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Monday, February 13, 2012

7:00 to 9:00 pm

PUBLIC MEETING

NEW LOCATION FOR 2012!

CPMC/Davies Hospital, Gazebo Room
(outside, ground-level entrance from
plaza between North and South Towers)

MEETING AGENDA:

- Meet your neighbors (7:00 - 7:30)
- Office of Sup. Wiener update
- Announcements and Updates
- Crime Update
- Redistricting and you: the process in SF and why it matters. Special guest: Eric McDonnell, Chairman, Redistricting Task Force

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 3 – March 1

Visions Beyond the Badge: Photographs taken by members of the San Francisco Fire and Police Departments. Harvey Milk Photography Center. Visit harveymilkphoto-center.org or call 554-9522.

Saturday, February 11, 10 am–noon

Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rosegillen@sbcglobal.net or 255-8370 for more information.

Wednesday, February 29, 7:00-9:00 pm

Adopt -a-Corner meeting, Chase Bank community room at 15th & Sanchez.

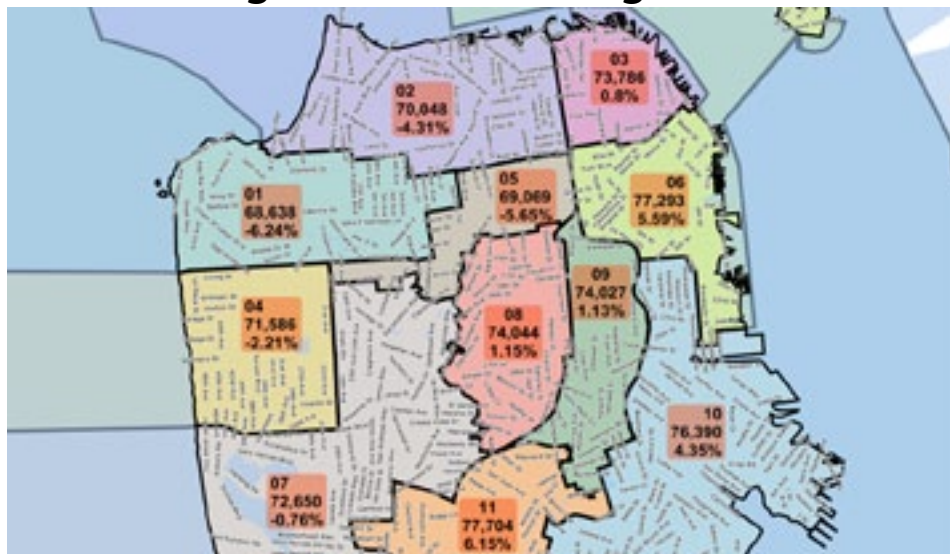
Thursday, March 1, 6:00 pm

Redistricting Task Force Public Meeting for District 8 residents, Everett Middle School, Church & 16th. (See cover story for details.)

Saturday, March 10, 10 am-noon

Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rosegillen@sbcglobal.net or 255-8370.

What the 2010 Census and Local Redistricting Mean to Our Neighborhood



01/26/2012 Working Draft of Proposed SF Supervisor Districts

The United States Constitution requires that the U.S. government take a census of the population every ten years. The Census is conducted on the decade (years ending in zero.) San Francisco then uses the results of the Census to redraw our districts for supervisor. The Census of 2010 showed that San Francisco's population increased from 776,773 in 2000 to 805,235 in 2010, a 3.7% increase.

This increase was not uniform in all eleven supervisorial districts in the City. The largest population increase was in District 6, primarily in the South of Market area. District 6 now has 20,000 more people than ten years before. DTNA is in District 8 which declined by 4,000 people, or by 5%.

To adjust the districts, the Board of Supervisors convened a Task Force to carry out the required redistricting, in the manner required by law. The Task Force is required

to draw districts that are nearly equal in population. In an ideal world, there would be about 73,203 people per district.

The Mayor, the Department of Elections, and the Board of Supervisors each appointed three members to the Task Force. The Task Force considers three principles in redrawing the districts lines. First, the districts should be equal in population. Second, the Voting Rights Act (VRA) prohibits the Task Force from drawing lines that dilute the voting power of a racial or language minority. Third, San Francisco's Charter requires that the Task Force consider communities of interest in drawing the district lines.

