Do you want to be more involved in your neighborhood? The Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association (EVNA) is looking for new members for both the Planning and Land Use Committee and the Board of Directors!

The EVNA Board of Directors (the Board) focuses on operation and general goals of EVNA including:

- Protect and enhance the character of the neighborhood, its historic resources and significant topographic features and open space
- Ensure that growth, development, and public access are compatible with and meet the needs of residents and the business community
- Protect and improve public health and safety
- Encourage friendly association among neighbors and businesses
- Provide an educational forum and community outreach to community partners

The Board meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Chase Bank at the corner of 15th and Market Streets. We are looking for people interested in promoting the EVNA mission to “provide a public forum for the people who live, work, and play in the greater Eureka Valley area to discuss common issues and concerns and help develop solutions to improve our neighborhood.”

The EVNA Planning & Land Use Committee (PLUC) is looking for people knowledgeable in land use issues and the intricacies of the planning process and those who have a serious interest in learning. The committee discusses residential and commercial projects within Eureka Valley in all stages of the permitting process. It focuses on ensuring that these projects are compatible with and meet the needs of our residential and business communities. The committee meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Chase Bank at the corner of 15th, Sanchez and Market Streets. In addition to discussing plans and permits, the committee delves into issues such as affordable housing, historic preservation, protection of green spaces and more.

If you’re interested in either of these important volunteer opportunities, contact EVNA at president@evna.com, or come to a meeting as noted above.
Become involved in your neighborhood!
We are always looking to expand our Board of Directors with committed, active members of the community.
If you’d like to learn more, email President@EVNA.org.

Does Your Street Have A Neighborhood Watch?

The Unit block of Hartford Street has one. The Unit block of Collingwood has one. Ford Street has one. The 300 block of Noe Street has one. And no doubt other blocks in the Castro have one.

“What?” you ask? They have a Neighborhood Watch.

Participating in a Neighborhood Watch means keeping a neighborly eye on your street, your block. It means staying informed and keeping your neighbor informed about the goings on in and around your neighborhood.

A Neighborhood watch can help reduce crime, and will help in the event of an emergency like an earthquake.

For information about setting up a Neighborhood Watch contact SF SAFE: https://sfSAFE.org/

EVNA Elections Issue

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President’s Letter

San Francisco’s justice system is complex and may be confusing to those who are not steeped in it on an ongoing basis. For most members of the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association (EVNA), our understanding the system is limited to the work of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). EVNA members have shown a lot of interest in engaging SFPD when it comes to quality of life issues in the neighborhood. However, SFPD is just the beginning step of a long process involving the San Francisco District Attorney (DA), the Public Defender, the Sheriff and courts. To go into detail on the whole process would require more space than my column allows. However, in an effort to shed some light on a specific and important part of this process, this article will focus on the connection between the work of the SFPD and that of the DA and how that connection works.

To further this understanding, the EVNA has invited representatives from the SFPD and the DA’s office to be part of a panel discussion at our next general membership meeting on Wednesday, November 15th at 7pm at Harvey Milk School at 19th and Collingwood Streets. But first a primer on San Francisco’s justice system.

ARREST - SFPD

When a crime is committed, the San Francisco Police Department gets the first call. Headed by Chief William Scott, the SFPD is made up of roughly 1,971 sworn full-duty officers per a mandate in the City charter. In some instances, suspects are immediately taken into custody and jailed. However, when the crime is not violent and the charge is minor, an individual is usually warned or cited or directed in writing to appear in court on a specific date.

In California there are three major classes of offenses for which a person may be prosecuted: infractions, misdemeanors and felonies. Some are defined in the California Penal Code, and others can be found in local ordinances or statutes such as the Vehicle Code. An infraction is the least serious offense and often results in a fine. Many traffic violations, including speeding, are infractions.

A misdemeanor is a more significant crime, examples of which include shoplifting or driving under the influence of alcohol. Misdemeanors can result in jail time, although in San Francisco, any misdemeanor jail time is generally minimal and limited to offenses involving domestic violence, violation of a restraining order or drunk driving. The San Francisco Sheriff’s Department, which runs the county jail, estimates, that roughly 10% of jail occupancy results from misdemeanors. A felony is the most serious crime and carries a penalty of more than one year in jail.

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THE CAFE is committed to ensuring that the Castro has a vibrant and active nightlife and a peaceful neighborhood.

