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**7:00 to 9:00 pm**

## PUBLIC MEETING

CPMC Davies Campus, Gazebo Room  
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between North and South towers)

### MEETING AGENDA:

Meet your neighbors (7:00 - 7:30)

Climate change in San Francisco

- Port of San Francisco – How will climate change affect our city over the next 100 years?
- Embarcadero Seawall Earthquake Safety Bond (Prop A on November ballot) – Should we spend \$425 million to replace this 100-year old piece of civic infrastructure?
- Citizens' Climate Lobby - What can ordinary citizens do to combat climate change?

Note: The DTNA Board has not taken a position on the bond measure or any other climate-change-related issue. While we believe the science of climate change is settled, we also believe it is up to citizens to educate themselves and to decide how much of our money is spent, and when, to address it.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, October 11, 7-8 pm  
Park Station Community Meeting at Park Station Community Room. 415-242-3000.

Saturday, October 13, 10 am - noon  
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at [rose@friendsofdubocepark.org](mailto:rose@friendsofdubocepark.org) or 415-255-8370.

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## Neighborhood Gem - Jasmine Garden Family Restaurant



*House special – salmon salad with flower rolls*

Some neighborhood businesses give you such a warm familial feeling when you walk in that you feel as though you are being welcomed home. That is certainly the case with Jasmine Garden Vietnamese Cuisine at 14th Street and Church Street, where longtime proprietors David Hua and Kelly Lam have created an oasis of good food and good feeling.

Kelly and her brother Peter Lam often greet customers by name at the door, and never fail to ask about their families and friends. Meanwhile David is cooking up a storm in the back, channeling thirty years of cooking experience along with the skills gained through bi-annual tasting and recipe-gathering trips to Vietnam.

Both David and Kelly were born in Vietnam, he in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) and she in the small town of Châu Đốc, near the Cambodian border in the Mekong Delta region of Southern Vietnam. David and Peter both left Vietnam as refugees – they were two of the thousands of “boat people” who took desperate measures to escape the Communist takeover after the Vietnam War ended in 1975. They both spent years in refugee camps in Malaysia before being sponsored by family members to come to the United States, under the family re-unification program President Trump now derides as “chain migration”. When Peter left (he was 17

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Message from Supervisor Rafael Mandelman



Rafael Mandelman  
San Francisco District 8  
Supervisor

Greetings, Duboce Triangle! It's been two months since I was sworn in as your District 8 Supervisor, and I wanted to update you on what we've been working on since taking office.

Homelessness

My office has been keeping track of every call, every e-mail, and every visit from our constituents. Of the over 250 contacts we have received so far, the issue that comes up most often is homelessness. We regularly hear from Duboce Triangle neighbors who are experiencing an increasing number of tents on their sidewalks and people sleeping in their doorways. Rest assured that I hear your concerns and that's why I have made homelessness my top priority.

On a search for solutions, our office has spent the past six weeks trying to gain a better understanding of what the City is currently doing to address homelessness, what works, and what needs to change.

We have conducted over 20 site visits, tours, and meetings with homeless service providers, behavioral health workers, shelters, and city agencies. At every stop on our route, the challenges were daunting, but the success stories left me with hope. If there's any city with the resources, talent, and compassion to make serious progress on getting people off the streets and into care, it is San Francisco.

Duboce Triangle, in particular, needs to see clear progress around homelessness, so earlier this month my office convened a meeting with representatives from neighborhood community organizations including the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association, Castro CBD, and Castro Merchants, as well as the leaders of the SFPD, Department of Public Works, Department of Public Health and Department of Supportive Housing. The assembled departments will be working with our office and neighborhood leaders to produce a plan to resolve recurring homeless encampments and deal with the mentally ill and drug addicted individuals we see on the streets of the Castro.

Retail Vacancy

As I walk up Church Street and along Market Street past dozens of closed and boarded up storefronts, it is clear that Upper Market retail is suffering. Prior to taking office I worked with DTNA to organize a

meeting with Veritas regarding the vacancies in their properties near Church and Market Streets, and since getting elected I have remained focused on the issue of retail vacancies.

