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Subject: FW: Thank you for supporting the Tenderloin Center
Date: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 11:10:54 AM

Hello,

Please see below for communication from Tami Bryant regarding File No. 221090.

File No. 221090 - Urging the Continuation of Services After the Closure of the Tenderloin Center

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 7:53 PM
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Subject: Thank you for supporting the Tenderloin Center

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Dear President Walton and all the Supervisors who voted in support-
As a 47 year resident of District 5, the Tenderloin is now part of my district, and I'm writing IN SUPPORT of the Tenderloin Center (TLC), thank you all for your vote in support! I wish I would have been able to attend the hearing you held.
I've had the privilege of working at the TLC twice a week since April for the Human Services

Agency, assisting guests with their G.A., CalFresh/MediCal, and our JobsNow! program. This is some of the hardest but most impactful work I've ever done, and as a tax payer, coop apt. owner, I'm letting you know this is A VITALLY important asset and effective model that I'm happy to have our tax payer dollars funding.

The radical hospitality, harm reduction services, meals, and showers/laundry, are giving people humanity, dignity and hope. I cannot emphasize the effectiveness of the trained and compassionate staff we have. The City departments, UA, Code Tenderloin, along with the housing and healthcare providers, are truly helping people when they really need a plethora of services and assistance.

I'm repeatedly told by guests how they'd rather get their H.S.A. business done at the TLC, than at the H.S.A. office one-and-a-half blocks away because of the model we are able to offer, people feel SEEN AND VALUED.

I've seen the good work in effect everyday with people being able to eat, sleep inside, etc., and urge you to not let these services lapse. I've had to give people hope and transcend being a government bureaucrat by showing I care and to go above and beyond to help them, as do my colleagues.

For those who voted against it, I assume you've not spoken to any of those we have helped and why our unique model is so effective? Please consider asking people first hand.

If you voted against it because of the allegation we're not "linking people to services," the former welfare mom, social justice advocate in me wants to know: WHAT SERVICES????? What empty treatment beds? What empty mental health beds are we not filling? Where's our power to conserve people against their will, to compel them to treatment?

I believe there is a larger demand for services than we can fill. And every single day people are unable to access the care they want because there isn't anything available.

Some people are referred and then decline. The TLC escorts people to their destinations as needed, this a comprehensive, well-planned operation. But at the end of the day, people have agency and we can only do the best we can do.

I implore you to talk to real people, who've been helped profoundly by the TLC before you vote against it again.

Respectfully,
Tami Bryant

From: [Sanjeev Rao](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:29:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Sanjeev Rao

From: [Shadd Newman](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); "info@midmarketcbd.org"
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Thank you,

Shadd Newman
Vice President
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From: [Shivrat Chhabra](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,
Shivrat Chhabra

From: [Tracie Rosen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Tracie Rosen

TMR

From: [GJOHNSON](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
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From: [John Kim](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,

John Kim

From: [Ned Desmond](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
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Sincerely,
Ned Desmond
SOSV / IndieBio Senior Operating Partner
479 Jessie Street
San Francisco

Note: This email has been sent in line with SOSV's [Communication Policy](#)

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Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
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According to the last 6 months of San Francisco medical examiner data there have been more overdoses over the past year compared to the year prior.

This brings into question the validity and effectiveness of this model.

We urge you to close the Tenderloin Center, and to not open any additional such facilities **until the City has a comprehensive plan to improve client outcomes, and to thwart the open-air drug markets and related crime and safety issues this model creates for communities.**

Thanks.
HVSafe

From: [James Massey](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org; trown@bugsby.com
Subject: Not Just Spam. Please Read. Close the Tenderloin Center?
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 9:16:24 PM

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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

FIRST: THANK YOU for your service to the community. You have tough jobs.

This is the official blurb part:

Please close the Tenderloin Center this December as planned. The temporary pilot facility has not lived up to its potential and has caused great harm to its surrounding neighbors and the public realm. Other ways to reduce the number of deaths from drug overdose must be pursued and the Department of Public Health must include the community and law enforcement experts in those pursuits. Please ensure the Tenderloin Center ceases operation this December 2022 and that UN Plaza and the surrounding area are restored to clean and safe public spaces.

THIS IS MY PART:

I'm CURRENTLY DEPLOYED to the Middle East and my quality of life is better than living near civic center. It's crazy to say I feel safer being deployed with the military in the Middle East than in SF at Civic. The drug and illegal activities taking place at Civic are OBVIOUS. So much so, the neighborhood talk is YOU're clearly in on it. Probably taking pay offs (or succumbing to intimidation). Because drug dealers operate completely unimpeded and in broad day light. Stop the drugs stop the problem. The way you've been doing it, if anything, has made it worse! In the military we always try NON-Kinetic solutions first. But when that fails, and the evil people of the world continue to harm Society at large; it's time to go Kinetic. Get the drugs (the supply chain) off the streets first, and only then will all the civil programs work.

Let's not be foolish; MOST of the grocery store gift cards given out, just get sold at 1/4-1/2 value for drug money. I'm offered them, at nausea. The food given out, sold on the street for drug money, clearly taken from the pantry by people who don't need it. When people are not provided things to sell for drug money they steal things to sell for drug money.

Definition of insanity: keep doing the same thing expecting a different result.

You tried one way it didn't work. So it's time to try another. Time to put that money, not directly in the police department; but in an anti-drug program. One that has real civil oversight.

And please let's thank our police officers. When we find bad ones we get rid of them. Thank the ones we have. "Thank you for your service," goes a long way. We, as mature adults can

help bridge the relationship gap we have with those who serve us. It doesn't have to be a one way street. We can reciprocate. It's not Us verses Them. It's Us living together.