Under the SF Charter, population variations between the districts should be less than one percent, except the variation can be as much as five percent "if necessary to

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Protecting the Neighborhood:
Redistricting and Keeping Our Plazas Accessible for Everyone



Scott Wiener
San Francisco District 8
Supervisor

Two issues now at the forefront affect Duboce Triangle. I encourage your participation to ensure that our neighborhood's interests are taken into account.

Redistricting: Keeping
Duboce Triangle Together

Because of population growth documented in the 2010 census, San Francisco's supervisorial districts must be adjusted to ensure population equality. District 8 is slightly below the required population, and the district will therefore need to add a few thousand new residents.

As required under our charter, the city has convened a nine member Redistricting Task Force. The Task Force is engaging in a community process and working with consultants. It will issue a new map in April, and that will be the final word. Neither the Board of Supervisors nor the voters have a vote in the matter.

Because of the importance of

this process, now is the time to make your voice heard. An initial draft map issued by the Task Force made some odd adjustments to District 8 and divided several neighborhoods, including Duboce Triangle, for no apparent reason.

The draft map moves the northern border of the district from Waller Street to Duboce Avenue, removing both Duboce Park and the northern section of Duboce Triangle from the district. I am working closely with DTNA to encourage the Task Force to reunite the neighborhood in District 8. Please join us in asking the Task Force to keep the neighborhood together. There are several upcoming meetings, which are

listed on the City's website. You can also contact my office for up-to-date information. *(Editor's note: See cover story this issue.)*

Legislation to Keep Our
Plazas Available for Everyone

Another issue to follow is my legislation establishing basic use rules for Jane Warner Plaza and Harvey Milk Plaza, legislation that DTNA has endorsed. The Castro has very little open space, and these two plazas are the equivalent of our neighborhood town square.

However, while our parks are governed by a very detailed parks code, these plazas do not have an equivalent code. As a result, basic standards like prohibitions on smoking, camping,

and large shopping carts do not apply.

Given the lack of public space in the Castro and the fact that these plazas are small, we need to ensure that the space is available for everyone and that no one monopolizes it at the expense of others. The legislation is very careful not to undermine the community's right to assemble in the plazas or to undermine First Amendment rights. It's a modest and narrowly tailored ordinance that will improve access for everyone.

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When More "Choice" is Not Always a Good Thing...



Dennis Richards
DTNA President

Who doesn't want more choices? Some believe that having more "choices" is an American's right. The more choices that a consumer has, they think, the better chance they will purchase a product that will meet their needs.

Sometimes, over the long run, having more choices actually leads to fewer choices, and sometimes having more choices comes at a cost that people do not anticipate.

issues caught my attention, because of the way that they were being sold to the public to convince people that they were what was best for us. They all involve the use of the word "choice." I think that there is deliberate misrepresentation in terms of the use of the word "choice."

The "junk food" industry recently protested being asked by the Centers for Disease Control to curb their advertising to children of nutrient poor and calorie dense foods as part of the Centers' efforts to curb the epidemic of childhood obesity.

The industry said that those curbs would limit "choices" that families would have with regard to foods they might want to consume. Sure. Children have more "choices" in what they eat and they then eat unhealthy, fatty foods which contribute to a long term societal health problem.

page ads in the SF Chronicle against the ban on providing free toys in their "Happy Meals," announced that they will be selling the banned toys for 10 cents and touted the fact that families should have a "choice" in the toys that they provide for their children. Sure. Kids get extra toys for a dime while they also become obese eating McDonald's food.

AT&T recently used the "more choice in cable providers" as an argument for placing 726 refrigerator size U-Verse boxes in the public right of way in San Francisco. Sure. We get a choice between Comcast and AT&T but our urban landscape gets degraded as a result and AT&T does not have to look into the feasibility of undergrounding their boxes.

