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Prepared by:	Stephanie Cabrera	Date:	November 10, 2022
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FILE NO. 220894

**RESOLUTION NO.** 

1	[Discover Polk Community Benefit District - Annual Report - FY2020-2021]
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3	Resolution receiving and approving an annual report for the Discover Polk Community
4	Benefit District for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021, submitted as required by the Property
5	and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (California Streets and Highways
6	Code, Sections 36600, et seq.), Section 36650, and the District's management
7	agreement with the City, Section 3.4.
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9	WHEREAS, On May 22, 2018, pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement
10	District Law of 1994 (the "Act"), California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 36600 et
11	seq., as augmented by Article 15 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code,
12	the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 171-18, expressing the City's intention to
13	establish the Discover Polk Community Benefit District (the "Discover Polk CBD"); and
14	WHEREAS, On July 24, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution
15	No. 238-18 establishing the Discover Polk CBD ("Resolution to Establish") for a period of 10
16	years, commencing Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019; and
17	WHEREAS, On November 13, 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No.
18	402-18, authorizing an agreement with the owners' association for the
19	administration/management of the Discover Polk CBD, and a management agreement (the
20	"Management Contract") with the owners' association, the Discover Polk Community Benefit
21	District, was executed accordingly; and
22	WHEREAS, A copy of the Management Contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board
23	of Supervisors in File No. 181035; and
24	Whereas, On January 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the Discover Polk
25	CBD's annual reports for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in Resolution No. 023-22; and

1	WHEREAS, The Discover Polk CBD has submitted for the Board's receipt and
2	approval the Discover Polk annual report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as required by Section
3	36650 of the Act and Section 3.4 of the Management Contract; and
4	WHEREAS, The Annual Report is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
5	File No. 220894, and is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth; and
6	WHEREAS, Supporting documents, including, but not limited to, a transmittal letter and
7	memorandum report from the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, dated
8	July 20, 2022, and documentation from the Discover Polk CBD for the Annual Report is on file
9	with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220894; now, therefore, be it
10	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby receives and approves the annual
11	report for the Discover Polk Community Benefit District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

## FY 2020/2021

**Discover Polk Community Benefit District** 

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Discover Polk is a unique Community Benefit District in that seventy-eight percent (78%) of the parcels in the six-block long district are condominiums, and that there are 37 mixed-use buildings with residential rental units above the street level and two single-room occupancy hotels. There are three houses of worship and an eclectic mix of businesses, many of which have been on Polk Street for decades. Incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) in September 2018, Discover Polk CBD ("DP-CBD") was sanctioned by a City agreement on 20 November 2018, and received its first assessments in early January 2019.

Most of the Board of Directors were active in the feasibility and formation phase of DPCBD; they represent large and small property owners, business owners and other community stakeholders. Currently our Board meets bi-monthly and convenes regular working groups focusing on cleanliness & safety, streetscape, and marketing & communications.

Since the rise of COVID-19, DPCBD has dedicated much of its time and resources toward helping the district weather the pandemic's impacts, and FY 20/21 very much fits that description. Mainly this entailed supporting our StreetPlus cleaning crews, addressing the myriad needs and questions from the merchant community, and continuing to respond to the concerns of residents and property owners.

Overall, FY 20/21 was an opportunity for the value of DPCBD to be shown in full effect to local stakeholders, and we believe that we emerged from this FY stronger, better organized, and ready to take on the challenges of the next year.





## MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

- Board & Staff
  - DPCBD saw the retirement of three (3) of its board members during FY 20/21, including its long serving Board President and Treasurer, who both moved out of San Francisco.
  - DPCBD elected a new Board President, Jake Levinson, and recruited four (4) new board members including a new Treasurer.
  - The Executive Management Team took over the responsibilities of CFO for the organization, working closely alongside the team of CPAs at Arellano CPA firm.
  - The board extended the contract for the Executive Management team, Tonic Nightlife Group (TNG), through January 2024 by a unanimous board vote.
- Operations
- No significant changes in FY 20/21. Executive Management and Social Media Management continued unabated.
- StreetPlus continued to operate continuously throughout FY 20/21. Their organization, just like many during that time period, suffered from difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, but due to increased effort from their remaining staff, the overall cleanliness of the streets did not decline as will be outlined in their report below.



### **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS**

- The COVID-19 pandemic caused an increase in homelessness activity as well a decrease in the presence of the public on the streets which both led to moderately larger amounts of trash and waste littered throughout the district.
- Simultaneously, StreetPlus was forced to manage pandemic-related staffing shortages, which meant a smaller core group of workers were forced to complete more cleaning in less time with fewer numbers.
- Despite these circumstances, the StreetPlus team managed to accomplish their cleaning, graffiti abatement, and steam cleaning/power washing goals consistently as is evidenced by the report below.
- The brand-new Big Belly trash cans (installed in June '20) were in full effect throughout FY 20/21 and helped to stem the issues caused previously by overflowing public waste receptacles.







• Statistical Summaries of Services Provided by StreetPlus & Big Belly for FY 20/21



Month	Animal Feces	Graffiti Removed	Needles (# Needles Removed)	Sidewalk Sweeping	Pressure Washing (Block Face Cleaned)
20-Jul	77	49	10	826	0
20-Aug	13	18	14	135	0
20-Sep	94	57	35	1,906	28
20-Oct	27	31	14	574	86
20-Nov	77	77	11	722	64
20-Dec	110	24	17	1,117	69
21-Jan	139	247	13	1,404	47
21-Feb	157	13	7	969	38
21-Mar	106	10	2	687	50
21-Apr	142	27	14	1,051	27
21-May	43	46	0	329	46
21-Jun	100	42	7	936	42
Total	1,085	641	144	10,656	497





## **BRANDING, ACTIVATION & MARKETING**

- The Executive Management Team initiated regular meetings of the Marketing & Communications Working Group with the Board.
- The team focused on growing DPCBD's "Master Comms List," releasing regular monthly newsletters, and building organic growth of DPCBD's social media platforms: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Highlights in social media outreach included increasing our follower base by 807 accounts and cultivating an "engagement rate" of 7.8% average per post, which is well above the 3-5% average engagement rate of nonprofit social media accounts.