And, Thank You for your service! May your meditations lead you to viable solutions.

Sincerely,

James Massey (for Mayor, my friends say)

From: [Eva Javier](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned https://www.huffpost.com/entry/portugal-america-drug-crisis-decriminalize_n_5dbad944e4b066da552d4a6d
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From: *Portugal Solved Its Drug Crisis. Why Can't America Do The Same?*

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Sincerely,
Em Javier

Sent from my iPad

From: [Veralyn de Vera](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Veralyn J. de Vera

From: [Manuel, Jr. de Vera](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Manuel de Vera, Jr

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To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Marilyn J. de Vera

From: [Lenie De Vera](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 9:51:03 PM

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To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,
Lorilie Garcia

From: [RAJESH PANDA](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Thanks in advance.!!!

Regards
Rajesh

(Please excuse any typos)

Sent from my smartphone/iPhone

From: janeandwilli@gmail.com
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned - PLEASE!
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 10:35:05 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

As a resident of 1160 Mission Street, a mixed income condo building with 250 units, I urge you to move forward with the closure of the Tenderloin center as promised. It was ill conceived and should never have been located on Market Street. The open drug use and public health crisis in our neighborhood have made us unable to safely walk the streets and has gotten worse since the concentration at UN Plaza.

We need a place that promotes recovery and provides access to services, not one that promotes drug use vs. recovery. The center was opened under the guise of a linkage center but ended up being a bait and switch to something completely different. This has been a \$20 million+ failure and WE CAN DO BETTER.

It is time to start from scratch with a better location, better execution, new operators and a comprehensive plan to address the disaster that unmitigated drug sales and abuse has wreaked on the Tenderloin/MidMarket neighborhoods.

This is a neighborhood filled with people of color, immigrants, people in recovery and/or in assistance and new SF residents struggling to make it in our city. They deserve a neighborhood that is safe and free from the insane amount of drug abuse that has become centered around a "safe use" facility that doesn't have a track record of success. The city failed to provide adequate safety responses to the issues surrounding the area and is in no position to do so now. Our police department is understaffed, our health department is being rightfully audited and the non profit partners are being dishonest about what they are doing. The center has been a boondoggle, a drag on the neighborhood and a mess from the beginning.

Time to close and reset. I agree with the MM CBD letter urging the closure of the Center asap.

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Sincerely,
Jane Weil
1160 Mission St

415-793-6136

From: [Michael Nadler](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); "info@midmarketcbd.org"
Subject: Continuation of Services After the Closure of the Tenderloin Center.
Date: Monday, November 7, 2022 11:50:40 PM

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The grave public safety issues caused by the Tenderloin Center in Mid Market, namely blatant open-air drug use and dealing, have been profoundly detrimental to the surrounding community since its opening. Even if the Center were meeting its goals, we would still be advocating for its closure at the current location. Unfortunately, there has been no decrease in open air drug use in the area. There has in fact been a significant increase. And the last 6 months of overdose death data released by the San Francisco Medical Examiner's office show an 'increase' in the number of overdose deaths in 2022 compared to 2021 demonstrating that the Tenderloin Center has failed its primary mission to decrease overdose deaths.

This center, along with the City's 'management' of the Good Hotel is killing the neighborhood. If these services are too unpleasant to put in on the lawn in front of City Hall, then they are certainly not appropriate as effectively permanent fixture in area with thousands of residents, including many children. Not too many children of course, as the City's policies have been driving them away.

This board promised to remove this center in six months, five months ago. It is hard to imagine a more cynical action than having this same board break that promise literally on election day.

Michael Nadler
14 year resident in Mid-Market, and 39 year resident of San Francisco.

From: [Felix de Vera](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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From: [steve fukuda](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Steve Fukuda

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Stacie Johnson](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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To Supervisors,

Straight to the point. I live near 1172 Market. This center contributes to unimaginable conditions in and around its perimeter. I no longer go to market area because of the fear, the sombrías, the foul smell, the decadence in human nature. This center does not help - it's destruction to our neighborhood. PLEASE CLOSE IT.

Unfortunately this model DOES NOT work. It's a contributing factor in the destruction of this neighborhood.

Thank you,

Fernando Begliomini
1160 Mission Street
San Francisco

From: [Ellen Grantz](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org; [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December as planned
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Supervisors,

I am a theatergoer who often walks from Hayes Valley to the Orpheum or the Strand. Passing Civic Center Plaza is scary, dangerous and dissuasive of going to Midmarket at ANYTIME of day or night. Help!

John Caldwell

From: [Zane Blaney](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Zane Blaney

From: [Lloyd Silverstein](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Lloyd Silverstein
President, Hayes Valley Merchants Association

From: [Jennifer Laska](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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From: [Thomas Wolf](#)
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Tom Wolf
Recovery Advocate

From: [Sara de la Riva](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
Cc: [Ani Vartanian](#); [Anne Caesar](#)
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1128 Market Street

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From: [Cory](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,
Corinne kremlacek
Mother of an addict in the Tenderloin

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ani Vartanian](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Ani

Sent from my iPhone

From: [tracy kunichika](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,
Tracy Kunichika

From: [Natalie Repin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Natalie Repin

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From: [Razmig Boladian](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
[Your name]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Juan Novella](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

I am writing to you to request that you close the Tenderloin Center this December as planned. I am a resident who lives on the block where the center is located. I have lived in the Tenderloin for 20 years. I currently live at 83 McAllister Street. The center has been a disaster for our community. It has brought crime, open air drug use, litter to our streets, and an overall presence of chaos to the neighborhood, The temporary pilot facility has not lived up to its potential and has caused great harm to its surrounding neighbors and the public realm.

