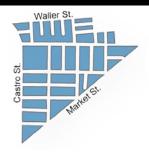
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MEETING AGENDA

 Join us for legislative updates by Senator Scott Wiener, Assemblyman David Chiu, and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Oct 4 and Nov 1, 7 pm. DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting. If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Saturday, Oct 17, 12 pm to 5 pm. **DTNA Block Party** on Noe Street between Henry and 14th.

Saturday, Oct 30, 4 pm. Halloween Costume Stroll on Noe Slow Street.

Monday, Nov 1, 7 pm. **DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting.**If you'd like to attend, email landuse@dtna.org to receive Zoom invitation.

Every Saturday, 11am to 5pm. **Upper Market COVID Vaccinations & Testing** at the 18th Street Parking Lot behind Walgreens.

Wednesday, December 1st. DTNA goes live with new Website and online membership management.

Mayor of Noe Street Recalls Triangle's Vibrant Black Culture



Dez Miles mugs for the camera with DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite following a stroll down Memory Lane.

Dezebee (Dez) Miles Jr. was born in San Francisco's South of Market district in 1958, and has lived on Noe Street since 1962. His father, Dez Sr., was a Korean War veteran and postal worker who, with the help of a friendly white realtor, was able to be one of the first Black families to buy a house on Noe Street when the neighborhood was in transition from a formerly mostly Swedish enclave to a more multiethnic space. Dez Jr. recalls his kindergarten class at McKinley Elementary School (1964-65) had three Black kids, two Filipino kids, two White kids, and at least one Latinx,

Arab, and Indian child as well. By the 1970s when Dez had reached his teenage years Noe Street was predominately Black and Waller Street and the streets that end at Duboce Park (Carmelita, Pierce, and Potomac) were also mostly Black families. The Triangle was considered an extension of the Fillmore District, then the "Harlem of the West" with a vibrant jazz and nightlife scene that attracted international stars and busloads of tourists from around the Bay Area.

Supervisor's Message

A Push for More Greening and Affordable Housing in the Triangle



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Neighbors,

It wasn't exactly the postpandemic roaring 20s summonths.

Housing

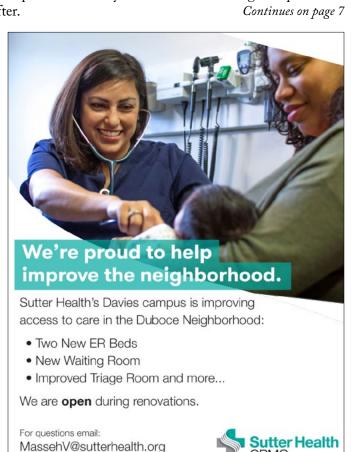
cisco is zoned today makes it at the earliest. easier to flip existing housing into luxury monster homes Regarding the phenomenon I have been a cheerleader than to build small apart- of smaller, relatively afford- for the Shared Spaces proment buildings for working able homes being converted gram since the early days people. This is why I intro- into 5,000 square foot mega of the pandemic. Over the duced legislation earlier this mansions that flip for \$6 past year and a half, my ofyear to begin to loosen the or \$7 million, I introduced fice has helped many busidensity controls that cur- legislation that will combat nesses in Duboce Triangle rently restrict housing pro- the proliferation of these and throughout District 8 duction in many of our city's mega-mansions by requir- complete the application neighborhoods and most of ing additional approvals for process, and we got fundits land area, as well as leg- large-home construction or ing into the City budget to Dear Duboce Triangle islation to slow the conver- renovation if additional units support the weekly street sion of smaller single-family of housing aren't being add- openings on Noe. In July, homes to large luxury resi- ed. This proposal has been the Board unanimously ap-

for, but even with our mid- front, I have introduced two October, and I hope we can of the program, which has summer surge in cases, hospieces of legislation. The first get it approved by the Board been a lifeline for small busipitalization rates in San would allow development of Supervisors shortly there- nesses during the pandemic Francisco have remained up to four units on all corner after. low, our vaccination rates are lots for projects that comamong the highest in the napply with existing height and tion, and it appears the worst bulk requirements. The corof COVID-19 is behind us ner lots legislation will be (fingers crossed). With that, heard at the City's Planning I do have some updates on Commission in October. what my office has been The second piece of legislaworking on over the past few tion would allow up to four units citywide, but because that proposal would require Expanding Neighborhood significant environmental review, it cannot be considered

