

**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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:demetri@rootdivision.org) | [rootdivision.org](http://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**  
Manager | Business Operations | Region North America  
**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,  
Rondalyn 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 \(BOS\)](#)  
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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](mailto:shannon_atlas@mac.com)> wrote:  
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> Shannon Atlas  
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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 \(BOS\)](#)  
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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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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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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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Since the Urban Alchemy ambassadors were stationed on Mint Plaza in July, the difference has been night and day. The Plaza is safe, clean, vibrant, and welcoming. Before Urban Alchemy, it was unsafe, unclean, and filled with people loitering drinking alcohol, doing drugs, or worse. There was an unprovoked stabbing of an MMCBD cleaner in broad daylight in June. The Mint Plaza is a vital part of the core downtown district as it is so close to the new IKEA and Saluhall, Moscone, the mall, the Powell Street cable car turnaround, and Union Square. It is critical to keep the Urban Alchemy ambassadors stationed on Mint Plaza to keep the area safe and clean and a welcoming place to visit or walk by whether you are a resident or tourist. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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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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.

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](mailto:Terrill@codetenderloin.org)



**From:** [Calen McEldowney](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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I have seen a very positive impact from the work that has been done by Urban Alchemy to keep the streets surrounding the museum and in the larger Tenderloin Mid-Market area clean and safe for visitors and staff coming to the museum. We have school groups that are able to come to the museum without passing people using or selling drugs. In the past we have had children pick up syringes, now we have Urban Alchemy staff sweeping the street, giving directions and helping to keep the area safe.

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 \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program  
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Sincerely,

William Duncanson  
wdncnsn@mac.com

**From:** [Michael Calloway, PhD](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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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 \(BOS\)](#)  
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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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Sincerely,  
Basil Ayoub  
972 Mission Street



**From:** [Desi Danganan](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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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  
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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*

Maria C. Zirbel, Staff Attorney  
Homeless Advocacy Project  
Justice and Diversity Center  
Bar Association of San Francisco  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

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**From:** [JW Ellsworth](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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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 \(BOS\)](#)  
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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 \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Alex Hachiya

**From:** [TBC Admin](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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Jamie Flanagan

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**From:** [Terrill Jones](#)  
**To:** [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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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](mailto: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

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Frances Hsieh | 謝令宜  
Pronouns: she/her/hers  
Office of Supervisor Connie Chan  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 1  
(415) 554-7410

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**From:** Terrill Jones <[terrill@codetenderloin.org](mailto:terrill@codetenderloin.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2024 7:39 PM  
**To:** ChanStaff (BOS) <[chanstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chanstaff@sfgov.org)>; MelgarStaff (BOS)

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

**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

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

I am writing to express urgent concern and request that you please place the following item before the Budget and Finance Committee no later than November 20th. This item, which was introduced to the Board of Supervisors and recommended to the committee on October 8th, is critical for the continued success of vital services in our community.

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.

In good faith, the Mid Market Foundation and Urban Alchemy have maintained the core deployment since July 2024 and began the noted expansions in October 2024.

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.

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 per-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](mailto: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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{add personal information about how this program impacts your home, business, or life}

Sincerely,

Jamie Flanagan

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Jamie Flanagan  
Phoenix Hotel &  
Chambers eat + drink  
415.254.7478

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**From:** [Isabel Manchester](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [info@tenderloinbusinesscoalition.com](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Isabel Manchester  
Phoenix Hotel

**From:** [Matthew Martin](#)  
**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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Sincerely,

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

**From:** [Sophie Pearson](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sophie Pearson  
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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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Dear Honorable Connie Chan (Chair), Honorable Myrna Melgar, and Honorable Rafael Mandelman,

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

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(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

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**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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This program has had a tremendously positive impact on our neighborhood. A sudden withdrawal would be extremely detrimental to the neighborhood and the many lives impacted including the predominantly African American workforce that is saving lives everyday.

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

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**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  
**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024 5:32:13 PM

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

I am writing to express deep concern 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 and is critical to my building's safety and wellbeing.

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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

**From:** [Christine McDermott](#)  
**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:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 2:45:01 PM

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11/19/2024

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

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This program has had a tremendously positive impact on our neighborhood. With Urban Alchemy presence, we see an improvement of our block, helping keep loitering from our area. A sudden withdrawal would be extremely detrimental to the neighborhood and the many lives impacted including the predominantly African American workforce that is saving lives everyday.

Sincerely,  
Christine McDermott

**CHRISTINE MCDERMOTT**  
GENERAL MANAGER

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**From:** [Lesley Lowe](#)  
**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:** Tuesday, November 19, 2024 8:25:58 PM

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In addition, it means a lot to be able to walk around our neighborhood and feel comfortable as a woman with two teenage girls. We appreciate your concern for our safety walking in our neighborhood.

Thanks for your attention to this!  
Lesley Lowe

**From:** [Stephen Lowe](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File No. 240994 Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 4:53:41 PM

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The presence of the Urban Alchemy ambassadors in Mid Market has been a huge improvement to the safety in the area, and we've been extremely grateful for the work they do. I know I feel a lot safer walking with my family up and down 5th Street when they're around.

Thank you for your attention to this!  
Stephen Lowe



**From:** [Michael Richards](#)  
**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:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 6:18:16 PM

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Sincerely,  
Michael Richards

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**michael richards**  
about.me/michael.richards

**From:** [Dermot Murphy](#)  
**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  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:43:17 AM

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11/21/2024

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

Dear Honorable Connie Chan, Honorable Myrna Melgar, and Honorable Rafael Mandelman,

I am writing to express deep concern and plead with you to please place this item before the Budget and Finance Committee at the next meeting. This item was introduced to the Board of Supervisors and recommended to the committee on October 8th.

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As a multi-family property owner on the 200 block of Hyde street in the Tenderloin, we have seen first hand how the efforts of Urban Alchemy provide a safer and cleaner environment for our tenants. Furthermore, when the shift ends for the Urban Alchemy crew on our block conditions begin to deteriorate rapidly until the next shift begins. I can say with 100% certainty that if Urban Alchemy is removed from our block then conditions will revert to the same level of chaos that prompted the Urban Alchemy contract in the first place. We owe it to the residents and business owners in the Tenderloin to continue to provide a safe and clean atmosphere.

Sincerely,  
Dermot Murphy  
Cosmopolitan Apartments

**From:** [jeffrey s](#)  
**To:** [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Mayors Staff \(MYR\)](#); [Ebadi, Mahanaz \(BOS\)](#); [Fernando Pujals](#); [Mazza, Mark \(DEM\)](#); [Manning, Daniel \(POL\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Bolen, Jennifer M.\(BOS\)](#); [matta@goldenvoice.com](#); [cmcDermott@thelinehotel.com](#); [catherine@saluhallmarket.com](#)  
**Subject:** [!!Follow up!!] Re: File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program  
**Date:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 4:17:02 PM

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Supervisor Chan (and colleagues + Sup Preston and Dorsey staffs, Warfield, LINE, Saluhall GMs)

While I have not received a reply — disappointing as a resident and tax payer and property owner in the city affected by the issue I've described, as I live at 960 Market, a residential condo of over 200 units — I wanted to follow up to emphasize the significance of this issue to many residents and nearby businesses.

