Francisco's political, economic and cultural history. I have owned several real estate agencies and small businesses. ... have demonstrated for a U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, the Free Body Cultural Movement and against the death penalty.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The bullet points of my campaign are:

- Freedom of expression
- Freedom from censorship
- Free dental, vision and hearing care for seniors.

My target electoral demographics are "free thinkers" and seniors. Freedom of expression and freedom from censorship are greatly expanded, whether or not I am elected, by the nude walks throughout the city. ... If elected supervisor, my only legislative priority is free dental, vision and hearing care for seniors. ...

## Nate Payne

**Date of birth:** Jan. 24, 1979

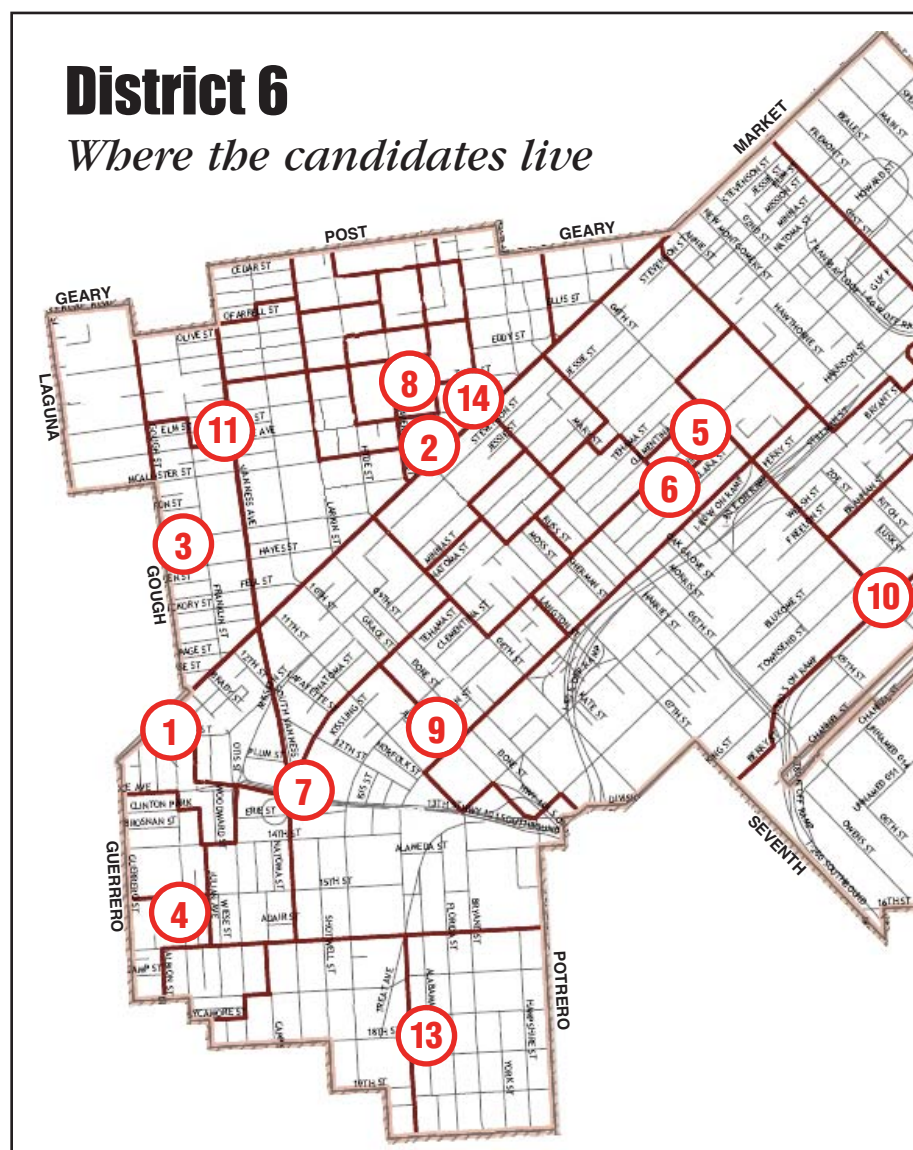
**Date of District 6 residency:** 2002

**Occupation:** Small business owner

**What I do best:** I listen and act on facts not fiction. This allows me to bring people together.

**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** Growing up in District 6 from a child to an adult and then father, I have seen the good and the bad in District 6 as well as the whole city. ... My experience working and talking with youth and our senior citizens has given me a great amount of wisdom and respect. ... I can and will always remember who I represent, that is the people and businesses of District 6.

