D9 Newsletter • Fall 2026



Hello District 9,

So much has been happening that it has been challenging to stop and write it all down to send out a newsletter! In addition to addressing constituent requests, my office has been advancing pieces of legislation focused on **tenant protections**, increased funding for **immigrant legal services**, permits for **Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations** (MEHKOs), and **good governance** measures.

After hosting listening sessions in **Bernal Heights**, **the Mission,** and **the Portola** back in July, our office has been working this fall to respond to the feedback and work with City departments to address issues raised in those convenings, such as traffic safety in Bernal and the Portola, and street conditions in the Mission. I appreciate everyone who came out to those meetings, and who continue to follow up with emails and calls to my office. More on that below.

And finally, street conditions in the Mission continue to concern me, echoed by the volume of emails we receive weekly. To begin to elevate this issue and demand resources around Mission Street, the 16th and 24th Street BART plazas, and surrounding areas, I co-sponsored a hearing with Board President Rafael Mandelman on October 8th to look for answers from departments on one of the biggest issues for District 9 residents - street cleanliness and safety. I have also called for a hearing on street conditions specifically around public school sites. Marshall Elementary School children and staff, as well as communities in other schools in District 9, are subject to challenging conditions on the sidewalks and adjacent streets. This hearing will bring to light what City departments are doing to work with SFUSD to better care for our students.

Please read on for more details on what I have been working on this fall. Also check out our events and announcements page for D9 Halloween and Día de los Muertos celebrations, and more. As always, feel free to reach out to my office with feedback, concerns or praise for my team who are working around the clock to support our District: fielderstaff@sfgov.org

In community,



Public Safety & Street Conditions

Addressing the Drug Crisis and Street Conditions in the Mission

On October 8, I co-sponsored a hearing with Board President Rafael Mandelman that was heard before the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee to address the ongoing drug crisis and street conditions in the Mission District. To watch the SFGovTV recording click here, or read SF Chronicle coverage here . I cosponsored this hearing because I know that residents, local businesses, workers, and community members continue to experience the impacts of displacement of drug markets firsthand. I have heard your concerns through the many emails and messages sent to our office, and we continue to see the challenges facing our neighborhood daily. I wanted to hear directly from City departments about the current response, what resources are available, where gaps remain, and what additional steps can be taken to improve public safety and the quality of life for everyone in the Mission.

I pressed the Police Department on whether the City is actively tracking where this activity is moving. SFPD explained that officers monitor these shifts by driving through affected areas three times a day. However, questions remain about how the City is systematically measuring displacement and responding to its impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. I also reiterated my call for dedicated foot patrols and community policing, a priority that residents and businesses throughout the district have consistently raised. SFPD in the end cited staffing limitations as the primary barrier to expanding foot patrols. I will continue advocating for a more visible and consistent police presence that addresses the needs of our community.

The City's Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC) is currently implementing a strategy that relies on community ambassadors to help maintain improvements in street conditions following coordinated interventions by law enforcement and Public Works. I raised that the Budget and Legislative Analyst reported approximately 55% of annual funding for community ambassador agreements is allocated to SoMa and the Tenderloin. An additional 20% supports citywide ambassador deployments, which can be directed to those same neighborhoods by the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or the Department of Emergency Management. In comparison, only 8% of annual funding is allocated to ambassadors deployed in the Mission. I asked whether the City could increase funding for Mission community ambassadors without taking resources away from other neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the Mayor's Office was unable to respond because no representative attended the hearing. This absence was particularly concerning given the Mayor's Office's central role in determining funding priorities and coordinating the City's response to the drug crisis.

The Mission deserves its fair share of resources to address street conditions and support the neighborhood. If you would like to see additional funding for community ambassadors in the Mission, please sign our petition: Click Here

Since my office has received numerous complaints from residents about the challenges of reporting open-air drug use through the City's 311 system, during the hearing I raised these concerns directly with the Department of Public Health and pushed for improvements to the reporting process. As a result, residents can now report open-air drug use through 311, making it easier to notify the City and request a response.

Lastly, I pressed City departments on whether individuals referred to the RESET Center are successfully connecting with drug treatment services. Officials reported that approximately 25–35% of individuals at the RESET Center are presented with treatment options and agree to accept them. However, not everyone who agrees to treatment ultimately reaches a treatment provider, in part because of transportation challenges. This raises an important concern: offering treatment is only the first step. The City must ensure that individuals who agree to receive help can actually access services.

Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to attend the hearing and share your experiences during public comment. Your testimony was incredibly important because it placed your experiences, concerns, and recommendations on the public record. Hearing directly from

the people who live and work in the Mission helps ensure that these issues cannot be overlooked and that the real impact on our community remains part of the conversation. Moving forward our office will continue advocating for additional resources and a more coordinated response in the Mission District. We will also continue pressing city departments for clear answers, better coordination, and meaningful follow-through on the concerns raised by our community.

Joint Hearing on SFPD Rape Kit Policies and Accountability

Another hearing I co-sponsored brought together the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women to examine the San Francisco Police Department's mishandling of sexual assault evidence kits, commonly known as rape kits reported by The Standard. The joint hearing was an important opportunity to bring these concerns forward, seek greater clarity about SFPD's practices, and identify areas where stronger oversight and improvements may be needed. San Francisco must continue working toward a system in which every survivor is heard and every effort is made to ensure that critical evidence is handled responsibly.

One of the most significant outcomes of the hearing was raising concerns about SFPD's use of the classification "Suspicious Act Toward Female," which is sometimes used to categorize reports involving sexual assault. SFPD explained that this designation is part of an antiquated reporting system and may be used when an initial report does not establish all the elements of a specific crime. While SFPD stated that these cases are still referred to the Special Victims Unit for investigation, it is concerning how this classification could impact the accuracy and transparency of sexual assault reporting.

Another major focus of the hearing was improving training for officers responding to sexual assault cases. SFPD acknowledged the need for additional training and indicated that it would begin with the Special Victims Unit before expanding. SFPD also committed to working with the Mayor's Office to identify funding for training and staffing coverage while officers participate. The department hopes to develop a broader training plan within six months. I pressed SFPD on its investigative procedures when a rape kit produces a DNA match to a known suspect, including why some cases are subsequently classified as inactive. SFPD indicated that a case with a DNA match may be classified as inactive if it has been presented to the District Attorney's Office and prosecutors decline to file charges due to insufficient evidence.

Moreover, the committee examined staffing shortages within the Special Victims Unit and how they may affect the department's ability to investigate cases. According to a June 2025 staffing analysis, SVU should have 41 investigators based on its workload, but currently has only 31. SFPD stated that it hopes to add at least five investigators by the end of the year. I will continue advocating for adequate staffing, training, and resources to ensure sexual assault cases are investigated thoroughly and survivors receive the attention and support they deserve. To watch the SFGovTV recording click here , or read SF Standard coverage here.

Activating the BART plazas

The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) has initiated a monthly event designed to activate the BART plazas. These activations create welcoming spaces where our community can come together to enjoy the neighborhood, participate in activities, and connect with one another. By hosting these events each month, OEWD aims to encourage the use of public spaces, support local economic activity, and foster a greater sense of community.



Photo Credit: Office of Economic & WorkForce Development (OEWD).

The next BART plaza events at both 16th and 24th Street BART plazas, will be **Saturday 11/21 for a Native Heritage Celebration**.

Immigration

I advanced two major pieces of legislation to support immigrant communities in San Francisco:

1. A resolution in September urging California U.S. Senators and the Bay Area Congressional Delegation to investigate and condemn the de facto immigration detention center at San Francisco International Airport that passed with unanimous support from my colleagues. Since then, Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff have visited SFO and we are hopeful they will take their findings to Washington and reign in US Customs and Border Protection which is violating rights to due process. Read articles below on the resolution and the Senators' visits.

- S.F. supervisors call on U.S. senators to visit SFO's de facto detention center, provide oversight
- Exclusive: Sen. Padilla makes surprise visit to ICE detention center at SFO | KRON4
- 'Separated from family and terrified': Schiff raises alarm over SFO detention center | The San Francisco Standard

2. A Budget Supplemental for Immigrant Legal Services. On October 20, I introduced an emergency budget supplemental ordinance to give a $1.765M funding boost to immigrant legal services and rapid response which garnered unanimous co-sponsorship from my colleagues, and support from the Mayor. Ordinances normally require a 30-day hold, but thanks to President Mandelman this hold has been waived. Budget Chair Dorsey has agreed for it to be heard at the Budget and Finance Committee on November 4th. The final vote will be at the full board on November 17th. This is much needed funding to address the drastically increased workload of our local organizations who are meeting the needs of immigrants targeted by the Trump administration's draconian ICE operations. According to Mission Local, "Immigration arrests across major Bay Area cities rose 81 percent between July 2025 and July 2026." In support of the supplemental, we held a last minute rally at City Hall and hundreds of people showed up in solidarity.



Photo Credit: ProBonoPhoto.org, photographers Don Rasmussen and John Weeke. Immigrant Rights rally on October 20, 2026.