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Juan Novella

From: [Armando Lacayo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,

Armando Lacayo
Arsicault Bakery
87 McAllister

Sent from my iPad

From: [Brian Esquivel](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,

BRIAN ESQUIVEL

Best,

Brian

From: lisabsanjose
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Rehab locations are instead needed.

Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Roland Pan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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From: [Victoria Wijsman](#)
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Stephan Ellias

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mario Bevilacqua von Gunderrode](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
Cc: [Henrike Wagner](#)
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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

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We have been trying desperately since 2017 to bring visitors and tourism in this part of the city, and we lose customers every day exclusively because of the conditions of our surroundings, the fear that our guests have to leave our door once checked-in.

Additionally, with the Better Market Street project launching in January on the corridor between 5th and 8th street, I am really curious to know what the plans are to maintain security in our area.

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Mario Bevilacqua von Gunderrode

Proper Hotel

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General Manager, San Francisco Proper
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From: [Ellen Grantz](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Jacqui Berlinn](#); [Gina McDonald](#); tanyatilghman@gmail.com
Subject: Reminder: Please Close Tenderloin Linkage Center
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 11:37:09 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

As mothers who have kids suffering from addiction in San Francisco, **we are urging you to Vote No on extending the lease for the Tenderloin Center.**

While the City has tried to justify the TLC and “wellness hubs” as low barrier access to services that “saves lives,” the outcomes are debatable. The Tenderloin Center is far less effective than the city’s other overdose prevention programs, accounting for just 5% of overdose reversals. It has brought major unintended consequences, including magnifying the open drug scene which in turn exacerbates the addiction crisis.

Even if you ignore these factors, there is no possible justification for the TLC—or any such “wellness hub”—when there are so many higher priority gaps in treatment, and clearly not enough budget to fund them all. We have been alarmed to discover how many groups have testified to the gaps during the recent **Board of Supervisor hearings (Public Safety Conditions at the Psychiatric Emergency Services Unit at San Francisco General Hospital 7/28/22, Treatment On Demand 10/27/22)**.

Do we really have the budget for: Market-rate pay for frontline workers? Security staff for the Psychiatric Emergency Services Unit at SF General? Dual diagnosis programs? Step down housing? Trauma-responsive low-barrier programs? Language, age and culturally appropriate programs? Until the City has budgeted for all these critical needs and clarified the risk mitigation for the “unintended consequences” of “wellness hubs,” it would be morally outrageous and legally risky to fund them.

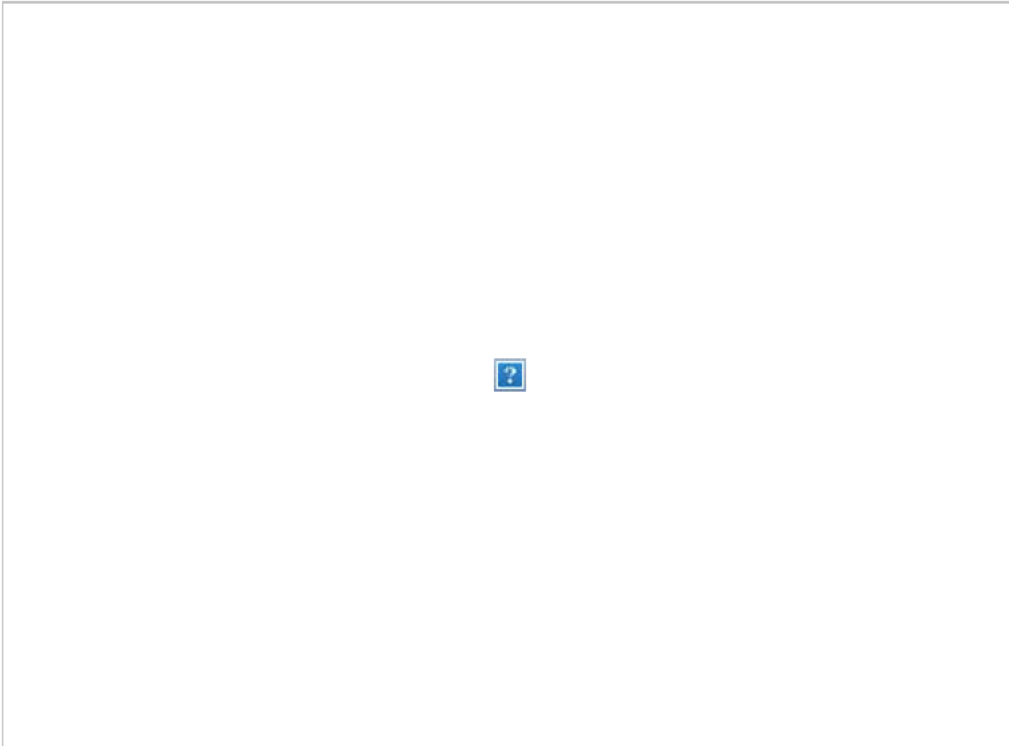
In summary, here are our top 3 reasons to Vote No on extending the TLC contract:

3 Reasons to Vote NO on Extending the TLC Contract

1.

