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**7:00 to 8:30 pm**

## **PUBLIC MEETING ONLINE**

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meeting details.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

Help DTNA set our goals for 2021. What issues or concerns do you think should be addressed? What are your visions for the neighborhood? Join us for our last virtual meeting of 2020 where we ask you to help shape our goals for the new year. Holiday attire recommended!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, December 7 and January 4, 7 pm.  
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting  
If you'd like to attend, email [landuse@dtna.org](mailto:landuse@dtna.org) to receive Zoom invitation.

Thursday, December 17 and January 28,  
7-8 pm. Park Station Community Meeting  
via Zoom. RSVP to [community@sfsafe.org](mailto:community@sfsafe.org).  
Information on how to join the call will be sent.

Saturday, December 12 and January 9,  
10a m - 12 pm. Friends of Duboce Park  
Volunteer Day.

Save the date! The next DTNA General  
Meeting will be held on February 8, 7 pm.  
Find the Google Meet link on [dtna.org](http://dtna.org).

## **Shop Local for the Holidays**



*Don't forget your local businesses this holiday season—many offer curbside pickup, takeout or delivery.*

As the holidays approached last year, Amazon was ramping up deliveries, clogging the streets with endless trucks blasting greenhouse gases into the air, and piling our streets with unrecyclable packing materials. In response, the Duboce Triangle News carried an article encouraging folks to shop local, for the good of the environment and to support our neighborhood businesses. This year, with the global pandemic putting an extreme strain on those businesses, and the very life of our commercial districts on the line, that call is even more urgent.

Hopefully during our shelter in place, since we're not jetting off to foreign destinations or maybe even getting in the car to visit relatives in the suburbs, we've become more appreciative of the glorious walkability of our

neighborhood, and all the wondrous treasures that can be had close at hand. A good place to start is on Waller Street, the newly invigorated border between the Triangle and the Lower Haight, where the new cafés Café Réveille at Steiner and Tarragon Café at Fillmore are both offering full menus and outdoor tables. After munching you can pick up some of the cutest possible outfits for your four-legged friends at The Animal House Pet Mercantile at Fillmore and Waller, or get a gift certificate for bike repair at Wiggle Bicycles, or for nail or hair or spa treatment at Retreat Skin & Hair or Estrada Studio. While you're in that part of the neighborhood, you can browse locally made ceramics at Earthen on Fillmore.

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Supervisor's Message



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor  
Rafael Mandelman

Dear Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

Nearly 250,000 Americans have lost their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since October 2, San Francisco has experienced a 250% increase in COVID-19 cases, and we can see the virus surging in communities across the country. The imperative to protect our hospitals and other health systems has required the City to roll back our economic reopening. With the holiday season on the horizon, it is imperative that we keep our families and our communities safe by avoiding gatherings, especially indoor gatherings, with anyone outside of our household. We owe it to our neighbors, our small businesses, and ourselves to follow common-sense public health protocols and to keep wearing our masks until COVID is finally in the rearview mirror.

Creating a Place for All

I have introduced legislation with Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer to require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to open a citywide network of temporary safe sleeping sites, with enough capacity to ensure that on any given night, any un-housed person who is unable to access a shelter bed, housing unit, or hotel room can at least be offered an overnight stay at such a site.

It is unfair and wrong to leave unhoused people to figure out a place to sleep on our

sidewalks, and it is unfair and wrong to ask neighborhoods to provide their sidewalks, medians, and plazas as shelters of last resort. But if we do not want people camping overnight in those places, our humanity, and in fact our laws, require that we identify safe places where they can be.

Safe sleeping sites are a tested and proven model that can be cost-effective and scalable. The best safe sleeping sites function as pop-up outdoor navigation centers, with porta-potties, showers, security, food, and other services. Since April the City has opened several of these sites as part of our COVID response, but I believe the City can and should commit to more than pilot efforts.

Improving Pedestrian Safety

In October, I worked with the Transportation Authority to secure funding for the Upper Market Safety Project, an impor-

tant set of safety and streetscape investments along Market from Castro to Octavia. The project includes safer crosswalks and bike lanes, improvements to confusing intersections like Market and Noe, and a number of streetscape enhancements like new lighting, tree planting in the medians, and new trash cans.

