The questions about City College of San Francisco these days demonstrate a deepening understanding of the college's value, crisis, and possible futures. They have evolved from a confused "What is going on at CCSF?" to more emphatic queries like “Are they really going to close our college?” The progression tracks the public’s growing clarity about what is at stake. A decisive answer here: No, they are not going to close our college. But there’s an essential follow-up question: What kind of college are we going to have? Our community—those of us at the college itself, and the public that relies on it—will need to grapple with that, now and in the months to come.

From the very beginning, faculty joined work groups and, along with others at the college, devoted enormous amounts of time and energy to working on the accreditation recommendations. Keep in mind: no finding from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) said that the quality of education at City College was anything other than excellent.

Many of the financial issues at City College came from outside the institution, with the recession and severe underfunding from the state. Some were generated by poor fiscal management. With the public’s help, we filled the financial hole that CCSF was facing: Propositions A and 30 should have stabilized the college.

Walgreens has met with the San Francisco Police Department to discuss the potential of adding these products and has agreed to several conditions that are among our current best practices. These include not selling single cans, not selling alcohol in any size smaller than 375 ML and not selling malt beverages with alcohol content greater than 5.7%. In addition, there are detailed policies and procedures in place for our employees to ensure that these products are sold in a responsible and appropriate manner. These include extensive training.

Walgreens is looking to gather community input on adding a small selection of adult beverages to our store located at 2145 Market Street. We have just begun this process and are looking forward to having a discussion with the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association at your upcoming March 26 meeting.

At this time, we are interested in adding a mix of beer, wine and spirits to the store due to customer demand for a one-stop shopping experience. The proposed addition will not feel like another liquor store in the neighborhood but will be designed to appeal to the casual social drinker with less than five percent of the selling space of the store. As with many of our product offerings, we will work with local producers to customize our selection with local options.

Walgreens is asking for community input on proposal to add alcohol products.
**Not enough cafes, but too many vacancies?**

**Here's the real picture of retail in the Castro.**

_by Orie Zaklad, EVNA Board Member_

In recent years we've been inundated with conversations allowing or objecting to new businesses in the Castro based on what we already have. Too many cafes, not enough hair salons, outrageous number of boarded up stores... However, there didn't seem to be a common dataset that anchored those conversations, so most arguments cited subjective opinions and anecdotal evidence.

In June of 2013 I set to change this. With the guidance of EVNA's President and Board I conducted a business survey. I had 3 objectives in mind:

1. To create a uniform and shared knowledge base for discussions about businesses in the Castro.
2. To create a baseline for ongoing studies and trend analysis.
3. To incentivize new businesses that the neighborhood needs to open up shop here.

In essence, I recorded every business that was visible from the street. The area I surveyed included the Castro Business District (and its spokes on 17th, 18th & 19th streets), Market between Castro and Duboce (and spokes) and Church between 16th St. and Duboce. In total I recorded 422 businesses and categorized them based on the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) standard with a few minor adjustments to cater to our unique business mix.

**The study**

There are two very important notes about the methodology.

First, each business was assigned a single category based on its most prominent business. So for example, a convenience store that mostly sells groceries and has a small liquor section was cataloged as a convenience store rather than a liquor store. Similarly, a restaurant that also sells coffee was categorized as a restaurant rather than a cafe.

Second, the survey was designed to take a snapshot in a given moment of time (specifically, it was taken on June 12, 2013.) Some may argue that empty stores that we knew would be filled should have been recorded with the future tenant, but my concern was that this would have skewed the data; recording just future openings without future vacancies, data which we have no way to reliably collect, would have painted an unrealistic picture of higher occupancy/lower vacancy.
THE RESULTS
After some fun data work on Excel, I found some surprising information, and even a few unexpected learnings.

WE’RE LOUSY WITH RESTAURANTS & BARS:
We have 40 full-service restaurants, 25 self-service restaurants, and 20 bars. This accounts for about 20% of the retail space in our neighborhood.

WE NEED MORE CAFÉS.
You heard me right. As of June 2013, we had only 3 cafés. (Keep in mind that places that specialize in other things and also serve coffee were not counted, like Café Flore that was recorded as a self-serve restaurant.) Since then a few new ones were added, notably Illy Espressamente and Reveille Coffee Co. This, to me, was particularly eye opening, as we’re expecting in the next 3 years an influx of over 1,200 residents with high disposable income.