While the main justification for the TLC is to reverse ODs, the site has reversed just 5% of overdoses to date. (It’s unclear if these are incremental or

would have been reversed by EMS or the community. It's also unclear if people try riskier drugs in the TLC, because it's "safe" and then they are more likely to OD than they would otherwise.) In contrast, the City's effort to engage the community in reversing overdoses has been extremely effective, far less expensive and easier to scale. (Data source: Tenderloin Emergency Initiative)



2.

As someone from the Treatment on Demand Committee testified during a recent BOS hearing, "we need to assess our programs and make sure we are not making the problem worse." Indeed, instead of reducing open drug scenes, by all appearances the TLC has magnified them.

a.

The capacity of the TLC is far too small to support all users; this in turn justifies people congregating next door in UN Plaza to use there, which in turn draws in dealers, and creates a party scene so outrageous that it's been the subject of international media attention.

b.

The party scene around the TLC draws more people in; kids of our members including teenagers buy drugs outside the TLC freely. One teen said, "Anything you want, you can buy in the Tenderloin." The City's ambiguity about illicit drug use makes it unrealistic for the police to

monitor and manage.

c. The TLC has negatively affected neighboring businesses.

i.

[Letter from Civic Center Community](#)

ii.

[Letter from Mid-Market Community](#)

iii.

Theft at local retailers (e.g., Whole Foods)

iv.

Are neighboring commercial tenants renewing their leases?

3.

Compared to the the mission-critical treatment needs as expressed in BOS hearings recently, the TLC and “well-ness hubs” are at best a luxury; examples:

a.

Treatment gaps in criminal justice referrals are failing our most vulnerable people; this lack of treatment after (or instead of) incarceration runs completely counter to San Francisco’s aspiration to provide “equitable” treatment for marginalized communities. Here are some of the issues mentioned by the offices of Criminal Justice and Public Defender at recent BOS hearings.

i.

There are only two clinicians while there are 850 clients at present needing to be placed

ii.

Paperwork is complex and slows the process down – 2-6 months before a client gets placed into treatment

iii.
Too few appropriate facilities creates more risk of failure (“appropriate” includes language, culture, age, dual diagnosis)

iv.
Gaps between treatment create high failure risk (e.g., discharge → residential treatment; residential treatment → step down)

b.
Working conditions at the Psychiatric Emergency Services Unit at SF General are stressful and dangerous.

i.
High acuity conditions (volatile patients) and low security presence create stressful and dangerous conditions; security guards per patient ratio is only 1:19 (compared to 1:4 at UCSF)

ii.
Hiring experienced staff is difficult due to below-market pay and difficult working conditions

iii.
The staff shortage requires nurses to work overtime and do ancillary work; nurses have made over 50 complaints in a few months about risks including violent and suicidal patients

c.
Staff shortages at the City’s BAART clinic is preventing users from entering this normally low-barrier treatment modality

i.
[Mayor Breed one year ago said the City would have around the clock hours at BAART](#)

- ii. Since then, **BAART intake still has not expanded its hours** (6am-10am, M-F)
- iii. Even with these limited intake hours, **BAART has canceled several intake appointments** of people in our community (and how many others?), **leaving treatment seekers on the street, due to staffing shortages**
- iv. Meanwhile, the DPH had a hiring surge in April and still didn't staff these BAART intake positions

As Governor Newsom said in vetoing SB57, the risks posed by SCSs can outweigh the benefits. Not once has the City listed the “unintended consequences” and risk mitigation from these sites. We do not believe the City has the resources to manage these risks especially when other cities including Vancouver, Calgary and Harlem have already shown they attract more dealers and users, affecting the city’s resources and community. Instead of funding “supervised consumption,” let’s use this moment to create a visionary new model that unambiguously uplifts people suffering from addiction.

With respect and gratitude,

- Jacqui Berlinn (jacqui@mothersagainstdrugdeaths.org), Bay Area-based mother of Corey, an unsheltered resident in San Francisco
- Gina McDonald (gina@mothersagainstdrugdeaths.org), Bay Area-based mother of a Sam, a recovering addict who frequented the open drug market in San Francisco
- Ellen Grantz (ellen@mothersagainstdrugdeaths.org), San Francisco mother of two teenagers in San Francisco public schools
- Tanya Tilghman, San Francisco mother of a young adult suffering from addiction and now incarcerated in SF

- Cory Kremlacek (cory@mothersagainstdrugdeaths.org), Bay Area-based mother of Terry, an unsheltered resident in San Francisco

What we want: <https://mothersagainstdrugdeaths.org/what-we-want>

From: [andrew sullivan](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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As the MMCBD has already pointed out, the Tenderloin Center is at best, a highly problematic service and needs to be fundamentally reevaluated for efficacy. It is clear that the Center is having a negative impact on the neighborhood, and our neighborhood is already struggling with debilitating issues tied drug use and sales.

The city is in dire need of programs that REDUCE dealing and use on our streets. City efforts that do not demonstrably show dramatic improvements in this area should not be funded through back-room deals that thwart public input and public will. I urge the BOS to follow through on the agreement to close a site that is a source of blight and death.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sullivan

Owner 537 Stevenson Street
Board Member, Mid Market Business Association
Founder, Friends of Stevenson Street
Producer of the Skybridge on Stevenson Music Festival

From: [Sylvia C](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sylvia Chen

From: [Bill Godwin](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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What is happening in San Francisco and in this area in particular is outrageous. You're breaking the social contract with your citizens. Please fix this

Sincerely,

Alex

Alex Rosen
Ridge Ventures

Sent from one of my mobile devices, likely dictated and not checked. Please pardon brevity and any typos.