All who live, work and play in our neighborhood deserve a positive and healthy community.

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**CITY HALL UPDATE**

**Touching Base with City Hall**

By Supervisor Jeff Sheehy

As the District 8 representative in City Hall, I am committed to working with neighbors about the issues that impact our community, as well as keeping you informed of my ongoing work. My office and I are here to serve you and if I can be of assistance, please feel free to email me directly at jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org or contact my office at 415-554-6968. I look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

**Keeping Our Sidewalks Clear**

My legislation to allow the Department of Public Works to remove illegal bicycle chop shops from City sidewalks passed the Board of Supervisors. This ordinance will help keep our sidewalks safe and clear for pedestrians.

**New Captain at the Mission Police Station**

I had the opportunity to meet with new captain of the Mission Station, Captain Gaetano Caltagirone, a 23-year veteran of the force and San Francisco native. He has assured me that Castro foot patrols will continue and I look forward to partnering with him to address issues in our neighborhood. When you see him in the neighborhood, be sure to say hello. I also want to extend a huge thank you to outgoing Captain Bill Griffin for his dedication to the neighborhood. I wish him the best of luck on his next assignment.

**November 8th: Harvey Milk, the Castro Flag and Harvey’s Halo**

This date is the 40th anniversary of the election of Harvey Milk to the Board of Supervisors. As someone who is honored and humbled to currently hold Harvey’s seat, I am thankful for his trailblazing efforts and fight for equality. It is also the 20th anniversary of the raising of the Rainbow Flag in the Castro, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of Harvey’s election. As president of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, I worked with rainbow flag creator Gilbert Baker and then Mayor Brown to realize Gilbert’s vision. This year, 40 years later, Harvey’s Halo, a circle of rainbow spotlights created by Ben Davis (the artist responsible for the Bay Bridge lights) will illuminate the sky from the top of Soulcycle at Market and Castro. The lighting will take place at 6 and it should be spectacular. I hope to see you there.

**Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Library Updates**

Two things I want to share about the library. First, Phase 1 of the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library landscape improvement project is complete, though the plants do need a little more time to grow. SF Public Works’ landscape architects are developing Phase 2 drawings which address the 16th and Pond streets landscaping. Construction of Phase 2 is scheduled to start in early 2018 and be complete by spring. The Library and Public Works strove to develop a design that enhances the mid-century modern library, while being easy to maintain.

Second, I am excited to announce that the San Francisco Public Library has introduced two new services: a wax vinyl collection available for listening and online video streaming. The EV/HM library features a brand new collection of wax vinyls which are making a steady comeback. Through Kanopy, library card holders can stream over 30,000 films for free. Visit sfpl.org to learn more.

**Another Successful Castro Street Fair**

The weather could not have been more perfect for one of my favorite events of the year, the Castro Street Fair. I partnered with the amazing staff at the HIV Clinic at Ward 86 to entertain fairgoers with a prize wheel and hand out goodies and provide...
Board Election Details

Mark D McHale, Contributing Member

With our November meeting comes elections for the EVNA Board Officers and Board Members positions. For the past 90+ days, the current board has been busy with recruiting efforts and getting the word out to interested members who may want to run for an elected position. At the September meeting, volunteer forms were distributed to those in attendance and offered as a download from the www.evna.org website.

The handouts included a chart detailing the framework of governance, along with a description of the positions and the committees that make up the elected and volunteer positions of the EVNA.

There are three positions serving as Officers of the Board: The President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. There are also up to 15 board members at large elected to the Board.

The current Board make up is: Crispin Hollings (President/Treasurer) and Scott Johnson (Secretary). There are 3 Board Members at Large: Mary Edna Harrell, Rob Cox, and Loic Olichon. Terms are for two years, and the positions up for election in any given year alternate every other year to maintain stability. Mary Edna Harrell and Loic Olichon are not up for re-election this year, and each have one year left in their terms.

The Board would like to thank Scott Johnson, our current Secretary, who has served well and is not seeking a new term.

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HIV prevention education, especially about PrEP. During the fair, many neighbors expressed concerns regarding the “no parking” signs on surrounding streets being in effect until 9 PM Monday. I spoke with the event organizers who ensured that the load out and clean up would be completed Sunday night and the signs would be removed afterwards so neighbors could park all day Monday. My gratitude to the fair organizers for quickly acting upon neighborhood concerns and being a responsible community partner.