SF Hosts Belonging in the Bay

As a representative of San Francisco County Government I am participating in Belonging in The Bay , which brings together elected county leadership and community organizations from 12 Bay Area Counties with the goal of supporting immigrant communities through cross-county partnerships, communication and shared strategies to strengthen “safety, dignity, and belonging for immigrant communities, especially during periods of increased federal immigration enforcement activity.” Regular convenings take place in rotating counties, and on October 2, San Francisco hosted and brought together community and City leaders with our Bay Area county reps. My team helped organize, together with the Mayor's office and the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), and designed two panel discussions on the topics of education and educational institutions' supports for immigrant students and families, and the pioneering Public Defender immigration units in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa counties. This cross-county partnership helps us build stronger support for our Bay Area immigrant communities.

Reminder...

S.F. Rapid Response Line: (415) 200-1548

If you are in another county, you can find your number at
CA RAPID RESPONSE NETWORKS
ccijustice.org/carrn



Refrain from spreading rumors online that are unverified by the Rapid Response Line.

- If you suspect ICE or federal agents in your neighborhood, take photo and video and call or text the Rapid Response Line!

Addressing Our Evictions Crisis

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed my legislation preventing landlords from evicting tenants who fall behind in rent unless the tenant owes them a portion of the rent an amount higher than the Fair Market Rent (FMR). Evictions in San Francisco recently hit a 10-year high and data from a 2025 representative sample shows that about 1 in 4 tenants were evicted for less than one month of the FMR for their unit. Now that this ordinance has passed, our City will help curb these evictions and give tenants some breathing room to stay in their homes.



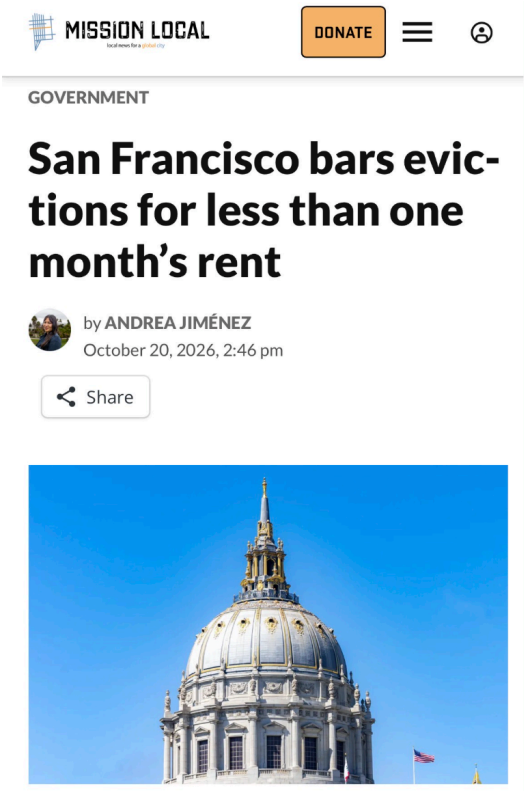


Photo Credit: (Left) Marc Dantona; (Right) Mission Local. SF Board of Supervisors Passes Eviction Threshold Ordinance.

Affordable Housing

In July, a super majority of the Board of Supervisors voted to amend the City's inclusionary housing rate, the amount of affordable housing that developers are required to set aside for affordable housing units in market-rate projects- from 15 to 5 percent. This was in response to the Controller's report, which initially recommended a 0% inclusionary rate to spur stalled housing development. While the majority of the City's inclusionary housing rate is now 5 percent, I was able to negotiate and pass an amendment by a 6-5 vote, raising the Mission District's inclusionary rate to 8 percent, advocating for the need to ensure working-class families can remain in the Mission given the decades of displacement in the neighborhood. This means that a new building of 25 units will require 2 units of affordable housing rather than just 1 - that is, double the amount of affordable housing. The City will revisit the inclusionary rate again in 3 years, where it can again be amended. You can read more about the legislation and amendments here.

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Portola

Traffic calming measures proposed for Portola and neighboring Vis Valley streets came to the SFMTA Engineering Public Hearing on Oct. 16th, addressing concerns of residents around safety improvements, including speed humps and tables. For more information, see item #12 in the agenda. Also, upon my request, MTA is also looking into improvements to the San Bruno/Silver intersection to make it safer for pedestrians in that busy transit corridor.

Mission

My office is working on several locations for traffic calming, including improvements to the 20th Street Slow Street, and considerations for painted crosswalks, community corners in the daylit zones and other ideas for the high injury corridors.





Photo Credits: (Above) D9. Community Corner planters on Cortland. (Below) Amy Sullivan. Bernal Beautiful mural in the daylit zones, Anderson & Cortland.