## **EVENTS & PLACEMAKING**

- Launched "Discover Polk Delivers," a program to help neighborhood restaurants add revenues. Discover Polk CBD promoted a menu of "to go" food and drink from a local business, and then volunteers from Discover Polk CBD helped to deliver the food and beverages to customers living in the neighborhood. The inaugural event took place in September featuring the Bell Tower and earned over \$2000 of revenue directly for the business.
- Partnered with local merchant, Studio Gallery, to organize and execute a district wide art show called "Delicious to Go". The show featured fine art works from local artists all with food themes and displayed the artwork in local businesses and vacant storefronts.

The event raised over \$5000 for the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank through its charitable component.

 Hired Christmas Tree Lighting Pros to install holiday lights on almost all the trees throughout the Polk Street corridor. We also purchased two industrial strength GloBo projectors with holiday images that we positioned at opposite ends of the district projecting a large-scale holiday greeting on Maple Hall, as well as an image of cascading snowflakes on the Lombardi Sports building. The holiday lighting and images received overwhelmingly rave reviews from the community and garnered thousands of social media impressions on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The tree lights have been shown effective outside of the holiday season and will remain year-round.

### COMMERCIAL VACANCIES AS OF 5/30/2021: (SEE ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A)

- Eight (8) of these have been vacant for between one and six years. Five (5) of these eight (8) units are owned by two (2) property owners, neither of whom appears to be motivated to lease their properties.
- Two (2) of the thirty (30) vacancies have submitted applications to planning and are awaiting initial hearings



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Statement of Operations (Actual vs. Budget)			<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>	
for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021	-		As of 6/30/2021	
	Actual	Budget		
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			ASSETS	
Assessments	636,222	654,820	Cash and Cash Equivalents	815,733
Fundraising/In-Kind	18,745	37,000	Assessment and Other Receivables	16,907
Interest Income	0	0	Prepaid Expenses	3,000
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	655,067	691,820	Equipment, net	8,467
			TOTAL ASSETS	844,107
EXPENSES				
Clean & Safe Program	341,853	416,713	LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	
Beautification & Placemaking	44,654	12,882	LIABILITIES	
Marketing, Business Support, Etc	27,260	16,950	Accounts Payable	37,740
Administration & Reserve	88,812	72,235	TOTAL LIABILITIES	37,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	502,488	518,779		
			NET ASSETS	
Change in Net Assets	152,579	173,041	Without Donor Restrictions	794,704
Prior Year Net Assets (Carryover)	653,788	653,788	With Donor Restrictions	11,663
TOTAL NET ASSETS	806,367	826,830	TOTAL NET ASSETS (CARRYOVER)	806,367



## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY DATA**



### **FINANCIAL NOTES**

### **Benchmark 1 – Budget Vs Management Variance**

• Revenues and expenses followed very closely to plan for the fiscal year. Assessment revenues were lower than expected due to the COVID-19 crisis but were offset partially by lower-than-expected expenses.

### Expense

• Overall expenses for the fiscal year are under budget by \$16,285.

### **Clean & Safe**

• Clean & Safe expenses are significantly under the budget by

\$74,860 due to understaffing issues at StreetPlus mostly related to the COVID-19 crisis.

## **Beautification & Placemaking**

• Beautification & Placemaking expenses are \$31,682 higher than budgeted. This is a result of paying the lighting company to install tree lights throughout the district. A large portion of this expense will be offset by a grant which was awarded to DPCBD by SF OEWD, but will not reimbursed until FY 2021-2022.

### **Marketing & Business Support**

• Marketing & Business Support expenses are \$10,310 over the budgeted plan due to hiring a social media manager.

### **Admin & Reserve**

• Admin & Reserve expenses are \$16,577 over the budgeted plan due to a renegotiation of the Executive Management contract to include additional funds to cover healthcare for Executive Management Team.

### **Carryover Status**

• DPCBD has a carryover of \$806,367

### **Other Notable Items**

• DPCBD proceeded with fiscal caution throughout the COVID-19 crisis due to uncertainty on the impact of the pandemic on assessment revenues. Thankfully, the crisis did not impact assessment revenues significantly. The Board of Directors and Executive Management team plan to allocate more of the reserve funds toward meeting the district's objectives in FY2021-2022.



# **DESCRIPTION AND STATUS OF EACH CONTRACT TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS/SERVICES**

### **StreetPlus**

DPCBD entered its second year of a three (3) year Maintenance and Hospitality Services agreement on dated December 1, 2019 with Street-Plus. StreetPlus has been consistently meeting its prescribed qualitative and quantitative goals despite suffering from major staffing issues due to the COVID-19 crisis.

### **Executive Management Team (Tonic Nightlife Group)**

DPCBD entered a new, three (3) year contract with Tonic Nightlife Group to provide services as the Executive Management Team on February 1, 2021 with automatic renewal for successive one (1) year terms and sixty (60) day termination clauses for both parties. Tonic Nightlife Group will continue with the same scope of services; the only major changes being an increase in their yearly fundraising commitment to \$25,000 annually (from \$20,000) and a higher renumeration to cover healthcare costs for the Executive Management Team.