Formula retailers such as Star-

bucks want to move into neighborhood commercial districts (such as ours) all over the City. They tout their stores as good for the neighborhood, because they provide more shopping choices. Sure. We could then choose between Café Flore, Sweet Inspirations, or Starbucks but commercial rents are driven up as a result of chain stores moving in which make it harder for small, local-owned businesses to survive and our neighborhood loses a little more of its uniqueness.

So the next time that you hear somebody advocating for something and they use the 'there will be the benefit of more choices' argument, please take a minute to look behind the obvious emotional benefit of having more choices to look deeper and also see the potential downside and impacts.

Recently, several high-profile McDonald's, in their full

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Duboce Park Historic District: What is Proposed

The blocks surrounding Duboce Park lay claim to one of the most intact collections of Victorian architecture in the City. Through accident, good luck, and community vigilance, this pre-earthquake small “tract” has survived fairly unchanged for over a hundred years.

The effort to create a Duboce Park historic district for the compact area north of the park has produced a conversation about the efforts to create the district, and also revealed some fears of what could happen to property owners. Some of the fears about this historic preservation district are based on misinformation about historic preservation in the City, its prevalence, its impact, and the specifics of what is proposed for this district.

Only a small portion of land in San Francisco is protected by some sort of landmarking or historic designation, just 1.38 percent according to recent figures. Currently, the area north of Duboce Park, Golden Gate Park, and a group of eight masonry buildings on Market Street are the only new districts proposed. The Duboce Park historic district would be only the twelfth in the City.

The lengthy process to define the Duboce Park historic district was a process with much give and take, and participation by many stakeholders. The ordinance that process produced reflects the significant input, significant compromise, and committed involvement of the total community, as well as that of Supervisor Wiener. The Planning Department drafted ordinance streamlines project approval and exempts entire classes of projects from historic review altogether. It is the most permissive set of rules for property owners of any of the historic districts in the City. These loosened standards allow unpar-

alleled flexibility for owners who want to expand or renovate their historic homes. No review is needed for bathroom or kitchen remodeling, nor additional review needed for garage doors, window replacement, seismic work, solar panels, roof work, rear yard fences, and many other alterations to non-visible facades.

Replacing front steps and non-visible additions can be signed off by staff after a 20-day wait period. Only the most major alterations, including demolition, could end up before the Historic Preservation Commission, which has approved all but one project that has come before it.

Owners of property in an historic dis-

trict can live in the confidence that the neighborhood qualities that attracted them will endure and that they can make costly improvements to their own homes without fear that a twelve unit stucco and glass apartment building will go up next door. The clear rules help expedite projects and keep down neighborhood disputes by identifying protected features and giving people a defined path to expedited approval for everything else, if approval is needed at all.

Another benefit is the preservation of our historical resources for future generations. History shows us that people move on and others who move in might not share the same sense of historic neighborhood character that current-

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Proposed Starbucks in Limbo

In our last issue, we reported on the proposed new Starbucks coffee store on the southwest corner of Market and Sanchez, current site of The Industrialists. Since then, some new developments may have put the project on hold for now.

In December, the Planning Department notified Starbucks that the project’s scope exceeded that permitted by the Planning Code. Retail coffee stores are currently not allowed to have more than 15 seats and 400 square feet devoted to seating. The proposed Starbucks would greatly exceed these maximums. So it appears that the project will have to be modified in several ways to move forward.

However, the project is still listed as Active on the Planning Department listing for the project. As we go to press, we do not know what changes in its plans (or in the code) that Starbucks will pursue in order to try to gain entitlements for their project.

DTNA will follow this issue closely and will keep you informed.

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Dogs and Kids to Woof it Up at McKinley Elementary’s 5th Annual DogFest, Saturday, April 14th

The 5th annual DogFest will be on Saturday, April 14th, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., right here in Duboce Park.

This is an annual community dog show and family fun event. Every penny raised will go to support academic and enrichment programs for the more than 350 children dogs, family activities, the Kid Carnival with games and face painting and balloon animals, and a fabulous silent auction with a wide selection of goods and services. There will be a Doggy Spa (massage!), Doggy Café (treats), and lots of Human Food including, you guessed it, hot dogs!

at McKinley Elementary, the small public school in our neighborhood at the corner of 14th and Castro.