**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The safety of residents and businesses is one of the most important resources needed in District 6. We rely as well as those who visit on being able to walk freely and safely at all hours of the day. I will work with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor's Office and with the police to maintain the levels of safety required by our citizens. There is not an option to reduce the safety resources that protect the quality of life we all work so hard for. I will also make sure that the resources allocated for safety and security are efficient and not wasteful.





# Supervisor of District 6



## Jane Kim

**Date of birth:** Declined to state  
**Date of District 6 residency:** January 2009  
**Occupation:** Civil rights attorney. Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, and Board of Education president  
**What I do best:** Through my work as a community organizer and now as a Board of Education member, I personally understand how effective and smart policy-making, engaging the community, can bring about change that matters in our communities.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I am currently the president of the Board of Education and an attorney for the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Before law school, I was a senior community organizer and Youth Program director at the Chinatown Community Development Center.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6 and what can you as supervisor do about it?** The mantra of our campaign has been making neighborhoods more complete and livable. One of the most exciting things about District 6 is that it is a work in progress. Each of its neighborhoods has its own distinctive needs and assets. Development encompasses everything from job creation and housing to implementing community benefits like transit, schools and innovative use of public space.

## Dean Clark

**Date of birth:** Nov. 10, 1965  
**Date of District 6 residency:** January 2007  
**Occupation:** Special education teacher and business owner  
**What I do best:** Collaboration and communication with others.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have been a teacher and small business owner in San Francisco for years. I have worked in public and private education and I was in the Marine Corps. I attended S.F. State University for a special education credential, City College for early childhood education certificates, and the University of Wisconsin, where I received a bachelor's in Administration with a minor in Economics.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** I plan on working hard to provide affordable housing for all residents. Every citizen deserves a safe and vibrant community. Our police force must focus on violent crimes such as arson, assault, illegal drug trafficking and homicide. Vandalism and graffiti have long been a concern for residents and business owners alike. ... We need good-paying jobs and to get those who are unemployed back to work. Social programs should be supported. Programs like Healthy San Francisco should not be cut.

## Glendon "Anna Conda" Hyde

**Date of birth:** Sept. 18, 1967  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1996  
**Occupation:** Community organizer, drag queen fundraiser  
**What I do best:** I am a champion against the war on fun, gentrification, human rights abuses and community inclusiveness.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** Housing issues are the greatest problem in District 6 by far. Tenants of many SROs must face bedbugs, limited and filthy toilets and showers, drug use and dealing, as well as lack of common space. To combat these issues we must ensure that all SRO buildings have wraparound services that include front desk attendees, fair visitor policies, the ability to hold landlords accountable for their actions and building issues, and many other needs of the community. ... Shelters are not the answer for helping those with mental health issues and we need funding to help these individuals to find care instead of leaving them on the streets to injure others.

## Debra Walker

**Date of birth:** April 23, 1953  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1981  
**Occupation:** Artist/Small businesswoman  
**What I do best:** Working with individuals and communities to create solutions that work for all of us.  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have worked and lived in District 6 for over 25 years and during that time I have fought to make our neighborhoods a better, safer place for tenants, families and small business. ... I've been a land use activist for decades ... participating in every planning discussion in this district and I was particularly active in shaping the recent Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning plan. ... I will use my experience with land use gained as a Building Inspection Commissioner to guarantee we are building adequate affordable housing and complete neighborhoods that serve us all.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** It's difficult to zero in on one, but land use and development. Over the past 10 years, District 6 has seen more development than anywhere else and we anticipate much more to come. As old uses like light industry diminish, we must address current needs, like housing. We must also make sure that we foster our economic engine to produce goods and create jobs and revenue. As supervisor, I will use my vast land use experience to ensure that development brings real community benefits (like open space), provides affordable housing for individuals AND families, protects small business and doesn't destroy our neighborhoods.

