

From: [Brooke Engelhardt](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Our community has seen great improvement, recognized by residents and our team alike over the past year, we would be devastated to see this improvement regress. Seeing the kind faces of the Urban Alchemy team outside of our community and in the neighborhood creates a sense of community and safety that are invaluable.

Best,

Brooke Engelhardt

General Manager, PRISM

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From: [Jane Weil](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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**URGENT: SAVE SAFETY PROGRAM, EMAIL
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TODAY!!!**

We need your support to keep the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Safe

11/14/2024

Re: File 23-0041 Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program

Dear Honorable Connie Chan (Chair), Honorable Myrna Melgar, and Honorable Rafael Mandelman,

I am writing as a resident of SOMA Grand, a 250 unit condo building between 7th & 8th, and also a member of the Mid Market CBD, Better Market Street CAC 7 Mayor's DMACC.

Our neighborhood has been transformed from a vibrant, centrally located, walkable place in 2007 to a nightmare of sick people passed out on our sidewalks, where we have to step around bodies and human waste and are afraid to walk alone in 2022.

One thing that has improved our personal safety and well being is the presence of Urban Alchemy practioners. I cannot express strongly enough how important the presence of strong, focused, well organized and trained men and women are to our quality of life. I am a Senior female who walks everywhere and I fell confident when I see an Urban Alchemy presence on every corner.

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DO NOT DO THIS TO US!!

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Sincerely,

Jane Weil
1160 Mission St #2108
94103
415-793-6136



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From: [Demetri Broxton](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Here at Root Division, we count on our Urban Alchemy Ambassadors to keep our neighborhood clean and safe. We are an organization that serves a wide range of community members, from very young school-aged children to senior citizens. The Urban Alchemy Ambassadors make our neighborhood clean and welcoming for all.

We rely on them everyday. Without them, our services to artists, students, and families are in deep jeopardy.

Demetri Broxton
Executive Director
pronouns: he/him

Root Division
1131 Mission Street (at 7th), San Francisco, CA 94103
demetri@rootdivision.org | rootdivision.org

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From: [jeffrey s](#)
To: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Mayors Staff \(MYR\)](#); [Ebadi, Mahanaz \(BOS\)](#); [Fernando Pujals](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Mazza, Mark \(DEM\)](#); [Manning, Daniel \(POL\)](#)
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Dear Honorable Connie Chan (Chair), Honorable Myrna Melgar, and Honorable Rafael Mandelman,

I live at 960 Market St (between 5th and 6th) and am writing to express deep concern — shared by many residents in our condominium community — and plead with you to please place this item before the Budget and Finance Committee no later than **November 20th**. This item was introduced to the Board of Supervisors and recommended to the committee on October 8th.

I have copied the Mayors Office, Suoervisor Dorsey's office, Mark Mazza and Captain Manning as each of them - along with the Mid Market Business Association - has been very involved in recent community discussions about issues on our block, with the relatively new support of UA ambassadors at night being a recent positive and crucial change leading to some improvement that the safety and success of our block depend upon (LINE hotel, Saluhall, Warfield and others have also been part of these discussions)

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We need the BoS to ensure that our concerns are heard and that recent positive directional changes are continued — the safety and success of the residents and businesses depend on it

- jeffrey siminoff
960 Market St

Sent from my iPhone

From: [John-Mark Ikeda](#)
To: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
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As a Chair of the Board for the non-profit, Root Division (1131 Mission Street), I can say that the Safety Program and Urban Alchemy continue to play a vital role in our neighborhood and organizations. Cutting these programs would likely have a very large negative impact on our organization as we have students of all ages, studio artists, and staff that rely on these programs for improved safety, cleanliness, and community support.

Sincerely,
John-Mark Ikeda
Chair of the Board
Root Division

From: [Kate Robinson](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Any immediate cuts would have a devastating impact on the city as a whole.

Sincerely,

Kate Robinson
Executive Director
TLCBD

From: [Miia Kautovaara](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Doug Murray](#); [Scott Jackson](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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On behalf of Ingka-Group,
The owner/landlord of 945 Market st, IKEA store, Saluhall Foodhall and Hej!Workshop co-working space,

Miia Kautovaara
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Ingka Centres

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From: [BGCA Security](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
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I am an employee at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove St and have work Security at this building for 10 plus years.

I have seen the positive impact that the Urban Alchemy have had on this neighborhood. Not only with the work that they do but also the kind words and positive attitude they have.

Not extending the program would not only be good for the neighborhood but also

businesses in the area.