San Franciscans shouldn't have to risk their lives to get around by foot or on a bike, but too often that's not the case. That's especially true at many dangerous intersections along Market, like at Castro where I made sure the project would include signal improvements for pedestrians, or 15th and Sanchez which will see new high-visibility crosswalks.

Stay Connected

Even though my office remains closed to the public, we are checking our email and voicemail every day. Please don't hesitate to reach out via email at [mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org).

# Think Local

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President's Message



Kimyn Braithwaite  
DTNA President

As I sit in my kitchen, which has become a makeshift office, listening to the sounds of my daughter's kinder pod as they run amok in my tiny little apartment, rather than at school where they should be, I write this last President's message of 2020. I am still dumbfounded at what an incredibly remarkable year it has been — a remarkably sad and notoriously bad year. However, in spite of that, some positive things have happened that are worthy of reflection and praise.

The one that excites me most, and I hope you all have had the opportunity to appreciate, is the Slow Street on Noe. For years I have lamented the fact that San Francisco doesn't have a pedestrian thoroughfare. Many major international cities have them (Las Ramblas in Barcelona, Nanjing Road in Shanghai, etc.) and San Francisco is a perfect contender for such a pedestrian focused arrangement. The current Slow Street program is not the same as a pedestrian thoroughfare, and I do not know that Noe St. is the best choice for such a thoroughfare, but I am grateful that the City and SFMTA are rolling out the Slow Streets program. In this COVID-19 world, creating the opportunity for neighbors and residents to get outside and use our resources in a new way definitely helps to foster a sense of community and sense of pride in the neighborhood.

One fun utilization of the Slow Streets program was the Halloween Stroll. We partnered with our neighbors in the Lower Haight to

encourage people to dress up and stroll along Noe and Page Streets, enjoying Halloween as best as possible, while also being responsible and socially distant. It was such a delightful evening and so wonderful to see lots of kids and adults in costumes and so many residents coming together and helping out, ensuring that the pandemic didn't ruin the holiday.

Luckily the Christmas trees have returned to the Safeway parking lot and hopefully that will bring a sense of normalcy to the December holidays. But regular readers of our newsletter know that for years DTNA has been keeping the pressure on Safeway to activate that lot, beyond just the last weeks of the year. Fortunately, some progress is happening as we work to bring a community focused and beneficial neighborhood project to the space at the beginning of 2021. Please stay tuned for more exciting news to follow.

Creating community and some feelings of normalcy became one unofficial goal of DTNA

this past year. Creating community is always a goal but the challenges of this year certainly propelled it to the top of the list. Whatever goals DTNA may have started the year with, they were definitely waylaid as the pandemic changed so many aspects of our lives. As the year comes to a close, it's the perfect time to take a step back, reflect, and evaluate the happenings of this past year to establish our goals for 2021. As a neighborhood, we are at our strongest when we are working together toward common goals. If you are reading this, we really want to hear from you, our friends and neighbors, about what you feel DTNA should focus on and fight for.

Please join us at our General Meeting on Monday, December 14th at 7pm for a virtual holiday party where we ask you to help us; what are your visions for the Duboce Triangle?

Festive holiday attire highly encouraged!

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# Neighborhood Gem: Earthen

Tucked in the back of 136 Fillmore Street (at Germania) you can find Julia Lemke at her kiln creating ceramic art pieces designed for the modern home, inspired by nature, and rooted in folk craft.

Ten years ago, Julia made her home in the Lower Haight. She began working at Revolver where she started her brand as a side project, calling it “Totem” and creating her pieces in a Berkeley studio.

As ceramics with an emphasis on simplicity, connection and utility became Julia’s full-time vocation, she renamed this woman-owned company “Earthen” and took over the Revolver space for her shop, converting the backroom into a small ceramic studio with a kiln where each piece is carefully crafted by a team of two women.

New pieces include spice and tea jars, mugs, oatmeal bowls, and jewelry boxes. In addition to her ceramic collection, the shop features a curated collection of some of her favorite objects – homeware, apothecary, pantry, and jewelry from independent artists.