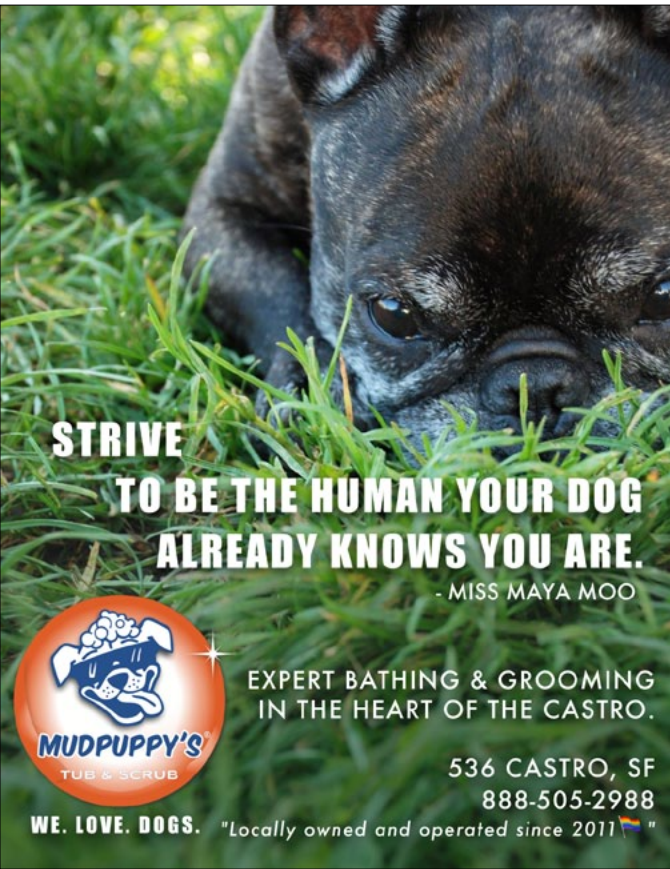
To address these issues, I will be convening a series of meetings with stakeholders including small business owners, landlords and City departments to see what each of these groups need and can do to help fill our storefronts. I kicked this off in early September with a meeting of City agencies responsible for small business permitting to explore what we can do at the city level to remove unnecessary hurdles to opening a small business in the neighborhood. My office is committed to helping businesses that want to open up in Duboce Tri-

angle, and who the neighbors are excited to welcome, to cut through the red tape and set up shop as quickly as possible.

Speaking of small businesses in the neighborhood, our office has proudly nominated two Castro businesses, IXIA at 2331 Market Street and For Your Eyes Only at 552 Castro Street, to the City's Legacy Business registry. We are proud to support these longtime neighborhood businesses!

Keep In Touch

We want to hear from you! If you have a question or concern, drop by my office at City Hall (Room 284), give us a call at 415-554-6968, or send an email to [mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org).



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Erik Honda  
DTNA Vice President

When this DTNA newsletter arrives on your doorstep, the neighborhood will be a little over one month away from November's much talked-about midterm elections, and your ballot information should be arriving in the mail soon.

As I celebrated in a previous newsletter, even San Francisco's supposedly politically engaged citizens have not been in the habit of voting when it comes to off-year elections, but that seems to be changing. The City's voter turnout in the June primary was

up substantially from the previous primary, from 36% to 50%. Let's hope that trend continues in the midterms, and that more than half of those of those of us who are eligible exercise that primary right and responsibility of citizens of a democracy.

