



## SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

525 GOLDEN GATE AVE., SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102 • TEL. (415) 554-1516



### **NOTICE OF PLANNED ELECTRICAL SERVICE INTERRUPTION**

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**Date:**        **Thursday, November 10, 2022**

**Time:**        **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### **AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS:**

**Treasure Island Building 3, 600 California Avenue.**

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**Date:**           **Monday, November 21, 2022**

**Time:**           **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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**Treasure Island Building 229, LLA campus and dormitory building – 651 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**

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**Date:**        **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

**Time:**        **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### **AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS:**

**All of Treasure Island Building 260.**

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**Date:**        **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

**Time:**        **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### **AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS:**

**Treasure Island Job Corps Building 368, 575 Avenue D.**

If you are a Landlord with tenant(s) in the areas listed above and the SFPUC bill is in your name, **it is your responsibility** to notify the tenant(s) of the planned service interruption.

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**Date:**        **Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**Time:**        **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### **AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS:**

**Treasure Island Job Corps Building 369, 275 California Avenue.**

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**Date:**        **Wednesday, November 9, 2022**

**Time:**        **7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

#### **AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS:**

**Treasure Island Pier 1, Avenue N at California Avenue.**

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# Treasure Island Development Authority

10/27/22

## **Notice of Temporary Water Service Interruption**

### **Caution: Do Not Use The Water During The Shutdown Period**

**What:** The Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) is working with their developer and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to perform water system improvements. You may experience low water pressure at this time. The crew will do its best to minimize the length of the service impact. We sincerely regret this necessary inconvenience to your water service.

**When:** \* 11/03/22 at 9:00 AM to 11/03/22 at 12:00 PM

*\* Weather/construction issues may postpone this work*

**Who:** The San Francisco Water Department and the San Francisco Fire Department will perform the work.

**Areas Affected:** Yerba Buena Island

### **Important Information:**

- If you are a Landlord with tenant(s) in the areas listed above and the SFPUC bill is in your name, it is your responsibility to notify the tenant(s) of the planned service impact.
- Air or sediment may get trapped in your pipe because of this work. Upon restoration of service, we recommend that you slowly turn on the cold water to your bathtub faucet and let the water run for several minutes. This should allow any trapped air or sediment in the pipe to escape.
- To prevent flooding, ensure that no indoor/outdoor plumbing fixtures such as faucets, hoses and appliances are accidentally left on at the time your water service is restored.
- Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to improve your local drinking water system.



# Treasure Island Development Authority

10/27/22

## **Aviso de Interrupción Temporal de Servicios de Agua** **Cuidado: No Use Agua Durante el Período de Suspensión**

**Qué:** El Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) está trabajando con su contratista y con la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de SF (SFPUC por siglas en inglés) para realizar mejoras en el Sistema de Agua. Esto requerirá una interrupción corta en su servicio de agua. El equipo hará su mejor esfuerzo para minimizar la interrupción del servicio. Lamentamos sinceramente esta interrupción pero es necesaria.

**Cuándo:** \* 11/03/22 at 9:00 AM to 11/03/22 at 12:00 PM

*\* El clima/problemas de construcción podrían afectar este trabajo*

**Quién:** El Departamento de Agua de San Francisco y El Departamento de Bomberos de San Francisco realizará el trabajo.

**Áreas Afectadas:** Yerba Buena Island

### **Información Importante:**

- Si usted es casero con inquilino(s) and las áreas listadas arriba y el recibo del SFPUC está a su nombre, es su responsabilidad notificar a los inquilino(s) de la interrupción planeada.
- Sedimentos o aire podría quedar atrapado en las tuberías a causa de este trabajo. Cuando se reinicie el servicio, recomendamos que encienda el agua helada lentamente en su tina y deje el agua correr por varios minutos. Esto debería liberar cualquier sedimento o aire atrapado.
- Para prevenir inundaciones, asegúrese que todo accesorio de plomería interno/externo, tales como chorros, mangueras o aparatos similares estén apagados al momento de restaurar el servicio.
- Gracias por su paciencia y su comprensión mientras seguimos mejorando su sistema local de agua potable.

**Contacto:** 24 horas de servicio al cliente al (415) 554-2222



# Treasure Island COMMUNITY MEETING



Please join One Treasure Island as we provide this opportunity for information sharing and communication amongst the Treasure Island community about community engagement activities/events and the island development.

## Wed Oct 19 @ 6:00-7:30pm

Meetings will occur every other month on ZOOM.



No registration needed.  
Just scan this QR code to  
join the meeting.



## <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81056789872>



# Reunión de la Comunidad de Treasure Island



Por favor únete a One Treasure Island mientras ofrecemos la oportunidad de compartir información y comunicarnos entre la comunidad de Treasure Island acerca de actividades y eventos que relacionan a la comunidad y el desarrollo de la isla.

**miércoles 19 de Octubre entre 6:00 pm y 7:30 pm**

Las reuniones son  
mensuales vía zoom



No es necesario  
registrarse. Sólo escanee  
el código QR para unirse  
a la reunión



**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81056789872>**



# HERA

housing and  
economic  
rights advocates

## Understand your rights in a bail agreement

# Free Bail Bond Workshop

**Tuesday  
November 1  
6:00pm–7:30pm**



**Join us via  
Zoom**

**Register via Zoom:**

**[tinyurl.com/5n934jm8](https://tinyurl.com/5n934jm8)**



**Speakers:**



**Daniel Alper**

Staff Attorney at HERA



**Mary Day**

Staff Attorney at HERA

**For More Information: [inquiries@heraca.org](mailto:inquiries@heraca.org) (510) 271-8443 Ext. 300**



# FREE COVID TESTS

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**WHEN:** Every Tuesday  
2:00–6:00pm

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**WHERE:** TI Nurse Clinic  
800 Avenue H  
(415) 874-9910

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Pick up a test from the  
clinic, test at home.



WASH HANDS



SANITIZE



WEAR A MASK



SOCIAL DISTANCE





# Want a job in construction?



# FREE!

CERTIFICATIONS  
JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE  
FINANCIAL SERVICES  
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES  
TOOLS & BOOTS

Learn everything you need to get started in a new construction career in **8 short weeks!**

The next cohort will begin on **JANUARY 9 of 2023**, which we are actively recruiting for now!



