

From: [ROBIN H. ROTH](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Purchase Geary & Hyde building for SCS
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 3:16:27 PM

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Written comment:

I'm Robin Roth, of D10 Hep C survivor, Co-chair of the SF Hepatitis C Task Force Originally convened by then-Mayor Newsom to address epidemic HCV
In 2010 our Priority Recommendations included Safe Consumption Sites
Since then, 11 years ago, thousands of people have died of overdoses
10s of thousands have contracted hep C, and transmitted it to others
That is tragic but we can prevent it from continuing!
And it will continue unless San Francisco seizes the moment and moves now to buy this building for a Safe Consumption Site.
Safe Consumption Sites are key to eliminating hepatitis C

a debilitating virus weighing down so many of SF's marginalized communities, insecurely housed folks, endemic in PWID

The one virus we can cure – and a SCS would test and link to care these folks, saving lives, improving health in SF and saving money!

I visited Vancouver's SCS and was impressed by the safe, hygienic, caring environment of the main floor, but it was the 2nd floor chill room full of info and resources, and the 3rd floor treatment center where addicts got treatment, got clean, that really impressed and inspired me.

We can do it in SF, building on the successes in other cities in the world. It's long called for and long overdue!

Please act now!

From: [Colleen Rivecca](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Mahogany, Honey \(BOS\)](#); [Katie Bouche"](#)
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Colleen Rivecca and I am the Director of Community Organizing, Policy, and Planning with TNDC. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

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From: [Anna Berg](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: comment on agenda item #16, 211132, for today's Budget & Finance Committee
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Hello Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar:

I am writing in support of the proposal to purchase the properties located at 822 Geary St. and 629 Hyde St. for the possible use of a low-threshold crisis and safer use center.

I want to share a recent story around why I support this work personally and professionally. I was walking on Turk and Leavenworth this past week, and I noticed a person slumped awkwardly on the sidewalk. I stopped to check on him, he was not responsive, and I administered narcan. I asked for help from the community, and a store clerk came out to help me call 911. Another community member responded to my asks for the man's name and gave me his first name and tried to help me rouse him. I administered another dose of narcan. The man took a deep, but still gasping, breath. I was out of narcan. And paramedics were not yet onsite. I am so grateful for the community on the street who was able to help me locate additional narcan while waiting for 911 services. And I couldn't help but notice the youth of this man--in his mid-20s at best. Someone's son, brother, grandson, friend. Perhaps someone's father. I found myself reflecting later on something I know to be true, that community and connection is what helps prevent overdose. And community and connection helps build bridges to needed care and treatment. And an open, safe place for folks who are struggling with their relationship to drugs is needed desperately in the Tenderloin neighborhood.

San Francisco has an opportunity to be a leader in the field of developing a wide-range of services for struggling residents. We need low-threshold, drop-in, crisis services. We need ongoing outpatient and inpatient care. We need a safe place for people to be when they aren't ready for any of those things, so that we may get an opportunity to help them with what ready can look like. And we desperately need these things in the Tenderloin.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Anna Berg, LCSW

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Community Programs Manager

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w: <https://harmreductiontherapy.org/>

To reach our Community Programs call: 415.234.3707

**If you're in immediate crisis, please call 1-800-273-8255 (SF Suicide Prevention) or 911*



From: [Jeannie Little](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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re: item 16 (211204) on the Dec 8, 2021 BOS Budget and Finance Committee meeting

[Purchase of Real Property - Georgios Markoulakis and Crisula Markoulakis, as Trustees of the Markoulakis Family Trust, Dated November 6, 2008 - 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street - \$6,320,000][Agenda 16.211204](#)



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Need for property for safe drug consumption space in SF–

Jeannie Little, LCSW, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco

My apologies for not being able to be present. Thank you for hearing this comment.

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We understand this property to be designated for use as a safe drug use consumption and a crisis center.

SF needs to open more doors to people who use drugs. A safe consumption space has been long-sought because it offers the lowest barrier treatment option for people who are not ready for abstinence-based options.

Yes, safe consumption spaces are part of the continuum of substance use treatment. They start where people are and offer a way out of the most harmful aspects of substance use. From there many avenues open up.