The downtown and mid market story has been long discussed. It's has deteriorated in the two years that I and others have lived and invested in this community as home owners, and as businesses - new and established - seek to thrive.

One bright spot has been the recent change that brought Ambassadors to Market between 5th and 6th, including - crucially - at night. This has created greater support for residents and businesses, enhanced perceptions of safety and wellness (and those perceptions are reinforced by tangible changes since early October).

Just as this changes are taking root, we have learned that the rug is potentially being pulled out. This is beyond dispiriting and creates an impression that leaders with the ability to affect or just sustain positive change are simply unwilling to do so or don't care about the neighborhoods at issue.

Budgets and finances are challenging. But when a relatively modest cost is showing actual impact and progress in a part of the city that is all too often the poster child of what is wrong with the city, stomping out the impact and positive directional change for bureaucratic reasons is beyond what reasonable residents and businesses should have to bear. The effect on the actual ambassador is also a material consequence — firing people getting a second chance in many cases who are doing important on the ground work

Please do the right thing and invest in something that is actually doing good for the people trying to invest in and safely live in this city and for businesses that are trying to thrive.

I and many in the community who are aware of my outreach look forward to hearing from you and learning that you'll be doing the right thing by constituents. I also would expect the recent supervisors for this immediate area to weigh in as well (Dorsey, Preston); Sup Dorsey has in particular been previously helpfully engaged on this

- jeffrey

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 14, 2024, at 12:17 PM, jeffrey s <jms10007@gmail.com> wrote:

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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This program has had a tremendously positive impact on our neighborhood. A sudden withdrawal would be extremely detrimental to the neighborhood and the many lives impacted including the predominantly African American workforce that is saving lives everyday. The situation in this area is precarious.

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:** [Nanci Clarence](#)  
**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 22, 2024 12:31:42 PM

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

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

As a small business owner for over 25 years in the Tenderloin, we have worked very hard to improve our neighborhood despite terrible conditions on the street and virtually zero assistance from the City. It seems that all we do is manage graffiti citations while people deface our building without repercussions, start fires in front of our conference room where we try to see clients, and leave debris (and worse) on our doorstep. We need the ambassadors from Urban Alchemy!

I am writing to express deep concern 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.

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Sincerely,

Nanci Clarence

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**From:** [Baillard, Rhiannon](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [mandelmanstaff@sgov.org](mailto:mandelmanstaff@sgov.org); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File # 240994 Grant Agreement Amendment - Mid-Market Foundation -Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program  
**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2024 3:35:49 PM

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Dear Honorable Chair Chan, Honorable Supervisor Melgar, and Honorable Supervisor Mandelman:

I am writing as a representative of UC Law San Francisco and a Board member of the Mid-Market Business Association to express my deep concern that the Budget and Finance Committee has not yet heard the Urban Alchemy (“UA”) contract amendment. I am writing today to request that you agendaize this item for the next Budget & Finance Committee meeting on December 4th to ensure the continued safety of the Tenderloin/Mid-Market neighborhoods while also preventing the unnecessary termination of UA practitioners.

My understanding is that this item was introduced to the Board of Supervisors and recommended to the committee on October 8th. This contract amendment represents funds that were already approved at the budget and appropriations committee in June of 2024 during the city's budget process to maintain the program at its core deployment along with additional funding by city departments (HSH/DPH/HSA/OEWD) for expansions to the program on the 600 block of Ellis and Willow Alley and Market Street evening hours between 5th and 7th Streets. The Mid-Market Foundation and Urban Alchemy have maintained the core deployment since July of 2024 and began the noted expansion areas in October 2024 in reliance upon these understandings from the City.

Failure to hear this item by December 4<sup>th</sup> will delay funding and require the Mid-Market Foundation **to immediately cut the program by more than half, resulting in the layoff of as many as 150 to 300 practitioners.** Beyond the very real impact that this will have on each of these individual practitioners, this will have an immediate and deleterious effect on the Tenderloin and Mid-Market neighborhoods.

I understand that some of the delay in hearing this item is a concern that this program is not benefiting the community in a tangible way. I cannot overstate the impact of the Urban Alchemy program on the Tenderloin and Mid-Market neighborhoods; their impact has been nothing short of transformative. The practitioners have created a sense of safety and community in neighborhoods that have been besieged by negative activity including drug dealing, drug use, and stolen goods markets. I expect that you would find, if public comment were allowed to proceed, that the community is terrified at the prospect of not having the benefit of the UA practitioners, and even more alarming, to have this happen overnight with no



plan to replace their critical safety services. It would be unconscionable to cut this necessary lifeline in communities who continue to call out for more support.

I implore you to agendize this item as soon as possible to ensure that this workforce is not cut without consideration and through delay. Agendizing will also allow the community to speak to the incredible positive impact that this program has had on our neighborhoods, and it will prevent the community from losing the very real progress that has occurred thanks to this program.

Rhiannon Bailard | Chief Operating Officer  
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**From:** [Louie Hammonds](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:01:25 AM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I am writing to strongly urge your support for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program (File Number: 240994) for the full amendment amount of \$7.76M. This program is a proven initiative that has transformed our neighborhood's safety and created meaningful employment opportunities.

This essential program, primarily staffed by Urban Alchemy, has demonstrated remarkable success through:

- Active ambassador presence across 100 contiguous blocks in our most vulnerable areas
- Innovative deployment models, including overnight support along Fulton Plaza, Larkin and Polk Street commercial corridors
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The full \$7.76M contract amendment would maintain this vital coverage – any reduction would jeopardize the significant progress we've made. Our community has witnessed unprecedented positive changes through this program, including:

[PERSONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT: Please share your direct experience with the program - how it has benefited your business, family, or organization]

The transformation in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,  
[YOUR NAME]  
[TITLE - if applicable]  
[BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION - if applicable]

Sent from my iPhone

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\*Urban Alchemy\*

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**From:** [Louie Hammonds](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:02:55 AM

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Sincerely,  
Louie Hammonds  
Director of Community Based Public Safety  
Urban Alchemy  
12/02/2024  
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**From:** [Darren Carrington](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:04:55 AM

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I personally feel safer with this program in place and believe that it is vital to maintain these services to provide some sense of safety for our residents and businesses that is not otherwise being provided by the City.

The benefit of this program in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

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Sincerely,

**Darren Carrington**

*Managing Director*

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**From:** [Rick Darnell](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:26:23 AM

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Sincerely,  
Rick Darnell  
Director Neighborhood Art  
CounterPulse

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**From:** [Mr. Tipple's - Jay Bordeleau](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:28:26 AM  
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Sincerely,  
Jay Bordeleau  
Owner  
Mr. Tipple's Jazz Club



Jay Bordeleau | Founder  
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**From:** [Jennifer Bielstein](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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At A.C.T.'s Strand Theater we have witnessed positive changes through this program – from its support pre-pandemic, to-date. The shifting of coverage to 11 p.m. was especially important as our business runs until late in the evening.