SCAN ME

## Eligibility Requirements:

FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID

18 years or older

DD-214 if a Veteran

GED or HS Diploma preferred

Must have verifiable SF address

Valid Photo ID/Driver's License preferred

Clean driving record preferred

Available to attend ALL scheduled

classes: Monday-Friday from 9:00am -5:00pm

## Certifications:

Hazwoper 40

CPR/First Aid

Confined Space

OSHA 10

Fall Protection

Silica

Rigging/Signaling

HAZCOM

Hearing Conservation

Lockout/Tagout

Flagging & Traffic Control

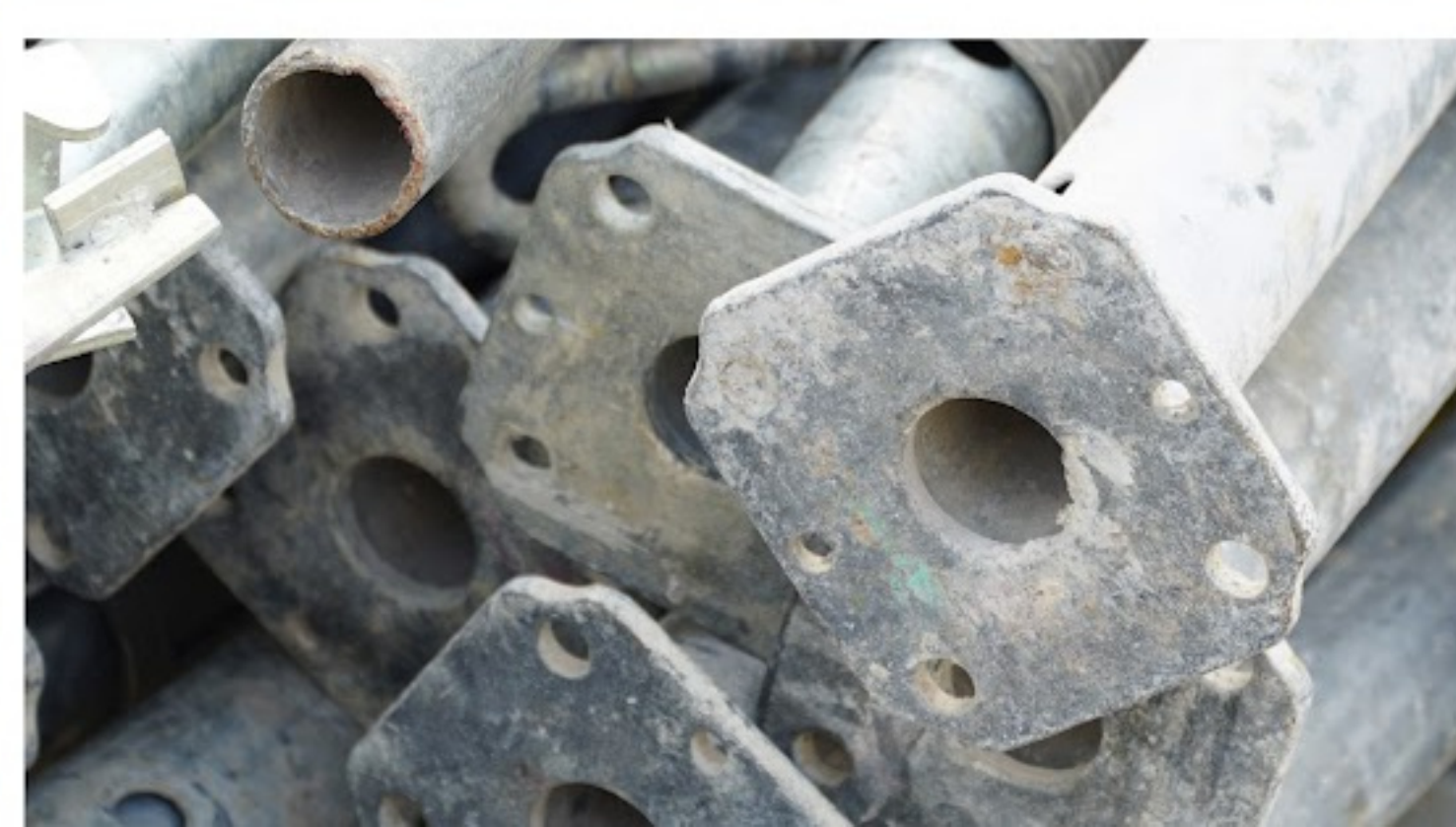
Class B permit Preparation

**We are now offering a \$50 weekly stipend to our Students!**

Please contact **(415) 426-6902** to express an interest in participating.

Or register for an Orientation offered every Wednesday at: **onetreasureisland.org**

**Treasure Island residents, women and formerly incarcerated individuals strongly encouraged to apply.**





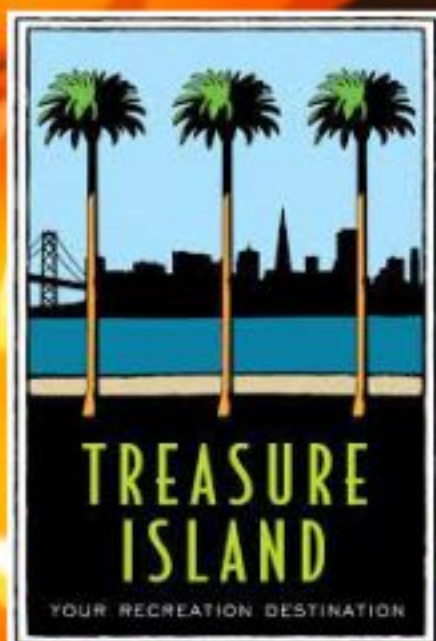
# SAVE THE DATE

October 26th

5:30pm to 8:30pm

# HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE YMCA

Haunted Maze - Food - Games -  
Prizes - Costume Contest - Candy  
and MORE.....





記下日期

10月26日



鬧鬼的迷宮 · 食物 · 遊戲

獎品 · 化裝比賽 · 糖果

等等



26 DE OCTUBRE DE 2022

5:30 p. m. a 8:30 p. m.

# Fiesta de Noche de Brujas de Treasure Island

## nueva ubicacion

Skyline Venue  
601 Avenue of the Palms,  
San Francisco, CA 94130



Concurso de disfraces ~ Juegos  
Laberinto embrujado ~ Comida  
Premios ~ Decoración de Calabazas  
Música ~ Pintacaritas.....



OCTOBER 26TH, 2022

5:30PM TO 8:30PM

# Treasure Island

## Halloween

## Party

# ***NEW LOCATION***

## **SKYLINE VENUE**

Skyline Venue

601 Avenue of the Palms, San  
Francisco, CA 94130



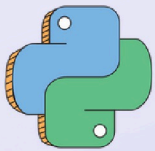
Costume Contest ~ Games  
Haunted Maze ~ Food  
Prizes ~ Pumpkin Decorating  
Music ~ Face Painting.....



# Learn to Code!

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES FROM  
FEBRUARY 13TH - MAY 12TH

## COURSES OFFERED



### Intro to Python

M/W | 5-7 PM

Remote on Zoom



### Intro to Game Design

M/W | 5-7 PM

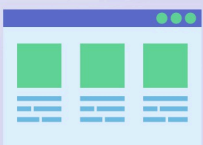
Remote on Zoom



### Intro to Web Design

T/Th | 4:15-6:30 PM

in person at City Arts & Leadership High School



### Intro to Web Design

T/Th | 5-7 PM

Remote on Zoom



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**JANUARY 15. 2023**

**APPLY: [MISSIONBIT.ORG/PROGRAMS/CLASSES](https://missionbit.org/programs/classes)**

**\*MUST BE A 9TH TO 12TH GRADER IN THE BAY AREA**



# OUR TURN



**NEXT ELECTION:  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**REGISTER TO VOTE BY:  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**



Scan here to:  
Register  
Pre-Register  
Check Status





# GIVING HOPE

IF YOU NEED HELP MAKING  
THE HOLIDAYS SPECIAL FOR  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,

WE CAN HELP

PLEASE CALL

TREASURE ISLAND'S

**RESIDENT SUPPORT LINE**

**415-800-5937**

To request

**GIFT CARDS** for:

~ FOOD ~ CLOTHING

~ GIFTS ~ CLEANING SUPPLIES

Leave a message  
with your details  
to receive a  
call back!



WHERE COMMUNITY  
CONNECTS





# Treasure Island

## Autonomous Shuttle Pilot

**TIMMA is working with the SFMTA and TIDA** to bring an Autonomous Vehicle (AV) shuttle pilot to Treasure Island in 2023. The shuttle will use driverless technology on a pre-set route and will have a safety driver at all times. The pilot service will be free and operate at varying frequencies for nine months during select days and times.

We are seeking the community's input on when and where the shuttle should operate and other service attributes. We also want to hear any concerns or desires you may have for the AV shuttle pilot.