### **Social Media & Marketing Manager**

DPCBD continued a month-to-month contract with Social Media & Marketing Manager, Sabastion Archibald-Kimmel, to provide social media and marketing management. Sabastion's scope of work includes but is not limited to regularly updating content on social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter); engaging with users on said platforms to answer questions and grow base; compiling, designing and sending a monthly newsletter to master marketing list; and assisting Executive Management Team with any marketing or design related projects.







# **PREVIEW OF FY 2021/2022**

DPCBD will focus its efforts in the next fiscal year toward helping the district recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With significant cash reserves, some of which DPCBD is obligated to spend on behalf of the district, DPCBD will ramp up their efforts at placemaking and partnerships with SF OEWD to promote the brand of the district.

DPCBD will also continue to explore options for making the district safer and cleaner.

### **Management & Operations**

- StreetPlus
  - Work to achieve and maintain full staffing levels
  - Compile statistically significant data on cleanliness issues to better inform decisions by the Board and Executive Management Team on allocation of resources and advocacy

## Clean & Safe

- Increase the number of graffiti abatement authorizations for private properties
- Utilize StreetPlus cleaning data to better target cleanliness "hotspots" and direct resources/advocate, accordingly
- Continue to foster relationship with SFPD Northern Station Captain and other leaders to address safety concerns and increase police presence in the district

## Marketing & Communications

- Grow communications list across all channels and increase engagements
- Build "historical archive" of written, photographed, and filmed material of district for use in further communications
- Full rebranding of DPCBD identity
- New website to reflect rebranding
- Contract with professional content developers (e.g. photographers, videographers, etc.) to upgrade online materials

## Streetscape & Events

- Plan and execute three district-wide events: Fleet Week, Holiday, and Bluegrass Festival
- Commission 3-5 large scale, professionally done murals to buildings in the district
- Continue to add lights to trees in the district to increase lighting levels
- Contract with City to have DPCBD branding on the banners on the lamp posts in the district
- Partner with Academy of Art University to add student generated artwork to local parklets



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## EXHIBIT A - SUMMARY OF COMMERCIAL VACANCIES

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APN	ADDRESS	USE Desidential later (Missed Later)	S
0573-012	2050 Van Ness Ave	Residential Hotel (Mixed Use)	
0573-011 0573-012	2030 Polk St 2056 Polk St	Commercial Residential Hetel (Mixed Llse)	
0573-012	1650 Pacific Ave	Residential Hotel (Mixed Use) Commercial	
0574-012	1548 Broadway	Residential (Mixed Use)	2
0574-005	2023 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	2 1
0595-005	2000 Van Ness Ave	Office Building	
0595-008	2050 Van Ness Ave	Commerical	12
0596-021	1906 Polk St	Commercial	12
0597-015	1800 Polk St	Residential (mixed Use)	1
0597-015	1804 Polk St	Residential (mixed Use)	
0597-029	1850 Polk St	Commercial Condo	2
0597-054	1812 Polk St	Commercial Condo	
0598-010A	1946 Van Ness Ave	Industrial	_
0598-010B	1940 Van Ness Ave	Commerical	
0598-014/015	1801 Polk St	Commercial Condo	
0619-002	1735 Polk St	Mix Flat & Store	[
0619-005	1701 Polk St	Residential (mixed Use)	
0619-005	1713 Polk St	Residential (mixed Use)	
0619-012	1860 Van Ness Ave	Residential (mixed Use)	
0619-150 ?	1810 Van Ness Ave	Commercial Condo	
0620-019	1742 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	-
0620-019	1738 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	_
0621-013	1608 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	5
0621-013	1610 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	]
0621-022	1640 Polk St	Commercial	8
0622-002	1639 Polk St	Residentual (mixed Use)	
0643-001	1553 Polk St	Commercial	
0643-002	1541 Polk St	commercial Desideration (Mixed Mexe)	3
0644-016	1538 Polk St	Residential Hotel (Mixed Use)	

#### SQFT **FORMER USE**

- Molte Cose (Retail) 950
- Manicurist (merry manicures) 700
- 800 Retail
- TRX Gym/Corp 7,762
- 2,500 SignoGraphics
- 1,400 n/a
- 1,965 Retail
- 12,242 Restaurant
- 1,030 Optometrist (Posinelli)
- 1,900 It's a Grind (coffee Shop)
- 800 Fregosi Paints
- Town School Closet 2,000 Escape Room
- 7,405 Bakery
- 3,130 Cross Fit Gym
- 2,100 Dry Cleaners
- 5,227 Restaurant
- 650 Retail (Smith)
- 1,103 Florist
- 1,179 n/a
- 2,583 Gym
- 1,680 Retail (Terrasol)
- 1,680 Modern Design
- 5,600 Restaurant
- 1,000 Salon
- 8,330 Grocery (Big Apple)
- 1,400 Restaurant (Panchos)
- 950 Retail
- 3,300 Church
- 900 Dry cleaner (Anytime)

### **OWNER**

Polk/Washington Association LLC Karen Quan Revoc Tr Raymond G & Lorraine Choy Griffith 1995 Credit Shelter David Lipshultz Rose Wing Properties H E I R Property Holdings LLC 2050 Van Ness LLC Peter Gumina Raymond Li Tom Raymond Li Tom 1850 Polk Street Properties Karina Vaysman 1946 Van Ness Aveenue LLC Stephen Honnert Polk/Washington Association LLC Nguyen Venture LLC Wai-Man Lee Wai-Man Lee WVN Association Channers Inc Devpac LLC Devpac LLC 1688 Sacrametno Street LLC 1688 Sacrametno Street LLC Joe & Annie Eng Tooran G Khayam-Bashi Housser Family Trust Moskowitz Family Trust Wai-Man Lee







