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Tenderloin Emergency Initiative **Strategic Plan and Operations Guide**

Vision: A safer and healthier Tenderloin neighborhood with more effective connections to services for housed and unhoused residents, reduced crime and sidewalk hazards, and increased investments in long-term neighborhood coordination between City and non-City agencies.

Background: Deaths from drug overdose are at epidemic levels in San Francisco. Tenderloin residents and business owners are plaqued by violence and crime related to drug dealing and drug use in their neighborhood. While these problems have gotten worse over the past few years and particularly over the course of the pandemic, recently the threat to public health, safety and welfare has become much graver and more imminent in the Tenderloin and demands emergency action. On December 17, 2021, Mayor Breed declared a State of Emergency in the Tenderloin which was later ratified by the Board of Supervisors on December 24, 2021 to address the overdose crisis. This 90-day Declaration allows for crisis operations to be directed by the Department of Emergency Management in order to address the notable public health emergency with a services-first approach.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Policy Direction by Mayor's Office
- Strategy by Mayor's Office, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), community stakeholders
- Operational Coordination by DEM

representatives and community organizations

Operations by Departments of Public Health, Homelessness and Supportive Housing, Public Works, Fire, Police, 311, Economic and Workforce Development, and supporting infrastructure departments. Supported by operations from Community Benefit Districts and Community Based Organizations.

Success Metrics:

Short Term Long Term · Fewer fatal and non-fatal overdoses Increased long-term connections to treatment and services Activation of pop-up resources dedicated to the Tenderloin More activations of open space • Increased use of public parks More dedicated shelter and housing resources dedicated to the Tenderloin • Increased feelings of public safety for residents Increased short-term connections to treatment and business owners and services • Clear process for residents, CBOs, merchants, • Fewer 911 medical calls to the Tenderloin city to address neighborhood issues together • Fewer 911 violent crime calls to the Tenderloin · Level of safety and cleanliness can be maintained through regular resource allocations Less open drug dealing from City and neighborhood • Less open-air drug use • Increased block parties and clean team events Fewer tents Increased nighttime lighting on streets and Cleaner sidewalks and streets during both storefronts daytime and nighttime hours Street engineering on identified blocks to slow • Better City coordination with neighborhood down vehicle traffic

Operational Phases:

Phase 1: Engagement and Assessment (start November 15, 2021)

This operational phase brings together key stakeholders to conduct problem definition and analysis in order to define the scope of the crisis and sustained operations. Key components of this phase include:

COORDINATE with City and non-City stakeholders

- Assess and identify operations assigned to Tenderloin neighborhood, including but not limited to cleaning, outreach, service connection, intervention, and enforcement operations
 - o Gather and document shift operations, resources assigned, scopes of work
 - o Identify gaps and/or where improvements are needed
- Conduct priority matching meetings with community organizations and neighborhood representatives

ASSESS top problems in the neighborhood

- Conduct neighborhood surveys on foot with DEM, Urban Alchemy, TLCBD, Mid-Market Business Association
- Meetings with community organizations, neighborhood representatives, other stakeholders to gather information
- Understand gaps in existing services, resources, and coordination efforts
- Identify top problem areas that should be addressed by City and non-city agencies

PROPOSE short- and long-term solutions

- Brainstorm possible solutions and who would be responsible to implement them
- Perform ongoing gap analysis for services and programs in the neighborhood
- Build upon existing successful services and/or relationships

During this phase, the following priority problems areas and proposed solution categories were identified:

Priority Problem	Short- and Long-Term Solutions		
Drug dealing and violent crime	Targeted/strategic disruption and intervention		
	Infrastructure modifications and fixes		
	Street engineering		
Lack of shelter and drop-in	TL-dedicated beds within system of care		
resources	Behavioral and mental health resource support		
Open air drug use	Drop-in center / 24-hour behavioral health referral center		
	TL-dedicated beds within system of care		
	Street / sidewalk engineering		
Lack of safe passage and	Coordination of ambassador programs with existing community		
accessibility	organizations		
	Infrastructure modifications and fixes		
	Funding and support for community-based projects		
Waste and debris	Targeted and frequent cleanings		
	Increased trash cans / adjusted trash pickups		
High levels of 911 medical	Coordination with Street Wellness team (start Jan 2022)		
calls	Ongoing outreach and alternatives to law enforcement		
Illegal vending	Outreach and engagement in-language		
	Coordinated intervention and enforcement		

Phase 2: Crisis Operations (December 17, 2021 – March 17, 2022)

This phase focuses on implementing emergency tactics to move away from the 7 identified neighborhood problems and toward the proposed solutions. This will be accomplished through incident management best practices, which operate on a standardized operational period and is managed by coordinated objectives. Each objective will be required to directly address one or more of the 7 identified problem areas. The Tenderloin Emergency Initiative will operate on weekly operational periods from Mondays to Sundays, and will include daily tactics meetings, weekly stakeholder updates, and recurring community and resident town halls. Accountability will be tracked through a weekly Situation Report which will be generated by the incident management team and distributed to stakeholders. Key components of this phase include:

CONNECT to services

- Establish a Linkage Center that acts as a services-focused location where people can
 voluntarily go to find respite from the streets and gain access to a wide variety of resources
 from the City and its partners
- Increase shelter and behavioral health resources dedicated to the Tenderloin
- Coordinate more effective outreach efforts collaboratively between City and non-city agencies that offer services and programs to housed and unhoused Tenderloin residents