## TAKE THE SURVEY

### DEADLINE NOV. 11TH

**ENGLISH**



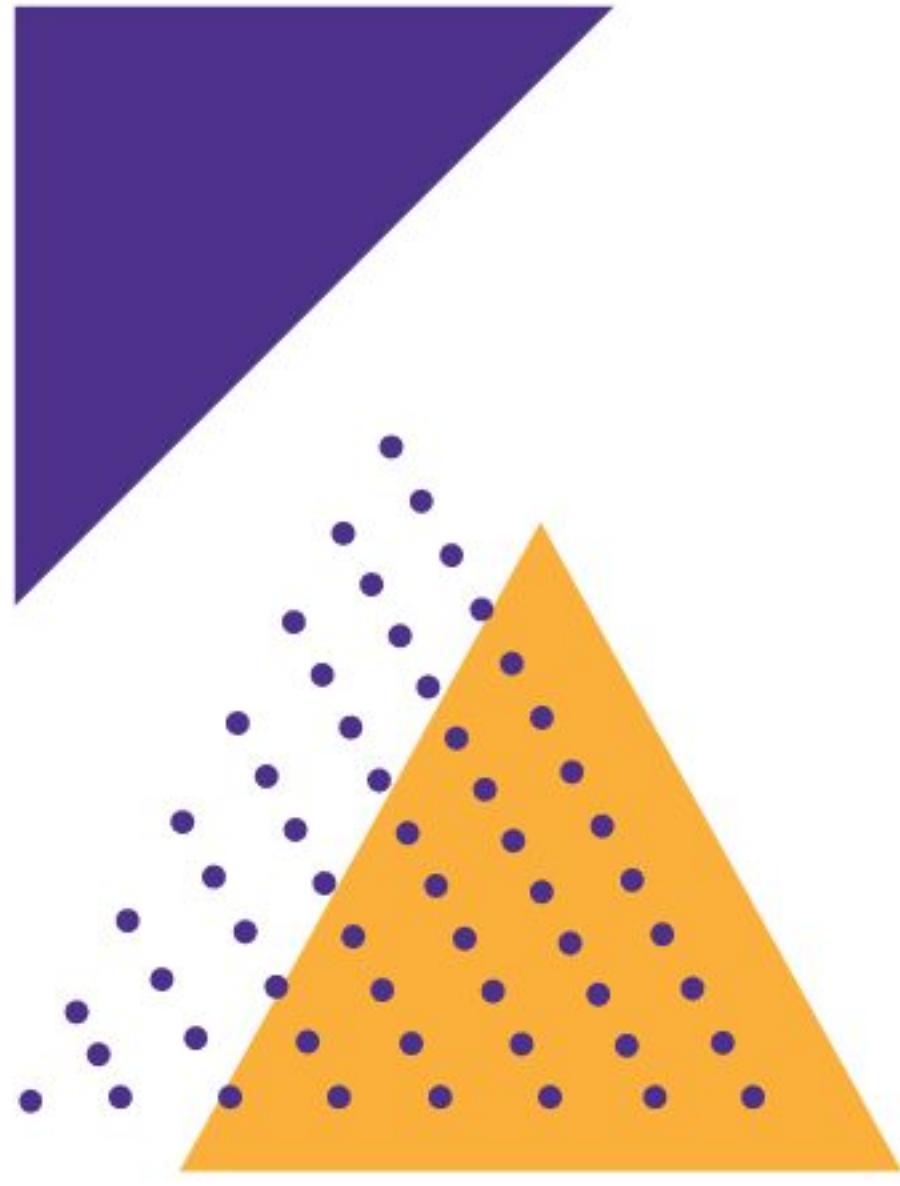
**CHINESE**



**SPANISH**







# Tax Extension Deadline OCT. 17TH



**Tax Return  
Deadline.**

TAX EXTENSION DEADLINE,  
OCT. 17: IRS REMINDS TAXPAYERS WHO REQUESTED  
AN EXTENSION TO FILE THEIR 2021 TAX RETURN  
BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 17





*San Francisco Public Library*

# **Treasure Island Bookmobile Service**

## **Thanksgiving Eve Modified Service Hours**

**Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**1:15pm to 4:15pm**

**From:** [Cressy](#)  
**To:** [TIDA, \(ADM\)](#); [Daytonightfestival@gmail.com](#); [Nathanson, Jack \(ADM\)](#); [council@cityofberkeley.info](#)  
**Subject:** Unacceptable Noise from Day To Night Festival  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:10:01 PM

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Dear all:

People from El Cerrito, to the Berkeley Hills to the flats to the downtown, have called Berkeley police to complain about the perpetual hours and hours of thumping bass droning beats both Saturday and Sunday nights, and the general consensus seems to be that it's likely coming from the Day to Night Festival on Treasure Island. This amount of noise is absolutely unacceptable. There is no escape, and no peace. All the way to El Cerrito!! This is a sampling of some of the commentary on NextDoor as the thump thump thump thump continues on without end.



West Berkeley



I was assuming it was near me in west Berkeley. I heard it yesterday near train tracks.

28m

Like

Reply

Share



SW Berkeley-San Pablo Park



I hear it in SW Berkeley too. It's been going on for days. I've walked around my neighborhood several times and can't figure out where it's coming from. Super annoyin... See more

7m

Like

Reply

Share



Spruce Hill



I'm guessing it could be music coming from The Greek Theater? I can hear music ( faintly) coming from the Greek, from where we are in n berk near Solano!

6m

Like

Reply

Share



El Cerrito del Norte (Outer...



I can hear up Moeser & Shevlin in el Cerrito (edited)

2m

Like

Reply

Share

← [profile] North Berkeley Hills · 2h ...

Tap here to turn off notifications for this post

[profile] North Berkeley BART East ...

I called. Because it's impossible to tell where it's coming from, the dispatcher didn't think they could help. I have a feeling it might be this 2 day music festival on Treasure Island.  
<https://www.fevo.com/edp/Day-to-Night-Festival-4yCVLBE6>

18m 1 Like Reply Share

[profile] SW Berkeley-San Pablo Park ...

Right. It's still probably worth calling, however. Hopefully BPD keeps a log and these complaints can be filed/sent to S.F. when they are considering the permit for the fe... See more

16m 2 Like Reply Share

[profile] N.BerkHills/Tilden ...

I just called the non emergency number and they said it's from a concert on treasure island.

[camera icon] [location icon] Add a reply...

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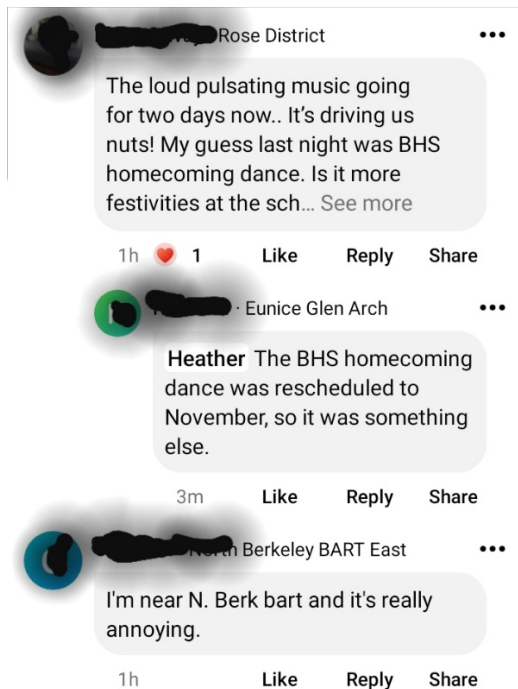
[profile] Author · North Berkeley Hills ...

Yes! Glad it's not just me! Sounds like the same pattern repeated over and over...they must be getting tired of this "song"...😞

1h Like Reply Share

[profile] North Berkeley Hills ...

Also heard the annoying, pounding base and one street above Codornices.



It cannot be possible that noise emanating all the way to El Cerrito, Cordornices Park and the Berkeley Hills was somehow within the permitted decibel range of the permit. Please do something about this. This same thing happened a few years ago. It is unacceptable.

C. Simpson  
Berkeley

**From:** [Jim Waterwash](#)  
**To:** [Nathanson, Jack \(ADM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Noise  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 8:07:24 PM

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I'm in Berkeley and it's 8 o'clock Sunday night and my windows are rattling. This is really insane.

**From:** [gail](#)  
**To:** [Nathanson, Jack \(ADM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Treasure Island Electronic Music event  
**Date:** Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:08:19 PM

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Mr. Nathanson,

The T.I. concert held on October 15 & 16 created a huge noise disturbance in the Berkeley, Kensington, El Cerrito neighborhoods of the East Bay. The pounding noise from the base drums was too loud. There is no excuse for disturbing that many households. Because sound travels so quickly across water, T.I. should not be used for these loud events. There are many complaints against this noise on Next Door. Please confirm that your agency will not permit this event again.

Thank you.

Gail Feldman  
Kensington



**From:** [Joad Skjelbred](#)  
**To:** [Beck, Bob \(ADM\)](#)  
**Cc:** [TIDA, \(ADM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Treasure Island insanity  
**Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 9:15:00 AM

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TWIMC:

I have learned that the incessant booming last night (Sunday!) was not, in fact, recalcitrant teenagers, but a formal event under your purview.

Your lack of consideration for the neighbors of the island (the entire Bay Area?) in the name of chasing a buck, is disgusting.

F■■■ you,  
Joad

**From:** [Kelly Zito](#)  
**To:** [Beck, Bob \(ADM\)](#); [Nathanson, Jack \(ADM\)](#); [Philip.Ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:Philip.Ginsburg@sfgov.org); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [council@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:council@cityofberkeley.info)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Zito](#)  
**Subject:** Unacceptable levels of noise from All Day/All Night festival Oct 15-16 and PRA request  
**Date:** Monday, October 17, 2022 10:43:42 AM

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I am writing to file an official complaint and public records act request and voice my extreme displeasure at the unacceptable levels of noise created this weekend (Oct. 14-16) by the All Day All Night festival on Treasure Island.

People in Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, Oakland, El Cerrito, Albany — and beyond — were subjected to endless, loud, thumping bass from the EDM festival for two days and nights. This noise was disruptive and all-encompassing, making it difficult to sleep, hold outdoor gatherings, for normal business operation, etc.

This has nothing to do with disliking music, raves, dancing etc. Many of us in this area have grown up going to such festivals. But not in an area where it is disrupting tens — if not hundreds — of thousands of unsuspecting people for two days straight - including young children, seniors, pets, etc.

This is unacceptable. TIDA and San Francisco should NEVER grant a permit to this festival again.

**As an aside, it is highly unusual, not transparent and not good government for the TIDA board members' emails not to be clearly posted and easily found on your website.**

## **CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST -----** **-----**

Oct. 17, 2022

Bob Beck, et al.