- 1 Ashe, Matt  
95 McCoppin #407
- 2 brown, h.  
44 McAllister #415
- 3 Clark, Dean  
345 Fulton #22
- 4 Davis, George  
422 Valencia St. #310
- 5 Drake, Matt  
855 Folsom St. #909
- 6 Hyde, Glendon "Anna Conda"  
4 Jennifer Place
- 7 Kim, Jane  
1655 Mission St. #431
- 8 Keys, James  
270 Turk St. #208
- 9 Meko, Jim  
364 10th St.
- 10 Payne, Nate  
225 King St. #501
- 11 Sparks, Theresa  
601 Van Ness Ave. #746
- 12 Vazhappally, George  
363 Avenue C
- 13 Walker, Debra  
540 Alabama St. #217
- 14 Zamora, Elaine  
118 Jones St.



## Matt Drake

**Date of birth:** Dec. 22, 1971  
**Date of District 6 residency:** April 2002  
**Occupation:** Attorney and general counsel  
**What I do best:** Work with very different people to get results  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I am involved in general neighborhood groups, such as Clementina Cares, the Yerba Buena Community Benefits District and SOMA Forward. Instead of waiting for City Hall, we have been effective in improving the neighborhood on our own.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** Our most important issue is our quality of life. Our streets should be safe and clean. ... Improving the quality of life will be a long-term process. First, we should put the cops where the criminals are ... including moving officers here from other areas of the city. ... The police will be able to put officers on the street, where they can do the most good. Once we have cops on the street we then need to ensure that these crimes are prosecuted by the D.A.

## Matt Ashe

**Date of birth:** Feb. 17, 1965  
**Date of District 6 residency:** 1996  
**Occupation:** Union stagehand and multi-source technician  
**What I do best:** Contract enforcement and on-site negotiations  
**Experience most relevant to my candidacy:** I have worked as a union member/supervisor at IATSE for the past 18 years. During that time I've learned to balance management's budgetary concerns while simultaneously protecting workers' rights and wages.  
**What is the most pressing problem in District 6, and what can you as supervisor do about it?** As a 20-year resident of San Francisco I've seen dramatic and devastating changes to the San Francisco community: educational, law enforcement and park budgets slashed, profligate spending by our municipalities, tolerant S.F. citizens pushed to the brink and small businesses plagued by a myriad of permits and escalating fees.

**Candidates responded to a Central City Extra questionnaire. Candidate h. brown declined to participate, and George Vazhappally did not respond. Matt Ashe did not want his photo used, and Nate Payne's photo was unretrievable by our computers. Candidates' order was based on design considerations.**





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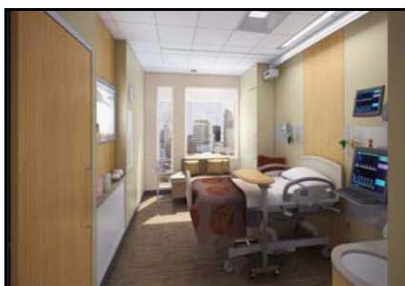
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# Voter trends and election insight

BY MARK HEDIN

**T**HE battle lines are becoming clear in District 6, where the haves and have-nots are circling the ring to fight for a voice on the Board of Supervisors.

The numbers could grow by election day, but as of mid-July, District 6 had 43,256 registered voters, almost 56% registered Democrats, within less than a percentage point of the citywide registration. The next biggest group is that which declines to state a party — 13,392 — followed by Republicans (3,303), Greens (975), American Independents (875), Libertarians (303), Peace and Freedoms (206) and 74 the Department of Elections calls “miscellaneous.”

The district traditionally is among the liberal voting blocs in San Francisco. Turnout, however, has consistently scraped bottom.

Jim Stearns, whose Stearns Consulting Inc. is working for candidate Debra Walker, expects about 22,000 votes to be cast in District 6. But only about 85% of those voting will bother to state a preference in the supervisorial race, he says. Under the ranked-voting system that applies here, if no one gets a majority, then only ballots naming at least one of the top three vote-getters will be considered.