INTERVENE in street activity

- Review deployment locations of community ambassador programs throughout the neighborhood
 - o Gather and document shift operations, resources assigned, scopes of work
 - Perform strength and gap analyses of programs with community representatives
 - o Implement identified improvements
- Perform targeted outreach to people engaging in open-air drug use and illegal vending activities
- Invest City resources in community-led beautification projects and positive activations that adjust the sidewalks, streets, alleyways, and open space
- Increase parking citations and enforcement to prevent traffic hazards and disrupt drive-up drug dealing
- Coordinate with law enforcement and outreach teams to ensure operations are targeted and strategic

INVEST in infrastructure

- Establish an expedited response process for City agencies to address 311 service requests
- Harden or adjust infrastructure prone to vandalism or misuse
- Coordinate between and among City and non-City agencies to better identify priority areas

Phase 3: Sustained Operations (March 2022 and onward)

This phase ensures that even once the Declaration of Emergency and the crisis operations have concluded, the City will maintain its investment and presence in the Tenderloin community. The details and components of this phase will be developed concurrently during the crisis operations phase, in conjunction with community and neighborhood stakeholders. Key components of this phase thus far include:

CONFIRM long-term City resource allocations

Assign long-term City management and investment in neighborhood programs and infrastructure

• Establish agreements and/or minimum levels of service for ongoing work with community organizations, neighborhood stakeholder groups, and residents

INVEST in ongoing resources and programs

- Secure long-term scope and funding for ambassador programs
- Approve permits and project plans for community-focused open space
- Prioritize safe passage investments such as Yellow Brick Road and school crossing guards

FACILITATE block-level community activations

- o Regular block parties and Clean Team events
- o Pop-up art and culture fairs

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Overview

Phase I: Engagement and Assessment

November 2021

Coordinate with City and non-City stakeholders

Assess top problems in the Tenderloin neighborhood

Propose short- and longterm solutions Phase II: Crisis Operations
December 2021 - March
2022

