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Newsom Legislation Endorsed.

Proposed legislation by Supervisor Gavin Newsom to radically revamp the City's homeless service programs won the enthusiastic support of EVPA during the February membership meeting.

The legislation is an effort to revamp a broken system. Currently, services for the homeless are provided through a variety of City agencies, but without coordination or accountability. The restructuring would centralize these services into one office that, theoretically, could do a better job of guiding a person to short-term shelter and care. There also would be a reduction in cash payments from up to \$395 monthly to \$50. The difference would be used on vouchers redeemable for specific services. Through this system, Newsom argues, homeless services will receive more funding and the misuse of cash payments by recipients is minimized. Other key components are to operate existing shelters 24/7, to boost the use of Single Room Occupancy Hotel Rooms to alleviate crunches, and to identify recipients through fingerprints to reduce fraud and track results.

Members of EVPA, like the neighborhood at large, have been seeking a way to reduce the obvious increase in the number of homeless sleeping in doorways and panhandling on streets. Frustrated at finding a 'third way' between being taken advantage of by those who loiter for a living and becoming callous to those genuinely in need, this proposal strikes many as that means of providing service while setting reasonable standards. The AdHoc Committee formed by EVPA President Serina specifically to examine this legislation recommended EVPA publicly support the effort.

EVPA members need to remain involved in this process. The legislation may move from "committee" to the full Board of Supervisors and back again depending on votes that occur in this process and revisions are likely. Please take a moment to contact the Supervisors listed on Page 2 detailing your support.



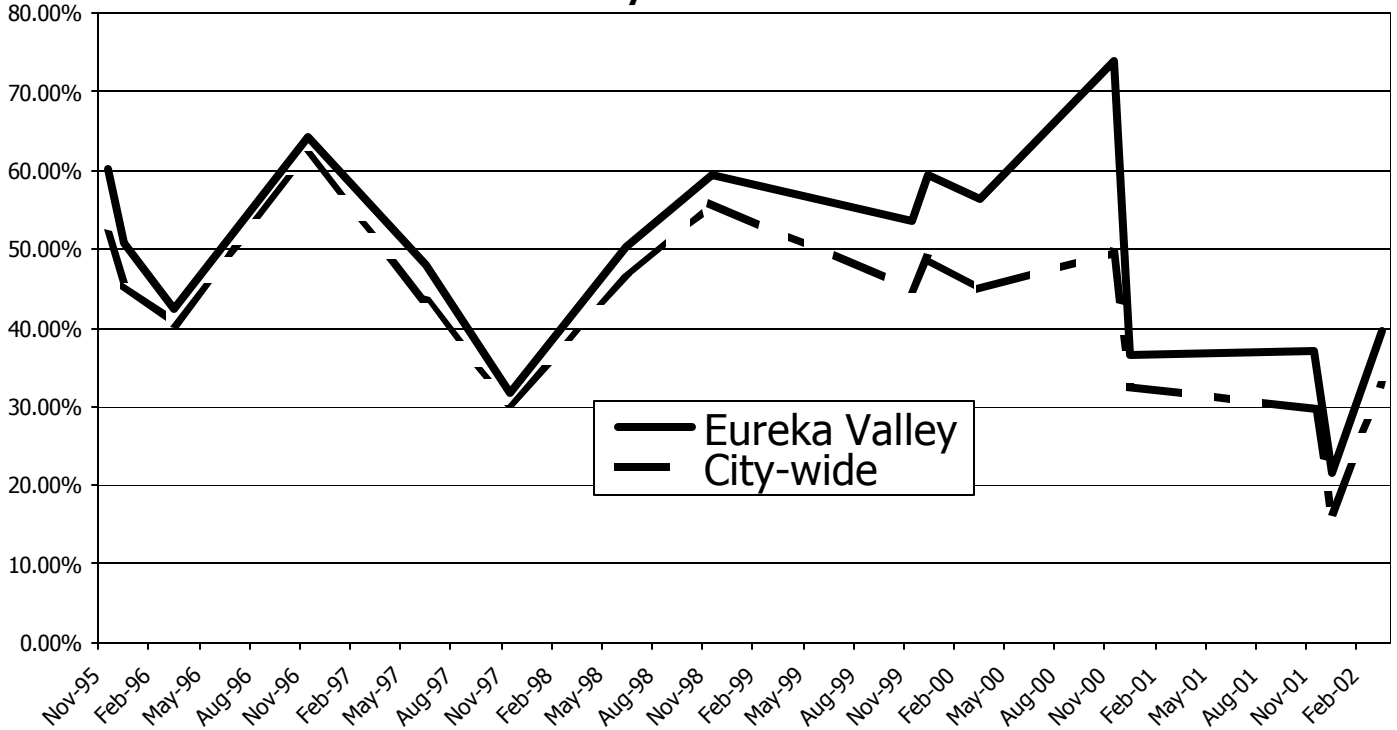
Baby EVPA er. Daughter of EVPA members Cindy Metcalfe and John Plevyak enjoys the early warm weather.