From: [Will Sandman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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Sincerely,
Will Sandman

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Continuity of Services for Tenderloin Center Clients - SUPPORT
Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 10:03:08 AM
Attachments: [2022.11.07 - Tenderloin Center Letter - Continuity of Care.pdf](#)

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**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>; Hernandez, Melissa G (BOS) <[melissa.g.hernandez@sfgov.org](mailto:melissa.g.hernandez@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Continuity of Services for Tenderloin Center Clients - SUPPORT

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Sincerely,

Wes

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**Wesley Saver, MPP**

Senior Policy Manager

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November 7, 2022

The Honorable London Breed  
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San Francisco, CA 94102  
[MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org](mailto:MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org)

*Submitted via electronic mail*

**Subject: Continuity of Services for Tenderloin Center Clients — SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Breed,

Thank you for all your office's attention to the needs of our district and investing in the Tenderloin Linkage Center. We have become aware that there is no plan to open a new center before the existing center closes and no plans for continuity of care. As Tenderloin organizations and organizations serving Tenderloin residents, we are deeply concerned with ensuring that those currently being served by the Tenderloin Linkage Center do not face interruptions in care. The closure is imminent, and the Department of Public Health has announced that three new hubs will be opening. We would like your administrations to switch gears and ensure that the city opens a hub in the Tenderloin at an existing or new site, has an opening date for a new hub in the Tenderloin, and a plan for continuity of equivalent level services for clients currently being served.

We believe the closure can be coordinated in a way that does not unnecessarily harm our constituents and neighbors by abruptly shutting down life-saving services with no replacement(s) or outreach plan to inform folks of location(s) for new services. In particular, we want to avoid a scenario where shutting down the Tenderloin Center puts people in heightened danger of fatal overdoses and other fatal health risks. Currently, over 400 people visit the center daily and have access to showers, bathrooms, referrals to service, and respite off the street. We also want to make sure that every current client of the Tenderloin center has reasonable notice about both the closure and the location, services, and hours of where they will be able to go.

Under no circumstances can we safely and responsibly shut down the Tenderloin Center without a replacement. As Tenderloin organizations, we are prepared to help make that happen. Please respond to this letter in writing with an opening date for a new Tenderloin hub and plans to work with the Tenderloin community to craft a plan that outlines continuity of services.

Undersigned,

3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic  
ABD Skywatchers  
AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Bethany United Methodist  
California Interfaith Power & Light  
CARA

Coalition on Homelessness, SF  
Code Tenderloin  
Day Moon  
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Larkin Street Youth Services  
Lava Mae  
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NAMI San Francisco  
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North East Medical Services (NEMS)  
Older Women's League - OWLSF  
Project Open Hand  
Providence Foundation of San Francisco

Raphael House  
Safer Inside Coalition  
Safer Together  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
San Francisco Community Health Center  
San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project  
San Francisco SafeHouse  
Senior Disabled Action  
SF LGBT Center  
SF Taxpayers, NCCPR  
Shanti  
Simply the Basics  
St James infirmary  
SteppingStone Health  
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development  
Corporation (TNDC)  
Tenderloin People's Congress  
Tenderloin Stakeholders Group  
The Gubbio Project  
The Healing WELL  
The Women's Building  
Toolworks  
Treatment on Demand Coalition  
Veterans Alley Mural Project Inc.  
Western Regional Advocacy Project  
YWAM San Francisco

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**From:** [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
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Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Wes Saver <wsaver@glide.org>
Subject: Re: Continuity of Services for Tenderloin Center Clients - SUPPORT

Madam Clerk and Alisa,

Can we add this to the file for [No. 221090](#)?

Best,

Melissa Hernandez

Pronouns: she/they

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Supervisor Dean Preston

From: Wes Saver <wsaver@glide.org>

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 6:04 PM

To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>

Cc: Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Hernandez, Melissa G (BOS) <melissa.g.hernandez@sfgov.org>

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Subject: Close the Tenderloin Center in December AS PROMISED!
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Dear Supervisors,

This thing isn't working.

It may have seemed like a good idea at the time, but it has made things much worse, unless you're a drug dealer.

We urge you to close the Tenderloin Center in December as promised.

Sincerely,

David Harrison

From: [Lindsay Goldstone](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
A. Radman
M. Radman
S. Radman
SA. Radman

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Richard Chan](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Dear Supervisors,

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Best regards,





November 7, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Adherence to Planned Closing of the Tenderloin 'Linkage' Center in UN Plaza

Honorable Supervisors,

Please adhere to the planned December 2022 closing date for the Tenderloin 'Linkage' Center in historic United Nations Plaza. This temporary, pilot program has not achieved its desired outcomes; but has caused great harm to the community and public open space surrounding it.

- **Drug overdose deaths were not reduced over the last 6 month period as compared to last year;**
- **open air drug use in the Civic Center/Mid Market/Tenderloin area has not decreased; and**
- **the public realm surrounding the Center is not clean, safe or fully accessible to the general public.**

We also recommend, before another center with similar goals is considered, that the City family achieve inter-agency alignment on operations and facility oversight which balances service delivery and public safety. The community and its guests have endured an inordinate amount of illegal and anti-social activity during this pilot, especially open-air drug use **outside** the Center. This activity, coupled with increased: drug dealing, theft, vandalism, and illegal vending are untenable.

Existing laws are not being promoted, obeyed or enforced putting the general public and Center users, at great risk.

Thank you for leadership to ensure the City's commitment to closing the Tenderloin "Linkage" Center this December is upheld.