The way much of San Fran- by the Board until next year Shared Spaces Are Here To

considered once by the Plan- proved legislation I co-sponning Commission and will sored with Mayor Breed to mer many of us had hoped On the density de-control be coming back to them in create a permanent version

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President's Message

Fall is Here



Kimyn Braithwaite DTNA President

and with it come so many exciting things; children back to school, the crisp autumn 12-5pm. We'll have activiair, the upcoming holidays. ties for all ages and hopefully To add to that, DTNA is some glorious San Francisco excited to announce that we are hosting a neighborhood block party on Sunday, Oc- If you have any ideas of fun tober 17th, along Noe Street things to do (ever dreamed between 14th and Henry. As of building an obstacle part of the first ever Sunday course in the street?) or are Streets Phoenix Day — a interested in volunteering, citywide program celebrating community, health, and resilience — our block party will be one of over a hundred around the City, along with Speaking of participation, a cross-city bike route, and streets opened to people and pop-ups.

portunity to meet your help you connect to your neighbors, it is also a much neighborhood, and getting needed time to come together as a City and look toward angle News from our neighour future, while also celebrating the efforts that we nues to do so. Is your child made this last year as a com- a budding Picasso? Perhaps

which includes food, and to editor@dtna.org. alcohol is not allowed. Live so mark your calendar and best to make Halloween encome by any time between "summer" weather!

please contact us at dubocetriangleblockparty@gmail. com.

after the last issue we had several neighbors reach out with interest in helping to deliver the News. We are Not only is this a great op- always looking for ways to submissions to Duboce Tribors is one of the best ave-

benefit. On the anniversary photography? We love see- kids and friends by hosting a of the Loma Prieta earth- ing your kids' drawings and costume stroll along Noe St. quake, we are reminded of photographs, and we love It was so much fun and such the many times our City has, hearing your stories about a pleasure to see people of all like a phoenix, risen again. life in the Triangle. We want ages decked out in their best to showcase your memories costumes. Because it was But above all, this block par- and highlight your favorite so much fun, we're doing it ty is a chance to have some local businesses (past and again! Join us on Saturday, fun within our community present). But most of all, we October 30th for a costume — something we could all want to hear what's impor- stroll along Slowy Noe. use a lot more of these days. tant to you as we work to- Come out to Noe Street Similar to all Sunday Streets ward a better tomorrow for anytime after 4pm to check events, there will be no sell- our neighborhood. Contact out all the fun. If you would ing of goods or services, us through dtna.org or write like to learn more, or would

Hello neighbors! Fall is here, a good time are encouraged, that last year we tried our org.

munity for our collective they've taken an interest in joyable for the neighborhood like to help organize some fun for the spookiest time of music, juggling, and having Some of you may remember year, reach out to us at dtna.



COVID-19 Hours Seniors and Those Most at Risk: 2:30 to 3:30 pm All Welcome: 3:30 to 7 pm

New Source of Inspiration in the Neighborhood

By Rose Linke

After working in technology for 20 years, Max Khusid was ready for a The stretch of Market St. between Noe than through the eyes of artists?

artists whose work resonated with him. to host cultural events. He began selling online and at art fairs, and found the work resonated with Art is a universal language: from the thinking about opening a brick and day life. I left feeling inspired. mortar space.

Art House SF is not your typical gallery. For one, it's rare for a gallery owner to be on hand to talk at length about the artists and their work. It's not just the fact that it's a one-man operation, it's more that Khusid's passion for art and enthusiasm for engaging with others is infectious.

When I visited on a recent afternoon, Khusid and I sat near the window chatting about art and philosophy, neighborhood engagement, and what it means to open a small business in a new field.