Safe consumption spaces --

- Communicate to people who use drugs that we are not shunning them
- Communicate that we welcome them no matter what – that we want to connect with them – and the most powerful way to communicate that is that we will connect on their terms not ours, including when they are in the midst of using
- Offer more than reaching out to people – they invite people *in*, to come *closer*
- Communicate to people that they matter

And when people feel that they matter, they feel hope. When they feel hope, they can see a different future

We know many things about people who use drugs and about what works for them

- Many people who use drugs either have histories of trauma or are currently in traumatic situations, especially if they are homeless
- Connection is the antidote to trauma, and it is the antidote to harmful substance use and addiction
- Safe consumption spaces offer people who are deep in their relationship with drugs an alternative experience
- Safe consumption spaces keep people alive
- Keeping people alive gives them more chances to consider change
- Punishment alienates people and pushes them further away – and alienation is a feature of addiction
- The War on Drugs has created the situation we see around us – with criminal charges, jail and a dangerous drug supply the only options for people who are not willing or able at this moment to be abstinent
- Safe consumption spaces give people tools to care for themselves. And when you start caring for yourself in one way, other ways open themselves to you.
- Safe consumption spaces increase motivation for change – at the 10-year point, Insite in Vancouver was seeing a 35% increase in applications for abstinence-based drug treatment for people who used the facility compared to those who did not.

If you don't like or if you are judging people who use drugs, especially people who use on the streets, ask yourself these questions –

- Whose child, sibling, parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle are they?
- How did they get here?
 - Most people use out of sight in their homes. The folks who use on the streets are much more likely to be living in poverty and homelessness, and these are social problems that are far larger than substance use
- Why do they use?
 - Substance use is a way of medicating horrific experiences and softening the hard realities of people's lives

A safe consumption space is the best way to lower the entry point for treatment. From there, so many other roads open themselves up.

From: [Jason Norelli](#)
To: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Jason Norelli, I live in San Francisco D5, and I am with The Glide Foundation. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

I see this issue as a perfect place to connect with drug use so they can be linked with other services like treatment, medical care, and psychiatric/mental health. This is a population that is growing and cant always make traditional appointment based clinics and care.

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Sincerely and in loving service,

Jason Norelli

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From: [Black, Finn](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Finn. I'm an RN and a public health nursing grad student at UCSF, and I live in District 7. Matt Haney may not remember me, but we met at our friend Hilary Smith's memorial service a few years ago, after she died of an overdose. Hilary and I were HIV testing outreach partners at the Berkeley Free Clinic, and were going to both become nurses together. Her death, like the deaths of many other people in my community (including a fellow nursing student at UCSF), were policy failures.

I'm writing to urge you to support the acquisition of the property at 822 Geary/629 Hyde St for use as an overdose prevention site. This site alone won't solve our overdose crisis - ultimately we need to address the root causes of homelessness and drug overdose, like lack of affordable housing, lack of a robust safety net, and lack of a safe drug supply - but it will save lives regardless.

I worked in harm reduction research and HIV epidemiology before I became a nurse. We know that having a safe, sanitary place to use drugs prevents not only overdoses but virus transmission and skin and soft tissue infections. Overdose prevention sites allow people a more private place to use drugs, which helps uphold human dignity, and gives people easier access to treatment for substance use disorders.

We've already lost 545 San Franciscans to drug overdoses this year, and every day we delay on implementing solutions or complain that we don't want an overdose prevention site in our backyards, more people will die. There is no reason to continue dragging our feet on OPSs except for stigma and prejudice towards people who inject drugs.

Please support evidence based public health practice and acquire the building.

Sincerely,
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From: [Chad Ngo](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Chad Ngo and I am a resident of District 6 and a member of the Safer Inside Coalition. I live 2 blocks from the proposed building for the supervised consumption site and I am in full support of the purchase. I believe the public health and harm reduction science backing supervised consumption services and expect this purchase to improve community and individual health.