Respectfully,
Civic Center Community Benefit District

cc: Honorable Mayor London Breed
Sergio Chin, Tenderloin Station Captain, San Francisco Police Department
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Darryl Fong, Commander, San Francisco Police Department
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Michelle Daniels

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Best regards,





mid market community benefit district

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November 7, 2022

Board of Directors

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Chris Callandrillo
Episcopal Community Services

RE: Please close the Tenderloin Center at 1172 Market Street as planned this December

Philip Gerrie
SF Friends Meeting House

Dear Supervisors:

David Harrison
Patson Company

We urge the City to keep the promise it made to the Community six months ago to close the Tenderloin Center this December.

Jeannie Kim
SAM'S & Fermentation Lab

The grave public safety issues caused by the Tenderloin Center in Mid Market, namely blatant open-air drug use and dealing, have been profoundly detrimental to the surrounding community since its opening. Drug dealers and other predators have flocked to the area (for several blocks out) to prey on Tenderloin Center clients; where family, friends, employees, shoppers and guests of the local community now fear to tread.

Kristie Lober
Related

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Even if the Center were meeting its goals, we would still be advocating for its closure at the current location. Unfortunately, there has been no decrease in open air drug use in the area. There has in fact been a significant increase. And the last 6 months of overdose death data released by the San Francisco Medical Examiner's office show an 'increase' in the number of overdose deaths in 2022 compared to 2021 (see table below), demonstrating that the Tenderloin Center has failed its primary mission to decrease overdose deaths.

Miia Kautovaara
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Jim Sangiacomo
Trinity Properties

Please discontinue this pilot program this December as promised.

Jane Weil
Resident

Sincerely,
Mid Market Community Benefit District

Bill Whitfield
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CC: London Breed, Mayor
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Sincerely,
Joe Ching
Property Owner
64-68 6th Street
SF, CA 94103

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Some real estate brokers refuse to show property in the areas close to the "center".

Residents in the area are afraid when they walk outside.

The direct impact to our existing business who have invested heavily in the area, the residents who had confidence enough to move to the area, coupled with the trickle down affects on taxes, tourism and safety, is a direct contradiction to the welcoming San Francisco we need to portray, and work towards.

Kindly close this "center" as planned,

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Wallace
Commercial Property Manager
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Dear Supervisors,

As a member of the Street Level Drug Dealing Task Force I urge you to move forward with the closure of the Tenderloin center.

The center was opened under the guise of a linkage center but ended up being a bait and switch to something completely different.

We need a place that promotes recovery and provides access to services, not one that has been run dishonestly from the onset and promotes drug use vs. recovery.

This has been a \$20 million+ failure and WE CAN DO BETTER.

It is time to start from scratch with a better location, better execution, new operators and a comprehensive plan to address the disaster that unmitigated drug sales and abuse has wreaked on the Tenderloin/MidMarket neighborhoods.

This is a neighborhood filled with people of color, immigrants, people in recovery and/or in assistance and new SF residents struggling to make it in our city. They deserve a neighborhood that is safe and free from the insane amount of drug abuse that has become centered around a "safe use" facility that doesn't have a track record of success. The city failed to provide adequate safety responses to the issues surrounding the area and is in no position to do so now. Our police department is understaffed, our health department is being rightfully audited and the non profit partners are being dishonest about what they are doing. The center has been a boondoggle, a drag on the neighborhood and a mess from the beginning.

Time to close and reset.

I agree with the MMCBD letter below.

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415.722.6299

From: [Jason Cawthorne - 9PF](#)
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Director - San Francisco Service Center
50 United Nations Plaza
General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service

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Sincerely,
Anthony Fox
Resident of the Tenderloin

From: [Nate Haas](#)
To: [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@midmarketcbd.org
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Thomas Brown

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San Francisco, CA 94102
415.305.4597

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfciviccenter.org
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From: [Mark Casagrande](#)
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[Your name] MARK CASAGRANDA

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IT UNJUSTLY FENCES OFF AND TAKES THE PLAZA AWAY FROM THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE.

UNITED NATIONS PLAZA IS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. THE LINKAGE CENTER IS A SELFISH MONOPOLISTIC USE; NOT WHAT A CIVIC CENTER IS FOR.

THE LINKAGE CENTER ENCOURAGES DEADLY DRUG USE ON THE PLAZA, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

I LOST A WONDERFUL COMMERCIAL TENANT AT 1 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA DUE TO THE NIGHTLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DONE IN THE SHADOWS OF THE LINKAGE CENTER'S FENCING.

THE LINKAGE CENTER SHOWS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE: TO PERMANENTLY COLONIZE THE PLAZA FOR THEIR OWN USE AND POLITICAL CAPITAL. THEY NEVER NEEDED TO FENCE OFF THE PLAZA; THEY NEVER FULLY USED THEIR ADJACENT OFFICE BUILDING.

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MIKE ROSSOFF,
Owner,
1 United Nations Plaza

Sent from my iPhone

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Please ensure the Tenderloin Center ceases operation this December 2022 and that UN Plaza and the surrounding area are restored to clean and safe public spaces.

Sincerely,
[Your name]
Joel Miller,

Sent from my iPhone

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Sincerely,
Akimitsu Nishihara

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
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Mayor Breed and Board of Supervisors:

It is very distressing to see news of any services being discontinued at this moment of ongoing socio-economic crisis. Capitalism created this problem. I have been lucky to be on the winning side of the US capitalist system and I want my taxpayer dollars to go into helping those on the losing side. People do not chose to be homeless, these are people in crisis who need help and services. We need to be expanding (not discontinuing!) the services provided by the Tenderloin Center.