Khusid, an active citizen of the Southeastern corner of San Francisco, has found our neighborhood incredibly warm and welcoming. He notices how passersby pause to look up into the windows of his space. When he first opened, he was unsure whether or not to leave the lights on at night. Ultimately, he decided that any opportunity for people to see art, even after

hours, is a good thing. Art should be for Art House is open Wednesday

change. He wanted to be challenged, to St. and Castro St. still has a number feel the sense of new possibilities that of empty storefronts—on last count, I comes from being a beginner again. spotted nine. 2324 Market is the per-There are times in life when you need fect size for Khusid's rotating exhibits a shift in perspective—what better way of both international and local artists, and adds some much needed color and warmth to this stretch of our neighbor-In 2019, Khusid took a leap into the hood. Khusid hopes the space can be an world of art, setting up a gallery web- integral part of the neighborhood, and site after traveling the world meeting plans to offer the space to those looking

others too. With the changes in the earliest pigments on cave walls, to vast city's commercial real estate brought canvasses, to the ways art can permeate about by the pandemic, Khusid started and challenge the many facets of every-

through Saturday from 11-8pm; Sunday from 11-5pm.

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September Land Use Update

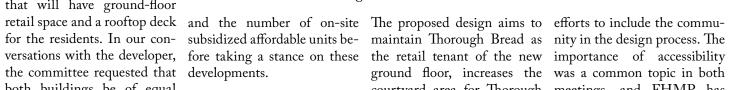
Hi neighbors! Below are some updates for the most recent items discussed at our monthly Land Use meetings. We cover a whole range of topics from housing development, to transit patterns, and public art. If you are interested in these topics and wish to participate in our meetings (first Monday of every month at 7pm), please email landuse@dtna.org.

Housing Developments

2135 & 2140 Market Street are two proposed multi-family housing buildings by the same developer and architect at the Lucky 13 site and Open Bible Church site. These are ninestory multi-family buildings that will have ground-floor the committee requested that developments. both buildings be of equal

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quality to achieve a harmoni- 240 Church Street is a pro- Bread's use, and includes a updated the design to be more ous street presence. DTNA is posed 7-story multi-family rooftop deck for the residents. accessible. The DTNA Board awaiting updates on the exte- housing development at the DTNA has reached out to has issued a letter of support rior design as well as confir- lot currently occupied by Thorough Bread and Pastry for the goals and intent of the mation about the unit layouts Thorough Bread and Pastry. regarding their stance towards Friends of Harvey Milk Pla-

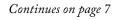
ground floor, increases the was a common topic in both courtyard area for Thorough meetings, and FHMP has the development and will con- za. We will continue to work sider taking a stance after we with FHMP as their design hear their thoughts.

Space

supportive of the new plaza/ station and appreciative of the

is finalized to ensure the new Plaza will be an accessible and Transportation & Public enjoyable space for our community.

The Friends of Harvey Milk The 14th Street Traffic Calm-Plaza (FHMP) presented ing and Road Diet is a concept their latest Plaza and Con- DTNA has been working on course design at August's to make the 14th & Sanchez Land Use and General meet- and 14th & Noe intersections ings. A variety of neighbors safer for pedestrians. After had an opportunity to share two years of coordinating their opinions and ask ques- with neighbors, SFMTA, and tions. The overall tone was Supervisor Mandelman we





The Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza presented their latest Plaza and Concourse design at August's Land Use and General meetings.

It's Winter Squash Season!

During the cooler winter months, there are many varieties of squash available at your local farmers' market. Winter squash has a thicker, harder skin compared to the soft-skinned summer squash. These flavorful members of the gourd family are extremely versatile and can be enjoyed in soups, pastas, salads, and even desserts!

Acorn squash: As the name suggests, this squash has a shape resembling that of an acorn, typically weighs one to two pounds, and is between four and seven inches long. Good for stuffing and roasting as with most winter squash.

Butternut squash: It has a long neck with a bulbous end that contains the seeds inside. The exterior is a pale orange color while the sweet flesh inside is a bright orange. Good for roasting, soups, and stuffing. You can also use it in "pumpkin" breads and pies.

Delicata squash: Delicata squash is also known as potato squash or bohemian squash. It is oblong-shaped with yellow skin, striped with dark green edible skin. Great for roasting and stuffing. You can even eat the skins!