The transformation in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing investment in our community.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Bielstein

**Jennifer Bielstein (she/her) Executive Director | American Conservatory Theater**  
**415 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 415.439.2366 |**  
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**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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The presence of Urban Alchemy (UA) Practitioners has been a critical “game changer” in efforts to curtail crime, drug dealing & drug use, and other negative behavior in the Tenderloin and Mid-Market areas. Having worked in this neighborhood/area for over 20 years, I have seen the positive impact resulting from their presence. The thought of not having UA’s presence, or even having a lessened presence, alarms me greatly. The positive transformation brought about by UA’s presence and efforts is unarguable. But this change is tenuous and cannot be expected to remain in place without the continued support of UA.

Please do not jeopardize the safety of our neighborhoods in most dire need of support by refusing to support this amendment amount of \$7.76M. I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving

a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,

Greg Moore

Learning & Development Manager

Tenderloin Community Benefit District

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**From:** [Miia Kautovaara](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Scott Jackson](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Dahl, Bryan \(BOS\)](#); [Dennis-Phillips, Sarah \(ECN\)](#); [Arvanitidis, Laurel \(ECN\)](#); [Doug Murray](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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Dear Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, and Melgar,

We write to urge you to vote in favor of amendment (File #240994) and support the total previously approved amount of \$7.76M. Urban Alchemy provides vital services for the residents, businesses, and nonprofits of Mid-Market and downtown San Francisco and we believe any cuts or delays in their funding will negatively impact the city.

In August 2023, IKEA opened our San Francisco store at 945 Market Street, which is part of a new Meeting Place from Ingka Centres, a global operator of retail-led destinations which is part of Ingka Group, the largest IKEA retailer. As anchor of the meeting place, IKEA San Francisco has created over 100 jobs and provides San Franciscans with affordable home furnishing solutions. Our presence in San Francisco expanded further in January 2024 with the launch of 'Hej!Workshop,' a flexible co-working space, followed by the April 2024 opening of Saluhall, a 25,000-square-foot food hall that serves as a culinary destination and community hub for Mid-Market.

At IKEA and Ingka Centres, our shared vision is to create a better everyday life for the many people. We are committed to being good neighbors in San Francisco and have worked closely with Urban Alchemy since our opening. Urban Alchemy provides essentially security and community outreach services, and we believe their work should not be interrupted or disrupted through funding cuts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Scott Jackson**  
Market Manager  
IKEA San Francisco

and

**Miia Kautovaara**  
Meeting Place Manager  
Ingka Centres San Francisco



**From:** [Desi Danganan](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,  
[YOUR NAME]  
[TITLE - if applicable]  
[BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION - if applicable]

Desi Danganan  
Executive Director

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desi@kultivatelabs.org

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**From:** [weswake@redtailsf.com](mailto:weswake@redtailsf.com)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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We operate the Red Tail Beer & Wine bar at 992 Market Street (Taylor/6<sup>th</sup> and Market). This block was so packed with open air drug use, dealing, violence and other crime that doing business here would have been unimaginable a year ago. As it stands only a handful of stalwart businesses continue in this area of Mid-Market thanks to the significant improvement in conditions as of late thanks in large part to Urban Alchemy. If street conditions return to what they were because this initiative is ended, we will have no choice but to close and leave the area.

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Sincerely,  
Wesley Wakeford  
Partner  
The Red Tail Beer & Wine Bar

**From:** [Brent Miller](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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Sincerely,

**Brent Miller**

Executive Director / Co-founder

Center for New Music

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San Francisco, CA 94102

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**From:** [Shannon Stokes](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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I live on a block of Willow between Van Ness Ave and Polk Street which currently does not have ambassador coverage. But after seeing improvements on our block since the gang shooting a few months ago, I worry what would happen on my block if ambassador coverage for the TL in general is cut. We are hanging in by a thread as it is.

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Sincerely,  
Shannon  
Concerned Resident

**From:** [MAX YOUNG](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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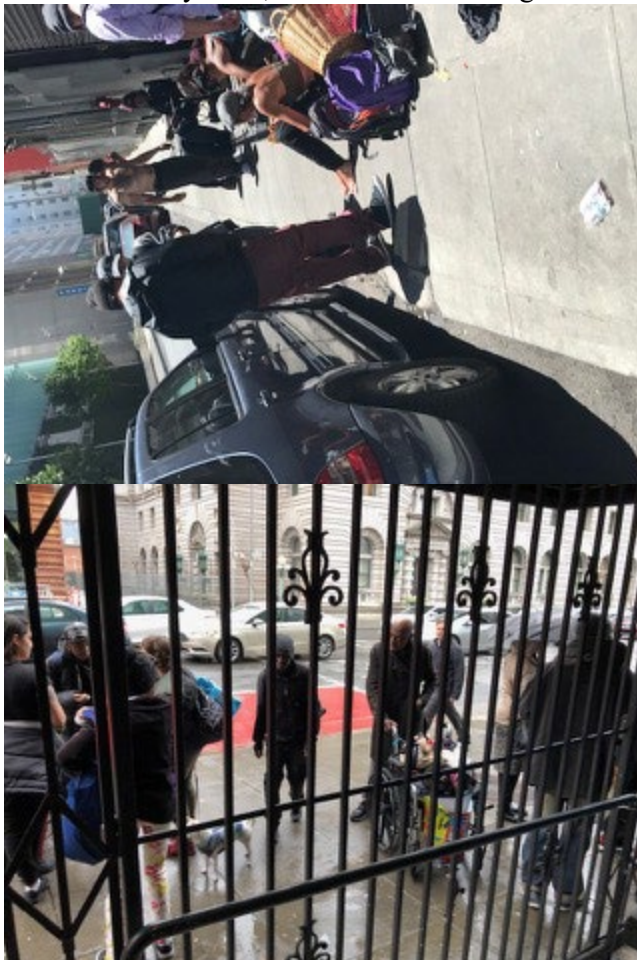
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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I have personally seen the change made by the UA ambassador program on my corner of 7th and Stevenson. My corner was overrun with drug dealers and users - so much so I lost my business. People died on my doorstep, there were 100's of ambulance calls. The UA program has slowly changed all that. Nowadays, during UA operation hours, our streets are cleaner, safer and no longer run by gangs of drug dealers. The difference is dramatic and delaying funding of this essential program as SF is just starting to finally recover from its mishandling of the opioid crisis would be a huge step BACKWARD for the city and for this heavily impacted neighborhood.

My corner used to look like this every day and night. Drug dealers abounded here. It is now mostly clear, clean and safe during the time that UA is on the job.





