



District 5 in less than 5 minutes – here's the TLDR of this newsletter:

- **Holding Housing Providers Accountable:** I am holding a hearing on Oct 1 at 10:00AM at the Board of Supervisors to address mass evictions and security concerns within several buildings in the Fillmore. [Learn more here.](#)
 - **Stronger Dog Safety Protocols:** We introduced a resolution calling for updates to city-funded shelters' good neighbor policies to improve safety around vicious dogs. [Read more here.](#)
 - **Privacy Protections for Public Safety Cameras:** I am supporting Mayor Lurie's initiatives to put guardrails on Flock data and surveillance technology. [Learn more here.](#)
 - **Making Room for More Housing:** Our SHADE Act advanced out of committee this week, eliminating unnecessary appeals which have delayed 2000 units of housing. [Learn more here.](#)
 - **Streamlining New Grocery Stores:** We're introducing legislation to streamline permitting for new grocery stores and pharmacies. [Read more here.](#)
 - **Keep reading for more** 👉
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Dear Neighbor,

Ensuring safety takes many forms. It means improving street conditions so you feel comfortable walking home from work. It means ensuring you feel safe in your home. And it means the tools we use to protect you are not misused.

This month, our office has been taking action to ensure that is true.

On street conditions, we took action after a serious dog attack in the Tenderloin elevated the concern of vicious and unleashed dogs in our streets. We introduced a resolution calling for updates to the good neighbor policies of City-funded sites, while also urging sustained funding and staffing for the City's Vicious and Dangerous Dog hearing process.

On safety indoors, we called for a hearing into the reports of mass evictions and mass theft in multiple Fillmore residences. The hearing will take place tomorrow, October 1 at 10AM at the Board of Supervisors Government Audit committee, as we investigate reports at Thomas Paine Square Apartments and the Martin Luther King–Marcus Garvey Square Co-Op.

On technology regulations, I am supporting Mayor Lurie, DA Jenkins, and Assemblymember Haney in their new efforts to regulate Flock and public safety cameras. New initiatives and legislation will limit data retention to 30 days and institute stronger penalties for misuse of the technology.

Because residents deserve safe neighborhoods when they walk along our sidewalks. They deserve a hearing and answers on the record when the sanctity of their home is violated with mass evictions and stolen property. And they deserve to know the tools we use to keep them safe are not misused.

Thank you for continuing to share your experiences, raise problems with our office, and help us turn those concerns into action.

In service,

Bilal Mahmood



Join us Thursday, October 1 at 10 AM: Investigating Mass Evictions and Mass Theft in the Fillmore



Tomorrow, October 1 at 10 AM, we're holding a Government Audit & Oversight hearing into serious concerns raised by residents at Thomas Paine Square Apartments and the Martin Luther King–Marcus Garvey Square Co-Op.

Over the past year, residents and tenant advocates have raised concerns about deteriorating conditions, delayed repairs, mold and water intrusion, stolen gifts and property, security, HUD recertification, and eviction proceedings involving more than a dozen residents at MLK–Marcus Garvey. We'll bring property management, residents, advocates, City departments, and other stakeholders to the same table to get answers on the record and identify where stronger accountability is needed.

Legislation Corner



Strengthening Dog Safety in the Tenderloin

After a serious dog attack left a woman critically injured on Larkin Street, we introduced a resolution to strengthen dog safety protocols at City-funded shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing sites. The resolution calls for basic pet registration and vaccination records, consistent reporting of dog attacks, and clear notification to the City's Vicious and Dangerous Dog Unit when serious incidents occur.

We're also calling for sustained funding and staffing for the City's Vicious and Dangerous Dog process so cases don't pile up when resources fall short. This isn't about excluding dogs—it's about clear expectations, responsible ownership, and making sure the City can act when serious incidents happen.