WE’RE ADDICTED TO OUR SALONS:
At 43 storefronts, over 10% of our retail space is dedicated to salons. This includes nails, hair, and spa establishments.

HIGH VACANCY RATE:
At the time of the survey, there were 28 vacant storefronts, that account for 7% of total available retail. Please note that each storefront, whether it was large (like the former two story Tower Records store) or small (like the former bead store on Castro street) was counted as a single vacancy.

This, to me, is worrisome for two reasons:
1. This number does not account for new retail under construction, which would increase the number of vacancies by about 17. If you include this figure, vacancy rate would increase to 11%.
2. San Francisco’s average vacancy rate is about 3.8%, so no matter how you look at it, we have a high vacancy problem.

WHAT ARE WE MISSING?
Business types that our neighborhood lacks, and which we anecdotaly identified:
Food: butcher, fishmonger, bakery (aside from Thorough Bread & Pastry on Church St. We don’t have any bakery that does breads.)
Services: tailor (we have only two), gas station (we have Chevron and we’re losing RC), vehicle repair (the last one is in the Chevron gas station.)

Retail: electronics (we have 3, including RadioShack, Verizon Wireless, and Mike’s Camera that we’re losing), office supplies/stationary.

It would be great to frame our discussion around what other types of businesses we need in the neighborhood.

SO WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?
First, EVNA will make this information public. Anyone who might be interested in the full study results is welcome to it. It’s a good idea for us all to use an objective dataset when discussing retail in our neighborhood.

Second, business and neighborhood groups formed a coalition that established a working group that will develop a comprehensive “Retail Strategy” for the Castro/Upper Market corridor. The Castro Business District (CBD) will soon announce this project. I, for one, am particularly excited about it.

Detailed results and accompanying charts for the survey will be available in the coming weeks at EVNA.org.

Hopefully, this will help change the narrative from what we don’t want to what we really need in the Castro.

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**Cost of Living in the Castro**

*By Mark McHale, EVNA Board Member*

This is part two of a short series of articles discussing the high costs and current shortage of housing in the Castro, Eureka Valley, and San Francisco on a larger scale.

It’s easy to identify the greatest contributors to our housing shortage: building and environmental restrictions, low density/growth housing policies, and a swelling population. Looking beyond the headlines, there are more subtle and far reaching changes at play in our economy that are contributing to the crisis in ways unintended; an example is vacation rentals.

A cottage industry a generation ago that has gone viral here in San Francisco is changing the social, civic and economic landscape as we know it.

Most are aware of the popularity of vacation home rental services like VRBO, AirBnB, Vacation Rentals and Craigslist. If you haven’t used the service, then you’ve at least have heard of a neighbor or friend who has had their property listed. Accommodations that are smack in the local culture are wonderful alternatives to traditional hotel lodgings. For accommodation providers (much more likely to be individuals rather than companies), it’s a great way to maximize resources, create additional income, meet some nice people, and steer clear of complex tenants’ rights and rent control laws.

Accurate and up-to-date numbers are not easily available, since the business of vacation rental homes (also referred to as “short term rental units” (STRU’s)) operate in a grey zone of the economy. Information posted on Discovervacationhomes.com states that nationwide 11% of travelers used a short term rental unit in 2008, and that number has grown to 24% this year. BayCitizen.org puts the number of STRU’s in San Francisco at 5,564 in 2011. There are unofficial numbers floated here and there putting the count at more than 10,000 units that have been taken out of the permanent housing stock and are now marketed as short term or vacation rentals.

The growth of this cottage industry has been meteoric: with a booming local economy and high visitor demand, it’s clear more providers are migrating away from permanent housing and moving toward vacation rentals instead. With little regulation and inconsistent enforcement, this is a low risk, low penalty, high reward business model. While some providers do pay the 14% hotel tax on revenues, most don’t bother - it’s all under that radar for the most part.

The well-publicized shortage in permanent housing is giving residents and city officials a renewed interest in quickly finding a means of relief from unsustainable and aggressive increases in the cost of housing, while longer term solutions are identified and implemented. When considering the effects of the burgeoning vacation rental industry, it is clear that the growth of the STRU market is having a very real and quantifiable impact on availability and cost of permanent housing units.