Most of the attention in California has been focused on the Congressional races, and of course those are meaningful since if the Democrats take the House of Representatives, our own representative Nancy Pelosi will probably be Speaker of the House again, and the most powerful woman in the U.S. government. But there are a lot of other contests closer to home that matter, including races for pretty much all the statewide offices from governor on down. There are lots of interesting candidates, including a Democrat vs. Democrat showdown in the Senate, and a school superintendent's race pitting a charter school advocate, Marshall Tuck, against Tony Thurmond, who believes charter schools are pulling away resources from traditional public school. In addition to all that there are several important state and local initiatives:

**State Proposition 6:** Would cut the state gas tax, reducing funding for road repair and public transit.

**State Proposition 10:** Would allow local governments to enact rent control measures, which they are currently prohibited from doing under a 1995 law.

**San Francisco Proposition C:** Would tax large businesses (those with over \$50 million in annual income) to make a major increase in funding for homeless services, an attempt to make a dent in our ongoing homeless problem.

**San Francisco Proposition E:** Would allocate a proportion of our already-existing hotel tax to fund arts and culture nonprofits and keep them from being priced out of the city.

There are also state bond measures to fund water projects and affordable housing, as well as initiatives targeting animal rights, medical procedures, and daylight savings time.

At the City level, initiatives would provide funds for a new seawall on the Embarcadero to deal with global warming, and strengthen privacy protections.

As citizens we all have the right to give our input and make decisions on these issues, a right that is denied to the majority of people on the planet, and one that we must exercise if we are to have a healthy, functioning democracy. Also remember, if you don't vote, you can't complain. And you know how much we all like to complain...

See you at the polls. Be a voter.

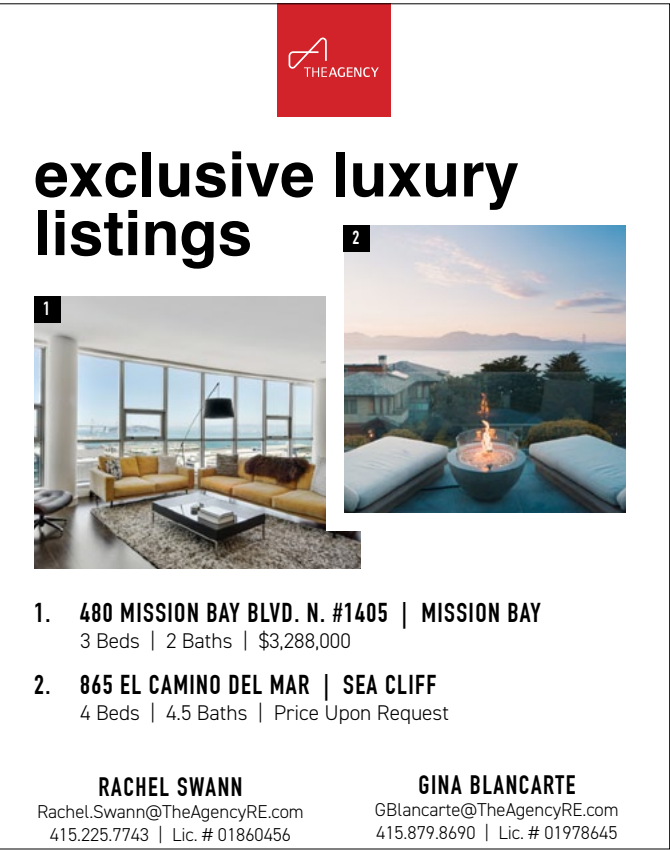


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The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association (DTNA) wants to thank all of our donating members and advertisers for your generous support. Community volunteers drive all activities; all board members and land use committee members donate their time to work together with businesses and City agencies to bring about changes for a better neighborhood. DTNA advocates for affordable housing, retaining neighborhood character, supporting better streets and sidewalks, and we campaign for affordably-sized retail space for small business owners.

Your generous contributions make possible the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association newsletter, which is distributed to three thousand households and also posted as an online edition. DTNA strives to communicate community values, to influence City agency activities that affect our neighborhood, to thoughtfully and deeply consider upcoming City policies, to work proactively to encourage new businesses, and to highlight businesses of special interest. DTNA dues also support a phone messaging service for the community to inquire about issue-based participation, and a P.O. box for individual and government mailings. Our advertisers bring to light the diversity in our urban retail and professional services landscape.