#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

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#### Certified Public Accountants

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Discover Polk Community Benefit District San Francisco, California

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Discover Polk Community Benefit District (DPCBD) (a California nonprofit public benefit corporation) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statement of activities, statement of functional expenses and statement of cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Discover Polk Community Benefit District for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Bruke + Company LLP

October 7, 2021

#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION June 30, 2021 and 2020

		2021	 2020
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$	815,733	\$ 654,681
Assesment and other receivables		16,907	7,320
Prepaid expenses		3,000	308
Total current assets		835,640	 662,309
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of			
of \$1,729 in 2021 and \$622 in 2020 (Notes 2 and 3)	·	8,467	 1,679
Total assets		844,107	\$ 663,988
LIABILITIES AND NET A	ASSETS		
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$	27,746	\$ 10,200
Accrued liabilities		9,994	 -
Total current liabilities		37,740	 10,200
Total liabilites		37,740	 10,200
Net assets			
Net assets without donor restrictions		794,704	646,468
Net assets with donor restrictions (Note 4)		11,663	7,320
Total net assets		806,367	 653,788
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	844,107	\$ 663,988

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended June 30, 2021

		et Assets out Donor strictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions			Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT				·····		
Assessment revenue	\$	135,945	\$	500,377	\$	636,322
Grant revenue		-		13,645		13,645
Contributions		5,100		· -		5,100
Total revenue, gains and other support	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	141,045		514,022		655,067
Net assets released from restrictions		509,679		(509,679)		-
		650,724		4,343		655,067
EXPENSES						
Program		296 417				206 417
Environmental enhancements Economic enhancements		386,417 27,260				386,417
Total program services		413,677				27,260 413,677
Supporting services						
Management and general		87,751		-		87,751
Fundraising		1,060		-		1,060
Total supporting services	<u> </u>	88,811			-	88,811
Total expenses		502,488				502,488
Change in net assets		148,236		4,343		152,579
Net assets, beginning of year		646,468		7,320		653,788
Net assets, end of year	\$	794,704	\$	11,663	\$	806,367

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended June 30, 2020

		et Assets nout Donor estrictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions			Total	
REVENUE AND SUPPORT							
Assessment revenue	\$	136,007	\$	494,933	\$	630,940	
Contributions	Ŷ	4,250	Ψ	-	Ψ	4,250	
In-kind contributions		-		18,355		18,355	
Total revenue, gains and other support		140,257	<u></u>	513,288		653,545	
Net assets released from restrictions		508,431		(508,431)		-	
		648,688		4,857		653,545	
EXPENSES							
Program							
Environmental enhancements		294,666		-		294,666	
Economic enhancements		36,172		-		36,172	
Total program services	<u> </u>	330,838		-		330,838	
Supporting services							
Management and general		89,416		-		89,416	
Fundraising		3,698		-		3,698	
Total supporting services		93,114				93,114	
Total expenses		423,952				423,952	
Change in net assets		224,736		4,857		229,593	
Net assets, beginning of year	<u></u>	421,732		2,463		424,195	
Net assets, end of year	<u> </u>	646,468	<u> </u>	7,320	\$	653,788	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

		2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		n, i unn	
Change in net assets	<u> </u>	152,579	 229,593
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets			
to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation		1,107	460
Changes in assets and liabilities			
Assessments and other receivables		(9,587)	(4,858)
Deposit with grantee		-	24,795
Prepaid expenses		(2,693)	789
Prepaid grant expense		-	4,340
Accounts payable and accrued expense		27,540	7,211
Total adjustments		16,367	 32,737
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		168,946	 262,330
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Change in fixed assets		(7,894)	-
Net cash (used) by investing activities	•••••••	(7,894)	 
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		161,052	262,330
			,
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		654,681	 392,351
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	815,733	\$ 654,681

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the year ended June 30, 2021

	Program Services			Support Services								
		ironmental ancements		conomic ancements	Tota	ll Programs		gement and eneral	Fur	draising		Total
Cleaning and janitorial	\$	269,138	\$	-	\$	269,138	\$	-	\$	-	\$	269,138
Professional services		41,260		10,160		51,420		82,765		1,060		135,245
Rent, utilities and occupancy		50,240		-		50,240		1,836		-		52,076
Repairs and maintenance		24,207		-		24,207		-		-		24,207
Supplies, postage, printing, software		-		50		50		387		-		437
Dues, licenses, advertising		925		17,050		17,975		2,112		-		20,087
Bank fees and interest		-		-		-		191		-		191
Depreciation and amortization		647		-		647		460		• –		1,107
Total Expenses	\$	386,417	\$	27,260	\$	413,677	\$	87,751	\$	1,060	\$	502,488
Percent of Total		76.9%		5.4%		82.3%	· .	17.5%	-	0.2%		100.0%

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES For the year ended June 30, 2020

	Program Services			Support Services							
		ironmental ancements		onomic incements	Tota	l Programs		gement and General	Fun	draising	Total
Cleaning and janitorial	\$	243,909	\$	28,430	\$	272,339	\$	33,284	\$	3,698	\$ 309,321
Professional services		28,170		6,050		34,220		43,304		-	77,524
Rent, utilities and occupancy		18,470		819		19,289		10,364		-	29,653
Travel and meals		-		-		-		73		-	73
Supplies, postage, printing, software		4,117		873		4,990		597		-	5,587
Dues, licenses, advertising		-		-		-		1,301		-	1,301
Bank fees and interest		-				-		33		-	33
Depreciation and amortization						-		460		-	460
Total Expenses	\$	294,666	\$	36,172	\$	330,838	\$	89,416	\$	3,698	\$ 423,952
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Percent of Total		69.5%		8.5%		78.0%		21.1%		0.9%	100%

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

<u>Organization</u> – Discover Polk Community Benefit District ("DPCBD") (the "Corporation") is a not-for-profit community-based organization, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors to the Polk Street neighborhood, centered along the Polk Street corridor from California Street to Broadway Street. The Polk Street neighborhood contains an eclectic mix of unique small and independent businesses, and DPCBD aims to support and provide funding for enhanced maintenance, hospitality, beautification and business support programs, above and beyond those provided by the City of San Francisco.