Connect to services

Intervene in street activity

Invest in infrastructure

Phase III: Sustained Operations

March 2022 - Onward

Confirm long-term City resource allocations

Invest in ongoing resources and programs

Facilitate clock-level community activations

Priority Areas & Strategies

Drug dealing & violent crime

Intervention • Infrastructure • Street Engineering

Lack of shelter & drop-in resources

TL-Dedicated Beds • Behavioral Health Care

Open air drug use

Linkage Center • TL-Dedicated Beds • Street engineering

Lack of safe passage & accessibility

Ambassadors • Infrastructure • Community Projects

Waste & debris

Frequent Cleanings • Increased Trash Cans / Adjusted Trash Pickups

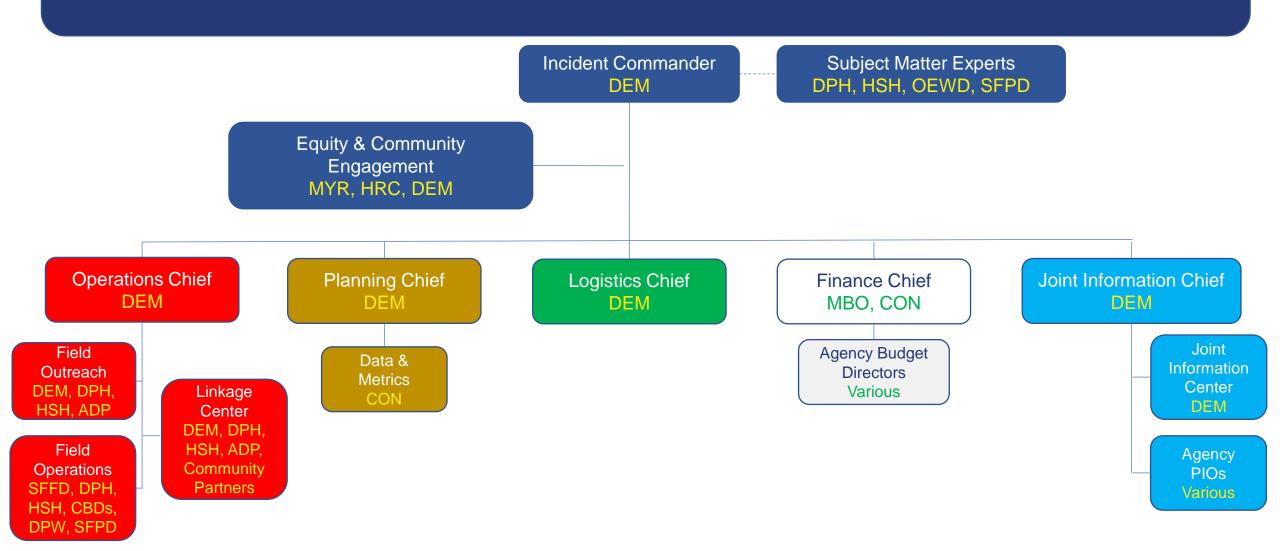
High level of 911 medical calls

Street Wellness Team • Alternatives to Law Enforcement

Illegal vending

Engagement in-language • Coordinated Intervention & Enforcement

Incident Command Structure



Summary of Activities









117

Connected to Shelter from Street

893

Connected to Treatment from Street

922

Tons of Waste Cleaned Up

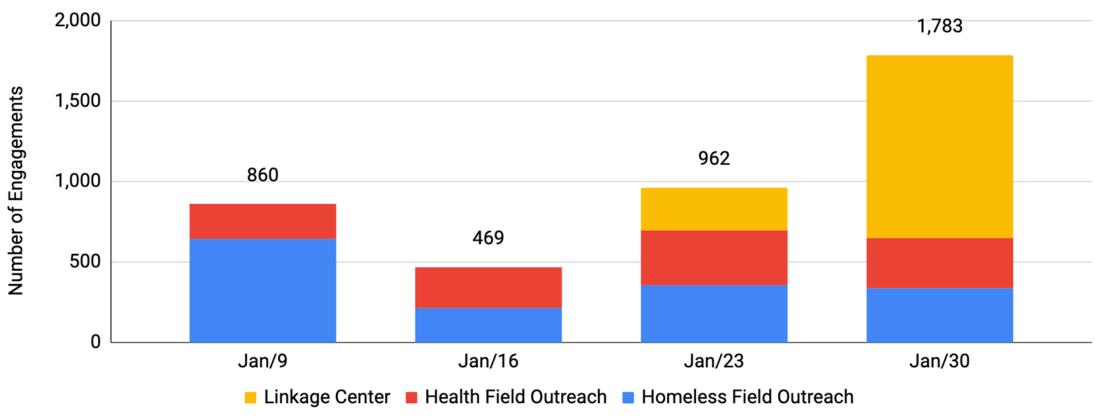
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Grams of Fentanyl Seized

Engagements with Clients

Meaningful Engagements During Tenderloin Initiative, 2022

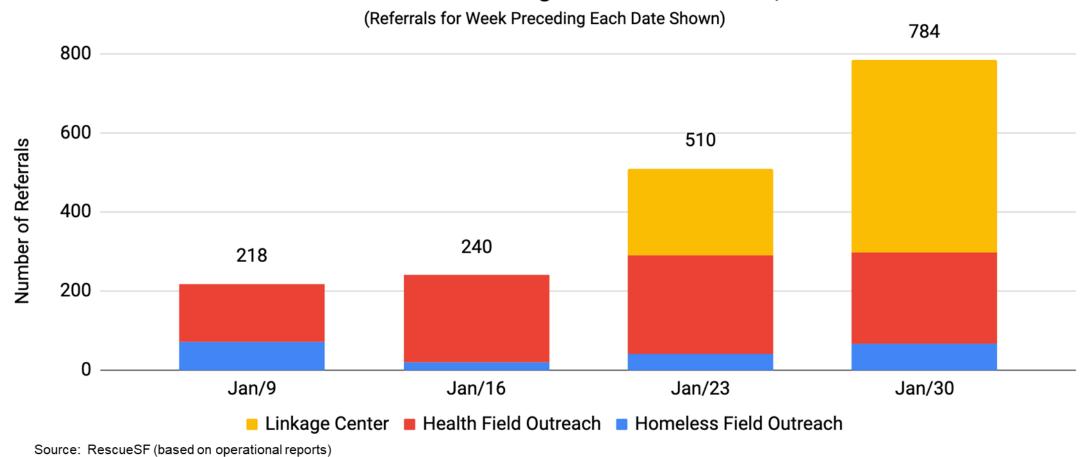
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Source: RescueSF (based on operational reports)

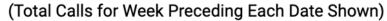
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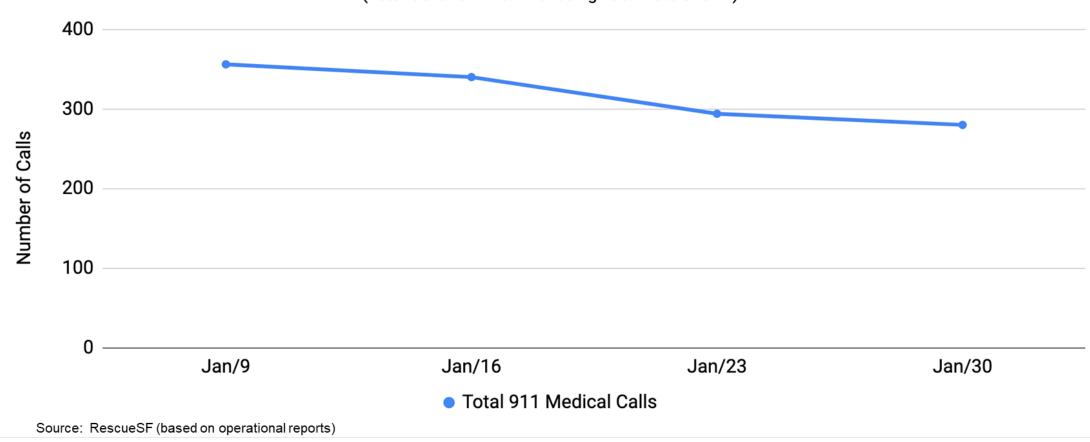
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911 Medical Calls

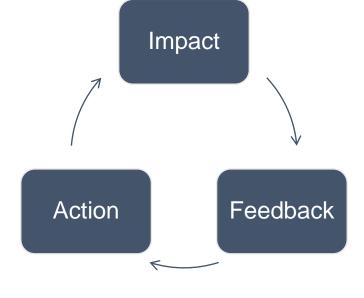
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Tracking Progress

- Current: Releasing weekly reports that track agency operations and identify activities tied to emergency objectives
- Future: Develop <u>impact metrics</u> that address root causes and reflect progress on the priority areas outlined by community stakeholders and residents
 - Examples: Fatal overdoses, linkage to behavioral health treatment, homelessness, safe passage and accessibility, etc.
 - Include data dashboards, public meetings, coordination plans



Community Feedback

- Regular community stakeholder meetings with Tenderloin Emergency Initiative staff
- Community Listening Sessions with Tenderloin residents, merchants and community organizations
 - Residents: police resources to address crime and drug dealing are not yet visible;
 safe place for people to go
 - Families: inability to walk children to and from school or youth programming safely
 - Merchants and businesses: illegal dumping and vending
 - Community-based organizations: future planning for bed and placement allocations for Tenderloin; how to become involved at the Linkage Center; design and services for the overall initiative.