The presence of our neighborhood association has had a positive impact on the members of our community, and on the City agencies working to consistently understand the needs of the City. City departments and agencies, as well as local politicians, universally respect DTNA for its measured and consistent approach, and because of the neighborhood's participation, completed development projects in our neighborhood have addressed community

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# Historic San Francisco Photograph



Looking East on Market Street at Church Street before the corner building became the Safeway parking lot (circa 1964)  
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# Land Use Update

As usual, there are lots of new development projects and changes in retail spaces throughout our Duboce Triangle neighborhood. DTNA's busy Land Use Committee tries to stay on top of them all. Here is a rundown on some of the recent happenings.

**Harvest Ranch Market Closes** – In July, the Harvest Market grocer at 2285 Market Street closed after 28 years in that location, citing declines in their business due to increased competition and a lack of foot traffic on that block of Market Street. Reportedly the store had about 18 months remaining on their lease, and we hope that will not mean the space will remain empty for 18+ months. DTNA has not heard anything about prospective new tenants in the space.

**Shift Leaves, MX3 Arrives, Fitness abounds** – At 2336 Market Street, DTNA worked with the Planning Department to enforce zoning rules and preserve our retail corridor. Shift Technologies, a used-car-sales startup that had illegally used the space for shabby-looking offices and a conference room in violation of the City's Planning Code, vacated at the end of July. The building was almost immediately leased to MX3 Fitness, a successful local fitness training studio which opened its first location on Haight Street two years ago. The new business will be open by the time you read this newsletter. MX3 Fitness will offer individual training on the ground floor and group classes on the second floor. The spruced-up space looks great!

Our neighborhood has no excuse if we are not the fittest folks around, since we will soon also be welcoming Barry's Boot Camp (finally having received their building permits, they are busy renovating the former CVS space at the Market Street & Noe Street Center) and CorePower Yoga at 100 Church Street, in the former Out of the Closet space. Both should open in early 2019. Already open is The BoomBox at 2109 Market street, near Church Street, providing small group fitness classes. Each of these new offerings has its own unique style and vibe, so check them all out (along with long-time neighbor, Fitness SF) if you're looking to tone, build, lose weight, or just be more active.

**Compass Realty occupies long-vacant corner space at Church & Market Streets** – Earlier this summer, the long-vacant space at 2099 Market Street, last occupied by CitiApartments nearly a decade ago, came to life again when Compass, a national real estate chain, opened their newest office. Although yet another real estate office would not have been DTNA's dream for this prominent corner space, we are happy to finally see it productively occupied. Let us hope that more of the retail spaces in the Veritas-owned buildings in the area are soon filled.

**2201 Market Street @ Sanchez Street** – Temporarily housing the offices of Muscat Real Estate, this parcel was approved for a new residential building about two years ago, but the project has not yet kicked off. The developer reports that they have been in protracted negotiations with the City's Department of Building Inspection, and are having to redesign the basement to remove the parking that was originally planned. They are hoping to begin work very early in 2019 or possibly before.

**258 Noe Street, proposed "Flore Store" retail cannabis dispensary** – DTNA's Land Use Committee and many concerned neighbors have been meeting regularly in an attempt to find a set of strict conditions under which this project, which would be operated in conjunction with Flore restaurant and bar across the street, could work. The efforts are complicated by the long and complicated history that neighbors have with the Flore owners, and there is a great deal of past mistrust to overcome. DTNA has not yet taken a position on the project, but we have a number of concerns which we are discussing with the project's sponsors.

DTNA's Land Use Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm, in the Chase Bank community room at 15th and Sanchez. Current DTNA members with an interest in land use issues are welcome to attend.

# What is a Conditional Use Permit?

A Conditional Use permit is required whenever a property owner would like to use his or her property in a way that is not otherwise allowed within the specific zoning district. In San Francisco, Conditional Use (CU) approval requires a hearing by the Planning Commission. The goal of the hearing is to determine if the use is beneficial, necessary, or desirable to the neighborhood. The hearing can determine that the CU may have a negative impact on the neighborhood or it may not comply with the San Francisco General Plan.

