

Greetings from City Hall,

In the midst of the excitement for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting, we want to ensure you stay informed with the latest updates important to know about the wellbeing of our City:

→ Mayor Breed joins Governor Newsom to Launch New Effort to Investigate Opioid-linked Deaths

We need every tool available to ensure we keep our community and the most vulnerable as safe as possible from fentanyl, which is killing people at an alarming rate. This task force the [Mayor announced with Governor Newsom](#) will ensure our local and state law enforcement partners have the tools to investigate opioid-linked deaths and poisonings similar to homicides in San Francisco. By employing similar investigative procedures to homicide deaths, law enforcement departments will be able to link drug traffickers to homicide charges in court for greater accountability. See our [press release on this here](#).

→ Suspects Arrested in String of Smash and Grabs

As Mayor Breed [says here](#), retail theft impacts our businesses, workers, and our communities. We need to send a message that those who steal from our retailers will be held accountable. Which is why it's critical that the District Attorney's Office (DA) successfully convicted two men who organized a series of retail theft robberies against San Francisco businesses. The DA's Office was able to do this in partnership with San Francisco Police Department investigators as well outside county law enforcement support. [Get more details here](#).

→ [Removing Loophole in Car Break in Legislation](#)

In partnership with State Senator Scott Wiener, the Mayor is sponsoring a new state bill that will make it easier for our District Attorney to prosecute car burglars. The new bill will close a loophole that makes it harder to prosecute when a witness cannot be in court, which is particularly challenging for tourists who are the victims of break-ins and cannot return to the city. [Read more about it here](#).

This law change will help build on the momentum our Police Officers have made around car break-ins with strategies like bait cars, plainclothes and patrol officers, that have led to a 10% reduction in car break-ins this year.

→ [Mayor Breed's Small Business Reforms Benefitting Merchants and Economy](#)

Over the last three years Mayor Breed has led efforts to change how San Francisco supports the ability of small businesses to open and operate, including passing new laws and a ballot measure and opening a new Permit Center. These efforts have streamlined opening for over 4,200 businesses since 2021 and waived fees for over 3,600 businesses to open. The Mayor's latest legislation is at the Board of Supervisor for approval, and will expand these reforms. The City Economist projects this will lead to up to \$300 million in economic activity and 2400 new jobs.

→ **UN Plaza Construction Underway**

Improvements are underway at UN Plaza where SF Recreation and Parks are renovating the space to debut a new skate park and outdoor fitness center! The project was designed with input from professional skateboarders and will elevate skateboarding to the forefront of recreation. This park is slated to open this fall and will be open to all people looking to engage in healthy and fun activities in the heart of our city. The newly designed plaza will also feature a blue fitness court, chess, ping pong, teqball, and foosball sets. [Sneak peek here](#).

→ **APEC Outreach Update**

The City is ramping up continued outreach with community and business stakeholders in further preparation for APEC. The San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development and other City Departments will sustain outreach efforts at businesses, residences and through community meetings to ensure we keep residents, workers, and stakeholders updated as this event nears. [See them in action here](#).

Be sure to take a look at the [APEC resource flyer here](#) for a summary on what to expect, see [how transit lines are impacted here](#), and review the [street closures map here](#).

Stay overall up-to-date on this information by visiting the [City's website on APEC here](#).

[Drop us a line](#) with any questions or recommendations for updates that you would like to see more. Together, we can make San Francisco safe, welcoming and vibrant for everyone to enjoy.

With thanks,
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