In 2019, Julia relaunched her online shop for wholesale clients. Restaurant clients in Carmel, Napa, and San Francisco sought her servingware. These large production batches are made at Julia’s boyfriend’s industrial production space in Oakland, where he has his own ceramic business, Luvhaus Ceramics.

When customers began asking for custom pieces, Julia thought why not let her customers create their own pieces? So, in 2019, Julia expanded her business to offer ceramic classes and other craft workshops that also provided “a social and meditative experience.” She would fire and glaze all the pieces after each class for pickup in two weeks.

The business has been a family



Julia Lemke at work.

Then came COVID-19 in March 2020 and all came to a stop. As ceramic production was able to resume, material availability and kiln access became an issue. Unfortunately, Earthen has been unable to fire its most popular glaze because of firing access. Workshops have been discontinued. The closure has been difficult, but has been a reminder to slow down and reassess priorities and to be more creative.

Fortunately, online sales have been stable. In March, Earthen added a selection of care packages, thoughtfully curated pieces for comfort and joy, to their website to facilitate gift giving between people. And Earthen always offers free gift-wrapping.

Julia loves working in the neighborhood.

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# How to Support Local Farms This Winter

For many people in the neighborhood, a trip to the Castro Farmers' Market is part of their weekly routine. For some of us, what was already a habit has become even more important this year, as the pandemic has altered so many facets of our daily life—including our shopping habits.

As the risk of spreading COVID-19 is significantly lower when socially distanced outdoors, we can be extra grateful for the access to fresh, local foods that our market provides.

Not only is the market a place for us to come together as a community, it's also a great way to support the local farm economy—especially this year, as farms are also affected by the impact of the pandemic on our city's restaurant economy.

Our local farms need your support! While the Castro Farmers' Market is closed for the winter months, we are lucky to live in a city with farmers' markets most days of the week, and we have several other local markets within walking or biking distance.

**Divisadero Farmers' Market**  
Sunday 10am - 2pm  
1377 Fell St.  
DMV Parking Lot

**Fillmore Farmers' Market**  
Saturday 9am - 1pm  
O'Farrell at Fillmore  
Fillmore Center Plaza

**Noe Valley Farmers' Market**  
Saturday 8am-1pm  
3861 24th St.  
Between Sanchez and Vicksburg St.

Another great way to support farms directly is by signing up for a CSA box. CSA stands for “Community Supported Agriculture”—by joining you're investing in the future of that farm. Terra Firma Farms has a pick-up location on Page Street between Lyon and Baker. Eatwell Farm has a pick-up location on Pierce St. between Waller and Duboce Park. Riverdog Farm has a pick-up site at the Fatted Calf in Hayes Valley—

or, if you are willing to start hosting a pick-up site at your home or business, you can get a free box for yourself each week!

In California, we are lucky to have fresh produce year-round. By continuing to support farms even during the “off” season, we can ensure that sustainable agriculture can continue to provide for our community for years to come.


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Meet Your New Board Member: Rose Linke



Rose Linke, new DTNA Board member

Hello, neighbors! I'm thrilled to be joining DTNA to serve our community as the new Editor of the Duboce Triangle News.

Long before living here, I knew this was a special neighborhood, with its vibrant mix of residences, businesses, and streetlife under a great canopy of trees. Just a short walk or bike ride from so many of the city's neighborhoods and green spaces, now that I call Duboce Triangle home, when people ask me where in the City I live, I say: Right in the heart of it.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, my first real visit to San Francisco was to attend a film series at the Castro Theatre toward the end of college. It was on this trip that I fell in love with the City, its collective energy and endless vistas, and decided to move here. I was young enough at the time—and it was long enough ago—that I could do so without yet knowing where I would live or work.

It was on a first date in 2012 that Duboce Triangle stole my heart. After parting ways for the night at 15th and Sanchez, I decided to walk down Noe St. for good luck—my date had just looked at an apartment that afternoon that he really hoped to get. He got the place and I got the guy—I now live in that very apartment with my partner in life, the author Brian Christian.

I'm a writer and editor by trade, and I've spent over a decade at the creative studio A Hundred Monkeys, where I play with words

for a living. My educational background is in visual and material culture, and I've worked with organizations like the Getty Museum, the FORE-SITE Foundation, SFMOMA, Art Practical, the Museum of Capitalism, and the new media arts salon Living Room Light Exchange, where I currently co-edit our annual publication series.