DPCBD will advance the quality of life for residents, workers and visitors by fostering a safer and more secure community, enhancing environmental quality and beauty, and reinforcing the viability of the area's economic base.

DPCBD exists to implement programs to create a neighborhood that is safer, cleaner and a better place to conduct business and live. These programs and services are funded by district property owners in the Discover Polk neighborhood, contributions from donors, and various grants.

Programs and services provided by DPCBD include:

**Environmental Enhancements** – This program includes litter and graffiti removal, pressure washing sidewalks, spot or detailed cleaning of public areas, safety patrols, outreach and case management with the homeless, landscaping, planters, seasonal decorations, cosmetic improvements, lighting, signage, and similar items.

**Economic Enhancements** – This program includes support for businesses within the district including dining, shopping, and services to promote a healthy and vibrant mixed use environment; marketing and communications to support all components of the DPCBD's Management Plan; local events such as pop-up art galleries, outdoor concerts or movies, farmers' markets, community events, or similar programs.

#### **NOTE 2** SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Method of Accounting</u> – The financial statements of the DPCBD are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, which reflects revenue when earned and expenses as incurred.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> - Cash is defined as cash in demand deposit accounts as well as cash on hand. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and investments so near their maturity that the risk of changes in value due to changes in interest rates is negligible. These are generally investments with maturity dates within three months of the acquisition date.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### **NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

<u>Basis of Presentation</u> – The DPCBD is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions.

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u> - Net assets that are not subject to any donorimposed restrictions.

<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u> – Net assets that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular period. Some donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, and the restriction will expire when the resources are used in accordance with the donor's instructions or when the stipulated time has passed. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, the expiration of the restriction is reported in the financial statements by reclassifying the net assets from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no net assets with permanent donor restrictions.

<u>Fair Value Measurements</u> – The DPCBD carries certain assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received if selling an asset or paid if transferring a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurement standards also require the DPCBD to classify these financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy. The DPCBD classifies its financial assets and liabilities according to the below three levels, and maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities, without adjustment.

Level 2 – Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active for identical or similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in active markets of similar assets or liabilities, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 – Inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable, including inputs that are not derived from market data or cannot be corroborated by market data.

The DPCBD's carrying amounts of its assets and liabilities, approximate fair value under Level 1 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### **NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

<u>Equipment</u> - The DPCBD records equipment at cost of acquisition, or, if donated, the fair market value at the date of donation. Depreciation is recognized using the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets, which range from three to five years. The DPCBD capitalizes all property, equipment, and improvements with a cost in excess of \$2,500.

<u>Contributions</u>, <u>Revenue Recognition</u>, and <u>Assessments Receivable</u> – Assessments and other receivables represent amounts due from the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) for obligations of local property owners collected on the behalf of DPCBD, and other amounts due to DPCBD. Unpaid receivables do not accrue interest.

DPCBD receives its support primarily from a special assessment levied by CCSF on properties located within the business district in accordance with CCSF Ordinance. The assessment is recorded by DPCBD when earned. The CCSF remits the assessments to DPCBD as they are collected from the property owners. Interest is not charged on late assessments; however, late penalties are charged in accordance with the CCSF's policy.

All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

<u>Accounts Receivable</u> - Contributions receivable are reviewed for collectability, and reserves for uncollectible amounts are established as needed. It is the practice of the Corporation to expense uncollectibles only after exhausting all efforts to collect the amounts due. DPCBD considers all unconditional promises to give fully collectible and therefore, there was no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Advertising Costs – It is the policy of the DPCBD to expense advertising costs as incurred.

<u>Functional Allocation of Expenses</u> - The costs of providing the various programs, supporting services and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and Statement of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited based on management's estimates and analysis of personnel time spent on each program and activity.

<u>Estimates</u> - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual future results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

<u>Income Taxes</u> - The DPCBD is exempt from federal and state taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) and Section 23701d of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and is considered by the IRS to be a Corporation other than a private Foundation. In the opinion of management, there is no unrelated business income.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements -

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued ASU 2016-14 *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, amending the ASC 958. This update changes the presentation of certain information in the financial statements and footnote disclosures of not-for-profit entities. The update also changes the way that not-for-profit entities classify net assets. The new guidance is effective for the DPCBD for the year beginning July 1, 2019.

In June 2018, FASB issued ASU 2018-08, *Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made* (Topic 958). These amendments clarify and improve the scope and accounting guidance around contributions of cash and other assets received and made by not-for-profit organizations. The ASU clarifies and improves current guidance about whether a transfer of assets, or the reduction, settlement, or cancellation of liabilities, is a contribution or an exchange transaction. It also provides a more robust framework for determining whether a contribution is conditional or unconditional, and for distinguishing a donor-imposed condition from a donor-imposed restriction. ASU 2018-08 is effective for the Corporation's year beginning July 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted.

Discover Polk Community Benefit District is in full compliance with both of the above pronouncements.

