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May 14, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Attention: Government Audit and Oversight Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco CA 94102

## RE: **Do not repeat the failure of the Tenderloin Center**

Dear Supervisors:

Mid Market Community Benefit District is very concerned by a renewed attempt to open a number of Safe Consumption Sites in San Francisco.

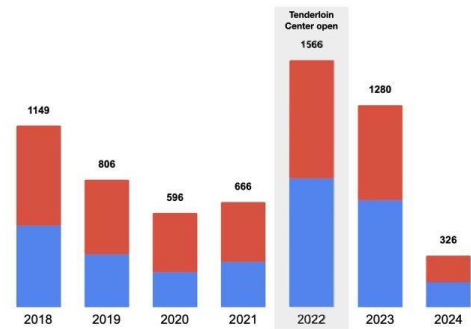
We would like to remind you of the disastrous Tenderloin Center experiment in 2022:

- The volume of SFPD incidents **increased by 235%** in the vicinity of the Tenderloin Center
- The number of overdose deaths during the year the Tenderloin Center operated (2022), was actually **higher** than during the prior year (2021).

Police Department Incidents near SF's TLC

Source: sf.gov/911-call-volume-and-response

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And while the authors of the 11.19.24 policy analysis report tout the success of Zurich with safe consumption sites, they blatantly fail to consider this key fact:

*Zurich authorities report that fentanyl is almost nonexistent in their city [...] Zurich's addiction centers are seeing more stimulants than opioids (p.48)*

It is telling that overdose deaths are still on the rise in Vancouver BC, 22 years after the first safe consumption sites opened there in 2003 – in a city comparable to San Francisco in the prevalence of fentanyl. This alone should deter any attempt to repeat and expand the mistake of the 2022 Tenderloin Center.

Sincerely,  
Mid Market Community Benefit District

**From:** [Raymond Orfiano](#)  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Ray Orfiano, I live in the Tenderloin in San Francisco, and I am a Supporter of Harm Reduction. I urge you to support the implementation of the 4 Pillars in San Francisco and ensure that Harm Reduction is a substantial part of this effort in both community input, evaluation, and execution of this project.

The 4 Pillars strategy is only successful when we have a balanced implementation of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement. This means that not only are each of those areas given equitable resources, but also that each area is able to inform, evaluate, and adapt to one another to create the most positive outcomes for everyone living in San Francisco.

I myself, as an alcoholic who has had over three years sober, would have been one of the bad statistics that would have lost my life if it wasn't for the way the 4 pillars have helped me. With harm reduction, I was able to get into rehab and get into supportive housing, where I had a group of social workers and nurses who really went over and above to make sure I was alive. People like me would be dead if I weren't welcomed as I am into rehab and into housing where I could feel a value in my life. I wouldn't have even cared if I felt that others didn't care either. Please consider the 4 pillars as a great strategy to get the overdose death rate down and even stop it for good. If you need or want more reasons why I would like the 4 pillars to be used in San Francisco, please call or email me.

Thank you  
Ray Orfiano

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Kevin Liu, and I work as a community organizer based in the Tenderloin and support drug policies grounded in Harm Reduction. I urge you to support the implementation of 4 Pillars in San Francisco and ensure that Harm Reduction is a substantial part of this effort in both community input, evaluation, and execution of this project.

The 4 Pillars strategy is only successful when we have a balanced implementation of prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and enforcement. This means that not only are each of those areas given equitable resources but also that each area is able to inform, evaluate, and adapt to one another to create positive outcomes for everyone living in San Francisco.

As homelessness continues to trend upwards in our city, it is vital that we lead with a services approach instead of enforcement. It is more effective for people who use drugs to be in places of care, not sitting in jails awaiting treatment. We need deep investments in wellness hubs, where people can go for respite, primary care check-ups, wound care, and referrals to residential care and housing, all of which are key components to this approach.

Sincerely,

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