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Friends,

The Board of Supervisors has been back in session for a month, and we've got some exciting (and bittersweet) updates from the office!

Three members of the D2 team – Lauren, Lorenzo, and Mick – have graduated to greener pastures. I'm incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication to San Francisco and to District 2!

And as bummed as I am to see them go, **I'm very excited to welcome Graham, JD and Marianne to the team.** Sherrillstaff@sfgov.org is still the best way to get in touch with the team, so don't be a stranger.

On the policy side, constituent services remains our top priority. We will always focus on public safety (with an extra focus right now on pedestrian safety, people struggling on the street, and retail theft) and making our small businesses successful.

Additionally, I've asked the team to hammer away at construction costs. **We worked incredibly hard last year to build and pass the Family Zoning Plan** (with an extra thanks to Lorenzo), but construction costs are so high right now that very, very little is getting built.

We will not be able to drive rent prices down if we don't build more homes, and we won't build more homes without driving down the cost of construction. I'm going to be spending a lot of time on this, and I welcome your ideas.

So here's what's on my mind...

1. Crime is down (again), but retail theft concerns us.
2. Fleet Week is coming, and I got commitments on geofencing AVs and more tow trucks on site.
3. Rents are insane and new housing isn't getting built, so I'm working on an "impact fee" reduction.
4. The advisory council on the Fire Sprinkler Mandate has convened and will put together recommendations in 90 days.

5. New City labor contracts made headlines due to their “no layoff” provisions despite a looming budget deficit.



Crime is down (again), but retail theft concerns us...

Crime was down 13% in September vs. last September (and is down 18% for the year through September 30). At Northern Station, crime was down 40% in September vs. last year; and at Richmond Station down 34%.

One place where I still have concerns is around retail theft, because it has been a major factor in grocery store closures (like Lucky's on Fulton and in the Bayview recently), and we simply can't afford more.

Though **a crackdown over the past 6 months has resulted in 844 arrests**, we still hear from both constituents and retailers that theft (especially at grocery stores) is still flagrant (and yes, I agree when you think – “*obviously!*”). We look forward to announcing more on expanding efforts to combat retail theft.



Fleet Week is this weekend!

[I held a hearing on Fleet Week preparations](#) to ensure that the traffic debacle of July 4 doesn't happen again. Here are four key points:

1. **Fleet Week is a different animal than July 4**, and the planning happens *waaaayyyy* earlier. Early planning is critical for preparedness.
2. **Crowd size estimates** were at the top of the list for planning issues on July 4 (crowds were much larger than expected). Based on that, the Department of Emergency Management is planning for significantly larger Fleet Week crowds than both last year and 2024.

Due to our advocacy on behalf of residents, we got **20% more port-a-potties** and **30% more Muni service to the Marina Green**.

3. **Self driving cars** (like Waymo and Zoox) **have agreed to adhere to [geofencing around the key activity areas](#)** and to avoid the Presidio entirely during the weekend.
4. **Tow trucks will be staged in and around the Marina** for the first time ever to quickly help residents with blocked driveways – so don't park in someone's driveway!!!!

This weekend will be a ton of fun, so stay safe! Here's a [full calendar of events](#). Here's [SFMTA's website](#) detailing road closures and geofencing for self-driving cars.

The rent is too damn high, but not enough new homes are being built.

That's because **construction costs are too high** – 29% too high to justify a developer building a new apartment building.

San Francisco can't become the number 1 city in America to raise a family if the median cost of a 1 bedroom apartment is more than \$4,200/month.

Lowering construction costs is a major policy priority for me, and I'm starting with reducing "impact fees."

Essentially, the City charges taxes on every new residential development. And these taxes (called "impact fees") go towards good things like transit infrastructure and child care.

But unfortunately, there's a pretty big problem: they make new housing harder to build and don't actually generate significant amounts of money because so few homes are built (for context, these fees only generated about \$800k over the past three years).

Last week, the Planning Commission unanimously approved my legislation to reduce impact fees (not including [inclusionary fees](#)) to zero. If you're interested, read more about my legislation [here](#).

This is a small ~1.5% step towards our 29% goal, but it's a start! **Expect more news on reducing construction costs in the months ahead.**



The Fire Sprinkler Advisory Council has convened...

...and will deliver recommendations in 90 days on how to address exemptions from the mandate, alternative methods of fire protections, and other potential recommendations to ensure that no one is forced out of their home.