#### NOTE 3 FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets consist of the following:

		2021		2020
Computer and office equipment	\$	2,301	\$	2,301
Machinery and equipment		7,894		
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(1,729)	<u>.</u>	(622)
Equipment, net	<u>\$</u>	8,466	<u>\$</u>	1,679

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$1,107 and \$460 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 4 NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, consisted of the following:

		2021		2020
Assessment receivable (FYE 2019)	\$	1,689	\$	1,876
Assessment receivable (FYE 2020)		4,396		5,444
Assessment receivable (FYE 2021)		5,578		
Total assessment receivable	<u>\$</u>	11,663	<u>\$</u>	7,320

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#### NOTE 5 COMMITMENTS

DPCBD subleases storage space in San Francisco, California under an operating lease that commenced on February 1, 2020 and expires June 30, 2021, with opportunity to renegotiate at that time. The lease calls for monthly payments at \$3,000 with estimated future payments as follows:

During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, DPCBD paid rent in the amount of \$36,000 and \$13,345, respectively.

DPCBD contracts with two entities to help with management, governance, and executing the mission of DPCBD.

Tonic Nightlife LLC, a management company that performs functions of governance for DPCBD is in contract for \$128,000 per year through June 30, 2022 and renews on a perpetual basis until cancelled by either party with a 60 day written notice.

DPCBD contracts annually with Streetplus for \$339,422 to perform activities including daily sidewalk cleaning, graffiti abatement, and pressure washing of trouble spots. This contract expires November 30, 2022 and thereafter is extendable for 1 year with 60 days written notice from DPCBD to Streetplus.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 6 LIQUIDITY MANAGEMENT

As part of DPCBD's liquidity management strategy, the Corporation structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. The Corporation's working capital and cash flows have cyclical variations during the year attributable to the cash receipts of assessments and grants. The Corporation has sufficient cash and cash equivalents to meet its current needs. The Statement of Financial Position shows liquid assets as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	815,733
Accounts receivable		16,907
Financial assets available for current needs	<u>\$</u>	832,640

#### NOTE 7 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The United States and global markets continue to experience significant volatility resulting from uncertainty caused by the world-wide Coronavirus Pandemic. The Corporation is closely monitoring its revenue sources, investment portfolio and its liquidity and is actively working to minimize the impact of these price movements. The Corporation's financial statements do not include adjustments to fair value that may have resulted from these changes.

#### NOTE 8 FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS

The CCSF's contract requires DPCBD to annually raise not less than 3.375% of its annual budget from sources other than CCSF's assessments. For the year ended June 30, 2020 DPCBD satisfied this requirement, but did not satisfy this requirement for the year ended June 30, 2021. DPCBD believes that a waiver will be granted for the requirement for 2021 due to Covid19.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### NOTE 9 RECLASSIFICATION OF PRIOR YEAR PRESENTATION

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified for consistency with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations. These changes in classification do not affect previously reported cash flows from operating activities in the Statements of Cash Flows.

#### NOTE 10 CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Revenue concentration of risk – During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, DPCBD received 96.5% of its total income from the City and County of San Francisco in the form of assessments and revenue from other programs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, DPCBD had cash balances with financial institutions which exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250,000 by approximately \$565,000.

#### NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated all material subsequent events through the Auditor's Report date, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and are asserting there are none.



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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO:Supervisor Aaron Peskin, District 3 SupervisorCC:San Francisco Board of Supervisors<br/>Chris Corgas; Program Director, OEWDFROM:Mimi Tam Hiraki; Project Specialist, OEWDDATE:July 20, 2022SUBJECT:Discover Polk Community Benefit District; FY 2020-2021 Annual Report

This is a memo summarizing the accomplishments of the Discover Polk Community Benefit District and an analysis of its financial statements for the period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

Each year the CBD is required to submit a mid-year report, an annual report, and a CPA Financial Review or Audit. Discover Polk CBD has complied with the submission of all these requirements. OEWD staff reviewed these financial documents to monitor and report on whether they have complied with the rules per the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Sections 36600 Et Seq.; San Francisco's Business and Tax Regulations Code Article 15; the Discover Polk CBD management contract with the City; and their Management Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2018.

Also attached to this memo are the following documents:

- 1. Annual Report
  - a. FY 2020-2021
- 2. Financial Statements
  - a. FY 2020-2021
- 3. Draft resolution from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development



#### **Background**

The Discover Polk Community Benefit District includes 570 property-based parcels.

- July 24, 2018: the Board of Supervisors approved the resolution that established the property-based district called the Discover Polk Community Benefit District for 11 years commencing with FY 2018-2019 (Resolution # 238-18).
- November 13, 2018: the Board of Supervisors approved the resolution approving an agreement with the nonprofit Owners' Association for administration/management of the established property-based Community Benefit District known as the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District" (Resolution #402-18).
- January 25, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved the annual report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Resolution # 23-22).

	<b>Basic Info</b>	about Discover Polk CBD
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Year Established	July 2018
Assessment Collection Period	FY 2018-19 to FY 2028-29 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2029)
Services Start and End Date	January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2029
Initial Estimated Annual Budget	\$622,784.00
FY 20-21 Assessment Submission	\$ 635,238.70
Fiscal Year	July 1 – June 30
Executive Director(s)	Duncan Talento Ley; co-Executive Director
	Ben Bleiman; co-Executive Director
Name of Nonprofit Owners' Entity	Discover Polk Community Benefit District

The current CBD website, <u>https://discoverpolk.org/</u>, includes all the pertinent information about the organization and their programs, meeting agendas, and their Management Plan.

#### **Summary of Service Area Goals**

#### **Environmental Enhancements**

Environmental enhancements are designed to make the neighborhood a more welcoming, clean, and beautiful place for all live, work, play, and visit the area. The CBD's Management Plan provides for the weekly deployment of 250 hours of uniformed Cleaning and Hospitality Ambassadors throughout the district whose duties include: litter removal, detail cleaning of public amenities, graffiti removal, weed removal, pressure washing of sidewalks, and requested spot cleanings. Additionally, this service area includes funding for beautification and placemaking which is designed to invest in highly visible improvements to add to the attractiveness of public spaces throughout the district, including: landscaping, seasonal decorations, wayfinding, and temporary or permanent public art installations.