SO,

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Sincerely,

Max Young

Former owner of Mr. Smith's, 34 7th St

Member of the Open Air Drug Dealing Task Force

**From:** [Matthew Hotaling](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE HELP KEEP MY EMPLOYEES SAFE @ THE MINT PLAZA  
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Hi,

I write this to you with a feeling of hopelessness. Since UA has had needles, a dead cat, feces, people destroying our property, running into the restaurant. Not to mention all of the trash littered. Guests don't feel safe, I have to walk guests to their cars. We receive reviews & cancellations due to the neighborhood.

We need help. Stripping us of UA was shortsighted. We were making such great progress, now we have regressed. If you truly care about the economic recovery of downtown, then you will grant us UA again.

We pick up trash, needles, clean urine, feces, we do our part. Please do yours. As elected representatives of the city. Please represent us.

I will spare you with photos & videos, but I have several on file if needed.

I believe in this city & I believe you will make the right decision.

Please fight for us, as we fight for you.

**Matthew Hotaling**  
*General Manager*

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**From:** [Info CBD](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Letter of Support: File No. 240994 Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community-Based Safety Program  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 5:12:28 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

**Urban Alchemy practitioners are an integral part of the public safety network we have built in the downtown core.** Their contribution is working and the City should move quickly to preserve it. Downtown is the current face of San Francisco.

Without a high level of support from Urban Alchemy the current multi-agency network providing a ‘proactive’ approach to public safety for our downtown will suffer. While the number of ambassador groups working downtown to achieve shared goals may seem excessive, each has different mandates and capabilities, and we still need more.

A compelling example of this was when an elderly Asian woman was attacked at 8<sup>th</sup> and Market Street. It took personnel from three different public safety teams to provide the assistance needed before City personnel could respond:

- A **CBD Ambassador** first witnessed a man violently confronting a woman, but did not have the training or authority to intervene.
- He quickly alerted a nearby **Urban Alchemy Practitioner** who was trained and permitted to engage in volatile situations in need of de-escalation.
- Unfortunately, the man attacked the woman and the Urban Alchemy practitioner had reached his permitted level of engagement; he then turned to a nearby **Private Security Guard** who had the training, authority, and equipment to physically restrain the assailant.
- While the Private Security Guard physically restrained the assailant, the CBD Ambassador called 911 and stayed with the victim; the Urban Alchemy Practitioner calmed the large and agitated group of witnesses that had formed, keeping them away from both victim and assailant until paramedics and law enforcement officers arrived on the scene.

Neither public or private public safety personnel can, nor should, go it alone. Hence the herculean effort organizations like ours and Urban Alchemy have made to partner with and support our fellow public safety providers.

Transit portals are also safer with Urban Alchemy’s presence. This improves the use of public transportation by all, including theater patrons arriving downtown via MUNI and BART, hotel guests arriving from nearby airports, and downtown workers – many of whom work at City, State and Federal office buildings in and around City Hall.

Urban Alchemy Practitioners also manage the beloved dog park in UN Plaza, the Heart of the City Farmers' Market, and the playgrounds in Civic Center Plaza.

Please keep our current public safety network whole by supporting Urban Alchemy staffing to the greatest extent possible.

Sincerely,

**Civic Center Community Benefit District**

A private, not for profit, community-based organization.

**From:** [Hannah Maverick](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I personally live on Willow Alley, which is not covered by Urban Alchemy, however their nearby presence in surrounding alleys has been helpful. Ambassadors are crucial for keeping our neighbourhood safe. Without them, chaos and violence takes over quickly.

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Sincerely,

Hannah

Tenderloin Homeowner  
Wife & Mother

*Hannah Maverick*  
*Pronouns: she/her*

**From:** [Jane Weil](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 9:52:21 PM

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As an active resident of SOMAGrand, Mission Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street, I am writing to strongly urge your support for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program (File Number: 240994) for the **full amendment amount of \$7.76M**. This program is a proven initiative that has transformed our neighborhood's safety and created meaningful employment opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Jane Weil

Mid Market CBD Board

SOMAGrand HOA Board

Better Market Street CAC Member

Eastern Neighborhood CAC Member



**From:** [Michael Calloway, PhD](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Monday, December 2, 2024 10:21:54 PM

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Sincerely,  
Michael Calloway  
Resident- 6 Mint Plaza

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jamie Budgett](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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The full \$7.76M contract amendment would maintain this vital coverage – any reduction would jeopardize the significant progress we've made. Our community has witnessed unprecedented positive changes through this program, and as a business operator that draws thousands of people to our theatres each month we have become increasingly reliant on the support of organizations such as Urban Alchemy and the work they do.

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Sincerely,

**Jamie Budgett**

**General Manager**

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**From:** [Kate Robinson](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:39:16 AM

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Sincerely,

Kate Robinson  
Executive Director  
Tenderloin Community Benefit District

**From:** [Richard Perri](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin Aaron](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:35:56 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

**SUBJECT:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding

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Urban Alkay has been one of the best assets to the neighborhood. I've been a member of the Odd Fellows home was four decades and my STUDIO is in the Odd Fellows building at 26 7th St. since that time the alcoholics/drug addicts prostitutes another individuals of that type dominated the sidewalk on the corner of seventh and market surrounding our building. Since you've been alchemy has come in and provided their service the neighborhood and these sidewalk around the building is completely clear of any criminal element that existed before that... I have a letter from Diane Feinstein when she was mayor saying that she would do something about it and it's taking this long to get something done... To remove them from the area would be a great peril to the neighborhood and they should be permitted to continue the good work that they're doing and provide them with the funds needed to do that

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Sincerely,

Richard Louis Perri

Fine, Artist

Executive committee chairman Odd Fellows on seventh and market Street

To ensure public transparency, we wanted to provide the following corrections to statements made by District One Supervisor Connie Chan and reported in the press about the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program and Urban Alchemy.

### **Budget Allocation Claims**

*FALSE: Board of Supervisors budget chair Connie Chan argues that Urban Alchemy was allocated \$16 million in June for the year; she doesn't want to "give more money without seeing performance metrics or hearing an explanation of why it is overspending."*

### **TRUTH:**

- **A \$20M budget was presented, heard, and approved in June 2024**
- **This required an amendment to the Mid-Market Foundation's contract with the City**
- **The Mayor's Office, Department of Emergency Management, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development requested continued operations at the \$20M annual budget rate starting July 2024**

## **Service Expansion Claims**

*FALSE: Urban Alchemy needs the money because it overspent its budget after Mayor London Breed authorized expanding coverage to Willow Street and increasing service hours until 11 p.m. along Market Street in recent months.*

### **TRUTH:**

- **In August/September 2024, city departments committed an additional \$3.76M from approved budgets for expansion**
- **These expanded services were implemented in good faith**
- **The community has positively received the expanded coverage along Market Street, 600 Ellis, and Willow Alley**

## **Financial Oversight Claims**

*FALSE: "The Mid-Market Foundation has spent all its annual budget of \$16 million in just the first three months of this fiscal year, and now, because of their lack of spending control and planning, people are at risk of being laid off."*

### **TRUTH:**

- **Through October 31, the Foundation received \$8,416,400 in payments, not \$16 million**
- **The WARN Act was issued only after the item was not placed on the November 20th Budget and Finance Committee agenda**
- **This affects over 300 Urban Alchemy employees who continue their work**
- **The \$7,737,600 amendment represents previously approved and budgeted funding, not new funding**