Sophie Rich  
1786 - 16th Ave  
San Francisco

November 2, 2022

The Honorable London Breed  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall, Room 200  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Continuity of Services for Tenderloin Center Clients

Dear Mayor Breed,

Thank you for all your office's attention to the needs of our district and investing in the Tenderloin Linkage Center. We have become aware that there is no plan to open a new center before the existing center closes and no plans for continuity of care. As Tenderloin organizations and organizations serving Tenderloin residents, we are deeply concerned with ensuring that those currently being served by the Tenderloin Linkage Center do not face interruptions in care. The closure is imminent, and DPH has announced that three new hubs will be opening. We would like your administrations to switch gears and ensure that the city opens a hub in the Tenderloin at an existing or new site, has an opening date for a new hub in the Tenderloin, and a plan for continuity of equivalent level services for clients currently being served.

We believe the closure can be coordinated in a way that does not unnecessarily harm our constituents and neighbors by abruptly shutting down life-saving services with no replacement(s) or outreach plan to inform folks of location(s) for new services. In particular we want to avoid a scenario where shutting down the Tenderloin Center puts people in heightened danger of fatal overdoses and other fatal health risks. Currently over 400 people visit the center daily and have access to showers, bathrooms, referrals to service and respite off the street. We also want to make sure that every current client of the TL center has reasonable notice about both the closure and the location, services and hours of where they will be able to go.

Under no circumstances can we safely and responsibly shut down the center without a replacement. As Tenderloin organizations, we are prepared to help make that happen. Please respond to this letter in writing with an opening date for a new Tenderloin hub and plans to work with the Tenderloin community to craft a plan that outlines continuity of services.

Undersigned,

3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic  
ABD Skywatchers  
AIDS Legal Referral Panel  
Bethany United Methodist  
California Interfaith Power & Light  
CARA  
Coalition on Homelessness, SF  
Code Tenderloin  
Day Moon  
Demonstration Gardens  
Dolores Street Community Services

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End Hep C SF  
Episcopal Community Services  
GLIDE  
Gray Panthers of San Francisco  
Hamilton Families  
Harvey Milk LGBTQ Democratic Club  
HomeRise  
Hospitality House  
Interfaith Power & Light  
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco  
Justice for Luis Góngora Pat  
Larkin Street Youth Services  
Lava Mae  
Mental Health Association of San Francisco  
NAMI San Francisco  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
North East Medical Services (NEMS)  
Older Women's League - OWLSF  
Project Open Hand  
Providence Foundation of San Francisco  
Raphael House  
Safer Inside Coalition  
Safer Together  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
San Francisco Community Health Center  
San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project  
San Francisco SafeHouse  
Senior Disabled Action  
SF LGBT Center  
SF Taxpayers, NCCPR  
Shanti  
Simply the Basics  
St James infirmary  
SteppingStone Health  
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC)  
Tenderloin People's Congress  
Tenderloin Stakeholders Group  
The Gubbio Project  
The Healing WELL  
The Women's Building  
Toolworks  
Treatment on Demand Coalition  
Veterans Alley Mural Project Inc.  
Western Regional Advocacy Project  
YWAM San Francisco



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**November 3, 2022**

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## **BREAKING NEWS—Coalition Urges City Government to Prevent Loss of Tenderloin Center Services, Save Lives**

**\*\*\*Media Advisory\*\*\***

*The Safer Inside coalition calls on the City to ensure that vital lifesaving health and hygiene services continue to be provided for Tenderloin residents, even as the Tenderloin Center closes.*

SAN FRANCISCO, November 3, 2022—The Safer Inside Coalition is holding a press conference on Thursday, November 4, at 9:00 AM on the steps of City Hall, calling on the City of San Francisco to ensure there is no loss of services when the Tenderloin Center closes. The Coalition and speakers at the press conference are urging the City to continue services, regardless of the Center's closure in December.

**Who:** Supervisor Dean Preston  
Members of the Safer Inside Coalition, including Glide and HealthRIGHT 360  
Community Members  
Clients of the Tenderloin Center  
Service providers in the Tenderloin

**What:** Press Conference

**When:** Thursday November 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. PT

**Where:** San Francisco City Hall Steps (on Polk St)

Although the San Francisco Department of Public Health committed to opening “wellness hubs” during a recent [Board of Supervisors hearing](#) and in their [Overdose Prevention Plan](#), community members are demanding more immediate action to ensure that there is continuity of services as the Tenderloin Center closes. They assert that the closure can be coordinated in a way that

does not unnecessarily harm people using the services by abruptly shutting down life-saving services with no replacement(s) or outreach plan to inform community members of location(s) for new services. There are serious concerns about shutting down the Tenderloin Center and putting people in heightened danger of fatal overdoses and other fatal health risks especially when the Tenderloin Center has reversed 280 overdoses. Currently, over 400 people visit the center daily and have access to showers, bathrooms, referrals to services and respite off the street. Fifty organizations have signed a letter demanding that the Mayor's Office "ensure that the city opens a hub in the Tenderloin at an existing or new site, has an opening date for a new hub in the Tenderloin, and a plan for continuity of equivalent level services for clients currently being served." The letter also requests that every current client of the Tenderloin Center has reasonable notice about both the closure and information about location(s), services and hours of where they will be able to go to replace the existing services.

The press conference will be in advance of the Board of Supervisors Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting, during which the Supervisors will discuss and vote on a resolution, introduced by Supervisor Dean Preston, urging the City to ensure a continuity of services.