Thank you so much,

Chad Trung-Tin Ngo, MPH
Pronouns: he/him/his

From: [Michael Rouppet](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Stone Ande](#); [Laura Thomas](#)
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Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

Good morning. My name is Michael Rouppet and I live in the Mission District. I am writing to you and asking for you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be a first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

In 2017, I toured the largest consumption site called H17 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and had the privilege to speak with neighborhood residents about the site's impact on their community, including a former nurse. A general consensus was that the site was having a positive impact by reducing open drug use by providing drug users with a place to go because they will continue to use drugs, regardless. Business owners stated that it has had a positive impact with a significant improvement in reducing improperly discarded syringes by including additional syringe disposal boxes.

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Sincerely,

Michael Rouppe

From: [Brooke Lober](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Brooke Lober. I am the Director of Harm Reduction at the St. James Infirmary, a decades-old harm reduction organization founded by and for sex workers in San Francisco, which continues to provide services and advocacy for people most impacted by stigma and criminalization. I am here to urge you to support the immediate acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site, and also, to immediately act to counteract the criminalization and impoverishment that endangers the lives of people who use drugs.

As a program director running four syringe access sites per week in the Tenderloin District, I manage a team of people who distribute hundreds of units of Narcan per month, getting crucial overdose reversal tools into the hands of the people who are saving lives every day. I am also a survivor of overdose who has lost friends and loved ones to this crisis. The situation is now dire, with more than 700 overdose deaths in San Francisco last year. Please act now.

The opening of this supervised consumption site, which is long overdue and is urgent in this moment, is just the beginning. We need multiple sites in operation, so that safer consumption services can meaningfully slow the trend of deadly overdose associated with a rise in opioid use, especially fentanyl. These should include some sites for TGNC people, sites for women, and sites for youth, among other culturally specific and neighborhood-based services. We also need user-run services, with federal protection as well as state and city guarantees against raids and prosecution.

But we need more than safer consumption sites; we need to end the war on drugs. We need housing first, and housing for all. And we need to entirely reverse the deadly criminalization and cultural degradation that isolates people and inhibits their well-being, resulting in the current overdose crisis. In San Francisco, service provision for people who use illicit substances is in the hands of community-based organizations whose infrastructure and operations are too often neglected. This work needs to be more stridently funded and supported by the city. The conditions of life in the Tenderloin—degraded housing, underfunded social and medical services, and daily police violence—all contribute to the loss of life we are witnessing in the overdose crisis. We need full support for dignified housing options, health care, and an end to criminalization—alongside harm reduction services, including supervised consumption sites.

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I urge you, please, support the property acquisition at Geary and Hyde and immediately implement overdose prevention sites, and keep working for the well-being of people who use drugs, and all San Francisco residents.

Thank you,
Brooke Lober, PhD

[please see my letter stating the same, attached here]

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Director of Harm Reduction, St. James Infirmary

From: [Paul Aguilar](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Paul Aguilar and I'm a fourth generation native San Franciscan living in the Mission District in San Francisco. I have been living with HIV for 33 years and am the current chair of the HIV Caucus of the Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club and a supporter of safe consumption sites. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street to be used as a supervised overdose prevention site. My hope is that this be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

As of October, 545 San Franciscans have died of an overdose in 2021. One of those deaths was the love of my life who we buried the day before his 46th birthday. And while Vincent struggled with bi-polar disease, schizophrenia and substance use disorder by trying to self medicate with crystal meth, I know that his death would have been prevented had he had access to a supervised safe consumption site.

Last year, more than 700 people died of an overdose in San Francisco – more than twice the number of people who died of COVID-19. And I recall you, Supervisor Haney, joining us in a "die-in" along with several other city officials who also feel that there needs to be more done at the city level to stop these deaths. I'm glad I'm not the one who has to explain to the families and loved ones of those who have died that we "couldn't find the exact right place" in which to put a supervised consumption site.

The evidence of their effectiveness is apparent worldwide. New York City prevented 15 deaths in its first week of operation. San Francisco has been known to be a leader in innovative programs. Are we gonna let New York show us up? Overdose prevention sites allow people who use drugs to do so in a safe and clean environment, be treated with dignity and respect, and access supportive services, while reducing the traumas associated with public drug use. There has never been a single overdose fatality at any overdose prevention site worldwide.