Crisis or not, it’s time our city takes a closer look at the pragmatic particulars of short term rental units as a business. We need to discuss property rights, co-ownership expectations, city housing policy in order to arrive at a definition of STRU’s, implement uniform minimal regulation, craft a standardized conversion process, put in place enforcement and collect appropriate taxation, etc.

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By James Kelm, EVNA Newsletter Chair

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West Coast Leather Heading Out
by Roy McKenzie

We received a few tips from our readers that West Coast Leather (400 Castro Street) has been setting up store closing sale signs in their windows and outside their doors the past couple of days. I stopped in earlier today to find out what was up.

Skip Pas who told us that their 6-month lease with the building owner was up and even though they extended it on a month-to-month basis for January and February, sales for the past couple of months have been lower than expected and not enough to cover the lease. He mentioned leather sales is seasonal and fickle and that foot traffic in the Castro has been low and expected it to be even worse with the Castro Streetscape Improvement Project set to break ground soon. Pas said the store will be closed by end of March.

Pas mentioned the building owner was in talks with another lessee, but could not mention who it was. “The space is great,” Pas said, noting the exposed brick walls and the stereo system. “A lot of people come in just to see what it would be like to run it as a club or a restaurant.” Pas thinks the next tenant should be one of the two and noted that the building owner really just wants to sell the building.

The iconic building which is located at the seat of the Castro at Market Street was formerly a Diesel store and Bank of America and was rumored to be leased by many interesting tenants.

Castro Decorative Crosswalks: And the Winner is…

Andrea Aiello of the Castro Community Benefit District announced at the Castro Streetscape Improvement Project groundbreaking that over 4,500 voters chose decorative rainbow sidewalks to be located at all four crosswalks at Castro and 18th Streets.

The CBD voted to make up the difference of the budget shortfall for the project which included decorative crosswalks and street lighting, and pavement stamped with Castro facts.

The CBD had an online survey open to the public for several weeks that allowed folks to vote for their favorite of four decorative crosswalk designs.

Construction is set to wrap up on the project before the Castro Street Fair October 5. In case improvements are not completed by then, construction workers clean up construction during Pride in June and Castro Street Fair in October. Mike Ghilotti of Ghilotti Brothers Construction, mentioned that if all goes to plan they hope to be done several months before schedule.

Scooter share station comes to Castro, by Roy McKenzie

We have bike share (coming soon to the Castro), car share, ride share, and now we have electric motorscooter share thanks to Scoot Networks, a San Francisco based startup that’s adding a new method of transportation to the sharing economy. Scoot Networks recently opened their 16th scooter share station located in the Castro at the RC Gas Station (376 Castro Street) at Market and Castro.

7:25PM this evening San Francisco Police Department responded to the park regarding a physical fight resulting in one victim being stabbed in the torso. The victim was transported to San Francisco General with a non-life threatening injury.

Unfortunately no information on the suspect was given. The case is under investigation and the SFPD needs your help. Anyone with information regarding this incident is should contact the SFPD through their non-emergency line at 553-0123.

Wanted: Info on stabbing suspect at Dolores Park, March 15

It was a spectacular day throughout San Francisco with warm weather bringing many San Franciscans tired of the rain out of their homes and into our beautiful parks.

A beautiful afternoon, unfortunately, ended in angst with a stabbing at Dolores Park. At approximately
**A message from State Assembly Candidate David Campos**

**By James Kelm, EVNA Board Member**

The Castro as a neighborhood is fortunate to have restaurants, bars, transit access, shopping, and services. As a result, our central location also makes us a target for crime. By looking out for each other and ourselves, we can make the Castro a safer neighborhood and a less desirable target for criminals.

One of the most important things we can do as members of the community is to report all crimes. Police resources are allocated based on data and trends. The more accurate and complete their picture of incidents in the neighborhood, the better they will be able to serve us.

We should all know to call 911 for serious crimes and emergencies. If you are the victim of such a crime, get to safety and make the call. If you are badly injured, let the dispatcher know immediately. Otherwise, to the extent that you’re able, let the dispatcher know:

Where you are  
Briefly, what happened  
Where the suspect is, or the direction the suspect went  
A physical description of the suspect  
Whether the suspect had any weapons  
What about if you walk up to your car and discover someone has broken in to it, or if you walk down the street and see property that has been vandalized? Although you’re not in danger, it’s important to report these crimes, too. However, the process is different: in these situations, dial the SFPD non-emergency number at (415) 553-0123. Report the incident to the dispatcher. When you have finished answering the dispatcher’s questions, ask for a “CAD” number. A computer-aided dispatch (CAD for short) number is a unique number assigned to each reported incident, and it’s useful to have the identifier in any follow-up on the incident.