## **Performance Monitoring Claims**



*FALSE: Supervisor Chan claims Urban Alchemy hasn't furnished performance reviews for its efforts in the Tenderloin, while other ambassador programs have "proven to deliver results."*

**TRUTH:**

- **The Foundation submits 18 performance reports annually to the City:**
  - **Monthly performance reports to OEWD and DEM**
  - **Quarterly reports**
  - **Semi-annual reports**
  - **Annual reports**
- **All grant payments require approved performance reports**
- **5 community surveys in 3 years show positive program ratings**
- **Other City ambassador programs and retired police do NOT submit monthly performance reports**

**Timeline Clarification**

- **June 2023: Program secured initial two-year funding (\$20.5M for FY23-24, \$16M for FY24-25)**
- **June 2024: Budget & Appropriations Committee approved increase to maintain \$20M for FY24-25**
- **August/September 2024: Additional \$3.76M committed for service expansion**

**From:** [Bita Nazarian](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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At 826 Valencia's Tenderloin Center, we have about 1,500 school -aged children travel to participate in our free writing, tutoring, and publishing programs each year. The safety on our streets is imperative. The Urban Alchemy stewards help keep the streets clean, calm, and welcoming.

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Sincerely,  
Bita Nazarian  
Executive Director  
826 Valencia

**Bita Nazarian**  
Executive Director  
*she/her*



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Land Acknowledgement: 826 Valencia Centers are on unceded Ramaytush land, both ancestrally and in the present day.

**From:** [Richard Perri](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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Sincerely,  
[YOUR NAME]  
[TITLE - if applicable]  
[BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION - if applicable]

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Theresa Flynn Houghton](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

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**Theresa Flynn Houghton** President

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**From:** [Jim Dawson](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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Sincerely,  
Jim Dawson

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jamie Flanagan](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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Sincerely,  
Jamie Flanagan





Jamie Flanagan  
Phoenix Hotel  
415.254.7478

**From:** [Bailard, Rhiannon](#)  
**To:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [boardofsupervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofsupervisors@sfgov.org)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:27:09 PM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I am writing as a representative of UC Law San Francisco and a Board member of the Mid-Market Business Association to **strongly urge your support** for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program (File Number: 240994) for the **full amendment amount of \$7.76M**. This program is a proven initiative that has crucially transformed our neighborhood's safety and created meaningful employment opportunities.

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The full \$7.76M contract amendment would maintain this vital coverage – any reduction would jeopardize the significant progress we've made. I cannot overstate the impact of the Urban Alchemy program on the Tenderloin and Mid-Market neighborhoods; their impact has been nothing short of transformative. The practitioners have created a sense of safety and community in neighborhoods that have been besieged by negative activity including drug dealing, drug use, and stolen goods markets. It would be unconscionable to cut this necessary lifeline in communities who continue to call out for more support. The transformation in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

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Thank you for your consideration.

[Rhiannon Bailard](#) | Chief Operating Officer  
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**From:** [Anne Conley](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Isabel Manchester](#); [Jamie Flanagan](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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My brother, Chip, and I have owned and managed the Phoenix Hotel and its various restaurants at Larkin & Eddy Streets since the mid-1980's. I worked at the front desk from 1991-1993, often manning the 3-11pm shift with no other hotel staff members on site in the evenings. No doubt, the neighborhood was gritty even then, but I never felt unsafe and I always recommended that my friends visiting the City stay at the Phoenix Hotel. Cut to the past 5-7 years, and the issues of the TL have made running a hotel and restaurant at this location untenable. It is no longer a secure neighborhood and I NEVER recommend the hotel to friends/family, out of concern for their safety. Despite many creative efforts to breathe life into these iconic businesses by our partners Isabel Manchester and Jamie Flanagan (and our amazing staff), both the hotel and restaurant continue to lose money because tourists have no interest in staying and locals have no interest in dining in the Tenderloin. We are seriously considering walking away from the businesses when the lease expires in less than a year.

But we have very recently begun seeing signs of hope in the neighborhood. Over the past decade, when the sidewalk in front of the hotel was occasionally cleaned up, it was always just a matter of a short time before it filled up again with tents, dealers, needles and human feces. But over the past 6-10 months, the sidewalks have been cleaned up and have generally remained clean. The area looks and feels safer on a consistent basis. I've noticed when walking in the TL and Civic Center areas that the extreme sense of doom has lifted and I have a number of friends and co-workers who've told me they've experienced the same thing.

These recent improvements aren't a coincidence and they aren't luck. No neighborhood as challenged as the Tenderloin makes marked improvement without intention and resources. This is how I know that the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program is working. To pull or even decrease the funding for this program will have devastating consequences to the thousands of people who live, work and visit the area.

**Please don't allow these improvements to lose momentum at this critical time.** The

innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Anne Conley, Owner  
Phoenix Hotel and Chambers Eat + Drink

**From:** [Naomi Maisel](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Leticia Landa](#); [Aniela Valtierra](#); [Michelle Magat](#)  
**Subject:** File Number: 240994 Re: Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding  
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The full \$7.76M contract amendment would maintain this vital coverage – any reduction would jeopardize the significant progress we've made. Our community of small businesses depends on dedicated ambassadors to help ensure the safety of their employees, clients and customers. The ongoing presence of these ambassadors plays a crucial role in creating a sense of security and warmth, making neighborhoods more inviting and enhancing the success of small businesses. When people feel safe walking through the area, they are more likely to explore and support the local shops and restaurants that make our city unique, which in turn supports vibrant and diverse economic landscapes. Without small businesses, San Francisco loses a vital part of its character, and without the support of the city, San Francisco will lose small businesses.

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Sincerely,  
Naomi Maisel  
Strategic Partnerships and Impact Manager

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**From:** [Law & Germano](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Aleece Germano and Simon Law



**From:** [andrew sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I am writing to both urge the allocation of the previously approved additional funding for Urban Alchemy and to counter claims made by Supervisor and Budget Committee Chair Chan that question the effectiveness of Urban Alchemy in addressing the profound social challenges playing out in the streets of the Tenderloin and Mid Market. Compromising Urban Alchemy's ability to operate in this area would be an act of reckless negligence. More importantly, it ignores a clear and recent precedent of the negative social, economic and political implications of reducing Urban Alchemy's oversight of our challenged public spaces.