Congratulations Kim Shuck

And finally, congratulations to Castro resident Kim Shuck for being appointed as San Francisco’s seventh Poet Laureate! I look forward to hearing your work and am thrilled that a neighborhood resident will be representing San Francisco on the poetry and literary scene.

Elections from page 6

We are pleased to present the following candidates who are running for office. Each has provided a brief bio and statement of intention below. Members at the next meeting (and via email in advance) will be able to vote for their choices.

2017 EVNA Elections- Candidate Profiles

Mark D McHale- Standing for the Office of President

Profile: Originally from Michigan, I moved to the Castro in 1990. My partner and I now live on Eureka at 19th Street with our dog, Annabelle. I’ve always sought to be a part of the larger community, getting involved in local boards like the EVNA and the Castro Merchants, and on working committees like the Castro Retail Study and Panel, Castro Cares, The Harvey Milk art project, and raising funds for Castro Cares, Baskets on Castro, and the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. I’m a graduate of USF, and have a real estate sales practice with Vanguard Properties on Castro Street.

Statement of Intention:

If elected, as the EVNA Board president, and working with the Board and its Committee members, my objective is to bring people together to create solutions to our common issues. My top priorities as president are to 1) to expand awareness of EVNA’s mission in our community and to increase our membership, 2) to give voice to the broad spectrum of issues concerning our members, 3) to identify the top 3 issues to them and make tangible improvements on each, and 4) to channel our common passion and energies for positive change.

I acknowledge and support the good work of many grassroots groups within the EVNA footprint, and invite everyone to view the EVNA as a forum in which to raise important local issues, as a space for open and civil debate, as a market to exchange and share resources and information, and as a place to invest one’s time, skills, resources and efforts for positive change.

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Neighbors’ Faves!
Neighbors share their favorite places in the ‘hood!

This issue’s Faves come from:
Rob Cox, EVNA Executive Board

Castro Patrol Special
This group of dedicated Officers are usually the first responders here in the Castro

Castro Republic
A great addition to the Castro. Oscar and his staff are always friendly and the food is great! Try the sopes y carnitas for desayuno.

The Post Office on 18th Street
I know, I know. But I love the convenience of having a neighborhood Post Office. And recently the postal staff seem more customer focused.

The New Art Installation at Jane Warner Plaza
The intersection at Castro and Market is slowly becoming a showcase entryway in the Castro. There are still problems with the plaza but with this install and a proposal for another art project across the street it’s starting to be a bit of a showcase.

Handy Resources for Home
Call 311 for:
Report Litter and Graffiti, St. Cleaning, Abandoned Vehicles, St. Signs Missing/Damaged, Pot Holes

Police:
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Report nuisance and non-urgent issues. Always ask for a CAD #.
Mission Station: 558-5400
Captain Bill Griffins email: bill.griffin@sfgov.org

Homeless Issues:
Community Awareness & Treatment Service (CATS)
non-emergency: 734-4233

Parking and Traffic Issues:
SFMTA Parking Enforcement: 553-1200
SFMTA Parking Tickets: 701-3000

District. 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy: 554-6968,
jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org
**Leila Decker**- Standing for the Office of Secretary

Profile: I’ve lived in the Castro for two years, and am eager to immerse herself in our local community. I currently work in the tech industry as a Business Analyst helping small businesses grow their presence online. Previously, I have worked in management consulting, where my focus was on healthcare and retail initiatives. In my spare time, I give walking tours of the Castro through “San Francisco City Guides”

Statement of Intention:

My enthusiasm and attention to detail make me a strong candidate for Secretary. As a prospective EVNA Board Member, I hope to add a diverse perspective to the conversation and help lead community outreach efforts (particularly to engage my peers).

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**Steve Clark-Hall**- Standing for the Office of Treasurer

Profile: Steve Clark Hall is a native of San Francisco and has been owner of his 1885 home on 19th Street since 1984. He is a California state licensed general contractor who specializes in historic preservation. He has been a member of the EVNA since 2001 and a member of the planning committee since 2002, having also served as committee chair and as ENVA president. Steve also serves as the Director of Information Technology for EVNA

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**EVNA Membership Drive: We NEED you!**

EVNA is only as strong as our membership. A robust membership helps fulfill our mission to improve the neighborhood AND provides much-needed clout with city agencies.