Tenderloin Linkage Center (TLC)

Purpose

- To provide a safe, welcoming space for people who suffer from substance use disorder where they can access dignity services and social space.
- To be a "one-stop shop" for people who are ready to access city health and human service programs to link to those services easily and quickly.

Services

- Basic needs and onsite services
- Connections to programs

Operations

- 8am 8pm, 7 days a week
- Plans to expand to 8am 12am in the coming weeks and 24 hours as soon as feasible



Linkage Center Partners

- Urban Alchemy
- HealthRIGHT360
- Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing
- Department of Public Health
- Homeless Outreach Team
- Human Services Agency
- RAMS
- Felton Institute

- Adult Probation Reentry Division
- Dignity on Wheels
- University of California,
 San Francisco (UCSF)
- Project Homeless Connect
- San Francisco AIDS Foundation
- San Francisco Community Health Center
- Department of Emergency Management
- Code Tenderloin

Linkage Center Key Indicators

Metric	Week One Jan. 17 – Jan. 23	Week Two Jan. 24 – Jan. 30
Visits	1,180	2,017
Engagements	499	1,631
Referrals	220	486
Overdose Reversals	3	2
Overdose Deaths	0	0

Services at Tenderloin Linkage Center (TLC)

- Low barrier, drop in model
- To serve immediate needs, daily services include:
 - Food and drink
 - Showers and laundry
 - Rapid connections to:
 - Behavioral health care and/or medical care
 - Shelter and/or transitional housing
 - Vocational support
- Regular pop-up services include:
 - COVID-19 vaccines
 - HIV and Hepatitis C testing
 - Harm Reduction Therapy Center
 - Outpatient medication-assisted treatment (BAART Clinic)
- Developing Wellness events with a community calendar



SFDPH Objectives at TLC

- Prevent overdose deaths
- Coordinate outreach and engagement of health entities in the Tenderloin
- Increase access to treatment and harm reduction services
- Rapidly identify and solve barriers to access

Overdose Prevention at TLC

We are focused on doing everything possible to decrease overdose deaths

To support the safety of all guests, the TLC has implemented the following:

- Site design, staffing, and set-up to allow guests to be observed for safety at all times while respecting guest privacy.
- Overdose prevention training for staff, which includes identifying and reversing drug overdoses.
- Training for staff to meet guests where they are in a judgement free environment.
- Naloxone is widely available throughout the facility.
- Allowing guests to remain on site as long as they do not pose a risk to others.
- Providing connections to substance use treatment for guests.

SFDPH Hiring for Behavioral Health Needs

Goal

Hire 200 positions by March 2022 as part of 90-day Emergency Declaration

Accomplishments to date

- Completed 50% of goal
 - 100 positions filled at SFDPH, including behavioral health clinicians, pharmacists, health workers and others
 - Streamlined administrative aspects of hiring to fill vacancies while still adhering to competitive, fair, and equity-based selection process
- Remaining 100 positions on track to be filled by March 2022



HSH Progress and Outcomes

- SFHOT provides outreach and engagement in Linkage Center and across the Tenderloin.
- ~150 shelter placements from the streets and the Linkage Center
 - Shelter placements include congregate, navigation centers and noncongregate shelter.
- 72 people in the housing process
 - 16 moved in or have scheduled move-in date
- New shelter resources becoming available
 - COVID surge waning
 - 711 Post shelter pending approval (250 beds)

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Alternative Metrics:

A Health-Oriented Evaluation of the Tenderloin Emergency Initiative

Supported by Tenderloin community-based organizations, with special help from:

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness

Humphrey Obuobi, DSA SF

Andrea Faiss, Tipping Point



The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) currently reports some goals and operational metrics, but they need improvement.

LESS OPEN-AIR DRUG USE
FEWER TENTS

SHORT-TERM TREATMENT

"POSITIVE INTERACTIONS"

SOCKS DISTRIBUTED

- → Lack of clear, measurable goals
- → More oriented towards visibility of the problems than addressing root causes
- → Fail to prioritize our most vulnerable residents
- → No focus on equity



OUR GOAL

Establish a new set of metrics oriented towards improving public health, especially of our most vulnerable residents.

PRIORITY AREAS

Overdoses, Homelessness,

Mental Health, Safe

Passage, Waste

GOALS

One or two metrics to measure each priority area. Each should be baselined and have a clear, quantifiable goal.

OPERATIONS

Tracking what is done to directly affect the outcome metrics (capacity, referrals, utilization, etc)



Fatal & Non-Fatal Overdoses

GOAL METRICS

Fatal overdoses per month (from $X \rightarrow Y$)

Street-related 911 calls per month (from $X \rightarrow Y$)

OPERATIONAL METRICS

Pop-up resources, serving XXX people per month

Overdose Prevention Sites and Safe Consumption Site is opened, serving XXX people per month

Increased distribution of xxx narcan to community groups and to individuals through non-traditional means.

Fatal overdoses by race, language and gender

This is an abbreviated set. For the full list, please use this link.