The famed author of the Lemony Snicket series, Daniel Handler, will entertain thousands of attendees as the Master of Ceremony.

The event will include dog competitions throughout the day - best lap dog, best bark, the awesome best couple event, and more.

There will be celebrity judges, the Busy Bee performing

We are proud of the achievements of our neighborhood school and its families, but with the continuing state budget cuts to education, your help and support has become more vital than ever. Hope to see you there!

Free admission! Fees vary for dog contests, for services, and for the food. Visit www.sfdogfest.org to pre-register your pup for the show and get the scoop on the DogFest 2012.

Changes to Duboce Park Coming, More Proposed

WalkStop
WalkStop made a presentation of their pilot project at the DTNA General Meeting on January 12. The corner of Duboce and Steiner was chosen to be the first WalkStop, especially after Friends of Duboce Park (FDP), which had already been discussing enhancing that corner of the park, expressed enthusiasm for the project.

The presentation included before and after pictures as well as, drawings of the proposed site. The WalkStop concept won the Best Strategy award from Good Magazine and has received support from several local groups.



Construction of the Youth Play Area will begin in January 2012

Two other corners have been identified as WalkStops: Page and Scott streets and Haight and Fillmore streets. Walk-stop would connect Alamo Square, the Duboce Triangle, and the Lower Haight neighborhoods, and would be part of the bicycle “Wiggle.”

Each WalkStop would have a

way finder totem, a compass, and a map to help orient, direct, and connect people to nearby neighborhoods, important buildings, and historic sites.

The WalkStop in Duboce Park would enhance a dark and underused corner of the park. Plans include a low seating wall similar to the one at the Scott Street Labyrinth and low shrubs behind the seating wall to preserve the line of site from that corner into the park. There would also be a sign informing people that with their smart phones they could access oral histories and stories about the park done by local residents.

The Duboce/Steiner corner will already have been enhanced with bulb outs on the northwest and southwest corners as part of MTA’s Church and Duboce Rail Replacement Project.

Comments from the audience included concerns about attracting homeless and skateboarders, and about distracting pedestrians with information or art work painted or stenciled in the crosswalks of that very busy intersection.

Other people expressed enthusiasm about enhancing the park at that corner, connect-

ing the neighborhoods to the north and south of Duboce Park, and a future WalkStop at 14th and Market streets. Other suggestions included a seating wall with irregular heights to deter sleeping and keeping a cohesive look on Duboce Avenue from Church Street to Noe Street. More information on the concept is available at bit.ly/walkstop.

Maintenance Updates
Jake Gilchrist, Project Manager for Rec & Park’s Capital Division, confirmed that construction of the Youth Play Area (YPA) would begin in January 2012. Activity began on January 9 with the removal of the storage container next to the basketball court. The Youth Play Area will take about three months to complete. The process to construct the Youth Play Area began with community meetings in 2008.

“We can expect some changes in Duboce Park in the next month or two,” according to Eric Anderson, Park Services Manager for Park Service Area 6. A low 3/8” thick sheet metal barrier will be welded to the base of the existing playground fence to prevent sand migration from the sandbox onto adjacent pedestrian pathways. Sand in and around the sandbox was recently removed

and replaced with new sand but at a lower level.

The Pierce St. planting circle barrier will be installed and



New metal barrier to prevent sand migration

there will be a 24” high post and chain barrier that will mimic the fencing around the Dog Play Area/Multi-Use Area. The new posts will be more substantial. A new tree and ornamental planting will follow this installation.

Three speed bumps were installed in the driveway on the north side of Rec Center to deter cyclists and skaters from speeding down the hill into the pedestrian path.

A new bench in memory of Jade Lai, Carmelita Street resident and a Duboce Park regular, will be installed near Potomac Street entrance near the Dog Play/Multi-Use Area in the next few weeks. Jade’s family raised the money to purchase the bench and made the bench a gift to the park. The concrete pad has already been poured and the bench is in the carpenter shop awaiting assembly.