“At the end of the day,” he said, it’ll take “maybe only 7,500 votes” to win.

Termed-out Supervisor Chris Daly won re-election in 2006 with 8,654 votes, 48% of the 20,204 cast in the district’s 52 precincts. In 2002, he was elected to his first full term with 6,645 votes, 51% of the vote. In 2000, in the city’s first district elections in 20 years, he won an initial two-year term with 6,023 votes, more than twice as many as either Chris Dittenhafer or Carol Ruth Silver, his two nearest rivals in the field of 15.

Daly came to the Board of Supervisors with a track record for, among other things, advocating for affordable housing in the Mission District. Not sur-

prisingly then, the north Mission has been among his strongholds. In 2000, Precinct 3706, the southwestern-most in District 6, produced 262 votes, Daly’s most in any single precinct. The north Mission has remained supportive throughout Daly’s career. In 2006, his top three precincts were all from there.

The concept of district elections has been a recurring issue in San Francisco politics since the ’70s and, as a one-election wonder, brought in Harvey Milk, elected in 1977, who served less than a year before Dan White, also elected in ’77, killed Milk and Mayor George Moscone at City Hall in November 1978.

Less than two years later, in the lowest-turnout election to date, voters decided to return to electing supervisors on an at-large, citywide basis. And so it was until 1996, when voters flip-flopped again, with the first district elections set for 2000. Enter Daly.

As part of a survey conducted in the course of adjusting district boundaries in 2002 — each of the 11 districts is supposed to be equal in total population — the city’s Elections Task Force on Redistricting asked a sample of 1,100 voters in Districts 3, 6, 8, 9 and 11 about their priorities for making such changes.

They were asked, for instance, if it was more important to keep a neighborhood within a single district or to focus on other commonalities, such as ethnicity or socioeconomic status. Across the board, respondents preferred keeping neighborhoods within a single district. When the new boundaries were drawn, District 6, which needed to shrink by about 4,500 people, on the north lost to District 3 about 18 city blocks along Sutter Street, and to the south a couple of dozen more blocks in the warehouse district along Seventh Street went to District 11, but gained about 20 blocks in a sawtooth pattern across the Mission below 17th Street between Valencia Street and Potrero Avenue.

Quintin Mecke, now an aide to Assemblyman

Tom Ammiano, was on that task force and recalls redistricting as “a grueling process” and that, based on the unanimity of displeasure it engendered, he felt it must have been even-handed. “Everyone and their mother had some sort of complaint,” he recalled. Once the results of the 2010 Census are in, the city will have to look into redrawing District 6 again.

Survey respondents also were asked what neighborhood they would prefer to either keep or drop from their district, should the need arise. In District 6, most respondents suggested voting out Treasure Island. Except South Beach, where respondents preferred to lose the ‘Loon.

And, tellingly, it’s in that gentrified South Beach neighborhood and its surroundings where voters have veered furthest from the rest of the district. In 2006, Daly’s only significant challenge came from Rob Black, who won almost 40 % of the vote (Daly had 48.84%). Black beat Daly in nine precincts covering the district’s entire waterfront territory, from the Ferry Building to Mission Bay, everything east of Third Street, which now includes the new Rincon Towers and other high-end development, and throughout the SoMa area below Harrison all the way to Division Street — also home to pricier lofts and condos. Black also beat Daly in Hayes Valley.

On both sides of Sixth Street north of Harrison, though, and all through the depths of the Tenderloin, Daly was the man. Stearns, who worked for Daly in that campaign, noted that though Black had “limited success” in mobilizing upscale voters in those new apartment buildings — the actual percentage turnout could have been much higher — and Black’s success ultimately was trumped by the turnout Stearns and Daly were able to generate from the SROs.

“It’s a changing district,” Stearns said. “But translating that into the voting booth is up to the candidates.” ■

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### City Election

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## City College Update

By Dr. Anita Grier

**W**herever I speak about City College, the well-publicized misuse of public funds in 2005-6 dominates the conversation; people want to know what went on behind the scenes and how such abuses escaped notice of the Board of Trustees.