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**Crispin Hollings - Standing for the Position of Board Member at Large**

Profile: Crispin has been a resident of the Castro neighborhood since 1990. He moved to San Francisco for a job repairing jet engines with United Airlines and has been active in many local community organizations ever since. Most recently he has served on the boards of the Castro Country Club and the Metropolitan Community Church and is presently serving as the Board Treasurer for the San Francisco Municipal Executives Association. Crispin currently works as Chief Financial Officer for the San Francisco Sheriffs Office. Crispin and his husband Luis live on Collingwood Street and have been members of EVNA since 2012. Crispin has served on the Board of EVNA since August 2014.

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**Alex Lemberg - Standing for the Position of Board Member at Large**

Profile: My name is Alex Lemberg, and I’m an attorney who lives on Caselli Ave. I work professionally to represent tenants undergoing housing struggles in San Francisco’s Bayview district, and am active in multiple local history organizations.

Statement of Intention:

At the intersection of history, housing, and my other interests in city planning, community organization, and LGBTQI rights, I want to contribute to making the Castro/Eureka Valley neighborhood a healthier, more beautiful, more sustainable neighborhood, where all of its stakeholders find it appealing. We can live in a neighborhood with attractive and abundant public spaces, booming small businesses, groundbreaking historical preservation, and services available to both residents and those passing through. The unique concept of a neighborhood association has unlimited potential to contribute to all of these matters, and I would be honored to serve this neighborhood to help these visions become realities.

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Castro Citizen on Patrol

For the past 11 years, Castro Patrol has been San Francisco’s only “walking neighborhood watch”. Trained volunteers act as “first reporters” and witnesses to crimes or medical emergencies to direct professionals from the police or fire department to incidents needing special attention. We always work in teams of 3 or more for mutual safety and do not intervene in unsafe incidents directly. We ask just one 3-hour walking patrol a month, for a low commitment of time, to help improve the safety of the area. The next free training workshop is coming up Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM. Go to the CastroPatrol.org website and click the “Sign Up Now” link to save a seat.

Castro Community on Patrol (CCOP) was founded in November 2006 in response to some well publicized assaults in, and around, the Castro neighborhood. A number of community members came together with the Mayors Office, the District Attorney’s Office, the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and SF Safety Awareness For Everyone (SAFE) and CCOP was established in collaboration with these agencies.

Our organization is formed around the internationally recognized Community/Citizens On Patrol Service (COPS) model. All CCOP Patrollers are unpaid volunteers who serve as additional “eyes and ears” for law enforcement.

Castro/EVNA Files Protest With Board of Supervisors

by Crispin Hollings

On October 10, 2017, the board of the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association voted to protest the issuance of a license under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act to Natali Inc. for the premises at 4150 18th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-2408, on the grounds that:

1. Approval to transfer the license to the owner of the adjacent bar, Toad Hall, is one step closer to future expansion of that bar and would result in an undue concentration of licenses.

2. Approval to transfer the license to Natali Inc., and the resulting concentration of licenses, makes the space less desirable for a new tenant, possibly resulting in a long-term vacancy in the neighborhood such as with another Natali Inc.-owned business, The Patio Cafe at 531 Castro St.

3. ABC rules obligate licensees to turn in an alcohol license when a business is closed for more than 15 days. However, in the case of The Patio Cafe, Natali Inc. held onto the license for over 15 years post-closure before press inquiries compelled him to turn over the license. The ABC should not transfer the license where there is a history of significant non-compliance.

4. Despite holding onto the Patio license for 15-years post-closure, the Patio remains closed. The blight resulting from this long-term vacancy (plus vacancies at other Natali Inc.-owned properties in the Eureka Valley neighborhood), interferes with the enjoyment of the neighborhood. Natali Inc. has not shown itself to be a good steward of Eureka Valley properties and should not be granted a license which would concentrate more control in the hands of Natali Inc.