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Sincerely,

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"Nihil de nobis sine nobis" - Nothing about us without us
"Amor Vincit Omnia" - Love Conquers All
"Res ipsa loquitor" - The thing speaks for itself

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Read "A Survivor's Tale" by Carly Graf in the San Francisco Examiner
- <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/living-with-hiv-for-33-years-a-san-francisco-survivors-tale-on-world-aids-day/>

Read "Get Rid of the Term AIDS (How My Entire Life Suddenly Became Parenthetical)" <https://aumag.org/2020/03/17/get-rid-of-the-term-aids/>

Read "The Test" <https://aumag.org/2019/08/06/the-test-nonfiction-by-paul-a-aguilar/>

Read "Never Forget Your First") <https://aumag.org/2019/01/10/never-forget-your-first-nonfiction-by-paul-a-aguilar/>

Watch the short film from the SF AIDS Foundation "Empowering the Fight for Health Equity"
- <https://youtu.be/AVIZMnZ0xxI>

Watch the trailer for my film "From AIDS to Covid: An Intergenerational Journey"
- <https://youtu.be/aOVnhNJyrLQ>

Watch "Does Zoom Have a Sit-In Function?" or "The Awakening of an Activist"
- <https://youtu.be/-RZld-7IGQA>



From: [Patt Denning](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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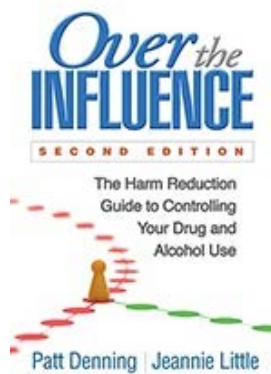
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Patt Denning, PhD., Director of Clinical Services & Training
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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:08:01 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Jose Granillo I live at 455 Eddy St. in District 6. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. More locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

I see the impacts of overdose, homelessness and public drug use daily. These issues are affecting communities of color more than they are white people. Black people are passing away at much higher rates than other race/ethnicities.

Not to allow bhs and scs services and the purchase of this building is to continue to ignore the health disparities impacting black and brown residents of sf.

thank you

Jose

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From: [Patt Denning](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comment on item #16 December 8
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:16:34 AM
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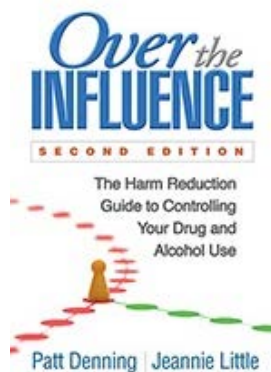
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From: [Nata Oberg](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment submission re: Item 16- Purchase of property
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:00:40 AM

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Hello-

I'd like to submit a comment in strong favor of the purchase of the properties on 822 Geary and 622 Hyde. The acquisition of these properties as a crisis center focusing on the complex needs of people on the street and the need for a range of services across the continuum ranging from low barrier to abstinence is vital for the health and healing of the community- especially in the TL.

Please approve this purchase as it will benefit the city of SF as a whole, as well as be a huge support for our most vulnerable populations.

Thank you,
Nata Oberg

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Nata Oberg (she/her)

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From: [Mini Kurhan](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Agenda item 16, 12/8/21
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:38:43 AM

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Hi there,
I'm a 12-year renter in San Francisco (Lower Haight/Duboce and Market area).

Years ago I saw a show on PBS of a program in Canada where there was a program and special task force that gave clean needles and other safety to drug users on the street, and offered a safe indoor space where people could use drugs safely—they could test their drugs for contaminants, have supplies and proper disposal options, have medically trained staff on hand in case of emergency, and have access to resources for how to get off of drugs when they are ready to do so.

I have since wondered why we don't have this type of program in SF.

I see all those empty storefronts by the Safeway here on Market and would rather the people shooting drugs on the sidewalk and bike path be inside the building than having all that on the street. It's not safe for public health (how many needles do we almost step on daily), and it's upsetting—it becomes impossible to do “normal daily life” things like shop for groceries without seeing people suffering, and personally having no way to help them plus knowing they're not getting what they need from our government.