Treasure Island Development Authority

RE: Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Beck and staff,

I am requesting access to records in possession or control of the Treasure Island Development Authority and City of San Francisco for the purposes

of inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 6250 et seq. ("CPRA"), and Article I, § 3(b) of the California Constitution. The specific records I seek to inspect and copy are listed below. As used herein, "Record" includes "Public Records" and "Writings" as those terms are defined at Government Code § 6252(e) & (g). I request access to inspect/copies of all files, including applications, supporting documentation, correspondence, including but not limited to emails, texts, transcripts, voicemails, chats and any other internal and external communications related to the granting of the permit for the All Day All Night Festival (Oct 14-16, 2022) and complaints related to the festival, including but not limited to any and all records related to noise levels, sound systems, wind/weather analysis, noise ordinance requirements and financial compensation conveyed to TIDA for the festival.

If you contend that any portion of the records requested is exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law, Government Code § 6253(a) requires segregation and redaction of that material in order that the remainder of the records may be released. If you contend that any express provision of law exists to exempt from disclosure all or a portion of the records I have requested, Government Code § 6253(c) requires that you notify me of the reasons for the determination not later than 10 days from your receipt of this request. Government Code §§ 6253(d) & 6255(b) require that any response to this request that includes a determination that the request is denied, in whole or in part, must be in writing and include the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the City's response.

Government Code § 6253(d) prohibits the use of the 10-day period, or any provisions of the CPRA or any other law, "to delay access for purposes of inspecting public records."

In responding to this request, please keep in mind that Article 1, § 3(b)(2) of the California Constitution expressly requires you to broadly construe all provisions that further the public's right of access, and to apply any limitations on access as narrowly as possible.

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me at 415-717-2875 or [zito.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:zito.kelly@gmail.com) pursuant to Government Code § 6253.1. I ask that you notify me of any duplication costs exceeding \$50 before you duplicate the records so that I may decide which records I want copied.

Thank you for your timely attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Zito

## Fireworks filmed on Treasure Island that caused loud booms across the bay are part of ‘a much bigger project’

[Aidin Vaziri](#) October 20, 2022

A flurry of [fireworks](#) that were part of a film production on Treasure Island caused the loud booms that sent Bay Area residents into a late-night panic on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

“It was a couple of really short fireworks displays on the bay that were filmed from the island,” Jack Nathanson, special events manager of the Treasure Island Development Authority, confirmed with The Chronicle. “It’s going to be part of a much bigger project.”

According to the production permit obtained by The Chronicle, the name of the film is “Next Unknown” and was issued to Next Unknown LLC, a company based in New York. The contact name for the company is Marty Kenlon, a San Francisco location manager for Paramount Pictures.

Island authorities last week posted a tweet indicating that there was film activity scheduled between 8 and 10 p.m. Wednesday that was set to include fireworks along Avenue of the Palms.

But Nathanson said, per rules set by San Francisco’s entertainment commission, sound permits are not required for fireworks displays over the bay. Nor are there curfews set for such events.

Multiple Twitter users from San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland described the sounds as “loud” and thunderous, with several [others speculating that a PG&E outage affecting more than 5,000 customers](#) was a result of the ruckus.

The fireworks display was produced by Pyro Spectaculars, a Sacramento company that manages most of the shows for San Francisco Giants games and the city’s New Year’s Eve and Fourth of July celebrations.

Asked if there were any recent celebrity sightings on Treasure Island, Nathanson said, “The star was the fireworks.”

He added that “the end game is to be a really unique film experience.”

With its old aircraft hangars and unique [view of the San Francisco skyline](#), Treasure Island has for decades served as a destination for film and television crews. “The Matrix,” “The Pursuit of Happyness,” “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade,” “The Parent Trap” and “[Nash Bridges](#)” are among the productions that have used it as a production site.

## San Francisco Buyers Looking for New Condos Must Play the Waiting Game

The development pipeline is slow as planning approvals are complex and construction costs are high

By Nancy A. Ruhling

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Housing demand is cooling in San Francisco's luxury market following a record-breaking streak of sales in the second quarter of 2021, but prices are refusing to retreat in tandem.

The luxury market, defined as properties that are selling for \$3 million or more, recorded only 20 sales in the second quarter of 2022, down by half from the second quarter of 2021, according to Compass's New Development Market Watch report.

But Krysen Heathwood, senior managing director, Compass Development Marketing Group, Western Region, said that the figures do not represent a weak market.

"Desirable homes are still selling at or above asking price, and days on market are still very low, showing that demand is still solid," she said, adding that although prices are starting to decline, they still remain higher than pre-pandemic rates in most areas.

She noted that potential purchasers are "sitting in the waiting room to see what happens next with interest rates and the stock market. That said, many buyers recognize that rates are still very low and are buying real estate now."

There are only 28 new luxury condo developments in the pipeline, according to the report. The approximately 1,000 homes available in these new projects, Ms. Heathwood said, "is historically on the lower end" because "in 2007-08, we had around 3,500 condo units available. The dearth of housing inventory remains."

The lack of many new developments is, she said, a reflection of the "arduous process" of bringing them to market. "Planning approvals are complex, construction costs are high, and the supply chain is challenged," she said. "These are not new challenges to the housing conversation albeit in the past two years, it has been exceedingly difficult to bring developments to market in part due to the pandemic."

Those who are buying place a priority on security and walkability, which tied for the No. 1 spot on Compass's biannual Sentiment Survey on the most desirable amenities across the Bay Area.

Community space to socialize and work is in second place, followed, in order, by EV charging stations and fitness and well-being amenities such as gyms and yoga studios.

The new developments, Ms. Heathwood said, have responded by incorporating these elements.

She noted that the city's two newest luxury neighborhoods—Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island—are attracting a lot of interest because "they will offer a highly desired lifestyle on the water, an easy commute via the ferry and have rare natural surroundings. This is the place to be now and in the future."

<https://www.mansionglobal.com/articles/san-francisco-buyers-looking-for-new-condos-must-play-the-waiting-game-01664017813>

*Although there are not a lot of new developments now, there still are choice units left in projects, such as this one, that launched sales earlier.*

### ***The Bristol at Yerba Buena Island, Yerba Buena Island***



Yerba Buena Island, which is named after the naturally formed island in the San Francisco Bay, is a collection of distinctive townhomes, flats, condominiums, penthouses and estate homesites.

The Bristol, the first building to open, features luxury condos.

The development, which is minutes from the Financial District and the Treasure Island ferry terminal that is devoted to downtown commuters, is designed to bring nature, wellness and community into one setting, which, according to agent Ryan Fay of FM Partners, is a priority for purchasers in the wake of the pandemic.

“The emphasis on urban planning, stunning architecture and design, along with being nestled among trails and parks, will make this the most unique and tranquil development within any major city worldwide,” he said.

Noting that the development “seamlessly integrates its surroundings to give its residents a sense of belonging,” real estate agent Omar Maissan of FM Partners, which has worked with Yerba Buena Island developer Chris Meany, said that it’s like “stepping onto an island resort. The exterior finishes are meant to give that feeling of natural serenity and the look of being weathered by the salty sea air. Details that stand out include the silver hue that will become apparent on the wood used over the years, oil-rubbed bronze fixtures that will have varied coloration in areas that receive contact, and even the stucco will get a deeper mottled hue over time.”

Sales launched in February 2021.

<https://www.mansionglobal.com/articles/san-francisco-buyers-looking-for-new-condos-must-play-the-waiting-game-01664017813>

**Number of Units:** 124

**Price Range:** Starting at the mid \$700,000s for studios, from around \$1 million for one-bedrooms, from around \$1.6 million for two-bedrooms and from around \$3.6 million for three-bedrooms

**Developer/Architects:** Wilson Meany/Anne Howerton and Tim Slattery of Hart Howerton, Jon Ennis of BDE Architecture, Vivian Lee of Edmonds + Lee, Gray Davis of Meyer Davis, Kent Chiang and Roslyn Cole of Aidlin Darling Design, Cliff Lowe of Cliff Lowe Associates, and Lauren Stahl of CMG Landscape Architecture.

**Condo Sizes:** 630 to 2,248 square feet.

**Amenities:** The Yerba Buena Island development has 72 acres of parks, including a park that will crown the island's peak and is designed by landscape and public artist Walter Hood, a recipient of the 2009 MacArthur Genius Grant award; a calm sandy beach and five miles of hiking and biking trails. For residents, there's a private, three-story gathering place, the Island Club, that features fitness equipment, a yoga studio, lounges and an outdoor lap pool.

**Website:** [yerbabuenaislandsf.com](http://yerbabuenaislandsf.com)

## 2 San Francisco restaurants rank among Tripadvisor's best places to eat in US

[Steph Rodriguez](#), SFGATE

Oct. 2, 2022

Two San Francisco [restaurants](#) ranked high on Tripadvisor's [Best of the Best Restaurants for 2022](#) list, released Sept. 27, alongside some of the best places to eat in the world.