#### **Economic Enhancements**

Economic enhancements are designed to strengthen the district's business corridor. This includes business support which includes time spent to attract new tenants, new investments, and to promote continued mixed-



use development. Additionally, this service areas funds a marketing and communications program. This program is focused on creating awareness of the environmental enhancements performed by the CBD and of the district's business offerings. It also supports property owners in efforts to attract unique tenants and explores ways to connect district residents to local stores and restaurants, such as "buy local" campaigns and the development of a district directory, district website, and supporting social media.

#### District Coordinator, Administration, and Reserve

To maximize the benefits to rate payers, the CBD requires a professional staff to properly manage programs, communicate with stakeholders, and provide leadership. Additional administrative costs may include: accounting and financial review or audits, insurance, program support costs, and other administrative costs associate with the overhead and administrative support of programming. Additionally, a reserve is budged to provide a contingency for unforeseen program needs and to provide a cushion for delinquent assessments. Reserve funds may also be used for costs associated with strategic planning and renewal.

#### Summary of Accomplishments, Challenges, and Delivery of Service Areas

#### FY 2020-2021

#### **Environmental Enhancements**

- Cleaned 1,085 animal feces incidents
- Abated 641 instances of graffiti
- Properly disposed 144 needles
- Swept sidewalks 10,656 times
- Pressure washed 497 block faces
- Received an OEWD grant to install tree lights throughout the district

#### **Economic Enhancements**

- Executive Management Team commenced regular meetings of the Marketing & Communications Working Group with the board.
- Created an email database of local residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to include for regular mailings.
- Provided information on vacant storefronts within the CBD area.
- Increased social media following by 807 accounts
- Cultivated an engagement rate of 7.8% average per post compared to the average 3-5% engagement rate of nonprofit social media accounts

#### District Coordinator, Administration, and Reserve

• Elected a new Board President, Jake Levinson and recruited 4 new board members

#### **DPCBD Annual Budget Analysis**

#### **OEWD's staff reviewed the following budget related benchmarks for DPCBD:**

• **BENCHMARK 1:** Whether the variance between the budget amounts for each service category was within 10 percentage points from the budget identified in the Management Plan (Agreement for the Administration of the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District", Section 3.9 – Budget)



- **BENCHMARK 2:** Whether three and thirty-six hundredths percent (3.36%) of actuals came from sources other than assessment revenue (*CA Streets & Highways Code, Section 36650(B)(6);* Agreement for the Administration of the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District", Section 3.4 Annual Reports)
- **BENCHMARK 3:** Whether the variance between the budget amount and actual expenses within a fiscal year was within 10 percent (Agreement for the Administration of the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District", Section 3.9 Budget)
- **BENCHMARK 4:** Whether DPCBD is indicating the amount of funds to be carried forward into the next fiscal year and designating projects to be spent in current fiscal year (*CA Streets & Highways Code, Section 36650(B)(5)*)

#### FY 2020-2021 Budget Analysis

**BENCHMARK 1:** Whether the variance between the budget amounts for each service category was within 10 percentage points from the budget identified in the Management Plan

Service Category	Management Plan Assessment Budget	FY2020-2021 Budget - Asst.	FY2020-2021 Budget - Total	Variance Percentage Points – Asst.	Variance Points - Total
	(Percentage)	(Percentage)	(Percentage)		
Environmental Enhancements	\$445,595.00 (83.32%)	\$399,671.00 (82.96%)	\$429,595.00 (82.96%)	-0.37%	-0.37%
Economic Enhancements	\$16,950.00 (3.17%)	\$14,332.00 (2.97%)	\$16,950.00 (2.97%)	-0.19%	-0.19%
District Coordinator, Administration & Reserve	\$72,235.00 (13.51%)	\$67,775.00 (14.07%)	\$72,235.00 (14.07%)	+0.56%	+0.56%
TOTAL	\$534,780.00	\$481,778.00	\$518,780.00		

ANALYSIS: <u>DPCBD met this requirement</u>. See tables below.

**BENCHMARK 2:** Whether three and thirty-six hundredths percent (3.36%) of actuals came from sources other than assessment revenue

**ANALYSIS:** <u>DPCBD did not meet this requirement.</u> Assessment revenue was \$636,222.00 or 97.14% of actuals and non-assessment revenue was \$18,745.00 or 2.86% of actuals. See table below.

Revenue Sources	FY2021 Actuals	% of Actuals
Total Assessment (Special Benefit) Revenue	\$636,322.00	97.14%
Total Non-Assessment (General Benefit) Revenue	\$18,745.00	2.86%



Total (Assessment and Non-Assessment) Revenue	\$655,067.00	100.00%	
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**BENCHMARK 3:** Whether the variance between the budget amount and actual expenses within a fiscal year was within 10 percentage points

Service Category	FY2020-2021 Budget - Asst.	FY2020- 2021 Budget - Total	FY20-21 Actuals – Asst.	FY20-21 Actuals - Total	Variance Percentage Points – Asst.	Variance Percentage Points - Total
	(Percentage)	(Percentage)	(Percentage)	(Percentage)		
Environmental	\$399,671.00	\$429,595.00	\$372,772.00	\$386,417.00	5.000/	6.060/
Enhancements	(82.96%)	(82.96%)	(77.06%)	(76.90%)	-5.90%	-6.06%
Economic	\$14,332.00	\$16,950.00	\$27,260.00	\$27,260.00	12 6604	12 450/
Enhancements	(2.97%)	(2.97%)	(5.64%)	(5.42%)	+2.66%	+2.45%
District						
Coordinator,	\$67,775.00	\$72,235.00	\$83,712.00	\$88,812.00	+3.24%	+3.60%
Administration	(14.07%)	(14.07%)	(17.31%)	(17.67%)	+3.24%	+3.00%
& Reserve						
TOTAL	\$481,778.00	\$518,780.00	\$483,744.00	\$502,489.00		