SHADE Act Moves Forward: Stopping Unnecessary Appeals Of Housing

The story of San Francisco is how hard it is to build housing. One of those reasons is how we make it so easy for NIMBYs to appeal and block housing. Today, individuals (and sometimes corporations) will appeal a housing development because it could “cast a shadow”

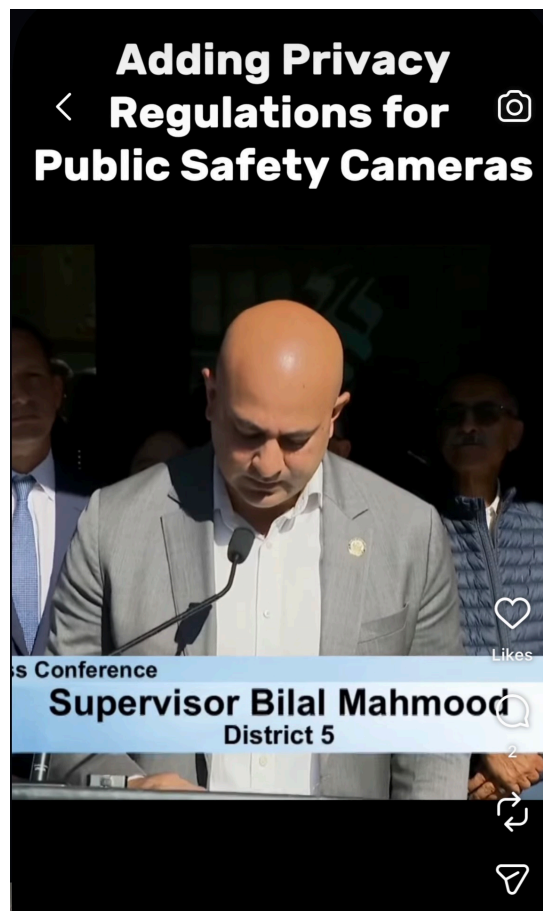
In fact, over 2000 units of housing have been blocked or delayed in San Francisco over the last decade because of an environmental appeal based on shade. Our legislation - the SHADE Act - will prohibit environmental appeals of housing on the basis of shadow going forward. The legislation advanced out of committee this week and will return October 5 for consideration of substantive amendments.



Making It Easier to Open Grocery Stores and Pharmacies

When a grocery store closes, a neighborhood loses more than a business—it can lose convenient access to food and essential services. That's why we're introducing legislation to streamline San Francisco's permitting grocery stores and pharmacies, making it easier to turn existing storefronts into essential neighborhood services.

The legislation would reduce unnecessary Conditional Use requirements that say formula retail chains with more than 11 stores require another permit. It will give grocery stores more flexibility to offer complementary services like pharmacies, banks, and restaurants inside their store without another permit, and expand expedited processing for grocery and pharmacy projects. If a neighborhood wants a grocery store or pharmacy, we should make it easier to open the doors—not bury it in unnecessary red tape.



Public Safety AND Privacy: New Guardrails for Camera Technology

San Francisco should be able to use technology to help solve crimes and keep people safe—and residents should also know that technology has clear limits. New privacy protections for public safety cameras will strengthen safeguards around automated license plate reader (ALPR) data while preserving its use as an investigative tool.

The new rules proposed by Mayor Lurie would cut the standard access window for investigative searches from 12 months to 30 days, require searches to be tied to documented incidents, and require regular reviews for potential misuse. They also keep City data under local control and strengthen accountability for anyone who improperly accesses or shares sensitive public safety information. Public safety and civil liberties aren't competing values—we can have both.

Small Wins, Big Impact



Rolling in the Right Direction

A NOPA resident raised concerns about a bike box at the intersection of Fulton and Divisadero that had been damaged by street construction and remained unrestored. Our office followed up with SMTA to help move the repair forward and make sure the issue didn't get lost in the shuffle.

Thanks to the constituent for speaking up and SEMTA for getting the work done, the bike box has now been restored, helping improve visibility and safety for people biking through the intersection. It's a small fix with a big impact for safer streets and another example of how constituent advocacy can help keep District 5 moving in the right direction!

Intern with District 5 Supervisor Mahmood

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- MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9-5 PM WITH FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING
- BUILD YOUR RESUME WITH HANDS ON EXPERIENCE IN A LEGISLATIVE OFFICE
- EMAIL MAHMOODSTAFF@SFGOV.ORG FOR INTEREST FORM

We're currently welcoming applications for internship opportunities in my District 5 Office through December 2026!