**Who Am I and Why Should My Opinion Matter?**

I am a fourth-generation SF-native and purchased 537 Stevenson Street in 1999. I have been deeply engaged in efforts to elevate the neighborhood and have worked with a wide variety of city agencies over the past 25 years, including the SFPD, SFPW, SPUR, SFPUC, DPH, SF Aids Foundation, OEWD, the MMBA, Five Keys, the MMCBD & CCCBD, SF HOT, MOHCD and various non-profit organizations in the neighborhood. I founded the Stevenson Street 500 Block Health & Safety Group, The Friends of Stevenson Street, authored a monthly neighborhood newsletter and washed a large swath of the block's sidewalks and streets daily with my 300 foot hose. I was instrumental in getting the lanterns hung between the skybridge and 6th and ran lunchtime and night concerts on the block for five years, heavily attended during Covid and known as the 'Skybridge on Stevenson' hip hop dance and music series. I earned the moniker 'The Mayor of Stevenson Street' for my tireless advocacy in the neighborhood. This experience has given me unique insight into the challenges we face and has allowed me to work with nearly every organization and agency in the area that is actively trying to address them.

Mid Market and the TL are where the horrors of economic inequality, racism and a new wave lethally-addictive drugs intersect and the implications play out with particular effect on the 500 block of Stevenson. I have found people dead at 10am from fentanyl overdoses. I and many I work with have been randomly attacked in broad daylight. I have lost many tenants due to the street conditions and repeated robberies. I have watched local residents struggle to find any respite outdoors. Due to the unique concentration of drug use and loitering on the 500 block of Stevenson, it was used as an early test-case to determine if UA could have the same impact on the general urban landscape as they had in areas designated for a specific use, such as a school, playground, landmark or other specific use. The impact was dramatic and

immediate. I watched their ambassadors skillfully approach, engage and diffuse a variety of highly disruptive and potentially violent individuals. Having done this work informally for years, I know how stressful, difficult and dangerous it can be, but the level of deep presence and effective communication displayed by the UA Ambassadors was unlike anything I have witnessed from other community engagement organizations. Having worked with every community ambassador program, law enforcement effort and harm-reduction group in the area, I seriously question Supervisor Chan's motivation and source of data to question UA's effectiveness.

***In my 25 years working in this community, Urban Alchemy is the only agency or organization in the city with the vision, mandate, skill, culture and training to effectively address these complex issues.***

My lived experience aside, to my knowledge, no other program has been studied as rigorously as Urban Alchemy was in Stanford's recent research effort, lead by Dr. Forrest Stuart, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Ethnography Lab at Stanford. Dr. Stuart was embedded with UA staff for six months and used **city data** to show that the presence of UA has a significant and positive impact on virtually every measurable factor relevant to improving street experience. What data or study is Supervisor Chan citing? What group or organization has the leadership, culture, vision and results that have been repeatedly demonstrated by Urban Alchemy and its founder, Dr. Lena Miller? As an engaged member of this community with decades of hands-on experience working to elevate the experience for everyone here, I am simply baffled by the Supervisor's false and misleading statements aimed to discredit the only demonstrably effective resource available to the city.

#### **What The Budget Committee Can Learn from Emily Cohen**

Luckily, Supervisor Chan's uninformed efforts have a recent precedent in Emily Cohen of the Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Cohen, clearly influenced by the Coalition On Homelessness, chose to transfer the city clinic management contract on our block from UA to Five Keys to appease COH interests. Conditions collapsed immediately under Five Keys and we saw stabbings, robberies, dealing, drug use, loitering and encampments return over night. After a year of sustained neighborhood outcry of residents, businesses and upper management at ECS itself, Ms. Cohen was compelled to rehire UA, who immediately reestablished safe conditions on the block.

***The neighborhood outcry on our block sparked by the damaging effect of reducing UA's coverage should serve as clear warnings of the social and economic impacts and political backlash for Budget Committee members who follow Supervisor Chan's misguided lead.***

If you understand the complexity of what's happening on our neighborhood streets and you understand the critical roles that the Tenderloin and Mid Market play in people's experience of the city, you will vote with urgency to continue to fund and support Urban Alchemy. The city's ability to navigate this massive civic challenge rests largely on the abilities of this organization. Defunding Urban Alchemy is

defunding our hope for a better San Francisco.

Andrew Sullivan  
Friends of Stevenson  
Stevenson 500 Block Group

**From:** [E Design](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Urban Alchemy - keep this essential service!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 10:58:30 AM

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I am not able to attend today's meeting November 26th 2024, because of work.

I wanted to present my letter concerning the city's plan to cut Urban Alchemy.

San Francisco plans to cut 300+ jobs from Urban Alchemy. This would be terrible for the city.

Urban Alchemy provides an essential service to the public, much like the police. In fact, Urban Alchemy is out where police are not -- in areas of the Tenderloin, 5th and 6th streets, at night in dangerous conditions.

I've seen Urban Alchemy workers saving the life of an individual who had overdosed.

Urban Alchemy workers perform their duties on their own, saving SFPD for other emergency calls. Urban Alchemy workers carry no weapons and must use de-escalation and be prepared for many emergencies.

The city cannot afford to lose this service. Urban Alchemy workers have been employed, some out of prison, to serve our community.

If San Francisco begins to fire these workers, what message does it send to those who want a better life?

"You're temporary and not worth keeping".

That is a terrible message.

Please don't let the public down.

Keep Urban Alchemy going.

**From:** [Darren Carrington](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I personally feel safer with this program in place and believe that it is vital to maintain these services to provide some sense of safety for our residents and businesses that is not otherwise being provided by the City.

The benefit of this program in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

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Sincerely,

**Darren Carrington**

*Managing Director*

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**From:** [Jennifer Bielstein](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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At A.C.T.'s Strand Theater we have witnessed positive changes through this program – from its support pre-pandemic, to-date. The shifting of coverage to 11 p.m. was especially important as our business runs until late in the evening.

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Thank you for your consideration and ongoing investment in our community.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Bielstein

**Jennifer Bielstein (she/her) Executive Director | American Conservatory Theater**  
**415 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 | 415.439.2366 |**  
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**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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The presence of Urban Alchemy (UA) Practitioners has been a critical “game changer” in efforts to curtail crime, drug dealing & drug use, and other negative behavior in the Tenderloin and Mid-Market areas. Having worked in this neighborhood/area for over 20 years, I have seen the positive impact resulting from their presence. The thought of not having UA’s presence, or even having a lessened presence, alarms me greatly. The positive transformation brought about by UA’s presence and efforts is unarguable. But this change is tenuous and cannot be expected to remain in place without the continued support of UA.

Please do not jeopardize the safety of our neighborhoods in most dire need of support by refusing to support this amendment amount of \$7.76M. I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving

a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,

Greg Moore

Learning & Development Manager

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**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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We operate the Red Tail Beer & Wine bar at 992 Market Street (Taylor/6<sup>th</sup> and Market). This block was so packed with open air drug use, dealing, violence and other crime that doing business here would have been unimaginable a year ago. As it stands only a handful of stalwart businesses continue in this area of Mid-Market thanks to the significant improvement in conditions as of late thanks in large part to Urban Alchemy. If street conditions return to what they were because this initiative is ended, we will have no choice but to close and leave the area.

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Sincerely,  
Wesley Wakeford  
Partner  
The Red Tail Beer & Wine Bar

**From:** [Shannon Stokes](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I live on a block of Willow between Van Ness Ave and Polk Street which currently does not have ambassador coverage. But after seeing improvements on our block since the gang shooting a few months ago, I worry what would happen on my block if ambassador coverage for the TL in general is cut. We are hanging in by a thread as it is.