Why is it okay to have people shooting drugs on the street, and for kids to see that daily? I think drugs should not be illegal, but they are, and this city turns a blind eye to it and doesn't see these people as “people”, we just look past them thinking “it's not my problem”.

A safe indoor space for drug users seems like such an easy way to make the city safer, help users stay safe and possibly get help and change their lives, reduce the burden on paramedics and police who are overly busy with responding to these issues vs being able to help other people in need.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Kurhan
133 Buchanan St #2

Sent from my iPhone, pardon any typos.

From: [Halcyon C](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:28:56 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Halcyon and I work in the Harm Reduction program of St.James Infirmary.

I have the privilege of working with drug users, and getting to know them has been a wonderful experience. If others were able to see the beauty of their identity and humanize their stories, we would be saving more lives in the Tenderloin— as they have already been saving each other through safe consumption practices and having easy accessibility to Narcan. For this reason, I advocate to lift up spaces that provide them autonomy and community.

We are in the midst of a dramatic and historic rise in drug overdose deaths. Last year, more than 700 people died of an overdose in San Francisco – more than twice the number of people who died of COVID-19. As of October, 545 San Franciscans have died of an overdose in 2021. The persistence and severity of the drug overdose crisis requires innovative and user-centered strategies to prevent deaths and reduce additional attendant harms, while expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

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Sincerely,

Halcyon C. --
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From: [Norma Palacios](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 9:06:00 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Norma Palacios, and I am with the Drug Policy Alliance. **I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street** and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most marginalized community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

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The overdose crisis is a clear threat to the lives and welfare of the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco, causing the deaths of two San Franciscans a day, on average. Every day we wait on implementing an overdose prevention, we lose a life to an overdose. Two supervised consumption sites are operating in New York City, and they have already successfully reversed 15 overdoses in their first week of operation, this demonstrate the effectiveness of these programs at saving the lives of people in our communities.

Please, support the property acquisition at Geary and Hyde and immediately implement overdose prevention sites.

Sincerely,
Norma Palacios

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December 7, 2021

Budget and Finance Committee
City and County of San Francisco
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Support for Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) and Acquisition of Property at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street near the Tenderloin neighborhood in San Francisco

Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai, and Mar,

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Getting to Zero Consortium asking you to support the purchase and acquisition of property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street for the purposes of opening San Francisco's first supervised consumption site, an effective and evidence-based approach to drug overdose and other harms related to drug use.

The goals of Getting to Zero is to eliminate new HIV infections, deaths and stigma in the City & County of San Francisco. In 2019, the City experienced a historical milestone with fewer than 200 new HIV transmissions, but a stable numbers of HIV-related deaths, at 264 deaths. The third leading cause of death for people living with HIV, after HIV itself, and non-AIDS cancers, were accidental deaths, overwhelmingly due to overdoses. Moreover, in 2020, the number of unintentional drug overdose deaths in the San Francisco population overall nearly tripled that of COVID-19 deaths: 261 San Franciscans lost their lives to COVID-19 while 712 died from unintentional drug overdoses.^{1,2}

Overall, 19% of new diagnoses in 2020 occurred in people who inject drugs; a much larger proportion may have used non-injection drugs. The same racial/ethnic disparities that affect who becomes newly infected with HIV, who suffers from poor HIV health, and who dies prematurely also affect overdose deaths. Getting to Zero is working to address these disparities but we need innovative interventions if we are to reach zero new HIV infections and zero preventable deaths among everyone, including people who use drugs.

Opening a supervised consumption site in this location is ideal as it would give the City and County of San Francisco the ability to better address the increase in drug overdose deaths, connect people to substance use disorder treatment, housing, and other needed services, and reduce new HIV and hepatitis infections. The current public health crisis of COVID-19 has amplified the need for these services as overdose deaths have skyrocketed in San Francisco since the beginning of the March 2020 Shelter in Place order.

Furthermore, providing people who use drugs with overdose prevention services can be cost-saving, due to a reduction in the transmission of infectious disease, overdose and overdose death,



and reliance on law enforcement, courts and jails, emergency rooms, and related medical services. Creating a safe consumption site would allow San Francisco to provide services urgently needed to make our communities healthier and safer.