Sincerely,
Rondallyn Banford
BGCA Security
99 Grove St
San Francisco, Ca 94102

From: [Juan Carlos Fernandez](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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I have a condo in 7th street and this program is very important for the safety of our families and community

Sincerely,

Juan Carlos Fernandez

From: [Ana Bedolla](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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This is very important to me as a petite female who works in this area. This program is very beneficial in many ways. Our city needs and benefits from this type of support in the community. We need San Francisco to be safe for the community and anyone else who comes to the city for fun/leisure/work.

Sincerely,
Ana Bedolla

Ana Bedolla
Operations + Site Coordinator

Root Division
1131 Mission Street (at 7th), San Francisco, CA 94103



From: [Lauren Braun](#)
To: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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This program is essential for sustaining activity at Root Division, an incredible arts organization I support and participate in. We rely on it to help artists feel safe coming to and from their studios, guests and patrons to feel safe coming to events in the evening — especially those who travel into San Francisco. Cessation of the safety program would not only make our streets less safe, it would directly harm the already-

struggling arts community in our city.

Sincerely,
Lauren Braun

Glen Park rest
Root Division board member
Proud San Franciscan

From: [Shannon Atlas](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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{add personal information about how this program impacts your home, business, or life}

Sincerely,
Shannon Atlas
(415) 203-4363

From: [Shannon Atlas](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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This impacts my life every time I go to Root Division as a volunteer attending both meetings and events at the organization. A safety program is severely needed on this block of Mission between 7th and 8th.

Thank you,
Shannon Atlas
(415) 203-4363

> On Nov 14, 2024, at 8:52 PM, Shannon Atlas <shannon_atlas@mac.com> wrote:
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> Shannon Atlas
> (415) 203-4363
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From: [Tom Perrault](#)
To: [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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As the current Board President of the Friends of Mint Plaza, I've seen first hand the importance of Urban Alchemy in cleaning up and securing important parts of our city, especially in Mint Plaza. We should be increasing support for UA rather than threatening to decimate it.

Sincerely,

Tom Perrault
415-310-6874

From: [Rod Fleming](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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If Urban Alchemy is not in Mint Plaza it will return to a filthy open air drug market affecting Mint Collection Condominiums, Burma Live and others businesses.

Sincerely,
Rodney Fleming
415-823-9445

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elaine Ellis](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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As a resident of Mint Plaza, I have seen firsthand the daily positive impact that Urban Alchemy has had in our community. They provide safety to residents, businesses, business patrons, and visitors and are regularly the agents of respectful de-escalation with sometimes very aggressive transients. I have also witnessed an Urban Alchemy ambassador perform life-saving CPR on an unhoused person while waiting for an ambulance to arrive. I have nothing but high praise for Urban Alchemy, its ambassadors, and the impact they have wherever you see them.

Please, please place this item before the Budget and Finance Committee no later than November 20th. Our communities cannot afford to lose the Urban Alchemy practitioners and their life-changing impact.

Sincerely,
Elaine Ellis

From: [Wilbur Yu](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,
Wilbur Yu, Resident of Mint Plaza

From: [Mie Uchida](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,
Mie Uchida

Sent from my iPhone

From: [wdk](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,
William Klancnik

From: [Ken Matsuura](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Our business has been profoundly affected by the current safety challenges in our neighborhood. Many of our patrons no longer feel secure visiting this area, which has significantly impacted our ability to operate. It's disheartening to see substantial resources directed toward developing areas like Mission Bay, while the heart of San Francisco, a place that once thrived, faces escalating closures and neglect.

The safety of our patrons and staff remains our top priority. If we cannot provide a safe environment, we risk closing our doors. Many local businesses, once resilient, now find themselves struggling to survive, as a city known for its vibrancy has become marred by security concerns.

Urban Alchemy has been instrumental in fostering a sense of safety and hope for a better future in the Downtown and SOMA districts. We strongly urge continued and increased

patrolling in our neighborhood to ensure safety for our patrons, staff, and community.

Please help us restore San Francisco to the beacon it once was and make it even better.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Sushi Hashiri
4 Mint Plaza
San Francisco, CA, 94103
Ken Matsuura

From: [Madisen Bathish](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Madisen Bathish

From: [Nathan Withrington](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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{add personal information about how this program impacts your home, business, or life}

Sincerely,
Your Name

From: [Natalie Rico](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Natalie Rico

HOA Board President of Mint Collection at 2 & 6 Mint Plaza

From: [Terrill Jones](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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The contract amendment in question pertains to funds that were:

1. **Already approved** by the Budget and Appropriations Committee in June 2024 as part of the city's budget process to maintain the core deployment of this program.
2. **Additional funding** provided by city departments (HSH/DPH/HSA/OEWD) for program expansions, including efforts on the 600 block of Ellis, Willow Alley, and Market Street evening hours between 5th and 7th Streets.