Bernal

Many improvements have been made on Cortland Street in the wake of a traffic fatality last year: a flashing beacon cross walk, lowering the speed limit, painting a double yellow non-passing center-line, community corners with planters and murals, and more. We continue to work with stakeholders: Bernal Business & Arts Alliance, Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center, greeningprojects.org , Bernal Beautiful, Safe Streets Bernal, Sierra Club, and local school PTA members to envision both immediate and longer-term projects to improve street crossings for families, kids going to and from school, and seniors participating in BHNC programs. More to come!

There is also a New Bike Share station at Cortland and Gates. MTA conferred with local businesses and the Bernal Business and Arts Alliance to ensure there was widespread support.

El Niño Preparations

My office has been working to ensure that the Department of Public Works (DPW) and SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) are identifying at-risk areas and putting in place neighborhood preparedness for potential floods, mudslides and falling trees in D9.

Meanwhile, the Mayor's office declared a state of emergency in preparation for El Niño that will allow City departments to put emergency systems in place should there be extensive coastal flooding and other damages due to forecasted storms. The Emergency Declaration sets in motion response protocols and Citywide Coordination. As part of this, the following resources are available to residents and small businesses:



For small businesses:

- The Office of Economic & Workforce Development, Office of Small Business (OSB), Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, and San Francisco Public Library will host a free business preparedness webinar on November 4 at 10 a.m. Attendees will receive clear, practical guidance on emergency planning, insurance considerations, documenting losses, operating during power outages, and keeping food safe—key steps to help protect businesses and minimize disruptions this winter. Register here for the webinar.
- Additional resiliency resources are available on the Office of Small Business website, and the San Francisco Small Business Development Center also offers comprehensive tools to help businesses strengthen their preparedness.

For residents and homeowners:

- The Department of Public Works offers up to **10 free sandbags to residents** to protect properties prone to flooding during severe rainstorms. Pickup hours are Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the department operations yard's Marin Street/Kansas Street gate. Bring proof of address. More info here.
- The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission has **resources to get rain ready** here.
- For unhoused neighbors, the **Interfaith Winter Shelter Program** provides additional support during the cold season. Space is available first-come first-serve for adults 18 and older, rotating through five locations from Nov. 23 through Mar. 28, 2027. The Winter Shelter Program is a partnership between the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, San Francisco Interfaith Council, Episcopal Community Services, community and faith-based organizations and has been in operation for nearly four decades.

Parks

In December last year I wrote a letter to the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) and the Mayor to draw attention to the disproportionately rundown parks and playgrounds in District 9. Advocacy makes a difference! Since that letter, we have seen several improvements, including:

- **Alioto Park** playground & community garden got a revamp and has seen a positive turn around. Read more in this SF Chronicle article: S.F. park was a troubled spot. A security makeover is bringing gardeners back
- **Mission playground** received a resurfacing and replacement of bumpers on the soccer field fence.

- **Bernal playground** equipment was replaced completely by RPD last year, thanks to community advocacy, and this year the yard of the **Bernal Recreation Center** below will see a complete redesign, thanks to a SFPUC grant and community fundraising. The project is spearheaded by greeningprojects.org whose "mission is to transform the underutilized blacktop into a vibrant, lush 'Town Square' at the heart of our neighborhood."

More to come in 2027:

- **Franklin Playground**, **Garfield Playground**, and **Parque Niños Unidos** are all on the calendar for resurfacing in late 2027.
- **Holly Park Dog Run proposal** is in the works with support from greeningprojects.org 🐾 A few community members inquired about a potential dog run in Holly Park and sent the idea to RPD, who came back with a proposal for an area where it could be installed, and the estimated cost. While RPD does not have the capital funds for this unforeseen project, they are willing to help make it happen if the community is in support and raises the money to pull it off! There is a community meeting about this project on Wednesday, November 4 at 6PM at Baukunst (433 Cortland) to get feedback from the community. For more info contact: ekw172@gmail.com
- **Palega Recreation Center/Portola Playground** will be getting a new commemorative sign for the "Portola Playground" to be reinstalled in front of the Palega Recreation Center, in response to Portola neighbors who flagged that the historic sign had been removed and not replaced after the Rec Center's renovation.

We know there are additional areas where constituents are asking for improvements, if there are locations you are concerned about, please send details to: fielderstaff@sfgov.org.

Small Business

Portola Merchant Walk

On Sept. 25th I visited Family Connections Center and San Bruno Ave. merchants in the Portola, joined by Portola Neighborhood Association, Assemblymember Matt Haney's staff, District Captain Bernadette Robinson and our new bilingual Officer Hai Bo Li assigned in September to the neighborhood. We walked the corridor and spoke with many merchants who were happy to have a foot beat officer who speaks Cantonese. It was also great to celebrate Autumn Moon Festival as part of this neighborhood walk! The walk was covered by Sing Tao here.