San Francisco is a leader in HIV prevention and care. To get closer to San Francisco's, and Getting to Zero's, mutual goals of eliminating new transmission and reducing preventable deaths, it is of the utmost importance that this Committee support acquisition of this property and opening a safe consumption site to allow San Francisco to move forward with these necessary services for our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Courtney Liebi'.

Courtney Liebi, MPP

Coordinator, Getting to Zero San Francisco

On behalf of the Getting to Zero San Francisco Steering Committee

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¹COVID-19 cases and deaths." Sf.gov, <https://sf.gov/data/covid-19-cases-and-deaths>

²SF Board of Supervisors Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force (TF). "A Report From the San Francisco Street-Level Drug Dealing Task Force," June 30, 2021. Available at: [https://oewd.org/sites/default/files/SF%20StreetLevel%20Drug%20Dealing%20Task%20Force%20Report%20\(June%2030%202021\).pdf](https://oewd.org/sites/default/files/SF%20StreetLevel%20Drug%20Dealing%20Task%20Force%20Report%20(June%2030%202021).pdf)

³Thadani, Trisha, "San Francisco homeless deaths soar — and officials say it's not directly due to COVID-19" *San Francisco Chronicle*. May 26, 2020 <https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/San-Francisco-homeless-deaths-soar-and-it-s-15295730.php>

From: [Isaac Jackson, PhD](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 8:12:23 AM

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Sincerely,

Isaac Jackson

PS I'm writing this before the hearing because the police re h hearing because the police are thereto bust me Olly because I've been advocating for a space like this for ten years beginning with founding the SF DRUG USERS UNION. but I won't be silenced. END THE DRUG WAR NOW! Please investigate why on the day of the hearing the police are here to silence a black gay voice on this issue.

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Isaac Jackson, PhD

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From: [Elise Cabral](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 9:03:47 PM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Elise Cabral, I live in District 4 and I am a resident physician working in San Francisco, emailing in solidarity with the Safer Inside Coalition. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

As a physician working in San Francisco, I have personally taken care of many patients who end up in the intensive care unit as a result of opioid overdose. While we have a very effective, simple treatment for opioid overdose- naloxone (Narcan)- many patients get Narcan too late and suffer irreversible brain injury from lack of oxygen. With supervision and Narcan, opioid overdose is preventable!

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Elise Cabral

From: [Allison Pruitt](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is Allison Pruitt. I live in District 2, and I am a Senior Housing Attorney with the AIDS Legal Referral Panel. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

I've lost loved ones, friends, and clients to the overdoses epidemic -- lives that could have been saved with additional harm reduction services like the proposed overdose prevention site at Geary and Hyde.

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Sincerely,

Allison Pruitt

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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee- Public Comment- File #211204
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 3:36:33 PM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors:

I write as the Executive Director of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP), a nonprofit that provides legal services to people living with HIV/AIDS and as the Co-Chair of the HIV/AIDS Provider Network (HAPN), the contractor's association for agencies that contract with the City and County to provide health care services to people living with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco. I have lived in San Francisco since 1983 and am a resident of District 9. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. We have a crisis in deaths from drug overdose and the City needs to step up and address this crisis. I would like to remind our leaders that we have a long and rich history of responding to a health crisis with regard for science and with a great sense of compassion. At the height of the AIDS crisis, San Francisco declared an emergency so that we could embrace the harm reduction strategy of needle exchange. We faced a great deal of political opposition to that decision but we held firm in knowing that we would save lives. And we did indeed save lives; probably thousands of lives. Just as San Francisco has led the country and indeed the world on how to respond to the AIDS crisis, we need to lead the country in its response to the current crisis of overdose deaths. We know that this approach will save lives. HAPN has been pushing for getting these overdose prevention sites up and running for years because we know that many of our clients are living with substance abuse disorders in addition to HIV and we know that harm reduction works.

There will always be opposition; to siting an affordable housing development, to creating a new shelter for folks who are experiencing homelessness, to finding a location for an overdose prevention site. We have to fight back and make a decision that responds to the needs of the entire City. I know that this decision may not be popular but it is the right time to act.