Join me and my team to get hands-on experience in city government, serve our community, and help shape San Francisco's future.

Opportunities available through December 2026
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday availability
City Hall, San Francisco

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/taoqBGrY9fJ8jGyB6>

In Community

Opening new Storefronts in the Tenderloin

When we took office, the Tenderloin had more vacant storefronts than it had restaurants or cafes. Now, the city is investing in new small businesses to open in the Tenderloin for the first time with the OEWD Storefront Opportunity Grant.



This month we opened Sheba Clothing and gifts - the first Arab clothing store serving the hundreds of Middle Eastern families who live in the neighborhood. We also opened Niebla Cafe, which brings one of the first new bookstores to the neighborhood in years as well.



Opera Strike

Brought the donuts (literally) in support of our musicians as they went on strike for better wages at the Opera. Our artists deserve a living wage, and I was proud to stand with them last month as they won their contract for better wages.



Haight Ashbury Street Fair

Thousands of people from across the Bay Area came to the 47th Haight Ashbury

Street Fair! I asked folks throughout the day what made the festival special for them. So many answered: the food, the music, the art, the families.

Commendations

Celebrating the Fillmore

This month, we celebrated the people and institutions that make the Fillmore great.

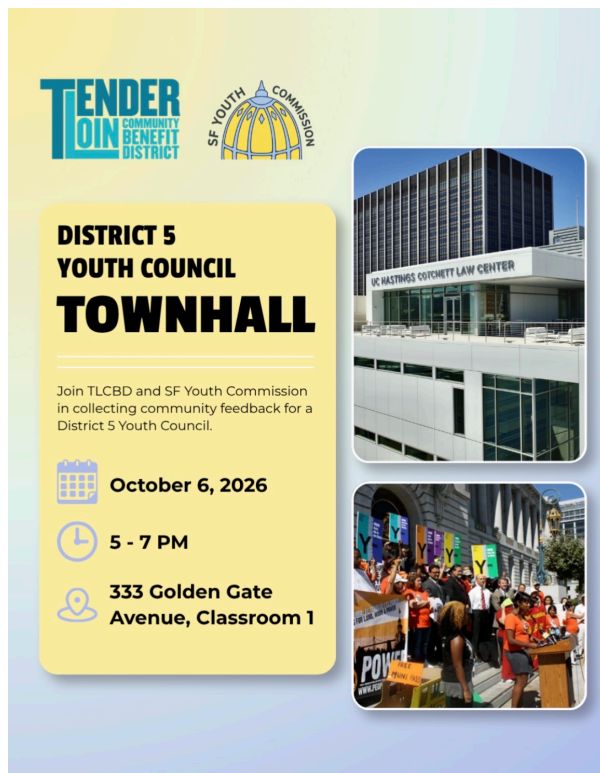




We honored Liz Jackson-Simpson for 45 years of service to the Fillmore and San Francisco, creating pathways to opportunity for generations of residents, and celebrated Rosa Parks Elementary for 100 years of educating and uplifting young people in the heart of the Western Addition. These are the people and institutions that make the Fillmore what it is — a community rooted in resilience, opportunity, and care.

Neighborhood News

District 5 Youth Council Townhall



When: Tuesday, October 6th, 2026 from 5-7pm

Where: 333 Golden Gate Ave, Classroom 1, San Francisco, CA 94102

TLCBD and the Youth Commission are hosting a Town Hall to discuss establishing a new Youth Council for District 5. Young people ages 14-24 are encouraged to attend and voice their feedback. Representatives from the Youth Commission and existing District Youth Councils will talk about their experience and what a D5 Youth Council could look like. Come share your thoughts and enjoy free food!

Please email mike.vuong@tlcbd.org to RSVP by this Friday, October 2nd.

Need help? Don't hesitate to reach out at MahmoodStaff@sfgov.org. We're here to serve!

Let's work together to make District 5 a better place for all.



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