For example, in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood, we have seen a few ground floor retail businesses change from traditional retail to office space. This type of change requires a CU because the zoning is for retail not office space. The CU needs to be approved at the City Planning Commission hearing before occupation by the non-retail business takes place. On the other hand, if a clothing store vacates a space and a florist would like to move in then no CU is required because both businesses fall under the traditional definition of retail.

The Planning Commission's hearings are public and it is at the hearings that the concerns of the neighborhood are taken into consideration. The Planning Commission can apply conditions that may be operational so as to mitigate any neighborhood concerns. The Commission can also apply conditions due to requirements from the Planning Department and Planning Code. For more information or to access upcoming hearings, go to <http://sf-planning.org>.

Together, We Must Honor Harvey Milk

Guest Column by the Friends of Harvey Milk Plaza

The community-led design effort to honor Harvey Milk has produced something to celebrate and be proud of! The design, still conceptual, that unfolded between January and May of this year has four main features:

- 1. A raised canopy over the Castro MUNI Station entrance that separates commuter traffic from the memorial space above, maximizing transit efficiency;
- 2. A new public space for community-building activities;
- 3. A landscaped area near Collingwood with inspirational art dedicated to "Hope";
- 4. An underground area where visitors can learn about and be inspired by Harvey and by LGBTQ+ history.

The public has made clear its desire to see Harvey Milk honored beyond what is possible in the existing space. Combining the SFMTA and plaza projects will eliminate redundancies and inefficiencies, reduce construction costs, and limit commuter disruption to one project instead of several smaller projects over many years. The time for both projects is now.

As with any large project, there are challenges: smart design and



Concept drawing of proposal

operational strategies must be developed and implemented to address the behavioral issues we confront daily on our streets; private fundraising must occur for the memorial and art components; and public funding must be secured for the accessibility upgrades that will benefit all commuters and visitors. However, none of these challenges is greater than our responsibility to honor Harvey and record the significance of what happened here in the Castro. As Ken Jones pointed out in his recent BAR column, "I've witnessed the shock and horror in visitors' eyes as they look down at the [existing] presentation, asking, 'This is how you treat your heroes?' It is our

responsibility to the LGBT movement to do better."

We're so proud of the community that's come together in support of this project. Please join us! Go

to friends of [harveymilkplaza.org](http://harveymilkplaza.org) and sign up to volunteer, receive project updates and track progress. Help spread the word that together, we must honor Harvey Milk!



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and about to be drafted into the north Vietnamese army), Kelly's father was imprisoned by the Communist regime as punishment. Ultimately though, Peter was able to sponsor Kelly to come to San Francisco, and she arrived by plane when she was thirteen years old.

Here in the United States, both David and Kelly attended public schools; David graduating from Galileo Academy of Science and Technology High School and Kelly from George Washington High School. David says (and Kelly confirms) that when he was a teenager he ran with a bad crowd, causing trouble and no end of anguish to his family, trying to be a tough guy. However, when he started cooking in the family restaurant at age 17, he began to realize how much energy and sacrifice his family

had put into making a place for him here in the United States, and that he owed it to them to get on the straight and narrow. He worked at that family restaurant (the Golden Flower Vietnamese restaurant in Chinatown) for many years, but after he met Kelly at a cousin's wedding, they started talking about opening their own place. They first took over her father's business, the Queen Thai restaurant in the Tenderloin, and ran it for ten years before opening Jasmine Garden.

Kelly arrived much later than David (he was three, she thirteen), and struggled with English at first (she is fluent now). She remembers her first "essay" in school was a description of American bombs falling on her town, including on the house a few doors down from her, killing everyone inside. In addition to working many hours at the restaurant, Kelly has also worked

for Kaiser hospital since 2005, working her way up from janitor to shift supervisor. When asked how she does it she explained that she sleeps about three hours per night, which makes her constant cheerfulness even more impressive.