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Beyond the pragmatic, there are other effects on the vital social compact we agree to when choosing to live in a community. The phenomenon and impact of the increasing number of STRU’s in our local economy has the potential to broadly change the way we view and live with each other. As one example: imagine buying or renting a condo in a 12 unit building, and only later finding out that every other unit is non-owner occupied and has been rented out as an STRU. How would that knowledge change things? What are the effects of 11 units being taken out of the permanent housing market? What effects on building governance and neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation, safety, responsibility will this have? How would a constant stream of non-residents impact social and civic services in the neighborhood and city?

More broadly, what long-term impact does this change have on our community, our sense of connection, contribution, volunteering and involvement? Vacation rentals provide valuable and needed income for some providers, but is it a violation of law and the public good for providers who remove permanent housing from the market without due process?

Please weigh in…what are your responses, experiences, and thoughts on the issue of short term rental units (vacation rentals) in San Francisco?

Walgreens from page 1

Programs, requirements to ask for identification from anyone that appears to be under 40 years of age, no sales to any customer who appears to be intoxicated and no handling of these products by employees under the age of 21.

Many people have asked why a company that is devoted to health and wellness needs to sell alcohol. Walgreens does take its commitment to helping customers get, stay and live well very day seriously. The reintroduction of adult beverages has come to respond to customer demand as they have become part of the American mainstream when used in moderation. Customers come to us for health and beauty products as well as convenience, school or office supplies, greeting cards, magazines or snacks. This is another convenience item our customers would like available to them in our stores.

Walgreens prides itself on being a good corporate citizen, and is proud of the many economic contributions made in the communities it serves, from good-paying union jobs, to tax revenues that support local government and schools. The stores in the San Francisco community are highly involved in the community which includes participation in the SF Green Team, SF AIDS Walk, Bay Area Red Cross, community health fairs and flu shot clinics. In addition, the company has an extensive track record for properly handling the sale of regulated products with strict controls, like our medications and look forward to upholding that commitment with the reintroduction of this product line.

Local Walgreens representatives are available to answer questions and hear feedback on this proposal to add adult beverages to the store at 2145 Market. Contact Jennifer Kurrie at 415-531-2900 or at jennifer.kurrie@walgreens.com

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

Police:
- Non-Emergency: 553-0123
- Report nuisance and non-urgent issues. Always ask for a CAD #.
- Mission Station: 558-5400

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

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This issue’s Faves come from EVNA Member, Alvin Chua.

- **Eureka! Cafe, 451 Castro Street**
  I love this little gay-owned coffee shop that sells Blue Bottle Coffee AND Double Rainbow ice cream! It is a great place to sit, have a cup of coffee and people watch.

- **Chakka Cuts, 2264 Market Street**
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- **Rainbow Deli, 4401 18th Street (corner of 18th and Eureka Street)**
  A new corner deli and market store, that sells your typical last minute groceries and party drinks. Delicious sandwiches are made on the spot and my favorite is the “Pride” sandwich. Yum!

- **Hortica, 566 Castro Street**
  My place is full of plants thanks to Hortica. Everything from indoor and outdoor plants, you will always find something green and colorful to add to your home.

**Neighbors’ Faves!**

Neighbors share their favorite places in the ‘hood!

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**EVNA Brings Social Committee to Life**

By Mark D McHale, EVNA Board Member, Resident, Business Owner

Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association is forming a Social Committee with Mark McHale as committee chair. The committee’s focus is to encourage and facilitate friendly association among members and neighbors at large. The committee will plan, organize and hold social activities quarterly. Events will focus on social activities, neighborhood civic projects, safety and educational topics.

A call for committee members was made at the EVNA January 2014 public meeting; James and Ariana Hearth (Hearth Coffee/17th Street) and David Siffring (resident) joined. The committee’s first meeting took place in February.

The committee is planning a block party to coincide with Harvey Milk Day in May. The details and location are yet to be confirmed. If you’d like to help as a volunteer, email Mark.McHale@evna.org.

The committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Vanguard Properties office (555 Castro, upstairs conference room.) We welcome those who are interested in participating, the charter spells out a few requirements. Hope you’ll join us!