The award series reveals the most recommended restaurants based on the reviews and ratings of real-deal travelers, who spent time dining at these spaces during leisurely or business-related trips over the past year.

These award-winning restaurants stretched across six continents and 51 countries. The list is also made up of six different subcategories: Fine Dining, Everyday Eats, Quick Bites, Picture-Perfect Restaurants, Date Night and Hidden Gems.

San Francisco Michelin-recognized Greek favorite, [Kokkari Estiatorio](#), lands at the No. 14 spot in the Fine Dining category, ranking among other top-rated U.S. establishments such as Lahaina Grill in Hawaii, which took the No. 1 title.

“The goal at [Kokkari](#) and Evvia is to offer as close to a true Greek restaurant experience as possible,” said Kokkari's executive chef Erik Cosselmon on the restaurant's [website](#). “Not only is it about good food, it’s about the people, the celebratory atmosphere and the Greek hospitality.”

Highlighted in Tripadvisor's newest category, Hidden Gems, San Francisco's [Mersea Restaurant](#) graces the list at No. 2 as a local favorite with gorgeous views of the bay and its “delicious seafood-centric menu.”

[Mersea](#) is led by executive chef and restaurateur Parke Ulrich, along with co-founder MeeSun Boice. The seaside restaurant opened in 2018 and is located in the heart of Treasure Island.

See the full list of Best of the Best Restaurants for 2022 across the U.S. and the globe [from Tripadvisor](#).



# Matt Dorsey's Treasure Island problem

It's a key part of the district's future—but he hasn't been able to explain his vision (or even his understanding of the issues).

By [Steve Stallone](#), October 17, 2022

Incumbent San Francisco District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey has a big challenge as he faces voters for election to his new position this November.

He entered this race as a relative unknown on Treasure Island, and he likewise lacks knowledge about its history and problems. TI doesn't have the same drug and safety issues that much of the rest of District 6 does. (The district also includes SoMa, Mission Bay, East Cut.) Instead, it has its own peculiar issues as a new residential development being built on a dilapidated and infrastructure-challenged former military base that started as a redevelopment project before the state eliminated redevelopment agencies and their tax increment financing.

Dorsey's signature pro-housing, Yimby message is redundant on the island. For 25 years TI has been waiting for the promised units, especially the affordable ones. The controversy isn't whether to build, but when it is going to get done and whether it will have the social justice component Dorsey promotes—not displacing low-income people and people of color—and how to make sure it will be a sustainable neighborhood and community beyond its traffic issues.

On Sept. 28, I sat down with Dorsey in his Soma campaign office. I wanted to learn where the new supervisor stood on the issues roiling TI in advance of the election, particularly the toll, transportation, and housing and development issues on the island.

Throughout the interview, when pressed for specifics, (over and over again) he fell back on his need to learn more. His remarks were peppered with statements such as:

*I'm gonna need to get way better educated than I am on this.*

*Do I have a lot more homework to do on this? So stipulated.*

*I have to acknowledge that there's 25 years of agreements and legislation and things that I need to unpack to prudently make a decision.*

*I can talk from a set of the perspective of principles and rely on others for details.*

*As a supervisor, I've still got a lot to learn*

Matt Dorsey is a 57-year old out gay white man who is openly HIV positive, a former substance and alcohol abuser in recovery. He worked for 14 years as the chief press person in the City Attorney's Office and for the past two years as the head of public affairs for the San Francisco Police Department.

Dorsey considers the SFPD to be a progressive department and a national leader in police reform. He supported the recall of DA Chesa Boudin and the candidacy of new DA Brooke Jenkins.

Mayor London Breed appointed him as the District 6 supervisor last May after then-Supervisor Matt Haney left the position to become the Assembly member representing the east side of the city.

In his public appearances he had presented himself as a “progressive” who wanted to be a “brave” and “bold” supervisor. He said he admired state Senator Scott Weiner because he never equivocated—he always told you where he stood without ambiguity.

Dorsey had allocated 45 minutes for our interview. He started off like he was filibustering it, using up the time so we couldn’t get into anything in any depth, repeating his stump speech stories, talking fast to make it hard to find an opening to interject until he finally asked if I had a question.

At other gatherings he had used some variation of the “need to learn more” response when addressing the toll, so the obvious question was where he stood on it now. He responded with four sharp words.

“I’m against the toll,” he said.

Then came the equivocation.

“If we get to a situation where the toll, if this is so baked in that it’s gonna tank 8,000 units of housing, you know, if there’s a scenario where we have to have a toll because it’s something that’s been done, and it’s a done deal and it’s baked in and nobody’s getting out of it...” he began, sounding like he was about to let go of his toll opposition for his housing goals. And then a telling admission.

“I don’t know that there’s support on Board of Supervisors [for the toll], even if I was for it,” he said.

It would require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors—8 of 11, a high bar—and mathematically it wouldn’t make a difference if Dorsey voted for it or not.

“Treasure Island is just one precinct in District 6, but it punches above its weight,” Dorsey said, acknowledging the neighborhood’s organizing success.

### **For whom the toll tolls**

He called the toll regressive, even with its resident exemptions and discounts. And it complicates his main concern—building more housing.

“The optics of the toll are terrible for the entire pro-housing movement. This is bigger than Treasure Island,” he said.

But he doesn’t sound like a candidate entirely convinced of his own positions.

“Here’s my worry about the toll. We can’t have 20,000 new residents coming onto Treasure Island with private automobiles,” he said.

But the plan wasn’t always for 20,000 residents on the islands. In fact, the first proposal for the development in 1996 envisioned no housing at all, just using the area for cultural and entertainment facilities, sports fields, and open space precisely because with only one way to get on and off the island by car—the bridge—it was considered infeasible to put many people there.

But then the plan was amended with the magic words “affordable housing” and suddenly, like an engineering transfiguration, the Bay Bridge no longer loomed so formidable as an obstacle. At first it was to be for only one or two thousand people. But the numbers increased four more times at the developer’s insistence that they couldn’t make it financially viable without more units, going up to 2,800 in 2002, to 5,500, to 7,540, and finally to 8,000 in 2010.

The majority of the housing will not be affordable.

That begat the problem of bridge congestion, which begat the toll solution and placing the financial burden on the residents, later expanded to anyone who came to the islands. That begat the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency (TIMMA), plans for a rapid ferry to the mainland, and an expanded traffic bureaucracy that added to the costs the toll had to cover with its proposed \$10 charge—the highest bridge toll in California—which, if you are coming from the East Bay is added to the \$7 it costs to get on the Bay Bridge, adding up to a \$17 to visit Treasure Island.

That begat a political and financial migraine San Francisco politicians are still looking for a next patch to fix.

Dorsey acknowledged he didn’t know that history, so he had little to offer as a way out.

He did suggest charging the wealthy people buying the luxury condos on Yerba Buena Island a six-figure fee for a parking spaces (already being done and likely to include parking fees for all residents and visitors). While tax-the-rich proposals have a nice progressive ring to it, the rich and speculators who want the condos with the best views of the Bay will pay, but it will not take many cars off the bridge or ease congestion.

Dorsey also floated the idea of just having the city pick up the tab for all that the toll revenue is slated to cover, effectively socializing the costs throughout San Francisco. He said he figures the property taxes on the island housing, which he called the biggest source of city income, would cover it. Perhaps, but that could have been decided years ago and saved much time and money.

To be fair, there is consistency in his consistency. His main principle is building more housing. His stump speech emphasizes that he wants to be the housing conscience of the board. He constantly talks about the state’s [Regional Housing Needs Allocation](#), the number of units a city must build or lose state funding for affordable housing and transportation. The city is required to make room and clear approvals for 82,000 units in the next eight years. The TI project would provide nine percent of that requirement.

“I’m gonna support housing in my district and your district and your district,” his stump speech goes.

And he wants to do that with an emphasis on “not repeating the mistakes of generations past”, that is, displacing low-income and people of color as was done in the Fillmore and Manilatown.

While saying his pro-housing principles would guide his decisions, he dismissed the calls from Treasure Islanders for an economic impact study on how the toll would affect its residents and businesses as well as the livability of the island. How do you know what’s a good idea or a bad one for the future of TI without some data to guide you?

For instance, Dorsey said he doesn’t know, and apparently neither does the city, just how much money the city needs the toll to raise to pay for its bus and ferry alternative transportation modes; how much it is giving up in toll dollars to cover its multiple and complex discounts for residents, island business

employees and low-income visitors; or the costs of administering the tolls and FASTRAK record-keeping that it has developed to try to address all the valid objections and placate opposition. No one even has a ballpark figure that justifies the proposed \$10 toll.