David's specialty is a crab salad, topped by a special combination of fish sauces (Nước Chấm) imported from Vietnam (where they are fermented in wooden barrels that impart a unique umami flavor), and mixed with his own secret ingredients. Every two years, Kelly and David take 6 weeks off to travel Vietnam and sample the food, always looking for new ideas. David has begun taking his Buddhist faith more seriously; he recently shaved his head and is looking to shift his eating habits toward vegetarianism, so look for more interesting veggie dishes to start popping up on the menu soon. But he will keep cooking his classic phở, the beef bone broth soup that started so many of us down the path of Vietnamese cuisine.

This neighborhood gem is safe for now; they have two years remaining on their lease, with a five-year option, and, so far, their landlord has kept the rent reasonable. If you don't know David, Kelly, and Peter yet stop by and say hi, and definitely tuck into some phở.

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# New Data Address Price Concerns about Local Food

By guest contributor Emma Toz-  
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Association

The San Francisco Bay Area consistently ranks as one of the most expensive urban regions in the United States. With the average price of a San Francisco one-bedroom apartment running well over \$3,000 per month, many of us Bay Area residents are concerned about money, cost of living, and getting the best deals for our dollar. On top of that, we want to be ethical consumers of local and healthy foods, leading us to grapple with balancing our convictions with our budgets. Grapple no more. Recent data collected by the Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA) indicates that food from local farmers' markets are competitively priced when compared to national retail grocery store chains. You can live your farm-to-table ideology and afford it, too.

PCFMA collected data from the Castro Farmers' Market, as well as national chain grocery stores in the Castro neighbor-

hood. The results indicate that the prices at the farmers' market are comparable to the grocery stores. Some items were significantly cheaper at the farmers' market, while other items were cheaper at the grocery store. For example, organic heirloom tomatoes sold for \$3.00 per pound at the farmers' market, while nearby chain grocery stores offered them at an average price of \$4.49 per pound. Conversely, conventional broccoli sold at an average of \$2.14 per pound at the surrounding grocery stores, while it sold for \$2.50 per pound at the farmers' market. The association selected fruits and vegetables that are commonly found in produce bags in the summer months: tomatoes, peaches, strawberries, broccoli, and potatoes, to name a few. Both organic and conventional produce prices were compared, and special discounts and deals were omitted from the data.

The findings coincide with previous, comprehensive price comparison studies from the Santa Monica Farmers' Markets, Leopold Center for Sus-

tainable Agriculture, and the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA VT), among others. In these past studies, the researchers consistently found that the price differences between supermarkets and farmers' markets were not statistically significant. As written by the 2011 report published by NOFA VT, "the price comparison study has shown that price differences between farmers' markets and grocery stores have been to a large extent exaggerated, and that farmers' markets are an especially affordable alternative for consumers who either currently purchase organic food or who have expressed an interest in buying organic food but are restricted due to high organic prices at grocery stores."

Beyond the price comparisons between national chain retailers and farmers' markets, shoppers make the argument that farmers' markets offer added value. For many, it is the perceived qualitative aspects of the farmers' market, such as the congenial atmosphere and freshness of produce, that draws them to shop locally. Produce bought at the farmers' market is often picked from the vine or pulled out of the ground the day before it is sold to shoppers. This freshness makes for full, robust taste, a taste which shoppers will gladly pay for.

For full results of the PCFMA price comparison project, you can visit the Castro Farmers' Market to pick up informational flyers. See you there on Wednesday evenings!

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needs, not just the developer's rate of return.

We strongly urge your further engagement and ongoing participation with DTNA, to strive to maintain our neighborhood character, and to help us evolve with managed growth. If you are not already a member, we hope you join!

See the back page of the newsletter for details, or for advertising go to [dtna.org](http://dtna.org) and under "Newsletter" you will find posted advertising rates. Hope to see you at our next community meeting, and to talk to you about ways you can become more involved with DTNA. And again, thank you.