San Francisco's rich cultural history has always been a source of inspiration to me: the legacy of Beat poets like Diane di Prima and Joanne Kyger; experimental writers like Leslie Scalapino and Kathy Acker; visual artists like Ruth Asawa and Jay DeFeo; the uncategorizable couple Anna and Lawrence Halprin; and many eras of activism—from labor organizing in the 1930s to the ACT UP protests of the 1980s, and beyond. In the nearly 15 years since I first moved to the Bay Area, I've seen the cultural landscape change dramatically, almost in inverse proportion to the growth of downtown's skyline. I worry

about the city becoming increasingly inhospitable for artists and other cultural workers, and losing its creative soul as a result.

I believe in community publishing as a social practice. Having seen the decimation of local news in my lifetime, and the challenges this poses to maintaining an informed and engaged society, I felt a calling to this role with the Duboce Triangle News to strengthen the civitas of our neighborhood. I'm hopeful that in the years to come we can work together as neighbors to fight for the necessary and urgent adaptations that will give us both a greater sense of community, and an increased resilience in the face of our changing city and our changing climate.

If you have stories to share or stories you want told, please stop me on the street to let me know, or use the contact form on dtna.org. I see the Duboce Triangle News as a shared resource for all of us. Onward!

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Triangle Voters Turn Out Big on Election Day

The November 3rd election was described as the most consequential of our lifetime, not only because of the top-of-the-ticket presidential race, but also because San Francisco and California voters were asked to weigh in on a wide variety of legislation designed to help pull us out of our current economic and social crises. In the end we came through.

84% of registered voters in San Francisco voted in this past election, a big jump from the March 2020 "Super Tuesday" primary, when only 61% did. That still leaves 16% to scratch our heads about, but it is pretty darn good – San Francisco turnout, like that of the nation as a whole, was the best in over a century. Here in District 8 we did even better, with 89% turnout, the best of any supervisorial district, although pretty much every neighborhood in the city did well.

Democratic State Senator Scott Wiener, who attended our October DTNA General meeting to debate his even more progressive Demo-

cratic opponent Jackie Fielder, was re-elected with 58% of the vote, as was our state Assemblymember David Chiu. Prop H, to speed up permitting for local businesses, which we also debated at our September meeting, passed.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit DTNA cannot endorse candidates, and historically we have been cautious about endorsing ballot measures as well. But given the unprecedented series of crises facing our city and state, at our September meeting the DTNA Board voted to endorse the San Francisco and state initiatives listed below. Our endorsements largely prevailed on the local level, but we didn't have as much luck statewide (perhaps because DTNA holds less sway in Klamath county or San Diego than we do here). During the last recession DTNA had endorsed Prop 30 in order to get the state out of the large budget hole it had then, and our support of Prop 15 was predicated on the same tenet, as well as on fairness (residential taxpayers are paying an ever-increasing share of property taxes in California).

That proposition failed, but we tried. Our local situation is looking good for a strong recovery once the nation gets COVID-19 as under control as our City officials have managed to do.

San Francisco Propositions

Prop A, infrastructure and mental health bonds, needed stimulus spending, passed. Prop B, increased oversight of the Department of Public Works, passed. Prop E, eliminating a charter requirement for a certain number of police officers, passed. Prop J, a parcel tax to generate money for underfunded local schools, passed. Prop K, to set goals for building affordable housing, passed. Measure RR, to generate money to save and electrify Caltrain, passed.

California State Proposition

Prop 15, the "split roll" tax on commercial property to support public schools, sadly lost narrowly. As discussed at our October meeting, that will leave the state in a serious budget hole.

San Francisco voters also approved Prop L, a new tax on businesses that pay their CEOs more than 100 times what the average worker makes, and Prop F, a business tax reform that will generate a lot more money to get us through this crisis.

Well done voters! The excellent turnout this time may have had something to do with voters' sense that democracy itself was on the ballot, but when you think about it, it always is, right? Democracies can't function if people don't vote, so be a voter! Every election matters. See you at the next one.