## **Quotes from members of Safer Inside**

### *The Gubbio Project:*

"The TL Center has been a vital life line to the people that we serve. Since it opened, day after day, our staff have referred our guests to the array of centralized services at the TL Center. People love the harm reduction model and appreciate being able to be seen by providers who allow people who are using drugs to access the space without judgment. We've heard directly about the success of this program in the form of multiple individuals securing housing, finding treatment options, connecting directly to City staff and departments in person, securing shelter referral and finding access to much needed hygiene services. Before the TL Center closes, we ask that these services be set up and transitioned to wellness hubs as quickly as possible so that there is no gap in support and wellness for our neighbors." Calder Lorenz, Director of Operations

### *GLIDE:*

"We are grateful to Supervisor Dean Preston for championing this urgent resolution," said GLIDE's Senior Policy Manager, Wesley Saver. "At the same time, we are deeply concerned that San Francisco lacks adequate resources to meet an undeniable need. It is critical that the City maintain and expand access to low-threshold, dignified, life-saving community health services before the December closure of the Tenderloin Center. This is a matter of survival, and we must urgently invest in an evidence-based continuum of care to prevent overdose deaths and widening disparities in health outcomes. Providers, such as those at the Tenderloin Center, are serving some of the most vulnerable members of our communities, and we will continue to

call for the resources needed to address the ongoing overdose crisis and achieve health equity."

*HealthRIGHT 360:*

"We strongly believe that before the Tenderloin Center is closed, there needs to be a replacement in place," said CEO of HealthRIGHT 360 Vitka Eisen. "We worry for people that rely on the Tenderloin Center, closing a place that provides over 400 people a day with dignity and community health services, will cause pain and suffering to a group of people who already experience a significant amount of trauma - placing them at risk of a fatal overdose."

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**Safer Inside** is a coalition of community-based organizations, researchers, people who use drugs, public health experts, frontline workers, activists, and community members who are invested in ending fatal overdose in the Bay Area. To learn more, visit [saferinside.org](http://saferinside.org).

1 [Urging the Continuation of Services After the Closure of the Tenderloin Center]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor's Office and Department of Public Health to ensure no gap**  
4 **in services for the hundreds of people served daily by the Tenderloin Center.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin Center, formerly known as the Linkage Center and located  
7 at 1170 Market Street, was launched in January 2022, pursuant to an emergency declaration  
8 by Mayor London Breed and her administration (the Administration), and was a landmark part  
9 of the Tenderloin Initiative; and

10 WHEREAS, Despite the expiration of the Mayor's declaration in March 2022, the  
11 Tenderloin Center has continued operating and has already served over 104,230 guests,  
12 serving up to 441 guests a day; and

13 WHEREAS, The Tenderloin Center offers a plethora of services, including meals,  
14 restrooms, showers, laundry, overdose prevention services, enrollment in treatment and state  
15 benefits, wound care, HIV/STI/COVID-19 testing, housing/shelter assessment, employment  
16 services, and other activities and services; and

17 WHEREAS, Although some of these services, such as some harm reduction services,  
18 have been offered by various providers for many years and continue being offered today,  
19 other services offered at the Tenderloin Center, such as overdose prevention, showers, and  
20 linkage to housing/benefits, are either unavailable in other locations or not as easily  
21 accessible for the population served by the Tenderloin Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Overdose prevention services are a key part of the Tenderloin Center: at  
23 least 249 overdoses have been reversed and thousands of doses of Naloxone distributed by  
24 staff at the Tenderloin Center, undoubtedly saving many lives; and



1           WHEREAS, The most recent report by the Medical Examiner’s Office shows that San  
2           Francisco’s overdose deaths remain at crisis levels, and 451 people have died from overdose  
3           as of the end of September 2022; and

4           WHEREAS, The Mayor has announced her plan to close the Tenderloin Center in  
5           December of 2022; and

6           WHEREAS, As of the writing of this Resolution, the Administration has yet to announce  
7           any plan to ensure no gap in services for the hundreds of people served daily by the  
8           Tenderloin Center;

9           WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health (DPH) prepared and recently released its  
10          Overdose Prevention Plan, which includes plans to invest further into harm reduction services,  
11          treatment, and create “Wellness Hubs” that will offer overdose prevention services, but has  
12          offered no public information regarding the locations and precise timing for these  
13          commitments; and

14          WHEREAS, Shutting down the Tenderloin Center without an operational replacement  
15          nearby to offer services to the hundreds of people who utilize the center every day would  
16          create an untenable situation in the Tenderloin, Civic Center, and surrounding neighborhoods;  
17          and

18          WHEREAS, Leaving the Tenderloin and Civic Center without an operational site  
19          nearby to offer overdose prevention services would place the people who currently rely on  
20          those services at higher risk of overdosing; now, therefore, be it

21          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Administration to commit to  
22          ensuring that there is no gap in services from the closure of the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

23          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to commit to ensure  
24          that a replacement site and services are opened by the anticipated date of closure for the  
25          Tenderloin Center; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to commit to ensure  
2 that any replacements are reasonably situated to serve at minimum the people currently  
3 served by the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Administration to immediately  
5 publicly release its plan for ensuring that the people who utilize the Tenderloin Center will be  
6 offered comparable services elsewhere upon closure of the Tenderloin Center; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in the event that no suitable replacements near the  
8 Tenderloin Center can be mobilized or opened by the date of the Tenderloin Center's planned  
9 closure, the Board of Supervisors urges the Administration to commit to extending operations  
10 for the Tenderloin Center until such time as those replacement services become available to  
11 ensure that the hundreds of people who are currently served by the Tenderloin Center are not  
12 left without sufficient access to the resources currently offered there.

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