Please, please act now. Please support the acquisition of the site at Geary and Hyde and move forward to get this program up and running as soon as possible. You can save the lives of San Franciscans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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December 7, 2021

Hon. Matt Haney (Chair)
Hon. Ahsha Safai (Vice-Chair)
Hon. Gordon Mar, Supervisor
Budget and Finance Committee
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Support the Purchase of the Property of 822 Geary/629 Hyde

Dear Chair Haney, Vice-Chair Safai, and Supervisor Mar,

I am the managing attorney for the Mental Health Unit at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. The focus of my work is to represent individuals who are struggling with mental illness and substance use disorders, transitioning our clients from the criminal justice system to the behavioral health system. I strongly support purchasing the property mentioned above to implement two new programs, a Safe Consumption Site and Crisis Diversion Unit. This site will provide individuals who need case management and medical and behavioral health services. Although these two programs are separate and have their policies and procedures, the location to house both programs will create the continuum of care for the most vulnerable of our city. Individuals will be less likely to get lost between treatment sites. Furthermore, the implementation of these two programs on one site aligns with the intent of the Mental Health SF legislation and addresses the city's growing overdose problems.

This letter is my personal support, not associated with MHSF Implementation Working Group.

Sincerely,

Kara Ka Wah Chien

Kara Ka Wah Chien
Managing Attorney
Mental Health Unit

Cc Monica Barnett, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Haney (Chair)
Lauren Chung, Legislative Aides for Supervisor Safia (Vice-Chair)
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From: [LJ Jalfon](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment on File #211204
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10:44:10 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors,

My name is LJ Jalfon, and I'm reaching out to ask you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street to use as an overdose prevention site. My father passed away from an overdose in 2010. If he had a place to turn, his death could have been prevented, as well as over 545 San Franciscans who have died of an overdose just this year (that is 2 people per day on average). Overdose prevention sites work. There has never been a single overdose fatality at any overdose prevention site worldwide.

Please support the property acquisition at Geary and Hyde and save the lives of San Franciscans for years to come.

Thank you,
LJ

From: [Jose_h.Bear](#)
To: [Julisa_Brent_\(BOS\)](#); [Calvin_o_Ange_a_\(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee - Public Comment - File #211204
Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 10:16:01 AM

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Dear Chair Haney and Supervisors

My name is Joseph Bear. I live in District 8 and I am with TGI Justice Project. I urge you to support the acquisition of the property located at 822 Geary Street and 629 Hyde Street and use it to open an overdose prevention site. The property was determined to be an ideal space for establishing behavioral health programs that will serve our most vulnerable community members. This should be the first of many overdose prevention sites in San Francisco. Having multiple locations will allow more people to access associated services, save more lives, and make a more noticeable impact on public drug consumption.

We are in the midst of a dramatic and historic rise in drug overdose deaths. Last year, more than 700 people died of an overdose in San Francisco – more than twice the number of people who died of COVID-19. As of October 5, 45 San Franciscans have died of an overdose in 2021. The persistence and severity of the drug overdose crisis requires innovative and user-centered strategies to prevent deaths and reduce additional attendant harms while expanding access to evidence-based treatment.

Overdose prevention sites allow people who use drugs to do so in a safe and clean environment, be treated with dignity and respect, and access supportive services while reducing the traumas associated with public drug use. There has never been a single overdose fatality at any overdose prevention site worldwide.

The overdose crisis is a clear threat to the lives and welfare of the citizens of the City and County of San Francisco, causing the deaths of two San Franciscans a day, on average. Please support the property acquisition at Geary and Hyde and immediately implement overdose prevention sites.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon, I wanted to submit a comment as I will be unable to make a live statement on Wednesday. Safe Consumption Sites will go a long way in improving life FOR ALL in San Francisco. First, it will save the lives of drug users and give them somewhere clean, safe and welcoming: often a key to transforming someone's life through community building. It will help stop the spread of infectious diseases such as hepatitis C, the eradication of which has been set back by the onset of COVID-19. It will also go a long way towards cleaning the streets of needles and paraphernalia. I urge the committee to purchase this building so we can finally clean up this mess and address the overdose pandemic thoughtfully and compassionately. Safe Consumption sites save lives!

Thanks so much,

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best,

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