<b>ANALYSIS:</b> DPCBD met this requirement. See table below.
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**BENCHMARK 4:** Whether DPCBD is indicating the amount of funds to be carried forward into the next fiscal year and designating projects to be spent in current fiscal year

**ANALYSIS:** <u>DPCBD met this requirement.</u> *Please note: There is a period between when the City collects assessment payment and when the City disburses the funds to the CBD. As a result, a CBD typically has a fund balance at the end of the fiscal year that is equal to about 6 months of their annual budget. See table below.* 

FY 2020-2021 Carryover Disbursement	Amount
Without Donor Restrictions	\$794,704.00
With Donor Restrictions	\$11,663.00
Total Carry Forward	\$806,367.00

#### Findings and Recommendations

DPCBD has met three of the four the benchmarks as defined on page 4 and 5 of this memo. DPCBD missed Benchmark 2 whether three and thirty-six hundredths percent (3.36%) of actuals came from sources other than assessment revenue per the CA Streets & Highways Code, Section 36650(B)(6); Agreement for the



Administration of the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District", Section 3.4 - Annual Reports. In FY2021, 2.86% (\$18,745.00) of the actuals came from other sources; DPCBD falls 0.5% (\$2,635.42) short. To determine if these actions adversely impacts the special benefits conferred on parcels within the CBD, OEWD reviewed the CBD's management plan and engineers report approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 13, 2018 (File No. 181035).

Per the Management Plan, Agreement for the Administration of the "Discover Polk Community Benefit District", "an allowance is made for general benefits that the district may provide to parcels outside the district boundary and to the public at large. These general benefits cannot be paid for with assessment revenue.' Section E of the Engineer's Report details general benefit, "will be funded from sources other than special assessments." In this situation, DPCBD is not in compliance with categories related to the special benefit vs. general benefit. These actions adversely impact the special benefits conferred on parcels. It is important to acknowledge that the review period, FY2021, fell in the middle of the economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and a difficult time period to find funding from other sources.

OEWD recommends DPCBD to apply to more grants and conduct more fundraising to ensure they reach their non-assessment revenue requirements. In DPCBD's Annual Report FY2021, they commit to increasing their Executive Management Team's fundraising to \$25,000 from \$20,000 for the next fiscal year. If successful in achieving this goal, the CBD will meet the benchmark in the future. It is in OEWD's opinion that the Discover Polk CBD will be able to meet the benchmark in the future. Additionally, OEWD will work with the CBD's financial professional and co-executive directors to ensure standardized financial definitions are used between OEWD and the CBD.

During this review period, the CBD has performed well pivoting to the emerging health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic that started in March 2020 and continued through this review period. The CBD adjusted to the continuous updates in health orders issued by the San Francisco Health Officer, including the renewed shelter-in-place health order in December 2021.

DPCBD closely worked with their StreetPlus cleaning crews, helped address businesses' questions and needs, and responded to residents' and property owners' concerns. While the district saw an increase in larger amounts of trash and waste littered during this review period, the cleaning crews also faced staffing shortages. Due to the increased staff efforts and Big Belly trash cans installed in June 2020, the the overall cleanliness of the streets did not decline.

DPCBD worked closely to support local businesses and promote individuals to visit the district during this review period. The CBD launched a program, Discover Polk Delivers, to promote "to go" food and drink from local business and had Discover Polk CBD volunteers to deliver food and beverages to customers living in the neighborhood. This program launched in September and started with Bell Tower. The first event earned over \$2,000 in revenue for the business. Additionally, the CBD partnered with local merchant, Studio Gallery to organize a district wide art show called Delicious to Go and raised over \$5,000 for the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank. During the holiday season, the CBD hired Christmas Tree Lighting Pros to install lights on all the trees throughout the Polk Street corridor and project holiday images. The tree lights were well received by the community and remain year-round.

#### **Conclusion**



The Discover Polk CBD has performed well in implementing the services outline in their management plan and addressing new realities caused by the Covid-19 global pandemic. DPCBD has done an outstanding job in partnering with community stakeholders and numerous municipal agencies for the activation and improvement of public spaces. DPCBD is a well-run organization with an active Board, committee members and will continue to successfully carry out its mission as a community benefit district.



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### MEMORANDUM

- TO: Kate Sofis, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
- FROM: Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight Committee, Board of Supervisors
- DATE: July 29, 2022

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Government Audit and Oversight Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Aaron Peskin on July 26, 2022

#### File No. 220894

Resolution receiving and approving an annual report for the Discover Polk Community Benefit District for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021, submitted as required by the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 36600, et seq.), Section 36650, and the District's management agreement with the City, Section 3.4.

If you have any additional comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: <u>Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org</u>.

cc: Anne Taupier, Office of Economic and Workforce Development Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development

### **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

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Sponsor(s):
Supervisor Peskin
Subject:
[Discover Polk Community Benefit District – Annual Report for FY 2020-2021]
The text is listed:
Resolution receiving and approving annual report for the Discover Polk Community Benefit District for fiscal year 2020-2021, submitted as required by the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 36600, et seq.), Section 36650, and the District's management agreement with the City, Section 3.4.
Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: //AP//

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