### **No island is an island—state coastal protections**

In 2014 the City and County of San Francisco signed legally binding contracts with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the State Lands Commission, which oversee the development of California's coastal regions and tidelands, including Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. These agreements gave San Francisco permission to build a residential development on the islands in exchange for free public access to these public trust lands, like all coastal areas in California.

By 2016 it became clear to the city officials that due to poor planning and an inadequate agreement with the development group, the expanded bus and ferry service projected would cost more than the commitments made by the developer. So in July 2016 the Board of Supervisors extended its toll policy to charge all TI visitors the toll—in violation of these agreements. That could cancel permission for all 8,000 housing units Dorsey sees as essential to fulfilling the City's housing goals.

But Dorsey said he had no knowledge of this roadblock to his pro-housing dreams, and showed little interest when asked about it. Neither the mayor, nor her allies on the board, nor or any of the staff whose jobs it is to complete the project bothered to inform him of this wrinkle, even though the city has been aware of the issue since it began to make plans for the development in 1996. All of them continue to proceed as if they can ignore the matter.

When BCDC got wind in late 2021 that the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency was planning to vote to pass the toll at an upcoming meeting, BCDC reminded the city of its legal commitments. In a Nov. 15, 2021 letter, BCDC suggested TIMMA get in touch with BCDC's legal department before proceeding. The previous contract would need to be renegotiated and a new EIR might need to be done to resolve the differences between the original contract and this new toll policy. That could delay the whole project, which is already over budget and way behind schedule by years.

### **Lottery evictions—losing by winning**

Treasure Island is a man-made landfill project built in the 1930s on the shoals of Yerba Buena Island to be the site of the Golden Gate International Exposition celebrating the newly completed engineering feat of the Golden Gate and Bay bridges. The plan was to turn it into an international airport until WWII intervened. Then the US Navy took it over.

The Navy's legacy is an island littered with toxic and radioactive waste it was supposed to have cleaned up before closing the base and turning it back over to San Francisco for civilian use in the 1990s. Although officially the Navy and the city claim the cleanup is complete and the island is safe, their actions suggest otherwise. They advise residents not to dig in the yards around their housing units or let their kids play there. Sections of the island have been fenced off with radiation and toxics warning signs. The housing in the northwest Gateview neighborhood, near where the Navy had its "burn pits," is slated to be torn down and not rebuilt there. It will be left as an open space park.

State officials [now admit the site was never properly cleaned up](#) and parts of it remain highly unsafe.

While planning and preparations for San Francisco's new neighborhood on the island proceeded, the city moved homeless and low-income people into the former Navy housing and rented out other facilities to businesses to collect revenue in the meantime.

This has been going on for 25 years while cancer clusters and the lawsuits they engender continue. Nonetheless, the lack of affordable housing in San Francisco and the promise of long-term affordable units for those who stay have kept people who have few other options there.

Approximately 1,800 people live on TI, the majority of whom are people of color, and about 50 percent of the population lives below the poverty line. Over the years, as people will, they have built community there and still seek to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Dorsey said he knows next to nothing about the next big controversy facing Islanders, what they refer to as "lottery evictions."

Many of the residents have lived on TI for 10, 15, 20 years or more. These long-timers have been promised first shot at the new low-income housing units still to be built. They have been living in temporary Navy housing since the 1990s and enduring the indignities of life in limbo without proper amenities. Cell and internet services are spotty. Power outages are a way of life, accompanied by throwing out half a refrigerator of food, and sewage backups that sometimes run down their streets.

But they have clung to the promise of low-income housing even as the date for building the new homes has slid further and further into the future. The Treasure Island Development Agency, the city entity that runs the island developments, held a lottery last May among residents who qualify for the new units that puts them in line for the housing. Residents were given numbers and know their place in line, but they don't know when the numbers will start to be called, how quickly the queue will move, whether the unit they will be offered will be comparable in size and cost to what they have now, and whether it will work for all members of their households—or if instead they will have to accept a minimal payoff and relinquish their rights to a home on TI.

While awaiting their turn, residents' lives are on hold and the future of their families' housing is unknown. Into this vacuum of information rumors have rushed in, raising the anxiety level on the island. TIDA could let people know the answers, but hasn't.

Those selected first don't get first choice of units. Instead, they are offered a unit by TIDA that it deems appropriate, according to the agency's arbitrary and ever-changing rules and timelines. They get to be first to choose to take it or leave it and leave the island. And among the rumors flying around the island now is that the first lottery winners will be offered some of the least desirable units. In other words, if you win, you lose.

Residents brought this to Dorsey's attention at the July 25 TI Town Hall where they pleaded with him to intercede on their behalf. As D6 supervisor he has an ex-officio seat on the TIDA Board and could demand the information. At that time, he said he had to learn more about the issue, but two months later the matter barely cracked his consciousness when raised again in our interview. He pivoted back to his default position of needing to get more information on it.

Tenants fear the system is set up to get rid of them so the new housing can be offered to non-islanders the city has no obligations to and can charge higher rents, effectively fulfilling their greatest fear since the anti-toll movement began four years ago — that TI will become a wealthy, gated, bedroom enclave.

<https://48hills.org/2022/10/matt-dorseys-treasure-island-problem/>

When pressed for reasons why TI residents and business owners should vote for him given his lack of program and proposals to deal with their issues, he replied, “If people aren’t convinced to vote for me, that’s fine. I can’t win every vote.”

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## Fireworks During Film Shoot Causing Confusion Among SF Residents

Did you hear a loud boom in San Francisco? The Treasure Island Development Authority tweeted that there would be film activity along the Avenue of Palms Wednesday night.

By [NBC Bay Area staff](#) • Published October 19, 2022

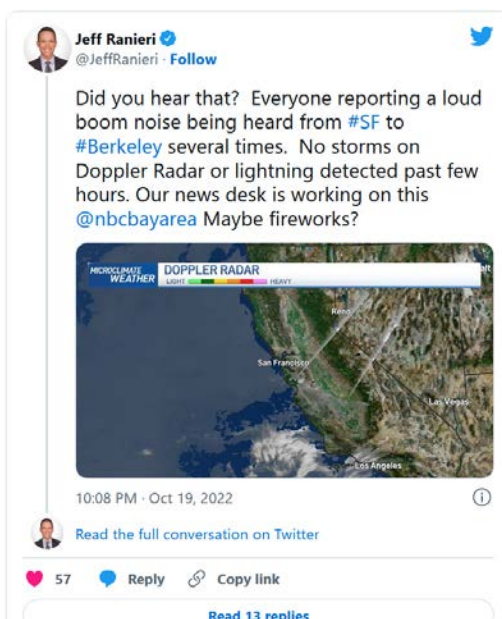
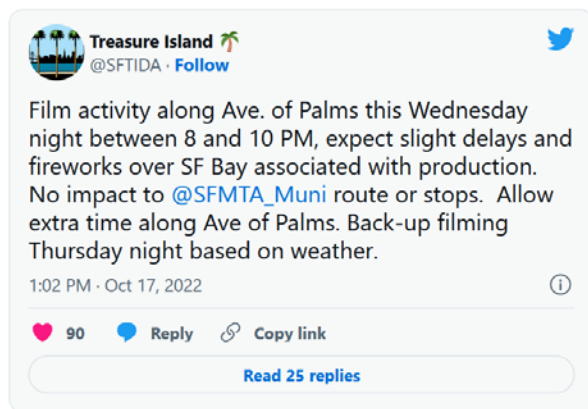
A fireworks display caused a lot of confusion for some Bay Area residents Wednesday night.

People on social media reported hearing "loud explosions." The sound was heard from San Francisco to Sausalito.

It turned out that the fireworks were part of a movie shoot on Treasure Island.

The Treasure Island Development Authority tweeted Monday afternoon that there would be some "film activity" along the Avenue of Palms Wednesday night between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

No word on what movie was being filmed.



# Honey Mahogany talks about Treasure Island finance and how to make the project work

D6 candidate supports the unpopular toll, but knows more about the complex situation than the incumbent, Matt Dorsey.

By [Steve Stallone](#), October 24, 2022

Building a new neighborhood almost from scratch is a prodigious task, especially in these times of inflation, high interest rates, and supply chain delays. Then there are the challenges that are unique to Treasure Island:

—Configuring transportation from an island in the middle of the bay

—Installing new infrastructure to replace the existing dilapidated setup while people are already living there

—Cleaning up the toxins and radioactive waste the Navy left behind and

—Navigating all this with a current population that is disproportionately low-income.

It's almost surprising that anyone would ask to be responsible for this. And yet four people have thrown their hats into the ring to be the District 6 supervisor, who will represent Treasure Island, along with Soma and Mission Bay, for the next, crucial, four years.

Honey Mahogany supports the toll, but offers some credible alternatives—if the city wants to pay for island transportation. Photo by Natalie Gee

One of those is Honey Mahogany, a Black transgender performer and former chief of staff to then-Supervisor Matt Haney. She is well known in the LGBTQ community, having co-founded the Transgender District of San Francisco, and was elected chair of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee last year.