# Castro Cares Beer Bust and Fundraiser October 6

Kick off the Castro Street Fair weekend by joining the fun at Castro Cares Beer Bust and Fundraiser on Saturday October 6 from 4-6 p.m. at Beaux 2344 Market Street. State Senator Scott Wiener and District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman will both choose teams of three dancers for a D8 Dance Off, a friendly contest between the two crews. Drag queen Au Jus will emcee the festivities. Guests will receive a bottomless beer cup with a \$10 donation at the door.

From its beginning in the fall of 2014, Castro Cares wanted to be flexible in its approach to finding solutions that would improve the quality of life for both those living on the street and those who live, work, and shop and play in the Castro/Up-

per Market district. A variety of strategies have been employed.

Andrea Aiello, Executive Director for the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District (Castro CBD) and chair of Castro Cares recently said, "Castro Cares' flexibility is unique in its ability to respond to the community's needs. We are pivoting our compassionate services to partner with Strut [operated by San Francisco AIDS Foundation] for intensive homeless outreach. We are hopeful that a more locally based service will be able to help those most at risk on our streets and move them towards recovery and out of homelessness."

The Castro Cares approach is to combine compassionate services with enforcement. It pays

for 32 hours of Patrol Special Police services and 20 hours of intensive homeless outreach. Patrol Special officers provide a uniformed deterrent to crime as well as making well-being checks, assisting the SFPD when requested, and warning and moving along aggressive panhandlers and sit/lie violators. By funding intensive homeless outreach services, Castro Cares provides assistance, referrals, and support to people living on the street.

Between September 2014 and June 2017, the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) hired by Castro Cares had 4,306 encounters. 63.5% of them engaged with HOT, 36.5% chose not to. The 2,735 successful engagements included: 844 people (31%) who received homeless related services; 215 (8%) who were connected with medical services, 369 (13%) who were connected with benefit related services; and 74 (2.7%) who were referred to mental health or substance use-related services.

Most recently, Castro Cares has partnered with the San Fran-

cisco Aids Foundation (SFAF) to establish a new position to create a more personal experience connecting people experiencing homelessness or those marginally housed with services and referrals. The cost for this program, which includes a half-time position, is expected to cost \$64,000 over the next 12 months. The program will be evaluated after six months.

The Castro Cares Patrol Area in the Duboce Triangle includes Market Street and streets and areas just North of Market. Castro Cares launched in the fall of 2014 as a program of the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District and is made up of a number of other Castro-based neighborhood groups, including the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association and the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association.

Castro Cares depends on continued support by neighbors, merchants, and City grants. More information, data, and a map of the coverage are available on the Castro Cares web site, [www.castrocares.org](http://www.castrocares.org).



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## Emergency Response and Supervisor Mandelman Take Center Stage at August General Meeting

Despite summer vacations, nearly three dozen neighbors attended DTNA's bi-monthly meeting to hear a briefing from Sanchez Fire Station #6 on ways to prevent potential fires in our homes and an additional informational briefing about the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT). The bulk of the meeting, however, was spent with new Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to discuss his legislative goals.

Sanchez Fire Station. Battalion Chief Matt Schwartz kicked off the meeting describing the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) and how it operates and serves our neighborhood. He described how the Fire Department's 'bread and butter' is fire suppression, and described how the fire department deploys fire engines that can respond faster to health emergencies with their paramedics. He described how issues with street population have had a big impact on the composition and

volume calls, especially with the widespread availability of cellphones.

To prevent fires, he offered advice on mainining homes, especially dealing with storage (avoiding hoarding). He also warned of the dangers of "daisy-chaining" extension cords, which can cause them to overheat. He emphasized the importance of maintaining both smoke detectors and fire extinguishers regularly. He provided a tip that keeping bedroom doors closed will help protect residents in the event of a fire by slowing the spread of fire and smoke, and providing valuable time to escape.