• How could \$10,000 for rent on a college parking lot be diverted to a political campaign—even a campaign for City College improvements?

• How could \$28,670 raised by PepsiCo for beverage sales on campus be diverted to the Foundation of City College, a politically active organization?

• How could public funds, \$7,000 from the non-profit College Bookstore Auxiliary and \$3,000 from a campus coffee shop, end up as political donations?

• Are there other misuses that have yet to be discovered?

I can't comment on specific charges until the case is settled, but I believe the oversight role of the Board of Trustees needs to be enhanced in order to prevent future questionable expenditures. I don't believe that any of the current members of the Board had any knowledge of the funds in question, but we are obliged to ask why we were left in the dark about these transactions.

I believe we need to adopt San Francisco's Sunshine laws to make our records more easily available to the public, the press, and the Trustees. Four years ago I drafted and proposed that similar laws be adopted by the Trustees that would mirror San Francisco's improved access to records but the administration at City College has been dragging its feet on implementation, presumably to keep its records out of the public eye.

The current standard for open records at City College is the California Public Records Act, which provides minimal access. It is used statewide. It has gaping holes so large that bureaucrats can simply ignore requests, refusing to release documents just because they allege it is not "in the public interest" to release them. In effect, this gives every employee veto power over disclosure of records and has been one of the most misused sections of the CPRA.

San Francisco voters approved Sunshine (Prop G) in 1999, allowing much stronger public access to records. The Board of Trustees approved similar changes four years ago, and recommended that the various departments and organizations within the institution review their procedures and evaluate the specific changes set forth by the Trustees.

What's happened since? We know very little. We do know that at one point our attorney advised that the documents were "lost."

Last month I reintroduced the Sunshine measure and at the next meeting of the Trustees it will be considered. At a preliminary hearing, there were no dissenting comments from my colleagues, i.e., we appear close to agreement.

Sunshine will ban the "public interest" withholding maneuver, and include a 24-hour Immediate Disclosure requirement. We still need to be vigilant, of course, but with this better access, City College of San Francisco will take the lead towards open government among community colleges in California.

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**DEREK DECOITE  
NOBLE CUNNINGHAM**  
Deaths shock residents

Nine residents and a staff member met in the William Penn Hotel community room July 15 to remember two of their own who died recently. Derek Decoite and Noble Cunningham weren't well known by any of the mourners, but several said they were surprised by their deaths.

Mr. Decoite was found in his room by his social worker a week after he died alone at age 40.

He used to listen to bands like the Misfits and the Dead Kennedys, said a resident named Jesse — "the same ones I listened to when I was young. I didn't know he had died. I was shocked, just so shocked."

Another said Mr. Decoite "was open to sharing information about services in the neighborhood, a good spirit who cared about people."

Mr. Decoite was "a very nice person," said Lavonne Adams, who has lived at the William Penn for three years, adding that she hadn't known anything was wrong with him.

After the memorial, The Extra talked with Veronica Gutierrez, Mr. Decoite's social worker for the year that he lived at the William Penn and the two years before that, when he was homeless. She knew that he was born in Pleasanton and had parents who still live in Oakley, in Contra Costa County.

"He was kind and sweet and he loved video games and punk rock music," Gutierrez said, naming Green Day and Social Distortion as two of his favorite bands. "He also loved to go shopping for clothes that suited his punk style — his favorite store was Hot Topic."

She didn't know how he had died.

"He had no obvious illnesses and there's been no confirmed cause of death from the medical examiner," she said.

Information about Noble Cunningham was sparse. A resident recalled seeing him riding his bicycle. He had lived at the William Penn for six years, according to Fawzia Amar, property manager, and he was, she said, "a quiet, confidential man, who just went in and out of the hotel." He was 55 when he died May 20. ■

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**CURTIS MARTIN**  
'A cool guy'

The seven years that Curtis Martin lived at the Senator Hotel weren't the easiest for him. They followed a stretch of homelessness and illnesses that, soon after he moved in, left him first on crutches, then in a wheelchair with an amputated leg and, finally, bedridden. Still, he managed to stay upbeat, said the SRO staff and a fellow resident who attended his Aug. 4 memorial.