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Land Use Committee Update

For all of us, 2020 has been an unusual year. The Land Use Committee has done its best to adapt with the times. Like everyone else, we transitioned to Zoom meetings, finding new challenges and opportunities in an all-online format. Despite all the changes, we accomplished a great deal advocating on the neighborhood’s behalf. We have kept our eyes and ears open to all Land Use related topics – from following new building developments, to advocating for neighborhood improvements, to learning about upcoming ballot measures and legislation. If any of this sounds interesting to you, we hope you will join us!

We hosted presentations for two neighborhood developments proposed this year: 240 Church Street (a 7-story residential building with local bakery Thorough Bread & Pastry remaining on the ground floor) and 2135 Market Street (a 9-story residential building). Both projects are working their way through the approval process. The Land Use committee will continue to track their progress.

A new yoga studio is set to move into 227 Church Street. With a letter of support from DTNA they gained approval from the City this year and the new business is scheduled to open in 2021.

As the City adapted to shelter in place, DTNA was an early advocate for Slow Streets. We strove to have one implemented in Duboce Triangle, discussing the matter with Supervisor Mandelman and SFMTA. We were thrilled when our neighborhood’s very own Slow Street on Noe Street was established in late September. It’s up to all of us to make the Slow Street successful and determine if it should remain in place after the emergency measures are lifted.

The Land Use Committee has also been coordinating with other neighborhood organizations to combine efforts in supporting local business’s use of the Shared Streets initiatives. We are happy to see all the socially distant dining and other activities moved out into the public realm. We will continue to explore ways to activate public spaces, and will support our local businesses as they adapt to changing times.

On a similar note, we issued a letter of sup-

port for SFTMA’s J/Church improvement project which allows businesses on Church to utilize the closed street for outdoor dining while SFMTA conducts its transit improvements and upgrades. These are also temporary measures that DTNA will continue to observe.

As it has always done, the Land Use Committee continues its efforts to make our neighborhood more enjoyable for pedestrians. We have studies and proposed traffic calming measures on 14th Street between Castro Street and Sanchez Street. The City is currently reviewing our proposal which we will continue to advocate for in 2021. We also continue to coordinate with Urban Forestry on maintaining our neighborhood trees and ensuring downed trees are replaced.

At a larger scale, DTNA has been tracking propositions and legislation that could have an impact on our neighborhood. The Land Use committee voted to support the Retail Vacancy Tax (March Prop D) and Office Development Restriction (March Prop E). We also wrote a letter opposing state senate bill SB1085 which would have limited San Francisco’s control to manage its inclusionary housing rates – which corresponds with our efforts to see more affordable housing in our neighborhood.

Despite all its challenges, the Land Use committee has had a very active and successful year. With plenty to do next year, we look forward to helping our neighborhood change, grow, and develop. If you have any input or insight you would like to share with the Land Use Committee feel free to email us at [landuse@dtna.org](mailto:landuse@dtna.org). We hope you will join us at a future meeting.

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Shop Local, continued

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Another lovely walk combined with shopping excursion within the Triangle starts on 14th Street to get a gift certificate for aiki-do or jiu-jitsu training at Maru Dojo, or for dog grooming at the Little Ark. If you want to spice up your (small, socially distanced, masked, outdoor) holiday gathering, Rebekah Northway of The Petaler is now open for walk-in business. She can create something gorgeously seasonal and distinctive, using locally-sourced materials. You deserve it! Since you deserve it, you should also upgrade your



Black & Gold on 15 Street is open for business.

home office with something nice from Books and Bookshelves at 14th and Sanchez, and if you pick up a book of poetry there as well, maybe that will keep you safely away from your screen for a while, to avoid the political news. Or, if you’re still walking, make a left off 14th on Noe to encounter another row of Triangle delights, the new Sushi Urashima at Henry and Noe, and the longtime stalwart French bistro L’Ardoise, which has recently added more seating and heaters on their lovely garden-bulb-out. If you want fancier home-ware stop by Black and Gold at 15th and Noe, or if you need some inexpensive flow-

ers along with some genuine conversation and sparkling energy stop by Guy’s Flowers across the street.