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This program has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the Mid Market neighborhood, supporting the safety and well-being of residents and businesses alike. A sudden withdrawal of funding would be devastating, especially to the predominantly African American workforce of Urban Alchemy, whose members are dedicated to saving lives and supporting our community every day.

Furthermore, this budget cut will not only affect Urban Alchemy but also have a direct impact on **Code Tenderloins ambassadors**, who work in and around the Mid Market area through a subcontract with Urban Alchemy. This collaboration enables **Code Tenderloin** to serve as a daytime, real-time extension of our **Night**

Navigator program, which helps connect individuals to critical resources which can save lives such as Suboxone and Buprenorphine for folks who are in a pre-contemplative and contemplation stage(s) of recovery yet still finding themselves subject to Substance Use Disorder. We also work towards getting residents to sober living situations such as **Positive Directions**. Without continued funding, our ability to provide these essential services will be severely compromised.

We implore you to prioritize the timely review and approval of this contract amendment to prevent these cuts and protect the vital services that are keeping our community safe and supported.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt action and support.

Sincerely,

Terrill Jones

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Terrill D. Jones
Director of Ambassadors
Code Tenderloin
415-214-5401
Terrill@codetenderloin.org



From: [Calen McEldowney](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Any help with bringing this item forward quickly would be greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, delays will result in an increase of negative activity coming back into the area which will have a direct impact on safety for residents, visitors, children and employees who are in the area.

Sincerely,

Calen McEldowney

Calen McEldowney
Director of Security & Facilities

Asian Art Museum
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From: [Tiziano Ieva](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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enabling us to continue operating smoothly. Their presence has been a critical factor in helping our business thrive by ensuring a secure atmosphere for everyone in the community.

Sincerely,
Tiziano

From: [Robert Nevitt](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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I live in Germany now, but come back occasionally to check on my apartment when it is between tenants. As this is my last place of residence in the US it is where I vote. The difference Urban Alchemy made was HUGE compared to my prior visit. They are great at their job and have had more impact than any other city program I've ever seen. Please, I beg you, continue to fund them at their current level. They are worth every penny.

Sincerely,
Robert Nevitt
2 Mint Plaza
STE 208

Sent from my iPhone

From: [William Duncanson](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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As residents of Mid Market for 17 years, my family has directly witnessed the positive impact on the neighborhood by Urban Alchemy programs and staff. Urban Alchemy has made the most consistent and demonstrable improvement to our neighborhood and it is critical that their program gets the support it deserves from the City. We strongly advise that this appropriation be approved for the benefit of the neighborhood, the City, and the Urban Alchemy staff that have contributed so much to this effort.

Sincerely,

William Duncanson
wdncnsn@mac.com

From: [Michael Calloway, PhD](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 8:20:26 AM

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Since the Supreme Court decision regarding homelessness & the Governor & former Mayors actions to criminalize homelessness, there has been an influx of unhoused persons living on Jessie & Stevenson Streets. The issue is so significant that the owners of the old 5th Avenue building on 5th & Market utilize a bull horn to discourage vagrants from standing near their property. They use this bull horn all hours of the day and night disturbing the peace of the neighbors in Mint Plaza.

SFPD has been helpful and appears to be present more event during the overnight hours when Urban Alchemy's contracted hours end. At night the police horns can be heard in the late hours of the evening and overnight hours moving the unhoused from Stevenson and Jessie.

We certainly need the city to devise a longer term plan to house the homeless and increase treatment facilities for the severely mentally ill and substance users but until then, the city has an obligation to keep tax payers safe. I'm

respectfully asking the city to fund Urban Alchemy and the other teams that help keep the neighborhood safe and clean.

Sincerely,
Michael Calloway
Resident of Mint Plaza

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elissa Greenfield](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,
Elissa

From: [Basil Ayoub](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Importance: High

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As I am sure you know, the conditions in 6th Street Corridor and Mint Plaza areas are abhorrible and dangerous. Rather than cut services to this area, the City should direct MORE resources to help the residents, business, owners and patrons. Do the right thing by supporting this program.