The memorial began a quarter of an hour late, held up for his aunt and niece from the East Bay who were expected to attend. When staff received the call saying they couldn't make it, Rev. Glenda Hope began, "We're joined here once more, friends, to mourn the loss of one who was among us . . ."

Mr. Martin was 59 when he died in hospital July 25.

"He moved into the Senator with a lot of difficulties," recalled Isabella Marshall, hotel manager, "but he struggled through it, trying to live a productive life." He had many friends in the neighborhood and often visited his mother, who lives in Oakland. She has Alzheimer's, Marshall said, and

Mr. Martin worried about her.

Case manager Margaret Dagovich took a long, emotional half-minute to compose herself before she could speak. "This is the part I hate," she said. "Where to start with Curtis? We'll miss his humor, his sarcasm, the witty comments he'd make whenever he'd see us." His decline was hard to watch, she added, "but I do know he was ready to go — he was comfortable and resting."

Anne Dudley, also a case manager, commented on how Mr. Martin "passed with dignity. He was a funny, generous person we all cared for a lot — if I did something boneheaded, he'd reach over and knock on my head."

After the memorial, The Extra

talked with Bill Malcolm, a Senator resident for 17 years and himself in a wheelchair. He didn't know anything about Mr. Martin's early life and, while not close friends, they'd meet up in the hotel lobby every so often.

"We'd talk about how the day was going and things like that," Malcolm said. "I know he had friends in the neighborhood and I could see that he didn't want to give up."

They met one last time, just before Mr. Martin went into the hospital: "I could see he was in pain, but he never, ever talked about that. Was he a happy person? There was more to it than that — he had a real sense of humor. He stayed on the bright side of things. He was a cool guy." ■

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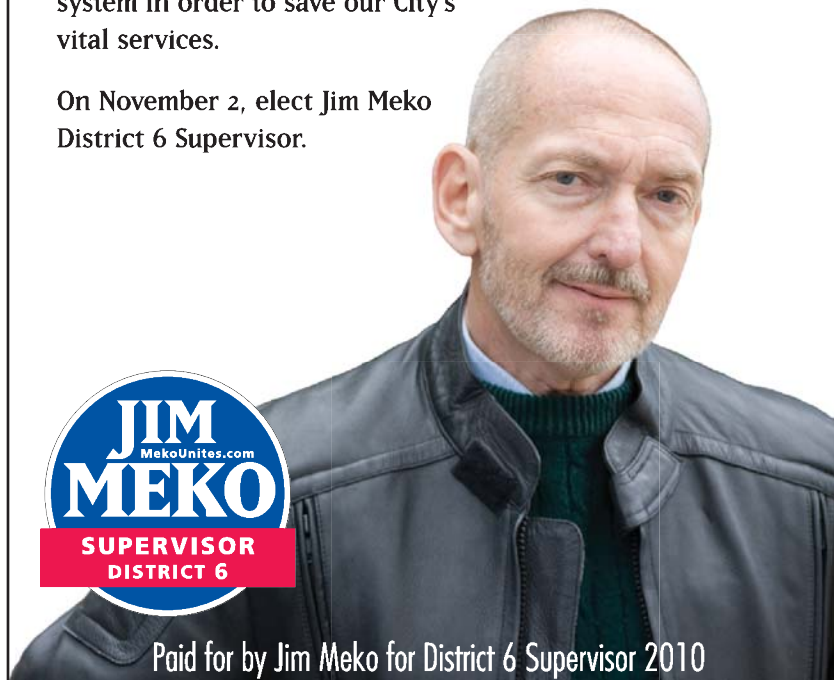
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**International Walk to School Day** in the Tenderloin, Oct. 6. Tenderloin Neighborhood Association-organized event to highlight the benefits of walking for the entire community. Wellness stations include healthy foods, info on pedestrian safety and disposable cameras people can use to document what makes them feel safe or unsafe in the neighborhood. Info: tenderloinneighbors.cfsites.org.

