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

- **Reducing Your Grocery Prices:** We launched a new public-private partnership in District 5 to help independent groceries reduce their costs and lower your grocery prices by up to 25%. **Learn more here.**
- **No Hidden Rent Act Passes:** Our legislation will help renters know the true price of their rent before they sign a lease, with required disclosure of all fees. **Learn more here.**
- **Freedom West 2.0 Introduced:** We sponsored legislation with Mayor Lurie to bring 2,291 homes to the Western Addition. **Learn more here.**
- **Investing in the Theater Arts District:** We announced a public-private partnership to bring $500,000 to Market Street to support new independent theaters. **Learn more here.**
- **SHADE Act Passes:** Mayor Lurie signed our legislation to eliminate unnecessary appeals that have delayed over 2000 units of housing across San Francisco. **Learn more here.**
- **Keep reading for more** 👇

Dear Neighbor,

San Francisco is an incredible place to live, but the cost of living makes it difficult for too many residents to get ahead. That's why our office is focused on practical solutions: making groceries more affordable, protecting renters, expanding affordable housing, and investing in our neighborhoods.



This month, we advanced affordability on multiple fronts. We launched the District 5 Grocery Affordability Initiative - a public-private partnership that will reduce grocery prices by up to 25% for at least 5 stores from the Tenderloin to Fillmore. Our No Hidden Rent Act was passed to make your rental costs more transparent before you sign a lease, and our SHADE Act was signed into law to help create more homes by removing unnecessary appeals. And we raised half a million dollars to invest into the Theater Arts District on Market Street to support our artists and workers.

These efforts share one goal: making it easier for people to live, work, and build a future in San Francisco.

In service,

Bilal Mahmood



Legislation Corner



Making Groceries More Affordable in District 5

As grocery costs rise and neighborhood supermarkets disappear, too many San Francisco families are struggling to afford everyday essentials. That's why we're partnering with FAACTS SF to launch the District 5 Grocery Affordability Initiative, a new approach that will help independent grocers compete with large corporate chains while expanding access to affordable food in our neighborhoods.

The initiative will establish a neighborhood purchasing cooperative, known as a micro Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), that pools orders from independent grocers and nonprofit food providers to negotiate lower wholesale prices. By combining their purchasing power for everyday staples like produce, eggs, milk, and flour, participating businesses and organizations aim to reduce wholesale costs by around 10%, allowing grocers to cap markups and lower prices on a basket of goods by up to 25%.

With $50,000 in seed funding from Saikat Chakrabarti, the 12-month initiative will begin by organizing participating partners, analyzing purchasing needs, and building relationships with wholesale distributors. Booker T. Washington

Community Service Center and Farming Hope, which together with other community partners help connect residents to food, will be among the first nonprofits to participate.

This first-of-its-kind neighborhood model is designed to strengthen independent grocers, support community-based food providers, and help more residents access affordable groceries. If successful, we hope to expand the initiative to additional neighborhoods across San Francisco.

Learn more about the District 5 Grocery Affordability Initiative here.



No Hidden Rent Act Passes: Know the Cost Before You Sign

Apartment hunting is stressful enough without discovering extra fees after signing a lease. Our No Hidden Rent Act has passed, requiring landlords to disclose the total estimated monthly cost of renting in listings and lease agreements, with recurring fees itemized upfront.

The legislation also strengthens tenant protections when landlords fail to comply, including protections against eviction over undisclosed fees and the ability to terminate a lease without penalty in cases of substantial noncompliance. Renters deserve to know what they'll actually pay before committing to a home.

Learn more about the No Hidden Rent Act.



Freedom West 2.0: More Homes in the Western Addition

This month we introduced legislation to authorize and finance 2,291 new homes in the Western Addition. The Freedom West 2.0 project will be authorized via a new special use district and development agreement that will create replacement cooperative homes, additional affordable housing, senior housing, and guarantee local hiring and prevailing wage requirements.

This is about more than building housing: it's about creating opportunities for families, seniors, and working people to stay in San Francisco while investing in a historically important neighborhood.

[Learn more about Freedom West 2.0 here.]



Investing in the Theater Arts District

We're investing in our neighborhoods with a new Market Street Arts & Theater District pilot, announced in partnership with the Mid-Market Business Association & Foundation, has secured $500,000 in initial seed funding from the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation, Chris Larsen, and Proper Hotel Group. The initiative will support new arts spaces and independent theaters, improved lighting, public art, and cultural programming, starting on the 900 block of Market Street.

By connecting major theaters with independent venues, restaurants, and small businesses, we're working to bring more activity and economic opportunity to Mid-Market. Investing in arts and culture means investing in the artists, businesses, and neighborhoods that make San Francisco thrive.

[Learn more about the Market Street Arts & Theater District here.]



SHADE Act Passes: Removing Barriers to Housing

More than 2,000 homes have been blocked or delayed over the past decade by environmental appeals based on shadow. Our SHADE Act — Slashing Housing Appeals & Delays Everywhere — has passed the Board of Supervisors to eliminate this unnecessary barrier to housing production.

We can’t solve our housing shortage if we make it needlessly difficult to build. This legislation helps housing projects move forward so more people have a chance to call San Francisco home.

Learn more about the SHADE Act here.

Intern with District 5 Supervisor Mahmood



We're currently welcoming applications for Spring 2027 internship opportunities in my District 5 Office! 💼

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

🗓️ January through May 2027
🗓️ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday availability
📍 City Hall, San Francisco
🔗 **Apply here:** https://forms.gle/kvaPYsvhEkLDzCrj8

In Community

Making 311 Easier to Use

San Franciscans submitted nearly 900,000 service requests through 311 last year. In collaboration with the City Administrator and Mayor's Office, we have now made updates to the 311 app for the first time to make it easier to use.



Now, residents can use a dedicated category in the 311 app to report drug activity on public property, helping inform SFPD's future enforcement planning. If you need an officer to respond to a specific situation, the app will direct you to SFPD's non-emergency line to reach a live dispatcher. Always call 911 for emergencies or life-threatening situations. Your reports help the City direct resources where they're needed.

Learn more about the 311 updates here.



Chinese Immersion School Walk and Roll

This month we joined the families and kids of Chinese Immersion School in the Haight for Walk & Roll to School Week! A citywide celebration to encourage students and families to walk, bike, scoot, and roll to school together.
Thank you Walk SF, SF Unified, MTA, SFPD for organizing an amazing event.

Commendations



Celebrating CAIR

In recognition of 32 years of civil rights advocacy, I awarded the Council of American Islamic Relations Bay Area a commendation at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

For decades, CAIR has been at the frontlines of legal support and immigration defense for the Muslim communities, supporting families experiencing hate crimes, or following attacks on mosques. Thank you CAIR for all your advocacy.

Neighborhood News

Remember to Vote
Your Voice Matters. Make Sure It's Heard.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Make a plan to vote and make your voice heard on the issues that matter to you, from housing and affordability to public safety and neighborhood services.

Visit the San Francisco Department of Elections for official information on registration, voting options, ballot drop-off locations, and polling places.

Check your voting information here.

Volunteer at St. Anthony's

Volunteering during the holidays is a meaningful way to give back to the community, spread kindness, and make a positive impact during a special time of year. Sign up with St. Anthony's to make a difference this holiday season!

Volunteer here:**https://www.stanthonysf.org/holiday-volunteer-opportunities/**

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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