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Sincerely,  
Shannon  
Concerned Resident

**From:** [MAX YOUNG](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
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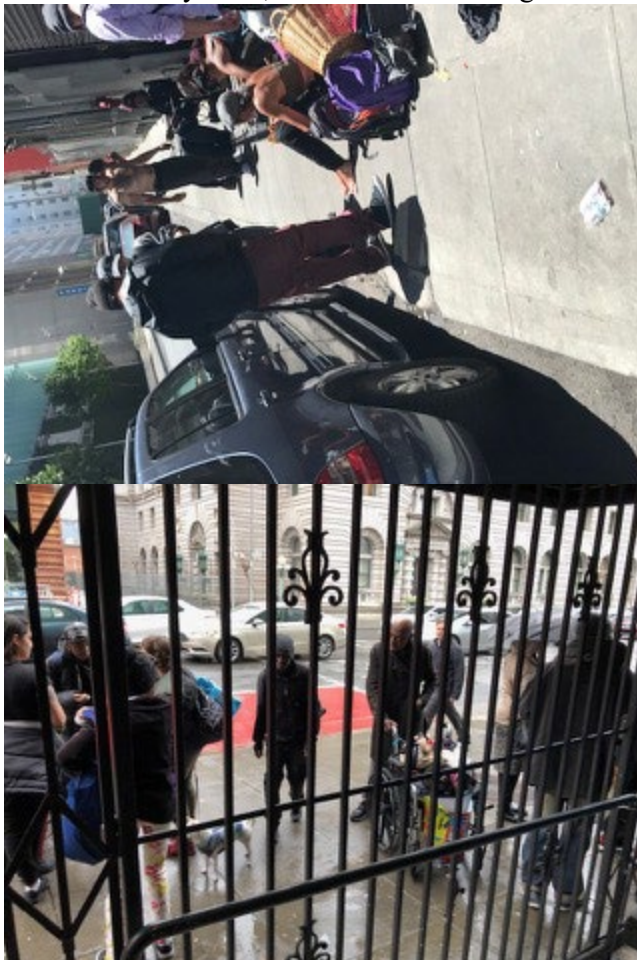
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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I have personally seen the change made by the UA ambassador program on my corner of 7th and Stevenson. My corner was overrun with drug dealers and users - so much so I lost my business. People died on my doorstep, there were 100's of ambulance calls. The UA program has slowly changed all that. Nowadays, during UA operation hours, our streets are cleaner, safer and no longer run by gangs of drug dealers. The difference is dramatic and delaying funding of this essential program as SF is just starting to finally recover from its mishandling of the opioid crisis would be a huge step BACKWARD for the city and for this heavily impacted neighborhood.

My corner used to look like this every day and night. Drug dealers abounded here. It is now mostly clear, clean and safe during the time that UA is on the job.



SO,

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Sincerely,

Max Young

Former owner of Mr. Smith's, 34 7th St

Member of the Open Air Drug Dealing Task Force

**From:** [Matthew Hotaling](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE HELP KEEP MY EMPLOYEES SAFE @ THE MINT PLAZA  
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Hi,

I write this to you with a feeling of hopelessness. Since UA has had needles, a dead cat, feces, people destroying our property, running into the restaurant. Not to mention all of the trash littered. Guests don't feel safe, I have to walk guests to their cars. We receive reviews & cancellations due to the neighborhood.

We need help. Stripping us of UA was shortsighted. We were making such great progress, now we have regressed. If you truly care about the economic recovery of downtown, then you will grant us UA again.

We pick up trash, needles, clean urine, feces, we do our part. Please do yours. As elected representatives of the city. Please represent us.

I will spare you with photos & videos, but I have several on file if needed.

I believe in this city & I believe you will make the right decision.

Please fight for us, as we fight for you.

**Matthew Hotaling**  
*General Manager*

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**From:** [andrew sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

I am writing to both urge the allocation of the previously approved additional funding for Urban Alchemy and to counter claims made by Supervisor and Budget Committee Chair Chan that question the effectiveness of Urban Alchemy in addressing the profound social challenges playing out in the streets of the Tenderloin and Mid Market. Compromising Urban Alchemy's ability to operate in this area would be an act of reckless negligence. More importantly, it ignores a clear and recent precedent of the negative social, economic and political implications of reducing Urban Alchemy's oversight of our challenged public spaces.

**Who Am I and Why Should My Opinion Matter?**

I am a fourth-generation SF-native and purchased 537 Stevenson Street in 1999. I have been deeply engaged in efforts to elevate the neighborhood and have worked with a wide variety of city agencies over the past 25 years, including the SFPD, SFPW, SPUR, SFPUC, DPH, SF Aids Foundation, OEWD, the MMBA, Five Keys, the MMCBD & CCCBD, SF HOT, MOHCD and various non-profit organizations in the neighborhood. I founded the Stevenson Street 500 Block Health & Safety Group, The Friends of Stevenson Street, authored a monthly neighborhood newsletter and washed a large swath of the block's sidewalks and streets daily with my 300 foot hose. I was instrumental in getting the lanterns hung between the skybridge and 6th and ran lunchtime and night concerts on the block for five years, heavily attended during Covid and known as the 'Skybridge on Stevenson' hip hop dance and music series. I earned the moniker 'The Mayor of Stevenson Street' for my tireless advocacy in the neighborhood. This experience has given me unique insight into the challenges we face and has allowed me to work with nearly every organization and agency in the area that is actively trying to address them.

Mid Market and the TL are where the horrors of economic inequality, racism and a new wave lethally-addictive drugs intersect and the implications play out with particular effect on the 500 block of Stevenson. I have found people dead at 10am from fentanyl overdoses. I and many I work with have been randomly attacked in broad daylight. I have lost many tenants due to the street conditions and repeated robberies. I have watched local residents struggle to find any respite outdoors. Due to the unique concentration of drug use and loitering on the 500 block of Stevenson, it was used as an early test-case to determine if UA could have the same impact on the general urban landscape as they had in areas designated for a specific use, such as a school, playground, landmark or other specific use. The impact was dramatic and

immediate. I watched their ambassadors skillfully approach, engage and diffuse a variety of highly disruptive and potentially violent individuals. Having done this work informally for years, I know how stressful, difficult and dangerous it can be, but the level of deep presence and effective communication displayed by the UA Ambassadors was unlike anything I have witnessed from other community engagement organizations. Having worked with every community ambassador program, law enforcement effort and harm-reduction group in the area, I seriously question Supervisor Chan's motivation and source of data to question UA's effectiveness.