Rummage for Treasure! Do the Knick Knack Dance.

Grab the things that clutter your space and donate them to the 5th Annual Silent Auction & Rummage Sale supporting the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. Or, find a fabulous new treasure at the sale on March 16th from 9am - 4pm. Help a neighborhood school and peek at the contents of closets and bedrooms from across the Castro!

All proceeds will help construct a new playground at the Academy, a small public school at 19th and Collingwood. You can help by donating items. Books, toys, collectibles, housewares, small furniture, clothes and previously adored objects d'art all are sought and may be dropped off Monday - Friday from 7:30am - 5pm at the school office. The Silent Auction will contain gift certificates for services, gift baskets and a variety of new merchandise. Take a moment to find items to donate and drop them off at the Academy on your way to work. EVPA business members are encouraged to contribute new items by calling Sherry Kassenbrock at 241-6276. And, all should shop the Rummage Sale on Saturday March 16th!

Voter Trends: Eureka Valley vs. The City November 1995 thru February 2002



Election Turnout History Shows Downward Trend.

For every five neighbors you have, only two voted. The March 5, 2002 election saw 39.6% of Eureka Valley cast a vote compared to 32.7% across the City. Although Eureka Valley consistently but narrowly leads the City in voter turnout, the overall trend has been down. Overall turnout has dropped even as voting absentee becomes easier. Numbers updated 3/9 with counted absentee ballots.

Shhhhhh!

J-Church Track Repairs

The J-Church line between 22nd and 23rd Streets is being replaced in March to reduce noise and vibration, and improve service reliability. Additionally, overhead line work along the J-Line will be done between 20th and 23rd Streets. Work is scheduled for all three weekends in March. Normal rail service will be uninterrupted between Embarcadero and the Church/16th Street stop. Routes continuing past Dolores Park will be substituted with bus service. Most construction will be done at night. For more information visit www.sfmuni.com/j or call 554-2474.

Next Bubble Bath in Late April.

Last chance to pick the location of the next Castro Bubble Bath, slated for late April. Current locations under consideration include Harvey Milk Plaza and the 17th Street/Hartford intersection. Voice your vote by sending an email to Michael@sfchatcafe.com Watch your April newsletter for details. P.S. As a result of the last Bubble Bath CALA Foods has asked the home office to begin a monthly cleaning of the sidewalks in front of the Castro store. Thank You!

Supervisor Contact List

Please use this list to contact Supervisors regarding support for the pending Newsom legislation. Clip n save for future reference.

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Committee Chairs Appointed.

EVPA President Gustavo Serina has appointed chairpersons of the Planning, UTNC, Education & Recreation, Membership & Promotion, and Finance committees. Each of the chairs are currently serving in those positions, providing continuity. The appointing of a chair for Public Health & Safety is pending. Because the Internal Affairs Committee often handles matters of parliamentary rules and bylaws interpretation, the 12-person Board rather than the President designates the individual and seeks membership ratification. The Board has asked VP Tom Hanus to chair Internal Affairs and a request to affirm the selection will be on the March membership meeting agenda.