PRIORITY AREA 2 Homelessness

GOAL METRICS

Homeless residents (from $X \rightarrow Y$)

OPERATIONAL METRICS

Additional shelter beds and housing created

Total Placements citywide and proportion of TL residents into shelter and housing

Turnaways from Linkage Center (upon request for housing)



Behavioral & Mental Health

GOAL METRICS

Participation in health programs (from $X \rightarrow Y$)

OPERATIONAL METRICS

Additional treatment slots and services created

Additional drop-in capacity

Placements into treatment (from Linkage Center and other CBO's)

Utilization of Linkage Center resources

Turnaways from Linkage Center (upon request for behavioral health treatment)

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From: Somera, Alisa (BOS)

To: BOS Legislation, (BOS)

Subject: FW: Overdose Prevention Program Service Site (OPPSS) - 444 6th Street - Public Works Emergency Declaration

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 11:44:51 AM

Attachments: Overdose Prevention Program Services Site (OPPSS) - 444 6th St. - Memo to Mayor, Board and Controller.pdf

For Tenderloin Emergency files.

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Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 9:10 AM

**To:** BOS-Supervisors <br/> <br/> supervisors@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS)

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**Subject:** FW: Overdose Prevention Program Service Site (OPPSS) - 444 6th Street - Public Works

**Emergency Declaration** 

**From:** Washington, Ben (DPW) < ben.washington@sfdpw.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:10 PM

**To:** Rosenfield, Ben (CON) < ben.rosenfield@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) < mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) < angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>

Cc: Lam, Dennis (DPW) < dennis.lam@sfdpw.org>

**Subject:** Overdose Prevention Program Service Site (OPPSS) - 444 6th Street - Public Works Emergency Declaration

Greetings,

Please find the attached time-sensitive correspondence for the subject emergency declaration.

Please confirm receipt of the attached memo. Public Works will be sending a hard copy of the attached memo to your offices. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

### Ben Washington

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February 2, 2022

Mayor London Breed City and County of San Francisco City Hall, Rm. 200

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Rm. 244
Attention: Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Mr. Ben Rosenfield, Controller City and County of San Francisco City Hall, Rm. 316

Subject: Overdose Prevention Program Services Site (OPPSS) – 444 6th Street

Dear Mayor London Breed, Members of the Board and Mr. Rosenfield:

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Therefore, an Emergency is declared to exist under the provisions of Section 6.60 of the San Francisco Administrative Code to address the drug overdoses and deaths in the Tenderloin and South of Market neighborhoods.

San Francisco Public Works' Emergency Declaration and the Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring existence of Emergency are attached for your reference which explains the necessity for immediate action. The cost for the work is currently anticipated to exceed \$250,000.00.

Sincerely,

2/2/2022 | 11:29:29 AM PST

Carla Short

Interim Director of Public Works

Enclosures:

Public Works Emergency Declaration

Proclamation by Mayor Declaring Existence of a Local Emergency

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Any Contractor shall be required to indemnify and hold harmless the City & County of San Francisco, its officers, agents and employees and furnish certificates of insurance protecting Contractor, any subcontractors and the City & County of San Francisco and its officers, agents and employees against claims

arising out of work performed pursuant to this order with the City & County of San Francisco, its officers, agents and employees named as additional insureds.

This emergency declaration is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the Proclamation by the Mayor declaring the existence of a local emergency for drug overdoses in the Tenderloin.

1/28/2022 | 4:00:26 PM PST

Sailaja Eurella/1/2022 | 4:39:30 PM PST

Carla Short

Interim Director of Public Works

Sailaja Kurella

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Office of Contract Administration Mayor's Designee



## LONDON N. BREED MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

## **Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 8550 et seq., San Francisco Charter Section 3.100(14), and Chapter 7 of the San Francisco Administrative Code empower the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a local emergency, subject to concurrence by the Board of Supervisors as provided in the Charter, in the case of an emergency threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") or its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Deaths from drug overdose are at epidemic levels in San Francisco. While the problem has gotten worse over the past few years and particularly over the course of the pandemic, recently the threat to public health, safety and welfare has become much graver and more imminent in the Tenderloin (as defined below) and demands emergency action; and

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WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the overdose epidemic in San Francisco. In the eight months before the Health Officer issued the Shelter-In-Place Order (March 2020), the median number of weekly overdose deaths was 10, which increased to 15 after the Order, representing a 50% increase. During this period, there was a significant increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness dying from drug overdoses; and

WHEREAS, A main contributor to the rapid rise in drug overdoses and deaths in San Francisco is the recent increase in the prevalence of fentanyl in the illegal drug market. Fentanyl is highly addictive and potent, and it is more likely to lead to overdose than other drugs in common use today. There has been a significant increase in the deaths attributable to fentanyl since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Fentanyl was a factor in more than 70% of overdose deaths between January and October 2021, an increase of nearly 20% since 2019. Over the past year, the San Francisco Police



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Department has confiscated over 23 kilos of fentanyl – more than four times the year before; and

**WHEREAS**, As the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic has begun to improve, the drug overdose crisis in the City has continued unabated. Between January and November 2021, nearly 600 San Franciscans died of a drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, The Tenderloin neighborhood and the surrounding area, including the South of Market neighborhood, are the epicenter of the overdose crisis in the City. Between January and October 2021, 21% of overdose deaths occurred in the Tenderloin, with an additional 20% of deaths occurring in the South of Market neighborhood. These areas make up only 7% of the City's population; and

**WHEREAS**, Contacts between clients and the City's non-profit partners running needle exchange programs in the Tenderloin increased nearly 30% in the period between July and September 2021 compared to the previous three months; and

**WHEREAS**, The crisis in the Tenderloin has worsened in recent months. One of the City's non-profit partners reported an over 35% increase in the distribution of Narcan in the Tenderloin between October 2021 and November 2021. Narcan is used to revive someone experiencing an overdose; and