Crime Report

With regard to crime activity in Duboce Triangle, within a .5 mile radius of 100 Henry Street, there were 754 reported incidents to the SFPD alone through their crime mapping system between 11/01/2011 and 12/31/2011. This is a decrease compared with 800 reported in the prior two month reporting pe-

riod. Of these 754 incidents: # this period <Increase/Decrease> (# previous period) incident type

- 185 < (224) were noise related,
- 98 < (111) involved theft or larceny,
- 97 > (91) were assault/bat-

- tery reports,
- 65 > (54) involved burglaries,
- 64 < (72) involved thefts of a motor vehicle,
- 50 > (37) involved thefts from a parked motor vehicle,
- 43 > (41) involved vandalism,
- 41 < (44) involved drugs or alcohol related crimes,
- 32 < (25) involved robberies,
- 26 < (28) involved sex crimes,
- 22 < (23) involved weapons,
- 17 < (26) involved fraud,
- 14 = (14) involved driving under the influence,

Sundays were the most troubled day with 134 total incidents recorded, and of these 23 were assault/battery reports, 12 were thefts of motor vehicles, 7 were burglary reports, 13 were theft/larceny reports, and 5 were robbery reports. Saturdays followed close behind with 130 total incidents, followed by Fridays with 128 incidents.

Disturbance of the peace (noise complaints) are the most common and frequent incident that occurs within the boundaries of the Duboce Triangle neighborhood with many people using the neighborhood as a thoroughfare when they leave the bars and restaurants on Market Street and Castro Street.

In an on-going effort to combat gun violence, the SFPD and SAFE have renewed the Operation Gun Stop program. The program offers rewards of up to \$1,000 per incident for information leading to arrests for firearms offenses, as well as for the seizure of assault weapons, regardless of an arrest. The 24/7/365 Operation Gun Stop report number is 415.575.4444 and callers can choose to remain anonymous.

A new feature to report crime offered by the SFPD is the confidential text program. Simply text to 847411 and type “SFPD” then your tip. Simple, quick and easy. Add 847411 to your telephone contacts and help to keep your neighborhood safe.



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DTNA Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2011

25-30 people were in attendance. Announcements were made by Michael Smithwick, Executive Director for Maitri, who invited neighbors to their Holiday Open House and explained that Maitri is a residential care family at 401 Duboce Ave for people living with AIDS who are in need of hospice or 24-hour care; and by Peter Cohen, who commended the owners of the empty lot aka “the hole in the ground” at Market and Noe streets for cleaning up that area.

Violent Crime and Robbery: The focus was on violent crime and robbery, rather than crime in general, even though quality-of-life issues such as homelessness, graffiti, etc. are still important. To find out more about crime or illegal activity in the Triangle, neighbors were invited to attend monthly community meetings at Park Station, which serves the area west of Steiner St., on the second Tuesday of every month, or at Northern Station, which serves the area east of Steiner St., on the second Thursday of every month.

To receive Northern Station’s weekly newsletter, contact SFPDNorthernStation@sf.gov.org. Park Station will be enhancing their web site to better inform the public, and will no longer send a regular emailed newsletter. Visit their web site at sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=832.

Capt. O’Leary from Park Station said that the most common robbery is of smart phones and iPads at Muni stops and usually occur just

before Muni’s doors close. He advised paying particular attention if you are walking and talking or texting on a smart phone and be especially aware while riding Muni. Other than that, there have been very few street robberies in the Triangle, the last one a robbery on the street involving the use of a gun. Most robberies in the Triangle occur in stores. Car theft, particularly of Hondas, is also a major problem.

Lt. Dan Leydon from Northern Station mentioned the effectiveness of plain clothes police at both stations and added that they typically get to know the neighborhoods and people in them.

Many crimes are caught on video and the use of videos is cost effective. He reiterated that crime overall is down and referred to a memo that Capt. O’Leary had sent out on December 12 that showed (using Duboce Park as the center of a one mile circle) year-to-date, compared to 2010, robberies were down 150 to 100, aggravated assault was down 73 to 53. Burglaries and stolen autos were also done.

Supervisor Scott Wiener: Supervisor Wiener said that with Prop B passing, he wants to see road repairs, Muni upgrades, and more streetscaping. He is currently sponsoring legislation for rules in public plazas, such as the Harvey Milk Plaza and Jane Warner Plaza, which could become a template for other plazas and parklets in San Francisco. He is also advocating for a new park at 341 Corbett on a steep area that is

considered “surplus property.” The park will be called Corbett Slopes, will have terraces and agricultural elements, and will not cost the City any money.