For context: 9,800 families in high rise buildings across San Francisco have suddenly been told they need to pay up to \$200K to renovate their homes to add sprinkler systems - who can afford that?

Working parents and seniors don't just have that kind of money lying around, which is why **Supervisor Danny Sauter and I created a Technical Advisory Council to explore solutions to prevent fires that don't break the bank.**

Together, we must find a solution to prevent nearly ten thousand families from having to sell their homes or take out a new mortgage just to stay in the City.

I'm the Chair of the TAC and we've already had the first two meetings. **The next meeting is on Friday, October 16 at 10am in Room 400 of City Hall.**

We've started by highlighting the data – specifically that the 126 buildings have had only 4 fires in the last 24 years that resulted in injuries (and none that resulted in fatalities).

Check [this spreadsheet](#) to see if your building is affected by the mandate. For more information, here's the [Fire Code TAC's website](#) that details the meeting times and future agendas in the weeks to come.

If you live in a building impacted by the Sprinkler Retrofit Mandate and need help, email my staff and we'll be in touch:  SherrillStaff@sfgov.org



New City labor contracts have “no layoff” provisions, and provide fiscal certainty for the difficult budget decisions ahead.

For the budget hawks of District 2 - you should know that **we signed new labor agreements with unions that represent more than 20,000 city employees.**

For context, most contracts that San Francisco has with municipal employees last three years. In 2025, the public safety departments (Fire and Police)

agreed to new contracts, and this year (basically) everyone else is undergoing contract negotiations. A few weeks ago, [Mayor Lurie announced an agreement](#) with most of the employees on a new 4-year contract. The headlines were about the “no layoff” provisions.

Is that responsible when the City faces projected budget deficits of nearly \$1 billion in the coming years? Well, maybe.

Here are 4 key points:

1. **This deal avoids a strike.** SF used to ban strikes by municipal employees, but a 2023 ruling by the [California Public Employment Relations Board \(PERB\)](#) overturned that. Strikes are a very bad situation for everyone. Transit shuts down, permits don't get processed, potholes don't get fixed, and the list goes on.
2. **The raises (12% over 4 years)** neither increase nor decrease the projected deficit in a meaningful way as the raises **match inflation projections**.
3. **The “no layoff” provision removes a potential solution to address future deficits.** Expect “[planned attrition](#)” to be used aggressively.
4. **The priority in this deal** (for both sides) **was clearly certainty.** Budgeting is always easier when you can plan ahead, the further the better.

Overall, I'm supportive of the deal reached by the Mayor's office due to the need to balance fiscal realism in the years ahead with paying living wages to keep quality civil servants on staff to solve our city's greatest challenges.

Warmly,



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YOUR INPUT NEEDED



Connecting schools to the city's bike network

The SFMTA wants to hear your ideas on its new school safety effort called **Safe School Connections**. Their teams are working to connect all schools in San Francisco to the city's biking and rolling network. This network serves all ages and abilities. Safe School Connections means more options for families to get around. Please [visit their website](#) and [complete their survey](#) by Oct. 12, 2026.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Meeting with Presidio Heights Neighbors

It was great to be back with the Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors

(PHAN) – which happens to be my neighborhood association!

My message to neighbors was simple: if we want San Francisco to be affordable for the next generation, **we have to make it easier to build new homes.**

I shared an update on more than 1,000 new homes coming to 3333 and 3700 California Street, including the redevelopment of a long-vacant hospital site. Projects like these will bring much-needed new housing to our neighborhoods.

Congratulations to PHAN's new board members, particularly incoming President Lanier Coles, and a big thank you to outgoing President Bruce McKleroy for his dedication to the community.



Celebrating the First-Ever Guardsmen Marina Block Party

What an incredible turnout for the first-ever Guardsmen Marina Block Party!

It was great to see so many residents and local vendors come out to the Chestnut Street corridor for a sunny afternoon in the Marina.

Thank you to The Guardsmen for organizing such a fantastic event and bringing the community together in support of educational programs for Bay Area kids.

Looking forward to the next one!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Office Hours with Supervisor Sherrill on Weds, Oct 21 from 4-5:30pm

Have something you'd like to discuss? You're invited to join Supervisor Stephen Sherrill for Office Hours!

Book a 20 minute meeting with Supervisor Sherrill where you can discuss with him City Hall updates, District updates, and ask any questions/raise concerns you might have.