**WHEREAS**, Emergency medical calls for service designated as calls for a "sick person" in the Tenderloin have increased more than 150% between June and November 2021 compared to the same period in 2020, and medical calls for service for all reasons during this time period also increased, indicative of serious public health issues likely attributable to the opioid crisis in the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Other indicators of the opioid crisis in the Tenderloin are also present; street conditions in the Tenderloin and surrounding area have deteriorated in recent months. Calls to 311 concerning human waste, needles, and garbage on streets and sidewalks increased significantly between the fall of 2020 and the fall of 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, There was a 38% increase in calls to the City's Street Overdose Response Team between October and November 2021, and a 44% increase in calls regarding drug overdoses in the same period; and



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**WHEREAS**, The rapidly deteriorating conditions in the Tenderloin caused by the opioid crisis put the lives of San Franciscans at serious risk, and the City must take action beyond the City's ordinary response capabilities, including re-appropriating resources to address the crisis, directing personnel from City departments to assist with the response, implementing crisis response sites for individuals to obtain medical help and services, and quickly procuring goods and services to address the crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, Conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mayor proclaims that all of these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency,

## NOW, THEREFORE,

I, London N. Breed, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, proclaim the existence, effective immediately on December 17, 2021 and for limited duration specified below, of an emergency within the City threatening the lives, property or welfare of the City and County and its citizens.

## It is further ordered that:

- (1) All City officers and employees take all steps requested by the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management to address the emergency conditions of the overdose and overdose death crisis in the Tenderloin. For purposes of this Proclamation, the "Tenderloin" means the San Francisco Police Department's Tenderloin District and the additional area within a one-block perimeter of that District.
- (2) All City officers and employees take all steps requested by the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other restriction in local law except Charter Section 9.118, City departments entering agreements related to the City's response to the emergency, including contracts for the procurement of commodities or services, contracts for public works, and grant agreements, shall comply with the procedural requirements of Section 21.15 of the Administrative Code (for agreements that are otherwise subject to



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Chapter 21 or Chapter 21G) or Section 6.60 of the Administrative Code (for agreements that are otherwise subject to Chapter 6). Civil Service Commission approval of such agreements is waived. Within 30 days of execution of the agreement departments must report any agreement that would have required approval by the Civil Service Commission to the Civil Service Commission.

(4) Temporary facilities implemented for purposes of offering services as part of the emergency response, such as public health, behavioral health, social, or housing services, as recommended by the Director of the Department of Emergency Management or the Director's designee and authorized by the Mayor or the Mayor's designee, shall be allowed in the Tenderloin, including on any City sidewalks or parks; any provision in City law that limits or restricts the City's deployment of such facilities is waived, and any applicable local requirements for public notice, the filing or approval of a permit application, or payment of fees related to that response are waived.

## I further proclaim and order that:

By the terms of this emergency declaration the City's government is organized under the provisions of the Incident Command System (ICS), which system forms an essential part of the City's Emergency Response Plan and is located in the Emergency Operations Center of the City and County of San Francisco. All City departments are ordered to cooperate strictly with the requests for material and personnel resources that may emanate from the ICS staff of the City. Under Charter Section 3.100(14), the Mayor may direct department personnel and resources, including reallocating and expending available funds within a department's budget or among and between departments, and expending available unappropriated funds, as necessary to meet the emergency. At least once every 30 days during this emergency, and again within 30 days after the termination of the emergency, the Controller shall report to the Board of Supervisors any transfer of appropriated or unappropriated funds adopted pursuant to this proclamation;

Office of the Mayor SAN FRANCISCO



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## And I further proclaim and order that:

This declaration of a local emergency shall continue to exist for no longer than 90 days from the effective date of this Proclamation and may be terminated earlier by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors.

DATED: December 17, 2021

London N. Breed

Mayor of San Francisco

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From: Wong, Jocelyn (BOS)

To: BOS Legislation, (BOS)

Subject: FW: 211323: Comment on "Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin"

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:21:10 PM

From: Gea De Los Reyes <geamd09@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 1:33 PM

**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <br/>
lisa.lew@sfgov.org>; Wong, Jocelyn (BOS) <jocelyn.wong@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** 211323: Comment on "Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin"

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#### Good afternoon,

I attended the 2/8/22 Board of Supervisors Meeting, but unfortunately, due to time constraints, I was unable to submit a public comment at the designated time during the session. Therefore, I would like to submit my comment via email instead:

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#### COMMENT:

My name is Gea and I would like to make a comment in relation to the drug overdoses in the Tenderloin as proclaimed by the mayor declaring the existence of a local emergency. Pharmacist's range of practice has been expanding, such as the ability to give vaccines, furnish nicotine replacement therapy and Narcan. However, the types of services pharmacists can bill for, and therefore provide, are extremely limited. Pharmacists having provider status will allow for the expansion of healthcare access to people in our communities. Giving authority to pharmacists to furnish buprenorphine may help to alleviate the opioid overdoses in San Francisco. If pharmacists are legally allowed to assess medical conditions within our scope of training, prescribe within the moment, and if needed, administer the medication, the healthcare system could efficiently utilize pharmacists' placement within the community to promote preventative health measures and lower the barrier for seeking care. Thank you.

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(FOLLOW-UP QUESTION: As a follow up regarding my comment, where would I check to verify that my comment has been read and added to future meeting agenda materials?)

Thank you. Have a good rest of your day!