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Small Business Help from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)

- Visit the Bid Opportunities section of OEWD's website to get helpful tips on how to apply for city grants and contracts, along with a current list of open opportunities.
- OWED's brand-new Corner Store Business Toolkit is a free digital toolkit that offers 17 videos and practical business management guidance—available in multiple languages.
- The Accessible Barrier Removal Grant reimburses up to $10,000 for eligible accessibility improvements that help make small business storefronts more accessible to the public and support compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Applications are

accepted on a rolling basis and will be accepted until all available funding has been awarded or until June 11th, 2027, at 5 pm, whichever comes first. Info here.

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November hours in D9

Thursday, Nov. 5:

Bernal Heights 9:00am-12:00pm @ Progressive Grounds, 400 Cortland Ave.

Portola 1:00-4:00pm @ Imperial Garden, 2626 San Bruno Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 19th:

Mission 1:00-4:00pm @ Sisters Coffee Shop, 920 Valencia St.

Supporting San Francisco's Home Cooks and Street Food Vendors

In September, I introduced a Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs) ordinance to create new opportunities for San Francisco's home cooks, food entrepreneurs, and street vendors to start and grow their own businesses. MEHKOs allow eligible home cooks and small food entrepreneurs to prepare and sell meals directly from their home kitchens, creating a more affordable pathway to turn their culinary talents, family recipes, and cultural traditions into small businesses. By lowering startup costs, MEHKOs can help entrepreneurs serve their communities, build a customer base, and grow their businesses without the significant expense of opening a traditional restaurant, while meeting California's food safety requirements.

The legislation will also reduce barriers for San Francisco's street food vendors, who are an essential part of our city's cultural identity and local economy. Many are immigrant- and minority-owned small businesses that face significant costs for permits, equipment, insurance, and commercial kitchen space. For vendors operating Compact Mobile Food Operations (CMFOs), commissary kitchen fees alone are costly. MEHKOs will help support these vendors by allowing street food vendors to use their homes as commissary kitchens, saving them large overhead costs.

This legislation aims to create more accessible and affordable pathways for San Francisco's food entrepreneurs to continue enriching the vibrant food culture that makes our city unique.





Photo Credit: (Above) D9 Office. (Right) SF Standard.

Recognizing Mission Businesses

On September 10th, we celebrated the grand opening of Mission Loteria , which started in 2019 as a simple shop-local campaign created to encourage people to support local businesses. Since then, it has grown into a full-scale marketing and events company focused on culture, community, and connection. Mission Lotería is a Latino, LGBTQ+ and immigrant-owned business, representing the entrepreneurial spirit, diversity, and cultural contributions of San Francisco's Latino community. Owner Luis was able to open this storefront with support from the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) through the Storefront Opportunity Grant program.

On Friday, October 23rd, I presented a Certificate of Honor to Pedro and Steve Gil who have owned and operated Casa Guadalupe for 36 years. I am proud to recognize Casa Guadalupe for its contributions to San Francisco's Mission District and celebrate its designation as a Legacy Business. Casa Guadalupe represents the rich cultural history, diversity, and strong sense of community that make the Mission District so special. We are grateful for Casa Guadalupe's longstanding commitment to the Mission District and look forward to seeing it continue to serve the community for generations to come.



Supervisor Fielder presenting a Certificate of Honor to Mission Loteria.



Supervisor Fielder presenting a Certificate of Honor to legacy business Casa Guadalupe.



Supervisor Fielder at a Mission Merchants meeting alongside OEWD, DPH, DPW, and SFPD.

Public Health

In 2024, the San Francisco Department of Public Health launched the CDC grant-funded Living Proof SF campaign to raise awareness about the effectiveness and availability of drug addiction treatment. Last month I met Shavonne, an SF native and Mission District resident who has been in recovery for opioid use disorder. She spent two decades with an active addiction and experienced homelessness.

Shavonne put herself through college and was starting a career as a special education teacher when a traumatic birth experience left her paralyzed. She was overprescribed painkillers and before she understood what was happening, she was addicted to opioids. She ultimately was able to recover using long-acting injectable buprenorphine, which addressed the cravings and withdrawal symptoms, giving her the time and space to focus on abstinence and recovery. She was able to wean on the medication.



Photo Credit: D9 Office

Today, Shavonne is thriving working in the Tenderloin with Glide and Code Tenderloin. She also is an active player with Skywatchers, a radical, cross-cultural, intergenerational, mixed-ability community arts collaboration in San Francisco's Tenderloin Neighborhood. Shavonne is Living Proof that treatment works!