Construction on the Youth Play Area in Duboce Park will begin in January or February. The recent community meeting on the Duboce Park Historic District being proposed for the streets just north of the park drew a large and “energetic” crowd.

Wiener discussed the high speed rail as important to both the San Francisco and California economies, especially as airport capacity gets maxed out. The San Francisco-San Jose link would be very important.



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Elections: David Troup explained the process and qualifications for voting and running and pointed out that there was one more seat available than people running for the DTNA board. After introducing each candidate on the recommended slate, ballots were passed out. At the end of the evening, he announced that the slate received a unanimous vote and that Michael Streefland was also elected as a write-in candidate for the 13th seat on the board.

WalkStop: A presentation of the first WalkStop, proposed for Duboce and Steiner is discussed in the Duboce Park Update on page 6.

From the Editor: Why We Publish No Bylines

Over the years we have had a number of inquiries that asked why the articles in the DTNA newsletter ran with no bylines. The Supervisor and President’s columns have bylines (actually, their pictures have captions with their names) so why not the articles? Are we hiding something? No, not at all. Anonymity of authorship fits how our newsletter is produced and what it represents.

U.S. history is replete with anonymous documents; the Kentucky and Virginia Resolutions urging the unconstitutionality of the Alien and Sedition Act comes to mind first, and US newspapers ran without bylines until well into the twentieth century. The Economist still runs without bylines.

We try to produce a newsletter that tracks the pulse of the neighborhood. We ascertain this from what we hear and how our members vote on issues at the DTNA general meetings, from conversations with neighbors, chats with people on the street, emails we receive, and from conversations at our board and committee meetings.

We produce this newsletter as neighborhood volunteers. We are all volunteers; even Scott Wiener is a volunteer writer when he submits his column. We all take time from our lives to do this. This newsletter is produced by an intense bunch of amateurs.

None of us are professional writers, nor do most of us have

article writing as part of our jobs or our past.

We work collaboratively. We work as a loosely assembled group to develop our article list. I assign articles and get back someone’s best effort at being a writer and reporter. Then I rewrite and edit. I rework for a clarity that speaks in the original voice of the author; it sounds like the author, but is a smidgen clearer, a bit more grammatical (sorry, folks.) Then others chime in and add, subtract, and change. We talk amongst ourselves and settle on what you read when the newsletter arrives at your home.

The general exclusion of bylines best fits both the collaborative process by which we

produce the product we call the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association Newsletter and the voice of the neighborhood we seek to replicate. In the end, our articles reflect the voice of DTNA and not any individual, unless indicated otherwise.

The newsletter is timed to arrive ten days or so before our bi-monthly general meeting. Most of the time, the original author of an article is at our general meeting. If you have questions or concerns or kudos about something you’ve read in the newsletter, please come to our next meeting on February 13th and speak up.

Duboce Park Historic District

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ly exists. The very modest controls that are proposed will ensure that the historic character will continue for future generations, and that a standard set of criteria for future major alterations will be in effect, so that neighbors do not have to dispute other neighbor’s alterations

There have been clashes between neighbors in Duboce Park in the past, at least partly caused by the lack of clear rules. Efforts to standardize the rules and create explicit preservation guidelines should dampen the rate of disputes rather than fuel it.

Historic places like Duboce Park should be a joy in our midst, reinforced and honored by the policies we enact for their protection.

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What the 2010 Census and Redistricting Means to DTNA

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prevent dividing or diluting the voting power of minorities and/or to keep recognized neighborhoods intact”.

To prevent a challenge to redistricting, the Task Force uses “race-neutral districting principles”: compactness, contiguity, preservation of political and geographical regions, preservation of cores of prior districts, protection of incumbents from contests with each other, and preservation of communities of interest. The districts should have shapes that make sense and have a physical connection.