Protests were due to the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control by October 11, 2017. As of October 25, 2017, the license transfer was still under review by the department.
### JULY

- **2nd**  Castro Flaggers  1pm
- **8th**  Mark Etheredge  1pm
- **9th**  Kim Lembo Blues  1pm
- **15th**  Castro Flaggers  1pm
- **16th**  Mary Delave Fine Art  11am
- **22nd**  Damfino Players  1pm
- **23rd**  Man Dance Company  1pm
- **29th**  ArtSpan Open Studios  11am
- **30th**  Jason Brock  1pm

### AUGUST

- **5th**  Wolfie T. Wolf  1pm
- **6th**  Mary Delave Art  11am
- **12th**  Kippy Marks  1pm
- **13th**  Summer of Love  12pm
- **19th**  Sundance Saloon  1pm
- **20th**  Klipptones  1pm
- **27th**  Parlor Tricks  1pm

### SEPTEMBER

- **9th**  Damfino Players  1pm
- **10th**  Dirty Cello  1pm
- **16th**  Vintage Train Ride  1pm
  - ft. Gaucho
- **17th**  Leather Walk  11am
- **23rd**  ArtSpan Open Studios  11am
- **24th**  Beauty Operators  1pm
- **30th**  Laura Lackey  1pm

### OCTOBER

- **15th**  Castro Flaggers  1pm
- **22nd**  Man Dance Company  1pm
- **28th**  Dirty Cello  1pm
- **29th**  Halloweenie  1pm

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Wishing on dandelion seeds and blowing them into the wind. Seeds of equality, spreading far and wide. The Castro, the collection of all these wishes for equality and justice...representing the movement for LGBT rights. Created by Aphidoidea.

There are pictures (and more details) on our web page of the Seed being created which are pretty neat and an artist's rendering of the plaza with the Seed. http://castrocbd.org/the-seed/

The unveiling took place on October 27th at 8pm with a string quartet playing music at 7:30pm.

The Seed
by Aphidoidea

Inspiration…

Whoever came up with the idea that if you blow away the seeds of a dandelions you can make a wish?

As a child, I remember doing this; I would run around and pick up curb side dandelion flowers and blow their tiny seeds into the wind and make a wish. But it never dawned on me where these tiny seeds go? where do they land? no one knows. This art piece is an homage to those “wishes” that have prevailed and found their place in the world.

The inspiration for this art work draws from the many wishes many people had, to be able to freely love and to be able to be themselves. The Castro District and its symbolism represents the collection of all these wishes into a manifestation for human rights. In many ways, (perhaps) all these people blew into a dandelion making this wish. Our artwork is a symbol that represents how a single wish that is blown away can carry enough weight to inspire a movement.

We truly believe that the seeds embody the idea that you can create a movement by starting to wish.

just like the Castro District and its LGBTQ movement that once started as a simple wish.

Read more about the project by going to www.castrocbd.org
year of imprisonment. Examples of felonies are robbery, burglary, sale of narcotics and homicide. In contrast to much of America, jail time in San Francisco is generally limited to felons.

**FILING CHARGES - DA**

The District Attorney’s office represents the People of the State of California. Prosecutors bring criminal charges against suspects in courts of law. The San Francisco District Attorney’s Office has the responsibility and authority to investigate and prosecute all misdemeanors and felonies in San Francisco.

George Gascon is the District Attorney who oversees a staff of approximately 275, many of whom are Deputy District Attorneys (DDAs) or prosecutors and District Attorney Investigators (DAIs) who work closely with prosecutors to fully develop documentary, physical, and testimonial evidence for trial.

Before issuing a case, a DDA will review the facts with police investigators and sometimes meet with the victim of the crime. The DDA evaluates whether there is enough evidence to support the charges originally brought by police. If the evidence is convincing, the prosecutor will determine the final charges and compile an official list known as the complaint. In some cases, the DDA may decide not to proceed with a case against a defendant. A prosecutor may decline to prosecute or “reject” a case if there is insufficient evidence or if more investigation is required.

**FELONY BOOKINGS VS. FELONY CHARGES**

According to the Mayor’s latest budget book, a little more than half of the DA’s budget is dedicated to felony prosecution. With this in mind, this article focuses on the interaction between SFPD and DA on felony bookings and felony charges.

From 2010 to 2011, police agencies (primarily the SFPD) presented San Francisco’s Office of the District Attorney with an average of 10,724 felony arrests of which an average 5,355 resulted in charges by the DA’s office, resulting in a charge rate of approximately 50%. For a number of reasons, many of them laudable but beyond the scope of this article, felony arrests have come down in recent years: In 2015 and 2016, SFPD presented the DA with an average of 7,607 felony arrests per year. However, the DA’s charge rate (not including probation violation) remained roughly the same, 52%, with charges filed in an average of 3,980 cases per year.