Kabocha squash: A thick green-skinned (or red-orange) squat pumpkin-shaped squash. Inside is a semi-firm, dense golden flesh that has a rich, sweet flavor. Great for stuffing, roasting, and soups.

Spaghetti squash: Hard rind and with a unique interior flesh which separates into pasta-like strings when cooked. Can be steamed, baked, roasted or microwaved. Good for a low-carb pasta replacement.

At your Castro Farmers' Market, you'll find a variety of just-picked organic winter squash from Fifth Crow Farms (organic) out of Pescadero.



You'll find a variety of just-picked organic winter squash at your Castro Farmers' Market.

Your Castro Farmers' Market Manager, Mia Simmons, will be available for a Zoom discussion at the next Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association meeting on Monday, October 4th, 2021. She is reaching out to the community to let them know how grateful we are to be in the neighborhood, as well as to field any questions and/or suggestions you may have for next season. Be sure to listen in!





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further fine-tuning of the program in the months and years ahead, but this ordinance establishes a solid foundation for the program coming out of the emergency.

Climate Action Updates

The climate crisis is upon us, as made painfully clear by the extreme drought and wildfires currently ravaging California. In July, the Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted new climate action goals that commit San Francisco to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2040. I was proud to co-sponsor this ordinance with the Mayor, building on my ordinance last year to require allelectric construction in new buildings, the Climate Emergency Resolution I authored in 2019, and funding to create a Climate Equity Hub and long-term climate action financing plan in this year's budget. The Board of Supervisors is also poised to approve my legislation that would double the amount of water that new large buildings are required to collect and re-use by the end of September. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues, and all San Franciscans, to make our shared vision for a carbon neutral future a reality as soon as possible.

Stay Connected

City Hall is open again so stop by and say hello! We are also accessible by email and voicemail every day at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org and (415) 554-6968. Please send us an email if you are interested in scheduling time to meet with me during one of our virtual or inperson office hours.

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SFMTA's proposal and the Road Diet

valued amenity for our neighborhood. year - stay tuned! SFMTA has issued a shortlist of Slow Streets to remain permanent and Noe Maitri Compassionate Care has pro-Street is not on it. DTNA was instru- posed a mural for their blank facade at mental in advocating for the implementhe corner of Duboce Avenue and Church tation of the Slow Street and we will Street. Maitri presented their design to continue to advocate for it to remain a the Land Use committee and DTNA has permanent fixture of our neighborhood.

A Slow Triangle has been a popular topic amenity for our neighborhood. at recent Land Use meetings. DTNA has

partnered with UC Berkeley to conduct a study of what this could mean for our and brought a desperately-needed sense landed on a proposal to reduce the num-neighborhood. The students will be reof community to our neighborhoods in ber of lanes on the eastbound/downhill searching our neighborhood, studying a challenging time. There will surely be side of 14th Street from two lanes to one. our streets, and speaking with commu-DTNA has issued a letter in support of nity stakeholders. They will be generating guidelines for how our neighborhood is expected to be implemented in early could become more pedestrian-friendly, sustainable, and economically vibrant. The students will present their findings The Noe Slow Street continues to be a at a Land Use meeting at the end of this

> enthusiastically issued a letter of support for what will be a beautiful new public art



A Nuanced Stance on Homelessness

By Rose Linke

time.

I've seen how desperately people want someone or San Francisco has a long ment, addiction, developers, and of protecting the wealth housing. mental illness, the weather, generated by the scarcity of goes on.

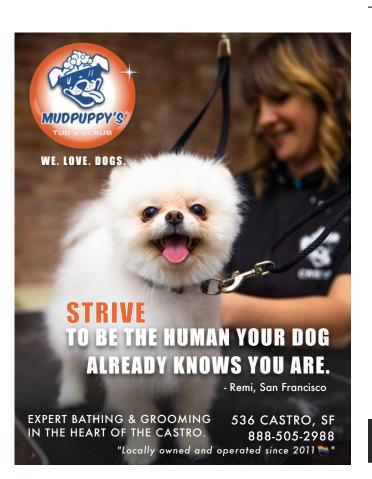
When you fixate on any one tional by the Supreme Court domestic violence, health-relive in poverty.