She is challenging the appointed incumbent, [Matt Dorsey, who also talked with us recently](#).

Mahogany claims to have the most experience of any of the hopefuls, particularly when it comes to the work of a supervisor. She helped run Haney's office for more than three years, assisting in his legislative work. Her master's degree in social work and years of experience working with the homeless, dealing with the mental health and drug addiction problems in the district, and her time running a small business in Soma (she co-owns the Stud bar) lends her credibility.

But with that experience comes baggage. Haney had won his board election campaigning against the Treasure Island toll, and walked onto the island as a conquering hero, famously saying there would never be a toll on TI as long as he was around. Then [he abruptly flipped on the toll, got a slew of construction trades union money](#), and left for an Assembly seat in Sacramento.



Not surprisingly, many TI residents feel burned. Mahogany inherits that too, especially since she is echoing Haney's last position of support for the toll in the campaign as both a "practical" and "progressive" measure, since it exempts current residents.

She said several times during our Oct. 14 interview that a supervisors' role is to ensure their constituents are heard and to advocate for them. Her time in the District 6 office means she has to know there is near unanimous opposition to the toll among the island's residents and business owners.

Defending her position, she said she worked on adding exemptions for people living on TI, and that she would look at expanding that to cover family members of and caregivers for residents.

"We know there are a lot of seniors and people with disabilities on the island that rely on family and caregivers and we certainly don't want to prevent that from happening," she said. "We can also talk about the small businesses that have employees, etc., that need to get on and off the island, and how the toll is going to impact their businesses, and mitigate that as well."

She also proffered an idea that could be the most effective anti-bridge congestion plan yet — free public transportation on and off the island for all TI residents. She added that the toll exemption should be extended to all TI residents, especially those low-income ones who moved there before people knew they would have to pay a toll.

Of course, the vast majority of low-income people who will be living in the affordable housing units won't be on the island until they are built over the next seven years. Extending the free public transit to all those thousands of people is where Mahogany's principled fairness and generosity hit practicality.

"We need to look at how much it's going to cost and what we can afford," she added.

Yes, that is the sticky part. As more and more worthy exemptions are made, as more subsidies for island businesses and nonprofits as well as for the otherwise prohibitively expensive ferries, are added, less money is in the toll fund to cover the expenses, including the costs of the expanding administration of the currently proposed complicated systems of exemptions and discounts.

Mahogany said she was dismayed to learn that the city and the Treasure Island Development Agency, which oversees the project, has no data estimating what the toll will raise or what the costs of operating the system will be.

When trying to devise a just and equitable transit system for this new neighborhood, one inevitably hits the brick wall of the agreement the city made with the developers. The developers aren't paying for operating all this transit stuff. They negotiated a contract with the city that sets strict maximum limits on their contributions, raising the age-old question: Who pays?

Mahogany suggested that the city could cover it. That's a logical idea. Her opponent Dorsey has suggested as much as well. After all, why should Treasure Island be the only neighborhood in the city that is required to pay for its own transit? Why shouldn't the property taxes its residents pay and the sales taxes its businesses generate be its contribution to the city's overall transit fund like any other neighborhood?

But San Francisco officials and TIDA have been saying for years that the operational costs of transportation for TI has to pay for itself, that it must be cost neutral to city coffers. That has all along

been the justification for the toll, along with the dream/fantasy of moving the TI's projected 20,000 residents to other parts of the Bay Area without bridge congestion with only more Muni buses and ferries.

The optimists like to refer to the ferries as the solution, without any data on the costs of ferry subsidies or recognizing what little data is in the city's own traffic study. It shows that at best ferries would relieve only about four percent of the car traffic on the bridge.

The entire city, through the decisions of its Board of Supervisors, approved this project and promoted it. The very first strategy plan for TI commissioned by then-Mayor Willie Brown and the city of San Francisco in Sept. 1996 warned that it would be a huge project that would require a "substantial public investment to secure and restore the property for any reuse."

Yet city officials, at the behest of the developers, proceeded to make the development larger and larger as the only way to make it profitable. And then they shifted the costs to the residents through the toll proposal and later expanded that to the general public. But it's still the city's responsibility to make it work.

But like all the other Treasure Island politicians that have come before Mahogany for the last 26 years — including her former boss Haney and her opponent Matt Dorsey — Mahogany lacks a deep understanding about the finances of a TI transport system, and isn't looking for data to support plans or asking staff to develop and present that. They all display the illusion (delusion?) that this project is too big to fail. Somehow, somebody will find a solution.

The flailing of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and the Treasure Island Mobility and Management Agency over the last eight years should have proven by now that is not the case.

Barring that, we are left with a lot of pretty ideas about a just and environmental paradise on an island — except for all the radioactive waste and toxins the Navy left behind.

### **The fart of the deal**

Unlike Dorsey, Mahogany did know of the legally binding agreement the City and County of San Francisco negotiated and signed in 2014 with the state agency the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, which regulates the development of California's coastal regions and tidelands, including Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. But she did not know the details or the serious consequences of it.

Here's the deal: The state gave San Francisco permission to build this huge residential development, and in return the city promised to steward these public trust lands and give the public unobstructed access to a 100-foot-wide strip of land along the entire shoreline of TI and most of Yerba Buena Island.

In 2016, the city negotiated a detailed amendment to the 2014 agreement, literally getting into the weeds about what structures along that strip had to be removed, how that perimeter strip would become part of the Bay Trail, what plants could be planted, etc. The negotiators relied on the project's 2011 Final Environmental Impact Report that made no mention of the toll. Charging the public to visit public lands is obstructed access and a violation of the city's obligation. A toll could make the whole deal — and the entire development — crash and burn.

In late 2021 BCDC learned that TIMMA had scheduled a vote to pass the toll. In a Nov. 15 letter BCDC advised TIMMA it should hold off until the two parties discussed the legal situation that was about to be

triggered. The city was told in that same 1996 reuse study that the issue of the public trust tidelands needed to be resolved or it would cause problems for the development in the future.

For years, the city and TIDA have kept telling us that the contract between them and the developers is sacrosanct and cannot be changed. But they and the City Attorney's Office have made no such claim about their agreements with the state of California.

To be fair, they've said nothing at all about the matter, like anyone else facing pending litigation. This may also be the reason neither TIMMA or the Board of Supervisors have yet taken a vote on imposing the toll even though they signaled they would nearly a year ago, and haven't said a word about it since they cancelled their last scheduled vote in February 2022. They know that as long as they haven't instituted the toll, BCDC has no grounds to sue them and stop the development. But it could if and when the city makes the move. As of now there is no word of whether talks between BCDC and the city have been held or are scheduled.

The word at TIDA is that the TIMMA Board (i.e. the Board of Supervisors wearing different hats) plans to vote on the toll in the next couple of months— when everyone else is too distracted with holidays to be paying attention. The whole thing doesn't pass the smell test.

### **Gimme shelter**

Mahogany is on the “build-more-housing” bandwagon, with special emphasis on affordable units. The question on TI is: how do you get it done, and done within state policy and its deadlines?

The state has set quotas for cities and counties on how many housing units they must build, and has recently added hammers for recalcitrant communities. Those that don't meet their goals stand to lose state funds for affordable housing and transportation projects. San Francisco's assigned target is 82,000 units in the next eight years. The TI project represents nearly ten percent of that, but where does the other 90 percent come from?

“A supervisor's role is to fight for as much affordability as possible out of any project,” Mahogany said. “We're never going to build the amount of affordable housing we need just through private development. Both state and federal governments are going to have to get more involved investing in subsidized housing.”

Mahogany points to the social-housing model where everyone pays only 30 percent of their income for rent. She said it provides flexibility, with the people making more subsidizing the rents of those making less.

“I'm not under any illusion that affordable housing as we define it as a city currently is affordable to people making minimum wage,” she said. “So we can't continue to rely on the usual methods if we're going to build the type of housing working class people can afford. Government has to step up its game.”

To date, nobody in any elected or appointed office in San Francisco has given [any indication of where the \\$19 billion the city will need to meet its state affordable housing goals](#) is going to come from. Dorsey at least was honest when we asked him: He said “I don't know.”

### **Crime and punishment — or not?**

Drugs and crime on the streets in some parts of District 6 and the city have shaken up politics and local alliances in San Francisco, as different approaches to public safety and police and criminal justice reform bump heads and ballots.

Mahogany said she believes police are part of a public safety solution, but only part. A more comprehensive strategy is needed as well as more police accountability, she said.

She told a story echoed throughout town and in media reports. A shopkeeper's store is broken into. He calls the police, they arrive and nab the suspect, but don't arrest him.