Of course by far the largest concentration of shopping destinations is on Market Street, hypotenuse of our Triangle. If you start at Castro you’ll find that, despite its endless struggles, Jane Warner Plaza has perked up, with outdoor seating at Twin Peaks and Orphan Andy’s, a new Brazilian restaurant Café de Casa, the awesome Thai-inspired brunch spot Me & Tasty, and Eureka Sky, our new cannabis dispensary. If you are gift or card shopping you should definitely start at Local Take – there you’ll not only be supporting a local business but also local artists, because everything in there was locally made.

Continuing down Market, if you want to enhance the look of a room or find the perfect gift for the person who has everything, the artfully curated selections at Kenneth Wingard Designs or Stag & Manor are just the spots to find your one-of-a-kind houseware, and if you have a major occasion coming up then D&H Jewelers is open by appointment. Kenneth Wingard also carries fashion items, and if you trend that way Rolo on Market (two locations, including one devoted to sportswear), or the high-end vintage clothing store Sui Generis are both must-shop spaces for the “let’s just try it on” crowd. You could stop at Tacorgasmico which has outdoor seating and handmade tortillas every day.

On the Triangle side of Market, Catch now has outdoor seating (and gift certificates), MX3 Fitness has set up a space for outdoor classes. Continuing our walk to Noe, you should stop at Jeffrey’s Natural Pet Foods for gifts for the four-legged set, and if you’re feeling a need for natural foods for humans, an hour or so at La Méditerranée’s lovely outdoor seating will do you well, too. Perhaps the most innovative business on Market is the delicious Spanish restaurant Canela, which in addition to alfresco dining has a delectable online shopping experience which includes everything you need for an amazing evening in or out, like Zoom cooking classes, paella kits, kitchenware, cookbooks, and

DIY experiences like family fondue night. Also on Market below Noe you can order a big print of a favorite photo and a nice frame at Photoworks SF or the new Underglass Custom Framing. Two new personal grooming places have opened – Angel’s The Castro Barber Lounge and Bangin Hair – and you can’t get your hair cut online now, can you?



Outdoor seating at Willkommen.

On Market below Sanchez a lovely new flower and plant store has opened, Amersand Flower Shop, owned by neighbors who live on Duboce Street. Next door you can enjoy an outdoor beer and a sausage at Willkommen biergarten, or something stronger at Blackbird. If you make it all the way to Church (by now you really a treat), get a bottle of wine or some meats and cheeses at Fig & Thistle Market, a nice houseplant at Plant Therapy, a glass of wine at Aquitaine Wine Bistro, some lobster at Woodhouse, or a pizza at the brand new and quite delicious Il Casaro Pizza and Mozzarella Bar. Further down Market is The Apothecarium, our neighborhood’s first cannabis dispensary. An embarrassment of riches, really!

At all of these businesses don’t forget to dish out a super-size smile (“smize”) and an extra big tip, remembering that the folks who work there are essential workers, risking their lives to allow us to have a holiday that is as close to normal in these crazy times. Take a moment to celebrate that you have supported and connected in a real way with some real people, your neighbors!

Happy Holidays, please stay safe.



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## DTNA General Meeting Provides Policy Discussion in Advance of the General Election

The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association convened via Google Meet on October 12 to prepare our neighbors for the November 3rd General Election by highlighting some key local races and issues. The meeting began with DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite acknowledging the fact that we are meeting on Indigenous land. We heard a report from Land Use Committee Chair Kevin Riley on some local business approvals, and on our success in getting a Slow Street approved for Noe Street.

Kimyn advertised the Noe and Paige Street Halloween costume parade planned in concert with the Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association (Lo-HaiMNA). DTNA Vice President Bob Bush presented proposed changes to the DTNA by-laws, which were approved unanimously by the members present.

We then welcomed State Senator Scott Wiener, who served six years as our District 8 supervisor before ascending to the Senate. Kimyn asked Senator Wiener about affordable housing, and he detailed his authorship of a bill (SB 2) to pay for that. Kimyn asked about how to make transit options affordable to all, and Senator Wiener replied that we need to create

housing where housing is needed – close in to city centers where jobs are, and championed the bills he has helped pass (Prop B, SB 1) to get funding for transit.

Bob asked if Senator Wiener supports applying the percentage of affordable units required in a development to the total number of units when developers get a density bonus. Senator Wiener replied “No!” that that would dilute the benefits that developers are given for creating more housing units and that in his view San Francisco is violating the law by including those added units in these calculations, and that we need more housing at all levels.