If you or a loved one need treatment or recovery support for drug or alcohol addiction, please call the San Francisco Department of Public Health's 24/7 access line at (888) 246-3333 or go to LivingProofSF.org

Good Governance

Efforts to strengthen the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF)

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) is an appointive City body that provides a forum for members of the public to challenge City departments' responses to public records requests and the conduct of public meetings. The Board of Supervisors established the Task Force in 1993, when it approved the original Sunshine Ordinance. Recently the Task Force was unable to meet due to lack of quorum as a result of lapsed appointments and delays in new and re-appointments. To ensure this body is able to function on a regular schedule to address the public's Sunshine rights, I introduced legislation to be heard at the **Rules Committee** on **November 16th at 10:00 am**. This legislation:

- Removes the 60-day limit on hold-over service
- Increases the two-year term of office to a four-year term of office, following the conclusion of a member's term of office
- Modifies the process for removing members to provide that the Board of Supervisors may only remove members for official misconduct under Charter, Section 15.105, rather than for any reason

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Transparency Measures

I introduced legislation to provide more transparency on contributions solicited by elected officials, known as 'behested payment waivers,', and an ordinance on software procurements that still allows City departments speedy purchases for off-the-shelf products, while ensuring that complex software serving SF residents go through competitive channels. The former is in response to a slew of Behested Payment Waivers coming before the Board of Supervisors, largely from the Mayor's office, and the latter was inspired by the hearing I held on the Mayor's OpenGov contract.

Hearing on OpenGov

On September 2nd, I led a hearing on the Mayor's $6.7 million contract with OpenGov. A year ago when the Mayor's Office and PermitSF brought forward a contract with OpenGov to produce a single-platform permitting system, lots of red flags were raised about how this contract was procured. Typically, City departments competitively bid large contracts to ensure the City – and the people of San Francisco who entrust us with their public dollars – are getting the best deal. The PermitSF contract, however, was not competitively bid.

In addition to the lack of competition, concerns arose about potential impropriety given that one of the Mayor's Policy Chiefs helped make the final decision to award the contract to OpenGov, a company whose founders have collectively donated tens of thousands of dollars to the nonprofit foundation that Mayor Lurie ran before becoming mayor.

To better understand how the contract was procured and whether best practices in contracting were followed, I asked the Budget and Legislative Analyst to assess the contract's procurement. The BLA issued a report in June with key findings and recommendations, including that the OpenGov selection process did not violate City requirements, however; it did not conform to best practices or typical City practice in procurement. This hearing covered that report, and from this hearing came legislation mentioned above to ensure that complex software of this sort is contracted through competitive bidding processes.

Street Renaming

Together with District 8 and 10 Supervisors Mandelman and Walton, I introduced a resolution of intention to rename Cesar Chavez Street to "Las Campesinas Street" after extensive deliberation and consultation of the working group formed by the Mayor's office. The working group was led by Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres and former Supervisor Susan Leal who was Supervisor during the first renaming of the street, and included 26 City leaders and members of the community. We are proud of the diligent work done to identify a clear criteria for the renaming and vetted names based on that criteria. Many names were considered, but Las Campesinas was ultimately chosen in response to community feedback and according to the following criteria:



Photo Credit: SF Standard

- Honor the historical context of the previous name change of 1995, affirmed by the will of the voters, and its relevance today
- Respect the severe allegations of sexual abuse and assault against young women and girls, whose representation is integral to the farmworker and labor movement
- Reflect a shared belief in advancing the farmworker movement towards social and economic justice as a part of San Francisco's heritage

Next steps in the renaming process: this first resolution goes to Land Use & Transportation Committee on Nov. 9th at 1:30 pm in City Hall, Room 250 where there will be an opportunity for public comment; DPW conducts outreach to all the addresses on the street and City departments such as Fire and SFPD, and; a final ordinance will be introduced for a board vote that officially renames the street and waives MTAs requirement to list the former name below the new name on street signs. Here are a few articles for more context:

- Cesar Chavez Street renaming would honor female farmworkers | The San Francisco Standard
- Cesar Chavez Street to be renamed 'Las Campesinas' | Mission Local
- Proposed new name for San Francisco's Cesar Chavez Street sparks debate | NBC Bay Area

I want to thank everyone who participated in sharing their feedback for this lengthy but much needed process.