NERT. Brian Schillinger described the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) that was developed in the wake of the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. NERT consists of volunteers who supplement the SFFD in the event of a large scale emergency, providing light search and res-

cue. NERT volunteers are also trained in first aid, such as stopping severe bleeding. NERT offers classes for volunteers and more information is available at <https://sf-fire.org/neighborhood-emergency-response-team-nert>

Supervisor Mandelman. Newly elected District 8 Supervisor, Rafael Mandelman is no stranger to DTNA meetings, and returned to discuss his new legislative agenda. He kicked off his comments by complementing DNTA and our community's engagement in issues. He stressed a couple of issues of key concern to the neighborhood and described the work he has been involved with on getting more police officers on the streets, including for traffic enforcement, but that his top issue is finding solutions to homelessness and bad street behavior. He described his work beginning to help tackle retail vacancies.

In turn, during the Q&A, the neighborhood also thanked and

complimented the Supervisor on his quick and personal involvement in issues affecting the neighborhood, noting that just earlier that week he and his legislative aides were seen personally pitching in to clean up needles around the former Potter Barn at Market Street and Castro Street.

He described efforts to make sure that people picked up for bad street behaviors are referred to services and not simply put back on the street. The Supervisor said he was looking forward to working with DTNA Vice President Erik Honda to get standard crime data released by the San Francisco Police Department, a longstanding topic of concern for DTNA.

After a lengthy Q&A period with neighbors, the supervisor encouraged concerned neighbors to email him with any areas of concern ([Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org](mailto:Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org))

## Welcome ORO Duboce Salon



*A look into the neighborhood's newest salon*

Oro is Italian for gold, a beautiful metal so precious and rare that it is created when two neutron stars smash together. The new ORO Duboce Salon is certainly a creative mash up of owners Courtney Pittler's and Jarr Von Samuel's superstar stylist careers. Native Californians and longtime friends, Jarr and Courtney are fashion forward and influenced by their creative network of fellow stylist, artists and extensive travels. "Our inspiration is sourced from travels around the world. The greatest inspiration and icons are the people all around the world living their true selves with their own personal style and individuality."

While there is a downtown location, ORO Duboce is set in the sylvan neighborhood with easy transit access, available street parking and nearby Duboce Park (a favorite for their pets Salchicho and Lou). The salon space is an elegant dissonance of bright neon signage tempered with classic gold accents and warm backlighting from the mirrors. "Having worked in San Francisco for over ten years, we have worked with many of who we feel are SF's serious talent. Over time, stylists migrated to different salons but always mentioned they were looking for more. When we found this perfect location in a neighborhood that's easily accessible by all, we decided to

round up the steadfast talent and bring everyone together again!"

ORO Duboce Salon will be open Tuesday through Saturday for beautiful blow outs, chic cuts and gorgeous color. Courtney and Jarr are clearly passionate about hair and love working with clients to ensure that they feel "empowered and inspired, ready to take on the world!" In short, Jarr and Courtney

hope everyone who visits the salon leaves feeling like a star.

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## Support Nyia Yi Farms

On Saturday, August 25, Mr. Ly Nyia Yi passed away in an automobile accident. Ly was a Hmong-American-French farmer and owner of the Stockton-based Nyia Yi Farms, selling his family's vegetables every Wednesday at the Castro Farmers' Market. The 10-acre farm produces hundreds of unique varieties of international vegetables, including daikon, kabocha squash, and heirloom tomatoes. Ly cultivated special relationships with neighborhood shoppers, and is remembered for his kind spirit and approachable personality. Anyone wishing to support the Nyia Yi family in this time of grief can visit the Go Fund Me campaign page: <https://www.gofundme.com/mr-ly-nyia-yi-farms>.

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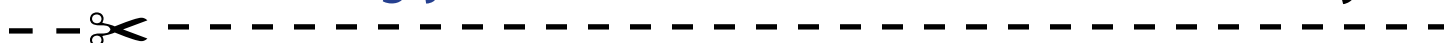
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