Along with the appointments comes refinement of the Committee structure. Each committee will hold four members, plus the chair (Finance will consist of 2 members plus the chair). Members of the Planning and UTNC committees will not overlap, so as to help ensure a diversity of voices. All committees have either developed Mission Statements or are in the process of crafting them. The sharper focus on each group's purpose and stable committee size are intended to help each become more familiar with its respective area and quickly organize projects like the Pink Triangle Park or the Castro Bubble Bath.

A reminder: any member can attend any committee meeting as a guest to voice praise or concerns about matters before the committee. Email info@evpa.org for specific meeting dates, times and locations, to learn of agenda items, or to express an interest in becoming involved.

All projects that committees undertake are open to participation to anyone. Soon we will be announcing more projects like Saturday morning rose gardening at Pink Triangle Park, or Sunday morning Castro Bubble Baths to open participation to more members, and to encourage involvement beyond monthly meetings.

State Creates Volunteer Web.

Finding a place to volunteer your time and energy (other than EVPA, of course) is as easy as entering www.goserve.ca.gov and typing your zip code. Listings from hundreds of charities will present options on how to participate in the fabric of your community. Check it out.

Use Me & Pass Me On!

Pass this Eureka along to someone you think should join. By spreading Eureka!, you help EVPA grow. And refer interested people to evpa.org.

Close 17th @ Castro?

Should a pedestrian area be created around the F-line boarding platforms at 17th and Market? The proposal to close that portion of 17th to vehicles will be discussed at a community meeting on March 14 from 7-9 pm in the Castro Meeting Room (501 Castro, above Sunglass Hut). The proposal is sponsored by Castro Area Planning and Action (CAPA). The meeting is open to the public and will include a presentation and a question and answer session.



It's Leno in Assembly District 13.

City Supervisor Mark Leno is headed for the State Assembly representing District 13 (includes Eureka Valley). Leno won 42.89% of the vote, compared to 39.30 for Harry Britt, 11.7 for Steve Phillips and 5.9 for Holly Their (percentages updated 3/9). As winner of the 4-way Democratic primary, he is the presumed winner of the Assembly seat in the November general election. EVPA congratulates Leno and looks forward to continuing a positive problem-solving relationship with him at the state level.

Former Quilt Space Nets "Catch."

Since the AIDS Quilt moved out of its former home two years ago, its vacant location has attracted debris, sidewalk sleeping and controversy. Now a seafood-themed restaurant, "Catch", hopes to call 2362 Market its home. Catch is seeking a full liquor license to complement its food offerings. Previously, Long Life Noodle was going to occupy the space and obtained most of the necessary permits before its expansion plans wilted with the economy. Within EVPA the UTNC Committee is talking to Catch regarding its plans and will have information on the project at the March membership meeting.

Why Robert is Our Friend.

Projects such as the Pink Triangle Park and Castro Bubble Bath show us that many EVPA members want to work in their neighborhood, but find the monthly evening membership meetings inconvenient.



To help EVPA become more efficient overall, and in our meetings, we will increasingly rely on Robert's Rules of Order as a guide. Commonly referred to as Robert's they are used in nonprofits and legislative bodies. The intent is not to stiffly debate, but rather to permit everyone to participate while respecting everyone's time. As Robert himself said, Where there is no law, but every man does what is right in his own eyes, there is the least of real liberty. In a volunteer organization, member participation is a gift of time and energy. We need to use it wisely.

A few of the basic principles include:

- Each member has two opportunities to debate a motion on the floor. Just like school however, the key is to wait until everyone who wants to speak has before making a second statement or inquiry.
- Motions are the standard way of bringing business to the floor. It opens debate, allows for information to be presented, and can be voted up or down based on the majority. A motion is not a done deal; it is a way of saying does the majority agree with this? If the debate is not persuasive and the majority disagrees, the motion fails. A member may then offer a significantly different motion or the issue may be over for the evening.
- The third key element of Robert's is how debates are handled. Members participating in the debate should address comment to the chair, rather than directly to another member. This helps depersonalize disagreements and helps keep the focus on the issue at hand.