Whereas, San Francisco files charges for roughly half of felony arrests, neighboring counties have a much higher charge rate. Across the bay in Alameda County for example, the charge rate for felony bookings is approximately 75%. Legal experts will tell us that from county to county, prosecutors in California are presented with different types of cases that present different kinds of challenges, so comparing charge rates is not necessarily an apples-to-apples comparison. However, for the board of EVNA, the discrepancy between felony arrests and filings presents at least a question: Why is the discrepancy so large?

Should the DA be filing more charges? Should the SFPD be presenting fewer arrests to the DA? For the board of the EVNA, where we hear ongoing stories about quality of life concerns from residents, these questions are more than rhetorical. This large variance, especially when compared to other counties, suggests that the relationship between the SFPD and DA may not be what taxpayers, who want City agencies to work together, would expect.

To better understand this part of San Francisco’s justice system, and specifically to understand the discrepancy between felony bookings and felony charges, the EVNA board has invited Commander Tom McEachern of the SFPD and Justine Cephus of the SFDA to be part of a panel discussion at the next EVNA membership meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. The meeting will start at 7pm with the panel expected to start at approximately 7:30pm. In order to give some focus to this discussion, the EVNA board has requested that panel discuss the difference between (1) the number of felony bookings presented by a police to the DA and (2) the number of felony bookings that are filed by the DA.

Please join us for what we hope will be an insightful discussion regarding this important part of the City’s public safety process.
**Rob Cox** - Standing for the Position of Board Member at Large

Profile: Rob Cox has been a resident of the Castro/Eureka Valley for over 26 years. Rob is an artist and painter who has worked in sales and training. In addition to serving as Executive Director for a local non-profit, Rob is involved in several other local non-profits either on committees or as an active Board Member. Rob has served as Secretary for Castro/EVNA and has been a Board member since 2009.

**Statement of Intention:**

I will bring a continuity of board experience and will continue to stay actively involved with the neighborhood, bringing the voices of my neighbors to the organization and in turn keeping my neighbors abreast of issues and challenges facing the Castro/Eureka Valley.

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**Saad Hasan** - Standing for the Position of Board Member at Large

Profile: I have lived on 18th and Collingwood for the last 4 years with my wife and son and spaniel Simon. My education and professional background have been in business; I have an MBA from Stanford and work at an investment firm. Outside of work, I have served on 3 nonprofit boards that focused on education, venture philanthropy and arts/culture respectively. I am also a trained NERT volunteer (SFFD Neighborhood Emergency Response Team). I have considerable experience allocating resources, managing and working in teams, and soliciting input from multiple sources to drive towards consensus - all skills that I think will be helpful for the work of the EVNA.

**Statement of Intention:**

I think that the issues this committee focuses on should primarily be driven by surveying the members of our neighborhood. I am interested in using my background and EVNA’s connections to bring an objective, results-oriented approach to those priorities that our neighbors ask us to focus on. Personally, the quality of life issue that most interests me is the safety and cleanliness of our streets and public spaces. I feel strongly that it is important to work on creating the positive, in addition to trying to fix the perceived negatives, of neighborhood quality of life.
The Castro Loses a Good Friend

Castro San Francisco Patrol Special Police Officer John Fitzinger passed away in October, aged 61. A memorial was held late last month.

Fitzinger, a retired Contra Costa County deputy sheriff, was a Patrol Special for 15 years, taking over the Castro beat after Officer Jane Warner passed away from ovarian cancer in 2010.

District 8 Supervisor Jeff Sheehy told Hoodline that Fitzinger “was a tremendous positive presence in the Castro for many years and will be truly missed by the community.” John was very devoted to the Castro and keeping it safe and clean. He will be sorely missed,” he added.

Castro Community Benefit District’s Executive Director Andrea Aiello shared the news of Fitzinger’s passing with a statement on Facebook:

“It is with a heavy heart that I let all of you know that SF Patrol Special Officer John Fitzinger passed away yesterday. John was a fixture in the Castro/Upper Market community. He devoted his life to this neighborhood, always concerned, always willing to help and caring for all. A firm hand when necessary and a caring heart when called for. We will all miss John very much. Our hearts go out to his family. More information on a memorial service will be posted here as plans are developed.”

Membership Drive

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