Best, Gea From: Martha Larsen

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

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London (MYR); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** The situation in the Tenderloin

**Date:** Tuesday, December 21, 2021 11:18:54 AM

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### Dear Mayor and Board of Supervisors,

I would agree that the situation in the Tenderloin is not safe for children or others living there. But increasing police presence is untenable. The root of the problem includes homelessness, poverty and addiction. These are the issues that need to be addressed. There needs to be more mental health support for people and more housing. Help with addiction needs programs and funding. These are long term solutions, but can help now if implemented soon..

I read today's article in the Chronicle about the situation and would agree that the recommendations suggested there are a better solution to the situation now than the Mayor's plan. Please give these recommendations consideration and funding. Much peace,

martha

Give us bread, but give us roses too. [Slogan of women woolen mill workers -Bread and Roses Strike, Lawrence, MA 1912.]

But when the melancholy fit shall fall. . . Then glut thy sorrow on a morning rose. - John Keats.

From: <u>Steven Choi</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Breed, Mayor

London (MYR)

Subject: Lifelong SF resident - Feedback

Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 12:09:59 PM

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## Dear Supervisors...

I am a resident of SOMA and Civic Center area, in the epicenter of the tremendous issues going on in the TL area.

It is about time to take action NOW. I am part of the still, vibrant, tech community in SF and every year there are more and more stories and experiences that I am encountering with folks on the streets that need tremendous attention and help.

I understand that this cannot be accomplished overnight but these issues have lingered for decades and it's only getting worse in the past 7 years... if we're going to be an attractive metro city in the U.S. we cannot keep going down this route. Other resources in the city unfortunately may have to be sacrificed to try and alleviate this issue and we are at the point where these tradeoffs must happen now. I am excluding so many details of these issues but you all are already aware of the multitude of concerns circulating our streets so I'm intentionally excluding this from my note. Instead, this note is a deep plea to our leaders.

My company is thinking of moving out of SF completely. We already moved our HQ last year and more and more of my colleagues in the tech industry are planning these contingencies now. The migration has already happened 5 years ago but it's moving at a staggering rate in the past 3 years.

Please help our community, please notice what is happening and please help. **We need you right now.** 

Steven Choi

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#### Steven L Choi

Revenue & Strategic Partnerships Revel Systems office 510 672 2554 steven.choi@revelsystems.com From: Lee Heidhues

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Mar,

Gordon (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS)

Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Lynch, Andy (MYR); Ms. Lizzie Ann Heidhues

**Subject:** The Mayor and The Tenderloin

Date: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 7:13:12 PM

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This will be a true test for Board "Progressives" whose strategy is too often to cave in when the going gets tough.

It is depressing to read that "Progressive" Hillary Ronen plans to vote for the Emergency Powers resolution.

Supervisor Connie Chan, another self proclaimed "Progressive" is waffling.

The Board must take a stand that criminalizing drug users is wrong and inhumane.

The Board can vote this through as a Public Health measure and make it clear the SFPD does NOT have carte blanche to "lock 'em all up" as Mayor Breed vowed in her presser last week.

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In Solidarity, Lee Heidhues D1 Resident From: <u>Kate Pfaff</u>

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: Alonzo King; Robert Rosenwasser; Jill Lounibos

Subject: Note on Mayor"s Emergency Declaration from Alonzo King LINES Ballet

**Date:** Thursday, December 23, 2021 10:48:35 AM

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors at-large

Attn: Hon. Matt Haney, Supervisor

Supervisors:

Alonzo King LINES Ballet has been located at 26 7th Street for more than two decades. Each day, approximately 200 students, professional dancers, teachers, and staff come through our doors. On July 5th, we reopened the LINES Dance Center also located on 7th and Market after a 16-month closure, as the only business on our block. The conditions at this location have been grim; public drug-dealing, blatant drug-use, and blocked walkways and building entrances. Our community members do not feel safe coming to LINES.

Since August, the presence of Urban Alchemy practitioners on our street from 7AM to 7PM has transformed the experience for our community members. We have been impressed by their support of folks on the street-- and we feel safer. We are writing to advocate for extended community-based support on our streets. Extended hours until 10PM and increased practitioner presence will allow us to maintain the LINES Dance Center as a vibrant hub for dance in San Francisco.

Thank you for your support of Alonzo King LINES Ballet and all that you do for San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Alonzo King

Artistic Director & Co-Founder

Robert Rosenwasser

#### Creative Director & Co-Founder

**Executive Director** 

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Kate Pfaff (she/ her/ hers)
Director of Education

## Alonzo King LINES Ballet | Education

26 Seventh Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

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#### LINES RETURNS TO TOURING

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From: Matt Tom

To: <u>Board of Supervisors, (BOS)</u>; <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>

Subject: Tenderloin

**Date:** Thursday, December 23, 2021 12:09:20 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

I am uncomfortable with the plan in place. If there's no housing or care workers in place then it just adds funding or justification for funding for programs that have historically not resolved issues here. At a bare minimum a continuance should be requested until there's clear programs tagged for the work suggested.

I am a resident of D4.

Matt Tom

District 4

Matt Tom

iarejuno@gmail.com

San Francisco, California 94116

From: Betty Traynor

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS)

**Subject:** Hearing on Mayor"s TL Emergency Plan - a Town Hall?

**Date:** Thursday, December 23, 2021 12:41:51 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I know there will be many people contacting you today with many ways to deal with the situation in the Tenderloin. We know police enforcing the "sit and lie" ordinance or any removal and incarceration of unhoused people and those addicted to drugs is not a solution. But there is a need for people of the TL to come together, discuss the issues and come to solutions they can agree on.