facet of this problem, the more than a hundred years lated events, loss of a job, and I've lived in California my enormity and complexity is ago, private developers and eviction. A majority of the whole life, a bit more than reduced. If only the reason homeowners in San Fran- unhoused population previhalf in Los Angeles and the were simple, then perhaps cisco still created racist own- ously had a place to live in rest in the Bay Area. In both the fix would be simple as ership requirements for their our City. There are other reaplaces housing is desirable, well. But housing is really buildings' deeds. In the mid sons, too, such as LGBTQ+ limited, and expensive, and just one symptom of an entire century, large swaths of the youth who for decades have in both places the unhoused social and economic system city's poor neighborhoods come to San Francisco as a population seems to have that has disproportionately were razed, in an ill-fated haven, youth who have been only grown during my life- benefited the most wealthy attempt to erase poverty. disowned by their families or while punishing those who Wealth inequality, housing are otherwise seeking better scarcity, and racism are inex- lives. tricable.

gan, zoning, local govern- the name of redevelopment, extreme deficit of affordable myself, though there are

NGOs, immigration, the list though racially biased zon- sons for people in San Fran- one's son or daughter, maybe ing was declared unconstitu- cisco to be without a home:

I've never experienced homesomething to blame: Rea- history of displacement in The bottom line: we have an lessness or housing scarcity people close to me who have. Everyone without a place corruption, tech, subsidies, single family homes. Al- The four most common rea- to sleep tonight is some-Continues on page 11



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Lily-White DTNA Board Seeks Historic Photograph **POC Members**

of our one Asian Ameri- voices of that community can Board member, the aren't represented. DTNA Board is currently 100% white for the first While we are at it, we are time in memory. According also underrepresented in to recently released census terms of women, trans and data, over the last ten years nonbinary folks, and renters. the Triangle has grown in We are currently embarking population by about 4,000 on a long-term project to repeople, and has become less envision the Triangle along white, since the white poputhhe lines of mobility, sustainlation stayed about the same ability, and equity. Under the numbers-wise, but declined equity focus we have made a percentage-wise from 71% of commitment to explore the the Triangle's total popula- history of displacement in the tion to 64%. The Black pop- community, in order to both ulation of the Triangle grew memorialize and rectify its by 3% during that time, the results. But again, those ef-Latinx population by 11%, forts will be severely hobbled and the Asian population by if we can't hear the voices of

So...we need YOU! If you are one of those new arriv- Please contact DTNA Presials to the neighborhood, or dent Kimyn Braithwaite via (just as good) someone who the Contact button on the has been around awhile but DTNA website, or email her has never served, and you directly at president@dtna. identify as Native Ameri- org. can, Black, Latinx or Asian, we'd love to have you on We are looking forward to the Board. It's not possible hearing from you, hope to for an organization to fully see you at the next Board serve the diverse needs of its meeting!

With the recent resignation diverse constituency if the

folks from those communities. So...JOIN US!



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Sullivan Funeral Home opened its doors in 1924 and operated on Market Street for more than 90 years. Its historic facade is a reminder of the Spanish revival architecture style that was popular in the Bay Area and elsewhere in California throughout the 1920s. But its history is more than just architectural—in the early days of the AIDS epidemic, Sullivan's was one of the few businesses that served the community's incalculable loss and grief. When it closed in 2016 to relocate to Daly City, it was one of the few funeral homes left in San Francisco.



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DTNA General Meeting Vets Next Century Plans

A diverse group of neighbors gathered very slowly, but that it is now ready for sented his objections, arguing that the Plaza, the celebratory memorial gath- streetscape improvements. ering space outside the Castro MUNI

of SFMTA, which is responsible for sunken plaza to allow for more gath- City marches on! running the Castro MUNI station, ering space. Howard Grant then preand Jane Chan, the Department of Public Works project architect for the MTA's soon to begin upgrade of the station elevator. Brian Springfield presented for Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza, a community organization that has done extensive outreach and survevs to find out what neighbors want to see in a revamped plaza and memorial, and commissioned designs to meet those desires. We also heard from Howard Grant, the plaza's original architect when it was designed in the 1970s, and the founder of Advocates for Harvey Milk Plaza, which wants to keep the plaza as it is.