Fill out [this form](#) and a member of my staff will be in touch with details.

Fun Events across our Neighborhoods:

[San Francisco Fleet Week Air Show](#) - Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11 - 12:00PM - 4:00PM along the San Francisco Waterfront

[191st Army Jazz Ensemble](#) - Saturday, October 10 - 12:00 PM at Ghirardelli Square - Free

[San Francisco Italian Heritage Parade](#) - Sunday, October 11 - 12:30PM from Fisherman's Wharf through North Beach - Free

[Taste for the Cure: A Taste of Science](#) - Sunday, October 11 - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM at the Jewish Community Center Of San Francisco - Free

[San Francisco Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration](#) - Monday, October 12 - 12:00PM - 4:00PM at Yerba Buena Gardens - Free

[Fleet Week Ship Tours](#) - along Pier 27 & 35 - Monday, October 12 - 12:00PM to 4:00PM along Pier 35 - Free

[The 44th Annual Sandcastle Classic Contest](#) - Saturday, October 24 - 8:00AM to 3:30PM at Ocean Beach - Free

[Spooktacular Halloween Dog Parade](#) - Saturday, October 31 - 10:30AM to 12:30PM at the corner of Scott and Jackson - Free

District 2 Neighborhood Cleanups

[Laurel Village Cleanup](#) - Saturday, October 10 - 11:30AM - 12:30PM at 3595 California Street

[Cow Hollow Triangle Cleanup](#) - Sunday, October 11 - October 25 - 9:00AM - 10:30AM at 3154 Fillmore Street

[Crissy Field Cleanup](#) - Wednesday, October 14 - 11:00AM - 12:30PM at 610 Old Mason Street

[Cow Hollow Cleanup](#) - Thursday, October 15 - 3:30PM - 5:00PM at Union Street & Baker Street

[Marina Happy Hour Cleanup](#) - Thursday, October 22 - 4:00PM - 5:00PM at 3154 Fillmore Street

[Fillmore Street Happy Hour Cleanup](#) - Friday, October 30 - 3:00PM - 4:30PM at 2101 Fillmore Street

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) Trainings

Are you prepared for a big earthquake? How about a tsunami? If the answer is no, you're in luck – the Fire Department leads free training programs to help people prepare themselves and their neighbors for natural disasters.

Through the NERT program, individuals will learn the basics of personal preparedness and prevention. The training also includes hands-on disaster skills that will help individuals respond to a personal emergency as well as act as members of a neighborhood response team.

Find the next available workshop [here](#).

IN THE NEWS

- Sherrill moves to oust William Palmer from Sheriff's Oversight Board ([The Voice of San Francisco](#))
- San Francisco supervisor seeks removal of city official after Chronicle investigation ([San Francisco Chronicle](#))
- 'If you come to San Francisco to steal, we will arrest you' ([The Voice of San Francisco](#))
- San Francisco leaders tout increase in retail theft arrests: Here's a look at numbers ([ABC7 News](#))
- SF: City Leaders Tout Reduced Retail Theft Numbers ([SFGATE](#))
- Could San Francisco See July 4 Crowds for Fleet Week? City Leaders Say Not Exactly ([KQED](#))
- San Francisco officials review Fleet Week plans to avoid crowd, traffic problems ([ABC7 News](#))
- Blue Angels set to return as San Francisco Fleet Week releases 2026 schedule ([San Francisco Chronicle](#))
- San Francisco supervisor wants to ensure city is ready for Fleet Week crowds ([NBC Bay Area](#))
- City moves ahead with OpenGov software extension worth up to \$38.9M ([SF Standard](#))
- Lurie's red tape elimination agenda under the City Hall microscope this week (Also, Sherrill wants to prevent Fleet Week from becoming a goat rodeo) ([The Voice of San Francisco](#))
- Supes consider expansion of paid parental leave for SF residents ([SF Examiner](#))
- 1 dead, 3 missing after boat carrying 20 people capsizes near SF Alcatraz ([KRON 4 News](#))
- Too Much Traffic, Not Enough Toilets: SF City Officials Revisit Fourth of July Mishaps ([KQED](#))
- SF Supervisor demanding answers to city traffic gridlock after holiday fireworks show ([KALW](#))
- Dead Waymos, clogged buses: How SF's Fourth of July fireworks melted down ([SF Standard](#))
- SF: Supervisor Calls For Hearing Over Fourth Of July Street And Transit Gridlock ([SFGATE](#))



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