I am suggesting an **Emergency Town Hall Meeting of residents of the TL**: families, seniors and people with disabilities, unhoused people, those addicted to drugs, people living in the SROs and apartments; a meeting called by the TL Supervisor Haney and/or Board President Walton. Let each other hear all sides of the situation and come to solutions together. People from the Mayor's office, pertinent City agencies (HSH, DPH, DEM, DAS, police and sheriff departments, etc.) can be present to listen, and provide information as needed, but the meeting would be led by TL residents and groups with the goal of reaching consensus on a just, equitable and caring solution.

Thank you for reading,

Betty Traynor
Friends of Boeddeker Park
Resident of the Western Addition/District 5

From: <u>Jennifer Mullane</u>

To: <u>Board of Supervisors, (BOS)</u>
Subject: 5170 receiving center

Date: Thursday, December 23, 2021 6:03:09 PM

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I'm wondering if SF has considered a 5170 receiving center for the TL targeted population. Per statute, it would give the city the option of placing 72 hour holds on people who are actively using substances and in crisis, similar to the 5150 statute for people in MH crisis.

From: Colleen Rivecca

Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); To:

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS)

Cc: maurilio leon; Meg Heisler; Breed, London (MYR)

Subject: File Number 211320 - Proclamation of Local Emergency - Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin

Date: Thursday, December 23, 2021 1:13:43 PM

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Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation submits the attached letter as comment for File Number 211320.

Thank you,

Colleen

#### Colleen Rivecca

Director of Community Organizing, Policy, & Planning pronouns: she/her

#### crivecca@tndc.org

c 616.402.1823

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation 210 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, CA,94102







At TNDC, we believe that everyone deserves to thrive. We support tenants and community members in building transformative communities through Homes, Health, and Voice. Together, we can build a future with economic and racial equity. Join us at tndc.org!



December 22, 2021

Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Angela Cavallo, Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors cc: The Honorable Mayor London Breed

# Re: File Number 211320 – Proclamation of Local Emergency – Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin.

Dear Supervisors,

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) is writing to seek more information about File Number 211320, Proclamation of Local Emergency – Drug Overdoses in the Tenderloin.

TNDC develops community and provides affordable housing and services for people with low incomes in the Tenderloin and throughout San Francisco; we help people with low incomes thrive by building deeply affordable homes and supportive communities. We provide more than 4,000 homes to over 6,000 households, 80% of which provide housing for households earning less than \$15,000 per year.

TNDC appreciates the leadership of Mayor Breed in responding to San Francisco's overdose crisis by sponsoring the Safe Injection Services taskforce in 2017 as President of the Board of Supervisors. We also appreciate the Mayor's leadership in expanding behavioral health treatment beds, working with the Board of Supervisors to create Mental Health SF to improve access to behavioral health services for all San Franciscans, and in moving to acquire a site at 822 Geary and 629 Hyde Streets for a Crisis Diversion Unit and Safe Consumption/Overdose Prevention Site.

The Tenderloin is experiencing emergency conditions of poverty, homelessness, trauma, and overdose deaths. These are systemic problems that affect all residents of the Tenderloin, and those residents deserve real solutions that address the root causes of those problems.

TNDC has worked collaboratively with Tenderloin residents, community based organizations, the Department of Public Health, the Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor's office to respond to the crises of public drug use and overdose deaths in the Tenderloin with evidence-based public health solutions that center the needs of the people experiencing behavioral health challenges exacerbated by poverty and trauma.





We understand that in the Tenderloin, issues of poverty, homelessness, trauma, lack of connection to culturally-appropriate health supports are intertwined and make it more difficult to respond successfully to substance use and mental health challenges. We believe that any effort to successfully respond to these issues must be grounded in the lived experiences of the people who are directly affected and must not be coercive or tied to criminalization of the people in need of behavioral health support.

We look forward to working with the Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors, community partners, and people with lived experience to implement and strengthen the following solutions:

- Ensuring that people who need behavioral health services are offered a range of potential interventions (overdose prevention, street crisis intervention, medication management, medically assisted detox, syringe access, crisis diversion, access to treatment including outpatient services and inpatient treatment beds)
- Ensuring that San Francisco can achieve treatment on demand: anyone who needs help will be connected with available services and support that is culturally appropriate and offered in the language that they speak.
- Re-imagining and strengthening our homeless shelter system so that no unhoused person is ever left behind on the streets due to lack of access to shelter.
- Working as quickly as possible to connect homeless people to housing by filling the large number of vacancies currently in the City's permanent supportive housing portfolio.
- Implement CART (Compassionate Alternative Response Teams), a peer-based response to street homelessness that can respond to overflow SCRT Street Crisis Response Team behavioral health calls as well as provide a non-police response to C-priority 911 calls about homeless encampments, trespassing, sit/lie violations, well-being checks, and aggressive panhandling.

In order for TNDC to support the current version of the Emergency Proclamation, we would need more information about the proposed services that would be provided through the emergency operations established by the proclamation. Among the factors contributing to the success of the Department of Emergency Management's work in the Tenderloin during last year's emergency response was broad-based collaboration and communication with Tenderloin community partners as well as the availability of a resource for unhoused people in the Tenderloin that is no longer available today: Shelter in Place hotel rooms.





We look forward to partnering with the City in efforts to link homeless people and people who need behavioral health care with stable shelter, treatment beds, and other health supports.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. If you have any questions about this letter, or would like to discuss the matter further, please contact me at crivecca@tndc.org

Respectfully,

Colleen Rivecca

Director of Community Organizing, Policy, & Planning Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation

CC:

maurilio león, Chief Executive Officer, TNDC Meg Heisler, Policy and Planning Manager, TNDC



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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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| Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |

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