The Task Force published the first draft of the new supervisorial districts. Under that draft plan, at least four supervisors would no longer live in their districts: Mark Farrell (D2), David Chiu (D3), Jane Kim (D6), and Malia Cohen (D10). The City Attorney’s sent a letter to the Task Force stating that they can take supervisor’s residence into consideration, but the do not have to. Unless the lines are changed, these supervisors

would be allowed to finish their existing term, but would have to move back into their district if they wanted to run for a second term. The draft lines may then conflict with the stated goal of “protection of incumbents from contests with each other”.

The existing and proposed district maps can be found at redrawsf.org. These are interactive maps that you can use to draw and experiment with your own suggested districts. They show the current and proposed lines and the population and racial make up of the districts. If you change the lines, it automatically updates the statistics.

Under the proposed redistricting map, DTNA would be split between District 8 and District 5. Currently DTNA is in D8. The boundary of DTNA is Market St. to the south, Waller St. to the north, Castro St. to the west and Webster St. to the east. The proposed D8 line on the north would move from Waller St. to Duboce Ave.

The DTNA area north of Duboce Ave. would be in D5, Supervisor Christine Olague, and the area south of Duboce Ave. would be in D8, Supervisor Scott Wiener. One of the goals of redistricting is to preserve communities of interest.

The San Francisco Charter does not define “communities of in-



Proposed boundaries between districts 5 and 8

terest.” However, there are court cases that describe “communities of interest” as one that has “a common thread” of “political, social, and economic interests”; and “as an area with common concerns with respect to geography, demography, ethnicity, culture, socio-economic status or trade.” DTNA would seem to fall into these definitions of a “community of interest”.

Supervisor Wiener would like to maintain all of DTNA in District 8. He has asked the DTNA board to support him in that effort.

At a meeting on January 9, Supervisor Wiener asked the Task Force to maintain the northern boundary of D8 as Waller St. to keep all of DTNA in one district. A number of DTNA board members also spoke in support of that proposal.

If you would like to voice your opinion to the redistricting Task Force, there are meetings scheduled between now and March 29. There is a meeting scheduled in D8 on Thursday March 1, 2012, at 6 pm, at Everett Middle School. All of the meeting dates and locations are available at sfgov.org/rdtf.

The Task Force must finalize its proposed map to submit to the Board of Supervisors by April 15, 2012. The redistricting plan will be one of the items discussed at the next DTNA meeting on February 13. This is an important issue, because it determines our supervisorial district for the next 10 years. If you would like to add your voice to the discussion, please plan to attend.

[Editor's Note: Just before we went to press, the Redistricting Task Force released a new draft proposal which restored the northern D8 boundary to avoid splitting our neighborhood. We applaud the task force's responsiveness to concerns we and others raised, but the lines can and will change again as future drafts are released between now and April. We will remain vigilant, and suggest you do, too.]

Church and Duboce Trackway Project Update

The MTA’s work continues apace on the series of Muni upgrades and community improvements in our neighborhood—along Church from Market, and west from there on Duboce to the park. Residents who are currently putting up with loud and dusty

when the project is complete. Currently, the project is on schedule to be completed by March of 2013.

During the work periods when there is bus rerouting, MTA has implemented measures, including:

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- Ensuring that local access to shops, services and homes is available at all times

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Happy Valentine's Day!



MTA construction work at Church and Market

work, including work on weekends designed to minimize traffic disruptions, will ultimately get paid back with a more inviting streetscape and a more usable infrastructure.

DTNA worked extensively with MTA over the last several years to ensure that the project not only meets our neighborhood’s transit needs, but also provides better walkable and bikeable spaces for all to enjoy. Sidewalk extensions, special street paving treatments, widened and beautified boarding islands, new transit shelters, decorative street lights, seating, plantings, and public art are all part of the package of improvements that we will see

- Providing Traffic Control Officers to maintain traffic flow

- Adhering to City codes to minimize dust and noise

- Providing SFMTA Customer Ambassadors in orange caps and vests to advise customers about substitute bus service and trip planning

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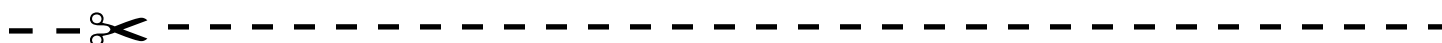
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