Education, Youth & Families

Supporting Marshall Elementary with Challenging Street Conditions

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Marshall ES Multi-Agency Response Coordination Group
I am supporting the Marshall Elementary school community in two ways to address the deteriorating street conditions that students, families and staff are subjected to going to and from school, and incidents experienced during the school day. First, we are convening a coordinating group of City agencies, SFUSD leadership and the school to problem solve, address immediate needs for safety and cleanliness, and look at root causes and ways to tackle and solve issues for the long-term. Secondly, I am holding a hearing to elevate these concerns, more on this below.

Hearing on Street Conditions and Responsive City Services at Public School Sites
I called this hearing to examine concerning street conditions outside San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) schools in areas subject to daily conditions in which students, families and school

staff experience a prevalence of human waste, needles and other public health hazards, accumulation of garbage, and intrusions onto school grounds that are a threat to the safety of students and staff, and the responses of City departments in providing regular cleaning and services to improve the public right of way entrances surrounding these public school sites. We are requesting the Mayor's Office, SFUSD, Department of Emergency Services, Public Works and Department of Public Health Street Needs Team to report on their roles and the status of their plans to address these persistent needs. The **hearing will be held** at the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee on **November 16 at 10 am in Room 250 at City Hall**. We encourage families and staff at any school experiencing these issues to come out for public comment and share your concerns. Hearings can often lead to City commitments, through legislation, budget allocations or other means to address crises in our communities. We are hopeful that this hearing will spark such actions.

D9 This is Your City Family Summit

My office participated in the D9 Family Summit on October 8, hosted by the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) and Our Children Our Families Initiative where we heard youth and families share their stories, experiences, and ideas about what they need to stay, belong, and thrive. Feedback from these sessions, held throughout the City, will be shared with District offices to inform collaboration with City partners on strategies to meet constituent needs, and help us determine strategies to better care for our children and families in D9. Read the summary from the summit here.

Dispatch from the D9 Youth Council and SF Youth Commission!

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*"This past month, the **District 9 Youth Council** had its first three meetings of our second year, welcoming a total of 19 council members, with 13 new and 6 returning council members led by Chair Deanda, and Co-Chairs Cardenas and Fried. The council's leadership team were able to welcome D9 resident members from the following schools: Galileo, George Washington, ICA Cristo Rey Academy, John O'Connell, Lowell, Phillip and Sala Burton, Mission High, Ruth Asawa San Francisco School of the Arts (SOTA), Thurgood Marshall, and University High School.*

The council kickstarted the term by tabling at Fiesta On The Hill in Bernal Heights, where council members connected with the community directly and facilitated a community suggestion box. Throughout the month the council partnered with the San Francisco Elections Department to pre-register and register youth in District 9, with efforts to raise civic engagement among the District. Additionally, the council welcomed legislative aide Jen Ferrigno to discuss maintaining alignment between the council's mission and the District 9 office on various issues including immigrant rights, SFUSD student success, environmental justice, street safety, and more.

*On the **SF Youth Commission** this year, there are two District 9 representatives, Commissioner Collins-Howze (Mission HS) and Mayoral appointee Commissioner Deanda (ICA). This month, Commissioner Deanda was able to connect with the community at the District 9 Family Summit and as a moderator for a civic engagement panel at Burton High School."*

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(Far left) D9 Youth Council members at Fiesta on the Hill in Bernal.

(Top right) D9 Youth Council's first meeting of the 2026/2027 school year cohort.

(Bottom right) D9 Legislative Aide, Jen Ferrigno, visits the D9 Youth Council to talk about legislation and ways to provide youth input.

Landmarking the Mission House of Rock!

Following legislation from my office, the House of Latin Rock, located at 2880 25th Street, is now recognized as a historical landmark. The property, owned by native San Franciscan Richard Segovia, is belovedly known by the community as the House of Latin Rock and serves as a physical anchor for the Latin rock music movement. For decades, this house has functioned as an active cultural hub, serving as a rehearsal space, recording studio, and collaborative shared space for local artists. The building is remarkable for its large public mural painted by Precita Eyes' Urban Youth Arts Program. For decades, Richard has mentored countless local youth and young musicians and cultivated their artistry and sense of community in the Mission. We are proud to recognize this leaving and breathing historical landmark in the Mission. National Public Radio (NPR) covered the story here.

My office is also working with the Planning Department to recognize over two dozen more historical landmarks in District 9, and there will be more to come later this year.





Photo Credit: (Above) Mari Eliza, photo of Richard Segovia in front of the Landmarked House of Latin Rock. (Right) Ana Herrera. The House of Latin Rock family celebrating the day of its landmarking at City Hall.

Other District News!



Mission Library Reopening!

I am thrilled to share the SF Public Library Mission Branch announcement that the extensive renovations are finally done, and the Mission branch is slated to reopen with a celebration on November 14 at 1 pm at 3359 24th Street. Come join us for this momentous and joyful occasion!