"There needs to be a real reckoning with the police department on why they are not doing their jobs," she said. "I recognize they are down 600 officers and feeling overwhelmed. That's why we created a street crisis response team so police no longer had to be the first response to people experiencing psychotic breaks or mental health crises in the streets."

Mahogany was a proponent of the Mid-Market safety plan, using urban community ambassadors to maintain calm on the streets, prevent drug dealing, refer people to services and help keep the streets clean.

"It's really about crime prevention," she said.

She did not support the recall of District Attorney Chesea Boudin, a big proponent of criminal justice reform.

"I was against all the recalls," she said, "just on principle mostly. I think that when people are elected, they should be allowed to serve their term. That's true for the governor's race, for the school board and for the DA."

She is staying out of this November's DA race too, not endorsing the mayor's new appointee Brooke Jenkins now facing the voters for the first time.

"I don't feel like there's a perfect candidate for district attorney by any means," she said. [She did note the ethics complaint filed with the State Bar by a retired judge](#) against Jenkins, alleging impropriety and dishonesty in her financial reporting and in her public statements about it.

### **Lottery evictions — Behind the Magic 8 ball**

Unlike Dorsey, Mahogany knew about the "eviction lottery" issue on TI.

About 170 residents on TI are long-timers who have an incentive to stick around. Many of them have been living in temporary Navy housing since the 1990s and have been promised one of the affordable units that are just now being built.

Last May TIDA held a lottery among them. They were given numbers and a place in line, but they don't know when the numbers will start to be called, how quickly the queue will move, whether the unit they will be offered will be comparable in size and cost to what they have now, and whether it will work for all members of their households — or if instead they will have to accept a minimal payoff and relinquish their rights to a home on TI.

In the meantime, their lives on are hold. Rumors run rampant through the island like an anxious game of telephone. Among the most prevalent is that those selected first don't get first choice of units. Instead, they are offered a unit by TIDA that it deems appropriate, according to their arbitrary and ever-changing rules and timelines. They get to be first to choose to take it or leave it and leave the island.

Anxiety and dread are the emotions du jour. Second guessing themselves is the local parlor game. Have they wagered on this so long only to come up with nothing?

Tenants fear the system is set up to get rid of them so the new housing can be offered to non-islanders the city has no obligations to and can charge higher rents, effectively fulfilling their greatest fear — that TI will become a wealthy, gated, bedroom enclave. The latest rumor is that they will find out this spring.

Mahogany turned back to her role as an advocate for her constituency.

“If the residents are unhappy with the accommodations they are being offered in place of where they're currently living, then I will advocate for a better deal,” she said. “That is something we should try and iron out and get on paper. It should be happening now.”

She added that the residents who moved to TI after the 2011 deadline for a housing guarantee should get an opportunity for the affordable units that remain.

With a projected 8,000 housing units, 500 hotel rooms, 20,000 residents, and 300-acre park system, the TI development is the single biggest project with the most money invested (adding up what the developers and the city have put in) that San Francisco has ever attempted. Yet some in the city treat it like an annoying little sibling. You can almost hear them mimicking WC Fields: “Go away, kid. You bother me.”

But if the rest of San Francisco doesn't take the island's financial and environmental issues seriously, if they don't step up to save what they have created, the massive investment in it could be a failure.



## Treasure Island Robo-Bus Trial Secures Florida-Based Operator, Beep

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Treasure Island's robo-buses will look similar to these at the University of Michigan campus.

Florida-based Beep was selected Tuesday to operate driverless buses for Treasure Island's driverless shuttles pilot program.

The [San Francisco County Transportation Authority](#)'s autonomous shuttle pilot program aims to increase mobility for island residents while slashing reliance on cars.

Two shuttles will transport residents and visitors as soon as late this year or early 2023.

Each driverless shuttle will have a human safety driver and will run past the ferry terminal, the local YMCA, along Gateview Avenue and past the island's sole grocery store, Island Cove Market.

The \$825,000 contract between Beep and the city will last for two and a half years and was awarded by the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board, part of the SF County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) that oversees transit on the island and is made up of the 11 county supervisors.



Treasure Island, Yerba Buena Island (top) and the Bay Bridge are seen from this drone view on May 13, 2021

Beep specializes in creating driverless shuttles for corporate campuses, colleges and transit agencies.

According to Beep's [website](#), its vehicles run along 3D-mapped, preplanned routes and use sensors as "virtual eyes" to respond to surroundings. Beep currently operates in nine locations nationwide, including Yellowstone National Park and Jacksonville and Tampa in Florida.

Beep was one of three companies to apply to provide the shuttles for the pilot program, alongside New Zealand-based Ohmio and Michigan-based May Mobility. No San Francisco-based driverless vehicle companies bid for the contract.

A final shuttle route will be created in coordination with Beep, Treasure Island mobility bosses, the [San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency](#) and the Treasure Island Development Authority, as well as public feedback.

SFCTA spokesperson Eric Young said that the vehicles used by Beep will be bought from French firm Navya's range of Autonom shuttles.

Each bus will seat up to 10 passengers, or nine in total if one is a wheelchair user.

Beep was chosen as its vehicles can accept more passengers than competing companies and are better at accommodating wheelchair users and others with limited mobility, Young said.

The contract pilot program runs for nine months and will allow time for planning, testing, training and an evaluation period after the pilot ends. There is no designated pilot start date at this time.

"We need some time ironing out details with Beep," Young said of the start date.

Treasure Island is building [8,000](#) new homes over the next few years.

Beep was contacted for comment.

A Tuesday [virtual town hall](#) to collect public opinions on the shuttle pilot runs from 6-7 p.m., and a [survey](#) to collect community feedback ends Oct. 31.

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## SF Glens stage Treasure Island groundbreaking for soccer facility



The first thing you notice are the views. And, of course, the wind. Any athletic fields alongside the San Francisco Bay come with the requisite wind.

Which is perfectly fine when the sport is soccer because soccer players tend to perform no matter how extreme the elements.

“You know what?” San Francisco Mayor London Breed said Wednesday on Treasure Island. “The wind is just a part of San Francisco. We know it. This is what you practice in, so get used to it.”

Breed was on hand for a groundbreaking ceremony hosted by the San Francisco Glens Soccer Club, which is building a privately financed facility on the island a few corner kicks from the water with views of part of the Bay Bridge and the top of the San Francisco skyline.

The Glens, who have been in operation since 1961, have roughly 70 adult and youth teams with 1,000-plus players and prides themselves as the largest and most diverse soccer club in S.F. Its amateur teams have risen through the ranks in recent years, and a goal of the club is to eventually include a professional team that would play at the facility, which will have capabilities to expand.

The San Francisco Glens Soccer Club staged a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, Sep. 7, 2022, on Treasure Island for a facility that will include a main field, three practice fields and 1,500 seats. Video: John Shea / The Chronicle

On Wednesday, Breed joined Glens officials at a windswept news conference and groundbreaking that set off construction of a facility that will include a main field, three practice fields and 1,500 seats along with lights, concessions, locker rooms, a scoreboard and a press box.

According to Glens executive director Mike McNeill, the fields will be playable by April with the final touches (including the seating) hopefully in place by July. It's contingent on funding, and more than once Wednesday, the mission to find a naming-rights partner was solicited. So far, funding has come through private donations and grants.

"Soccer breaks down barriers in some cases, opens doors for others," said McNeill, adding that more than \$200,000 was granted for financial aid last year, "but above all has the power to bring everyone together. That's what we envision with this facility, being a shining jewel to unify the city through the beautiful game as we approach the 2026 World Cup in the Bay Area."

Phase 1 of the project is complete, the demolition of six buildings that left the square block nothing but a dirt lot with trucks and tractors still leveling the property.



Rendering of the proposed San Francisco Glens stadium on Treasure Island.

Ceremonial shovels were stuck in the ground by Breed, Supervisor Matt Dorsey, other dignitaries and Glens officials, including board members John McCormack and Leo Cassidy, who have been part of the club for decades and formed the club's junior teams in 2010.

It was announced Wednesday that one practice field will be named after Breed and another after Kevin Maguire, who died as a young child of cancer and was the son of renowned coach Pat Maguire. The third will be named to honor the Treasure Island community.

"Although this facility will be home of the San Francisco Glens," McNeill said, "we want this to be open for use to other clubs, high schools, colleges and especially the local residents here at Treasure Island."

The island has plenty of remnants of its old U.S. Navy presence, some adjacent to the project. Also nearby: a YMCA, a youth baseball/softball field, a firefighting training facility, storage units and a beer and wine company.

Glens officials said more of the bridge and skyline could be visible from the facility years from now with some buildings and an adjacent hill coming down.

"This is going to put San Francisco officially on the map in the soccer world like nothing else," Breed said.

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