DTNA Vice President Bob Bush reminded us that the transit station opened in 1980, and that the plaza was dedicated to Harvey Milk in 1985. He outlined the problems with the current station - accessibility, weather protection, and lack of a fulsome dedication to Harvey Milk. The City has set aside funds to improve accessibility, including a new elevator on the south side of Market, which provide an opportunity to re-envision the plaza. Jane Chan reported that the project was initiated in 2016, that it has been moving along

eral Meeting, to hear plans and protion in early 2022. She presented her tioning well. posals for a revamped Harvey Milk plans for the new elevator and other

virtually at the August DTNA Gen- bid, and will hopefully start construc- station is a busy transit hub and is func-

We finished with a presentation by Matt Dell from the Port of San Francisco, station, and about the ongoing Wa- Following a series of questions from who explained that seismic resilience terfront Resilience Program, a City- the audience, Brian Springfield and and sea level rise are being addressed by funded program to protect the San Daniel Cunningham of SWA con- funds from bonds that city voters have Francisco waterfront from the dan- sulting presented their plans, which approved over the last several years, and gers of earthquakes and sea level rise. include digital and artistic program- that hopefully more will be available ming to enhance the memorializa- from the infrastructure bills now work-To begin we heard from Alita Sweat tion of Harvey Milk, and raising the ing their way through Congress. The

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Mayor of Noe Street, continued

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Leslie and Miles were teenagers to- tion, he will happily supply you with gether in the 'hood, and Miles and Les stories to spare. See you on the Slow (Leslie) Justice, who now greets after- Street! noon and evening customers at Jake's store, were in the same English class at McAteer High School. Mary used to ask Dez to go down the street to 15th and Church to buy her a 26¢ cup of coffee at Happy Boys diner or Burke's Restaurant on Market and 15th (the waitresses at Happy Boys diner wore crisp white uniforms, and delivered the food orders to customers in the parking lot on roller skates), and as a reward he got to pick out one or two 5¢ candy bars. There was also a candy store in the space now occupied by the French bistro L'Ardoise, and Dez says there are lovely mahogany floors under today's wall-to-wall carpet.

Most of Dez's family ultimately moved out and moved on as the neighborhood changed – his cousins who lived in the top flat at 245 Noe relocated to the East Bay. Dez has one grand-niece who still lives in the Fillmore, with her grandson who, currently in first grade, is a fourth generation McKinley student. In his retirement years Dez Sr. downsized to an apartment at Noe and Henry, and Dez moved in to care for him until he died at the age of 94 in

2017. Noe Street had changed so much in his lifetime, becoming wealthier and Dez has fond memories of playing whiter, and with fewer neighborhood multi-ethnic pick-up basketball in the businesses and families with children. basement of the Trinity Methodist But with the Noe Street Slow Street church that once occupied the south opening up Dez Jr. feels some of the corner of Noe and Market (it burned same old energy he felt when he was down in the 1980s and is now a condo a kid, with families and community building with Bank of the West and members freely sharing the space to-Giddy Candy on the bottom floor). He gether. We'll share more of Dez's recolremembers the favored local hangout lections in future issues, but it's best to as being the Noe Valley Market at Noe hear them from the man himself. So if and 15th, then run by the Chinese- you happen upon Noe and Henry and American entrepreneur Mary, and see Dez out front polishing his lovely now owned by Jake (Yacoub) Shatara. gold Mercedes, stop by and ask a ques-

Homeless, continued

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someone's brother or sister, former colleague, or friend. Unless someone is wealthy, if they've lived in San Francisco for a long time and are about to lose their home, it will be nearly impossible for them to afford a new place to live in their same neighborhood.

I've observed how some people respond to this crisis from a place of anger or fear, rather than empathy. I'm just a neighbor who wants to live in a more equitable future, where my unhoused neighbors receive the care and options they need. Where we can all take the long and wide view, to consider our present through the lens of the past and our hopes for the future.

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