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Sincerely,
Basil Ayoub
972 Mission Street

From: [Desi Danganan](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,

Desi Danganan
Executive Director

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From: [Anne Drazen](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SUBJECT: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 11:20:30 AM

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SUBJECT: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation - Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program

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Sincerely,
Anne Drazen

From: [Maria Zirbel](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Community Based Safety Program
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Thanks for your prompt attention,

Sincerely,

Maria

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Please note that the HAP office is closed every Monday

BASF and JDC are Moving!

As of June 1, 2024, our new address will be:

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From: [JW Ellsworth](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,

JW and Lauren Ellsworth

Sincerely,
Your Name

From: [Jamie Budgett](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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As a business that draws hundreds of thousands of customers to the Mid-Market area each year, we have become increasingly reliant on the support of community-based safety programs such as Urban Alchemy and strongly support their efforts.

Sincerely,
Jamie Budgett

Jamie Budgett
General Manager
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From: [Ava Rosenberg](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 240994
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As a young woman, I need to feel some degree of safety as I walk through this neighborhood eight times each week. For the sake of everyone who lives (housed and unhoused), please keep the Urban Alchemists program here. Their presence is imperative to improving the safety and sense of community here.

Sincerely,
Ava Rosenberg

From: [Alex Hachiya](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Living in this area has been very tough since 2018, when we've noticed crime, homelessness, and mental illness begin flaring. I don't feel safe walking around day or night. Urban Alchemy has made a huge impact on my feeling of safety, and they have honestly been a godsend. We really need them to remain in this area to prevent the large amounts of assaults, violence, and even stabbings that have occurred right in front our our apartment building at Mint Plaza.

Sincerely,
Alex Hachiya

From: [TBC Admin](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024 11:19:15 AM

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Sincerely,
Jamie Flanagan

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From: [Terrill Jones](#)
To: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024 11:27:23 AM

Greetings Frances,

Apologies for delayed response. Mid-Market Foundation and Urban Alchemy approached Code Tenderloin to bring our services to the table as they Mid-Market/Urban Alchemy were tasked with keeping businesses and other building fronts clear for passage and wanted to bring our resources to the table so as not just to displace folks but in hopes to connect them various services and resources in the city. I can't speak as to why the city hasn't expanded our contract.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 15, 2024, at 9:48 AM, Hsieh, Frances (BOS) <frances.hsieh@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hi Terry,

Thank you for your email.

We did not realize that you were a subcontractor with Urban Alchemy. Can you share more information about the terms of this contract? Also, do you know why the City did not just expand your existing contract rather than have you as a subcontractor?

Thanks,
Frances

Frances Hsieh | 謝令宜
Pronouns: she/her/hers
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 1
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From: Terrill Jones <terrill@codetenderloin.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:39 PM
To: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS)

<melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff (BOS) <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>

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The contract amendment in question pertains to funds that were:

1. **Already approved** by the Budget and Appropriations Committee in June 2024 as part of the city's budget process to maintain the core deployment of this program.
2. **Additional funding** provided by city departments (HSH/DPH/HSA/OEWD) for program expansions, including efforts on the 600 block of Ellis, Willow Alley, and Market Street evening hours between 5th and 7th Streets.

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Failure to hear and approve this item by November 20th will cause significant delays in funding and will force the Mid Market Foundation to immediately cut the program by more than half. This will lead to the layoff of up to **150 Urban Alchemy ambassadors**, who play an integral role in maintaining safety and services within our community.

This program has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on the Mid Market neighborhood, supporting the safety and well-being of residents and businesses alike. A sudden withdrawal of funding would be devastating, especially to the predominantly African American workforce of Urban Alchemy, whose members are dedicated to saving lives and

supporting our community every day.

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We implore you to prioritize the timely review and approval of this contract amendment to prevent these cuts and protect the vital services that are keeping our community safe and supported.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to your prompt action and support.

Sincerely,

Terrill Jones

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Terrill D. Jones

Director of Ambassadors

Code Tenderloin

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Terrill@codetenderloin.org



From: [Jamie Flanagan](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,

Jamie Flanagan

Jamie Flanagan
Phoenix Hotel &
Chambers eat + drink
415.254.7478

From: [Isabel Manchester](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); info@tenderloinbusinesscoalition.com
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Isabel Manchester
Phoenix Hotel

From: [Matthew Martin](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Matthew Martin
6 Mint Plz #306A
San Francisco, CA 94103

From: [Sophie Pearson](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 513-3819

From: [David Nale](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [+info@tenderloinbusinesscoalition.com](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,
David Nale
130 Turk Street

From: [Katie Walker](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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As a 25 year old woman living in Mid-Market, I feel much safer seeing members of Urban Alchemy walking our streets. They handle very difficult situations with grace, and respect for the people involved in them no matter what. They are an important part of my community, and I have grown to appreciate my neighborhood because of these fine folks. Please keep them around.