Kimyn pointed out that we in the Triangle are doing a lot to build affordable housing. Senator Wiener agrees that our neighborhood is in fact doing a lot, but adds that too much of the City is zoned for single family housing only. Kimyn ended by asking Senator Wiener for his #1 policy issue, and he said of course it is housing and homelessness, but he added mental health and addiction care as well.

We then welcomed Senator Wiener's opponent, Jackie Fielder, a San Francisco State University professor who teaches ethnic studies. Kimyn asked about her sup-

port for defunding the police, and Fielder opined that the bulk of state spending is currently in corrections, and said that we need to reduce that. She also said that the California Public Safety Officer's Bill of Rights needs to be amended in order to provide more transparency and hold police officers accountable for misconduct.

Jackie trumpeted not having taken any police union donations, said that she believes that she is part of a movement, and that she thinks that state elected officials have been captured by special interests and corporations.

Kimyn asked next about transit, and Fielder agreed with Wiener that you can't talk about transportation without talking about housing. She accused Wiener of being a longtime friend of ride-sharing companies, and said she also doesn't take money from them. She lamented gentrification – poor and middle-class

people are being forced out of the City to the exurbs. Fielder said we need to build affordable housing to bring them back.

We closed the meeting with an interesting debate on Prop H, and some info on Prop 15. Manny Yekutieli from Manny's on Valencia made a powerful argument in favor of Prop H, and his business partner Christin Evans from Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council made a comparably passionate argument against (they stayed friends). Terre Olle, a neighbor from Cole Valley over the hill, explained how Prop 15 would close loopholes in Prop 13.

Thus, armed with knowledge and wisdom, neighbors headed off to vote their conscience. For more information about how things turned out, see the Vote Results article elsewhere in this issue.

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## DTNA Board Meeting Report DTNA Election

The Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association Board meets every other month. At the November 2020 meeting, the following was discussed:

**DTNA Website Migration:** The IT/Online Transition subcommittee presented its review of DTNA's online presence, migrating to a new web platform, and Justin Donahue's proposal.

There was a consensus that upgrading the website provides an opportunity to look for a platform that will not only provide for better web content management, but could also provide a single site for "back office" functions, including membership, email blasts, payments, subscription billing, and reminders. While this would likely entail more cost, labor, and time, it would be beneficial in the long run.

The Board will investigate alternative platforms, such as Wild Apricot, seek technical advice, and solicit neighborhood input regarding the website's content and functionality in choosing the road forward.

**Current Website:** Justin Donahue continues to oversee and update our current website and email lists.

**Land Use:** DTNA sent a letter of support for the SFMTA temporary J-Church Project, creating

a "J-Church Plaza" at Church and Market. 14th Street Traffic Calming is still pending. Natalie Mattei, Senior Real Estate Manager for Albertsons/Safeway, informed DTNA and SoMa StrEat Food Park that senior management was receptive to having a food truck food court at the former recycling site, but when DTNA then asked to include dance classes, she was skeptical as to how they would react.

**Neighborhood Focused Meetings:** Kimyn & Garrin to attend RescueSF Coalition Workshop on Addressing Homelessness and Housing crises; Paige and Bob to attend SF CTA's Downtown Congestion Pricing Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

**Bylaws Revisions:** Accepted at the October 12, 2020 General Meeting.

**DTNA Board Elections for 2021:** Will be held in February 2021.

**Upcoming December General Meeting Agenda:** Ideas for a virtual party theme were solicited, possibly coordinated with a Noe Street December Holiday Decoration theme. Also, the meeting provides an opportunity to solicit input from neighbors regarding their vision for the Duboce Triangle Community and what they would like the DTNA to address in 2021. Supervisor Mandelman may give an update.

Election of 2021 DTNA Officers and Board Directors will be held at the 2021 February Meeting. The current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, and three current Directors are running for another term. There are three additional Director seats to be filled for 2021. Anyone who has an interest in joining the Board and has been a member for three months is eligible to become a Board Member.

If you are interested in getting more involved with DTNA and working to enhance the neighborhood where we all live, work, and play, consider running for a Board position. The Board meets once every other month.

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