General information on Robert's is in the Membership Guide and many other free or low-cost resources. I hope you will find our evening meetings informative, yet shorter, and find ways to participate in the many projects now underway or in development. Best regards,

March 21, 2002 7:30 pm Membership meeting agenda EVRC 100 Collingwood, Auditorium

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Captain Greg Corrales Mission Station
- IV. Summary of Roberts Rules of Order
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business:
 - a. SF Rec & Park: EVRC Programs
 - b. David Weiss/Bevan Dufty:
Restaurant at Former Site of the
AIDS Quilt
 - c. Approval of Chair of Internal Affairs
Committee

EVRC Remodeling Update

Plans for the remodeling of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center are proceeding, although the exact start date is unclear given the City's current budget pressures.

Park and Recreation Staff Members have developed various conceptual approaches to the remodeling and are now seeking input from groups which use the facility. Representing EVPA is Board Member Drew Bertagnolli who will facilitate the dialogue as the plans progress. Members who wish to participate in the process are encouraged to email andrewbertagnolli@hotmail.com. Contemplated in the remodeling is extending the building's exterior closer to the sidewalk and adding space for youth and senior programs.

Among the questions often raised is whether the EVRC is meeting the needs of neighborhood residents. This concern, apparently, is not unique to Eureka Valley or EVPA. At the February membership meeting Park and Rec representative Tony Leong confirmed that many neighborhood groups wonder if the center in their respective neighborhood is serving the immediate area or a city-wide population. The Department does not survey current users of the recreation centers for demographic information.

Surrounding the remodeling, the City is trying to close a \$175 million projected budgetary shortfall and has asked for a \$4 million reduction in the new budget of the Parks Department. The EVRC remodeling is partially funded by general revenue monies and partially by bonds previously approved by voters. The Department is studying reducing the hours of operation at many neighborhood centers as one way of closing the gap. The new City budget should be in place July 1.

Minutes from the February 21, 2002 EVPA General Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Vice President Tom Hanus read an overview of Robert's Rules of Order, which will guide discussion and debate in future EVPA general and board meetings.

Committee reports were given after introductions. Highlights were:

The Park and Education Committee reported that the SF Art Commission approved the Pink Triangle Park Memorial. Richard Magary gave a short update on the Davies Hospital/CPMG plan.

The Treasurer's Report stated that EVPA is still in the black.

The Safety Committee did not meet and gave no report.

The Membership Committee reminded us that a two-line text ad in Eureka can be reserved for only \$12 and a business card sized ad can be placed for only \$35. Deadline for ads is March 1.

The Utilities, Transportation and Neighborhood Commerce Committee reported on the first Castro Bubble Bath that took place on February 3rd. Volunteers had a great time. Snacks and coffee were provided by the Chat Café, Cala Foods provided supplies and hot water, DPW provided supplies and labor, and The Red Grill provided brunch for all volunteers. A letter to each organization thanking them for their involvement will be drafted and sent.

The Planning Committee announced the completion of District 8's Special Use Ordinance which will promote contextual development throughout District 8.

The Internal Affairs Committee is continuing their assignment to review and revise EVPA bylaws.

Tony Leong from Park and Rec gave a presentation on the ongoing EVRC remodeling plans. The most recent estimate on the project is that it will not start until March or April 2003. Community input on the plan is the next step and will be announced soon.

President Gustavo Serina reported on the proposed homeless legislation being drafted by the Board of Supes. A motion was made to write a letter supporting Supervisor Newsome's proposal. A motion was made to amend the supporting letter by specifying the areas that directly concern EVPA. The both motions passed and a letter will be drafted and sent to each supervisor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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\$35. Two-line text ads are only \$12. Contact Michael
at 701-9455 or Michael@sfchatcafe.com.

Milestone Celebrated!

Congratulations to the gay and lesbian community on the grand opening of the Charles M. Holmes Campus of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center. Learn more about this new community space at www.sfgaycenter.org or drop in at 1800 Market Street.

Milestone Sadly Remembered.

Monday, March 11th marks the six-month anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11/01. Do you remember where you were when you learned what happened?

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