Commemorative Street Renaming • Carlotta del Portillo Way

On Saturday, September 12, I joined City College leadership and President Mandelman in honoring the legacy of long-time educator, education leader and visionary, Dra. Carlotta del Portillo with a commemorative street renaming at Bartlett and 22nd Streets. Dra. del Portillo has been a lifelong public servant in our community, and the reach of her advocacy has had a particular impact in District 9. The beautiful Mission campus is here today because of her vision and tenacity and that of advocates and partners who knew that the Mission must be an epicenter for City College programs to meet the needs of our community.



Commendations • Los Bomberos

On Tuesday, September 22nd, I commended Los Bomberos of the San Francisco Fire Department. Founded in 1986 by Latino members of the San Francisco Fire Department, Los Bomberos de San Francisco reached a significant milestone in August 2026, celebrating 40 years of service, advocacy, and community connection. From its earliest days, Los Bomberos understood that serving San Francisco meant more than responding to emergencies. It meant helping build a Fire Department that reflected the diversity of our city, creating opportunities for the next generation of firefighters, and strengthening the relationship between first responders and the communities they serve. To the members of Los Bomberos, past and present: Thank you for the doors you have opened, the young people you have encouraged, the families you have educated, the communities you have represented, and the firefighters you have supported.





Photo Credit: D9 Office. (Above) Los Bomberos w Supervisor Fielder at City Hall's Latino Heritage Month Celebration. (Right) Supervisor Fielder honoring Los Bomberos at the Board of Supervisors.

Organizational Feature

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN-SF)

Since its founding in 1986, CARECEN SF has been rooted in the Mission District, providing services for the Central American immigrant community. Establishing the organization was no easy task, but Salvadoran exiles fleeing a brutal civil war with little or no resources, persevered in breaking through great obstacles and establishing an organization that to this day is critical for Central Americans and other Latinos in the Bay Area. Other Salvadoran exiles established CARECEN sibling offices in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Houston, and New York City.

The organization has moved their central offices to a new permanent and dedicated building at 1117 Market Street as of June 1st. The new building offers several meeting spaces, and one-on-one work areas with program participants such as for therapy or crisis support. It also offers a community room with capacity to house up to 150 people, and an entire basement floor that will be dedicated to youth for creative projects, drumming and other activities.

OUR MISSION

CARECEN SF empowers and responds to the needs, rights and aspirations of Latino, people who migrate and under-resourced families in the San Francisco Bay Area — building leadership to pursue self-determination and justice.

OUR VISION

Rooted in its cultural strengths and inspired by the Central American justice struggles, CARECEN SF envisions our diverse immigrant community as thriving: where families prosper, build effective community institutions, and participate confidently in civic life.

Services in the Mission will continue in two locations:

- Parque Ninos Unidos Playground, Clubhouse, where they offer child development centered workshops and other community building activities.
- Co-located family wellness and health promotion work with Instituto Familiar de la Raza at Kali Kiin located at 3143 Mission St.

CARECEN's central office programs include:

- Immigration Legal Program
- Second Chance Youth Program
- Tattoo Removal Clinic
- Family Wellness Program
- Health Promotion Program/Las Promotoras de Salud

CARECEN SF: 1117 Market Street, San Francisco

Events coming up...

Check out events and announcements for D9 here, but reminders for this weekend...

🎃 **Halloween October 31:**

- Portola: **Spooky Garden Reverie**, 6pm to 10pm Burrows Garden Park 2 Burrows St. Spooky lights glow along the paths, festive music by DJ Antitdope fills the air, and seasonal treats wait around every corner. Come in costume or come as you are. Little ghouls, grown-up goblins, and everyone in between are welcome.
- Bernal: **Halloween on Cortland**, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Street closure, activities, costume contest and much more!
- Mission: **Calle 24 Halloween Safe Zone**, Saturday, October 31 5pm to 9pm Calle 24 Latino Cultural District, 24th Street.

Día de los Muertos, November 2:

- **Procession**: starts at 7:00pm on the corner of 22nd and Bryant Street, moving south to 24th Street, west to Mission Street, then returning to 22nd and Bryant Streets
- **Fiesta de los Altares • Festival of the Altars:** in Potrero del Sol Park hosted by the Marigold Project: 12:00 PM to 11:00 PM (Altar installation begins at 8:00 AM; High Noon ceremony at 12:00 PM; Ritual Circle and main entertainment from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM).



Photo Credit: Jen Ferrigno. Day of the Dead Altar in Portero del Sol Park, Nov. 2, 2025.

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