## ARTS EVENTS

**24 Days of Central Market Arts**, 24 curated dance, music and theater performances at various venues Sept. 24-Oct. 17, half of them free. Kick off Sept. 24-26 at Mint Plaza includes local companies, family-friendly arts activities, food. Presented by Central Market Arts, neighborhood organizations led by the Central Market CBD. Info: centralmarketarts.org.

## COMMUNITY: REGULAR SCHEDULE HOUSING

**Supportive Housing Network**, 3rd Thursday of the month, 3-5 p.m., Dorothy Day Community, 54 McAllister. Call: 421-2926 x304.

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

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH

**CBHS Consumer Council**, 3rd Monday of the month, 5-7 p.m., CBHS, 1380 Howard St., room 537. Call: 255-3695. Advisory group of consumers from self-help organizations and other mental health consumer advocates. Open to the public.

**Health & Wellness Action Advocates**, 1st Tuesday of the month, 5-7 p.m., Mental Health Association, 870 Market St., Suite 928. 421-2926 x306.

**Healthcare Action Team**, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1010 Mission St., Bayanihan Community Center, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Focus on increasing supportive home and community-based services, expanded eligibility for home care and improved discharge planning. Light lunch served. Call James Chionsini, 703-0188 x304.

**Hoarders and Clutterers Support Group**, Mental Health Association, 870 Market, Suite 928. Call for dates and times: 421-2926 x306.

**Mental Health Board**, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., City Hall, room 278. CBHS advisory committee, open to the public. Call: 255-3474.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-S.F.**, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Family Service Agency, 1010 Gough St., 5th Fl. Call: 905-6264. Family member group, open to the public.

## SAFETY

**Neighborhood Emergency Response Team Training (NERT)**. Central city residents can take the S.F. Fire Department's free disaster preparedness and response training at neighborhood locations. See [www.sfgov.org/sffdner](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdner), or call Lt. Arteseros, 970-2022.

**SoMa Police Community Relations Forum**, 4th Monday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Location varies. To receive monthly e-mail info: Meital Amitai, 538-8100 x202 or [mamitai@iisf.org](mailto:mamitai@iisf.org).

**Tenderloin Police Station Community Meeting**, last Tuesday of the 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 the month, 6 p.m., 230 Eddy St. Contact Michael Nulty, 820-1560 or [sf\\_district6@yahoo.com](mailto:sf_district6@yahoo.com), a districtwide improvement association.

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

**Friends of Boeddeker Park**, 2nd Thursday of the month, 3:30 p.m., Boeddeker Rec Center, 240 Eddy St. Plan park events, activities and improvements. Contact Betty Traynor, 931-1126.

**Gene Friend Recreation Center Advisory Board**, 3rd Thursday of the month, 5 p.m. Board works to protect SoMa resources for children, youth, families and adults. Gene Friend Recreation Center, 270 Sixth St. Information: 538-8100 x202.

**North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District**. Full board meets 3rd Monday of every other month, 5:30 p.m., 134 Golden Gate Ave., 292-4812.

**SOMA Community Stabilization Fund Community Advisory Committee** meets 3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m., 1 South Van Ness, 2nd floor atrium. Info: Claudine del Rosario 749-2519.

**South of Market Project Area Committee**, 3rd Monday of the month, 6 p.m., 1035 Folsom St. Health, Safety and Human Services Committee meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday, 1035 Folsom St., noon. Information: 487-2166 or [www.sompac.com](http://www.sompac.com).

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

**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. Information: [tifutures.org](http://tifutures.org), 820-3989.

**Tenderloin Neighborhood Association**, 2nd Friday of the month, 842 Geary St., 6 p.m. Nonprofit focuses on health and wellness activities to promote neighborly interactions. Info: [tenderloin-neighborhood@yahoo.com](mailto:tenderloin-neighborhood@yahoo.com).

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## SENIORS AND DISABLED

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

**Senior Action Network**, general meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month, 9 a.m.-noon, Universal Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. Monthly programs. 965 Mission St. #700: Senior Housing Action Committee, third Wednesday, 1:30. Call for info on health program and Senior University: 546-1333 and [www.sfsan.org](http://www.sfsan.org).

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