***In my 25 years working in this community, Urban Alchemy is the only agency or organization in the city with the vision, mandate, skill, culture and training to effectively address these complex issues.***

My lived experience aside, to my knowledge, no other program has been studied as rigorously as Urban Alchemy was in Stanford's recent research effort, lead by Dr. Forrest Stuart, Professor of Sociology and Director of the Ethnography Lab at Stanford. Dr. Stuart was embedded with UA staff for six months and used **city data** to show that the presence of UA has a significant and positive impact on virtually every measurable factor relevant to improving street experience. What data or study is Supervisor Chan citing? What group or organization has the leadership, culture, vision and results that have been repeatedly demonstrated by Urban Alchemy and its founder, Dr. Lena Miller? As an engaged member of this community with decades of hands-on experience working to elevate the experience for everyone here, I am simply baffled by the Supervisor's false and misleading statements aimed to discredit the only demonstrably effective resource available to the city.

#### **What The Budget Committee Can Learn from Emily Cohen**

Luckily, Supervisor Chan's uninformed efforts have a recent precedent in Emily Cohen of the Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Cohen, clearly influenced by the Coalition On Homelessness, chose to transfer the city clinic management contract on our block from UA to Five Keys to appease COH interests. Conditions collapsed immediately under Five Keys and we saw stabbings, robberies, dealing, drug use, loitering and encampments return over night. After a year of sustained neighborhood outcry of residents, businesses and upper management at ECS itself, Ms. Cohen was compelled to rehire UA, who immediately reestablished safe conditions on the block.

***The neighborhood outcry on our block sparked by the damaging effect of reducing UA's coverage should serve as clear warnings of the social and economic impacts and political backlash for Budget Committee members who follow Supervisor Chan's misguided lead.***

If you understand the complexity of what's happening on our neighborhood streets and you understand the critical roles that the Tenderloin and Mid Market play in people's experience of the city, you will vote with urgency to continue to fund and support Urban Alchemy. The city's ability to navigate this massive civic challenge rests largely on the abilities of this organization. Defunding Urban Alchemy is

defunding our hope for a better San Francisco.

Andrew Sullivan  
Friends of Stevenson  
Stevenson 500 Block Group

**From:** [Hannah Maverick](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I personally live on Willow Alley, which is not covered by Urban Alchemy, however their nearby presence in surrounding alleys has been helpful. Ambassadors are crucial for keeping our neighbourhood safe. Without them, chaos and violence takes over quickly.

The transformation in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,

Hannah

Tenderloin Homeowner  
Wife & Mother

*Hannah Maverick*  
*Pronouns: she/her*

**From:** [Jane Weil](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

As an active resident of SOMAGrand, Mission Street between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street, I am writing to strongly urge your support for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program (File Number: 240994) for the **full amendment amount of \$7.76M**. This program is a proven initiative that has transformed our neighborhood's safety and created meaningful employment opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Jane Weil

Mid Market CBD Board

SOMAGrand HOA Board

Better Market Street CAC Member

Eastern Neighborhood CAC Member

**From:** [Jamie Budgett](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I strongly urge you to support the Mayor's Budget Proposal for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program in full. This is not just about maintaining clean sidewalks and safe spaces – it's about preserving a successful model that has brought real change to our community while providing dignified employment to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Sincerely,

**Jamie Budgett**



**General Manager**

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Sincerely,  
Aleece Germano and Simon Law

**From:** [Anne Conley](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Isabel Manchester](#); [Jamie Flanagan](#)  
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This essential program, primarily staffed by Urban Alchemy, has demonstrated remarkable success and the full \$7.76M contract amendment would maintain this vital coverage. Any reduction would jeopardize the significant progress cleaning up the streets of the Tenderloin.

My brother, Chip, and I have owned and managed the Phoenix Hotel and its various restaurants at Larkin & Eddy Streets since the mid-1980's. I worked at the front desk from 1991-1993, often manning the 3-11pm shift with no other hotel staff members on site in the evenings. No doubt, the neighborhood was gritty even then, but I never felt unsafe and I always recommended that my friends visiting the City stay at the Phoenix Hotel. Cut to the past 5-7 years, and the issues of the TL have made running a hotel and restaurant at this location untenable. It is no longer a secure neighborhood and I NEVER recommend the hotel to friends/family, out of concern for their safety. Despite many creative efforts to breathe life into these iconic businesses by our partners Isabel Manchester and Jamie Flanagan (and our amazing staff), both the hotel and restaurant continue to lose money because tourists have no interest in staying and locals have no interest in dining in the Tenderloin. We are seriously considering walking away from the businesses when the lease expires in less than a year.

But we have very recently begun seeing signs of hope in the neighborhood. Over the past decade, when the sidewalk in front of the hotel was occasionally cleaned up, it was always just a matter of a short time before it filled up again with tents, dealers, needles and human feces. But over the past 6-10 months, the sidewalks have been cleaned up and have generally remained clean. The area looks and feels safer on a consistent basis. I've noticed when walking in the TL and Civic Center areas that the extreme sense of doom has lifted and I have a number of friends and co-workers who've told me they've experienced the same thing.

These recent improvements aren't a coincidence and they aren't luck. No neighborhood as challenged as the Tenderloin makes marked improvement without intention and resources. This is how I know that the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program is working. To pull or even decrease the funding for this program will have devastating consequences to the thousands of people who live, work and visit the area.

**Please don't allow these improvements to lose momentum at this critical time.** The

innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

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Sincerely,  
Anne Conley, Owner  
Phoenix Hotel and Chambers Eat + Drink

**From:** [Dustin Dolginow](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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I have lived at 6 Mint Plaza for over a decade and volunteered on my HOA's Board. Urban Alchemy has transformed our block along Stevenson Street and in/around Mint Plaza, helping residents feel safe and businesses to operate. The transformation in our neighborhood is clear, but remains fragile. We cannot risk losing momentum. The innovative approaches of this program have created a model of community safety that works.

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Sincerely,  
Dustin Dolginow  
Treasurer - Mint Collection HOA  
6 Mint Plaza - 94103

**From:** [Theresa Flynn Houghton](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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- Community members, including seniors, families, and children, feel safer in the neighborhood.

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Sincerely,

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**Theresa Flynn Houghton** President

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**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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At 826 Valencia's Tenderloin Center, we have about 1,500 school -aged children travel to participate in our free writing, tutoring, and publishing programs each year. The safety on our streets is imperative. The Urban Alchemy stewards help keep the streets clean, calm, and welcoming.

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Sincerely,  
Bita Nazarian  
Executive Director  
826 Valencia

**Bita Nazarian**  
Executive Director  
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**From:** [Nicole Smith](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicole Smith](#)  
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**\*Urban Alchemy has directly made my job as a security guard and manager of a janitorial crew much easier because they assist in keeping the trash clear and prompting others to clean up after themselves.**

\*The feeling of safety walking to and from the Bill Graham Civic where I have worked for over 12 years, has never been better.

\*The presence of the Urban Alchemy has made me feel SAFE just being outside the building.

\*There are less fights and drug dealing around the building.

\*There is less graffiti!

\*The cleanliness of the Civic Center area has improved drastically. There are much less

needles and human waste on the ground where the children walk to go to the Civic Center playground.

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Sincerely,

Nicole G Smith

Janitorial Manager, Bill Graham Civic Auditorium

Another Planet Entertainment