Sincerely,
Katie Walker

From: [Blanca Estela Rodríguez Mandujano](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,
Blanca Estela Rodriguez

From: [Victor Pascua](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,

Victor Pascua

From: [Michael Nulty](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Re: File 23-0041 Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program

The Alliance for a Better District 6 is writing to express our deep concern and urge you to prioritize presenting this item to the Budget and Finance Committee by November 20th. This item was introduced to the Board of Supervisors and recommended to the Committee on October 8th.

The contract amendment involves funds that were already approved by the Budget and Appropriations Committee in June 2024 during the city's budget process to ensure the maintenance of the program at its core deployment. Additionally, there is extra funding from city departments (HSH, DPH, HSA, OEWD) for expansions in the program on the 600 block of Ellis, Willow Alley, and during evening hours on Market Street between 5th and 7th Streets.

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Sincerely,

Michael Nulty
Executive Director
Alliance for Better A District 6

Michael Nulty

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San Francisco, CA 94142-0782

(415) 339-8327 - Direct

(415) 339-8779 - Alliance for a Better District 6

(415) 339-8683 - Central City Democrats

(415) 937-1289 - North of Market Business Association

(415) 820-1412 - Tenderloin Futures Collaborative

<http://abd6.cfsites.org/>

From: [melany brambila](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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Sincerely,
Your Name

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Erica Song](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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As a recent tenant of the Mint Plaza, I have experienced first handedly how Urban Alchemy has played a pivotal role in ensuring a better environment for our community. It's easy to spot the team members who help enhance street safety, street cleanliness, and activation of our public spaces in their matching logo vests. The recognition of their vested team makes me feel safer when walking out of my home alone and I appreciate their help in keeping our home plaza clean.

Through these efforts, the community team has fostered a safer, cleaner, and more connected neighborhood, making streets more welcoming for residents and visitors alike. Their continuous commitment has created a sense of shared responsibility, with each individual contributing to the wellbeing of the community. I hope this message can help recognize the impact they have on our community and how detrimental this cut could be.

Sincerely,
Erica Song

From: [Tracy Everwine](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Urban Alchemy Amendment
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 10:04:06 AM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Now is not the time to make any cuts to public safety resources in Mid Market.

Living, working, and doing business in the downtown core is unlike any other part of San Francisco; and second only to the Tenderloin, Mid Market relies most heavily on Urban Alchemy practitioners to support our residents, businesses, employees, visitors and field staff.

Mid Market is Market Street - the City's most prominent commercial corridor moving thousands of people through the downtown core every day. City-wide workers and visitors commuting in from outside the City arrive in Mid Market before venturing out to other parts of town. This area is also often visitors' first glimpse of our City as they arrive at Powell and Civic Center stations from surrounding towns and airports. Mid Market is also home to many more San Franciscans than ever before as [thousands of new residential units](#) have been added in recent years.

Urban Alchemy Practitioners are an integral part of the public safety net currently in place to support Mid Market. They are not managed by us, but we collaborate with the merchants association who does manage them to coordinate efforts. They are a great assistance to our CBD ambassadors and cleaners working in difficult and often unsafe conditions.

Please keep our current public safety network whole by supporting all Community Ambassador staffing to the greatest extent possible.

Sincerely,

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Tracy Everwine

Executive Director
Mid Market Community Benefit District

From: [Emma Marcus](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994, Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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As stated above, the deployment of the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program has had an overwhelmingly positive impact on our staff and patrons. The individuals that work around the building (and those before them) are important members of our community. On numerous occasions, Urban Alchemy ambassadors have saved lives and have helped us learn how to take additional safety precautions in Civic Center Plaza. Please consider the importance of the program and the individuals who make it strong.

Sincerely,

Emma Marcus

Another Planet Entertainment

Office: 415-624-8932

Cell: 415-272-7120

From: [Dustin Dolginow](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program
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The amount of pride and joy this has brought to me and my neighbors is beyond words. It's hard to imagine why our city council continues to defy common sense and not improve Mid-Market which accounts for a material portion of our City's GDP.

Sincerely,
Dustin