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHARTER**

EVNA’s Social Committee addresses the above goals with a focus on opportunities for members and neighbors to meet and work together to achieve our common good. The committee will strive to:

- Organize quarterly events that focus on community service projects, membership outreach, member appreciation, and fundraising for select groups or issues important to the community.
- Create events for members and neighbors to meet each other, interact in positive ways, and foster stronger ties.

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Social Committee continued

- Encourage and support members wishing to take on greater responsibility and/or become leaders in EVNA and the community at large.
- The Social Committee meets monthly.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CRITERIA
To serve on the Social Committee, candidates must meet these requirements:

- Live or work in Castro/Eureka Valley
- Be a dues paying member in good standing for at least three months
- Attend two Committee Meetings as a non-voting participant
- Provide the Committee with a brief statement on why you would like to serve
- Be approved by the active Social Committee Membership

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES
- Required to actively participate in service to the committee’s charter
- Commit between two and four hours per month in service to the committee
- Attend 75% (8) of committee meetings
- Attend EVNA’s annual meeting the second Wednesday in November

budget for years to come. But the destructive impact of the ACCJC’s actions have turned that hole into a widening cavern—more than $20 million next year—as enrollment and future revenue spiral down. We need community support and confidence in CCSF to reverse that trend.

California’s community colleges have an essential—and visionary—mission, serving community needs throughout the state, providing accessible quality public education “for all who can benefit.” Our communities are diverse: San Francisco is not Bakersfield, or San Mateo, or Van Nuys. We have different populations, and different community needs—and our course offerings, programs, and support services must reflect those differences. If we create—or are forced to create—a cookie cutter approach, and every community college around the state becomes solely a “junior college,” that will continue to help a lot of people. But it will also leave a lot of people out in the cold, and those it excludes will be among those who need education the most. They will be our communities’ most vulnerable students, who have the most at stake, whose fortunes affect the communities where they will thrive—or struggle for lack of education.

As such, saving our City College of San Francisco is about much more than ensuring our accreditation, as important as that is. Saving our college means we must struggle with the questions: What kind of college are we going to have? What kind of college do San Franciscans deserve? We believe City College of San Francisco must remain broad and inclusive in our services and programs, providing quality education and meeting the educational needs of San Francisco and Bay Area residents, accessible to those who need it most.

In order to chart a path forward, AFT 2121 (the local faculty union) and many allies are having conversations throughout San Francisco about the future of CCSF. We are excited to update the Castro/Eureka Valley community about what is happening at CCSF. And we are even more excited to hear your ideas and hopes for a better, stronger City College.
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GETTING INVOLVED

President’s Column, Alan Beach-Nelson

Join us at Castro/EVNA's Bimonthly Public Meeting, March 26, featuring: David Campos candidate for Tom Ammiano’s Assembly seat; Save City College Representatives; and Walgreens Representatives who would like to get feedback on their desire to add alcoholic beverage sales to their Market Street store near 15th.

HOT TOPICS

• EVNA Social Committee Launches (see article, page 10) EVNA Board Member Mark McHale has agreed to chair this new Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association committee. The Social Committee’s focus will be to coordinate 4 activities per year that foster greater engagement among members and out reach to potential new members with some philanthropy to support local organizations. We are looking for very social volunteers to join the committee. E-mail Mark.McHale@evna.org

• Hamburger Mary's in The Castro? Les Natali, owner of the long-shuttered Patio Café would like to open a Hamburger Mary's Franchise. This would be the 12th Hamburger Mary’s in the country so it triggers a Conditional Use Authorization Permit under Formula Retail Guidelines. On February 25th, Les held a public meeting to share his plans and gather community feedback. Already this has become a HOT topic. Over the coming months, EVNA will be discussing this project to learn as many details as possible so as to best inform our membership and readers. EVNA’s Planning and Land Use Committee will be hearing about Les’ proposal at their April 2nd meeting, which is open to the public, e-mail Chair Jack.Keating@evna.org if you would like to attend. Additionally, our May newsletter will feature an article from Les on his vision as well as providing space for both pro and con opinions. If you are interested in writing either viewpoint, please e-mail me: Alan.Beach@evna.org. Lastly, Les will be presenting at our May 28 Public Meeting.

• Walgreens Seeks Permit to Sell Alcoholic Beverages (see article, front page.) Sure to be another HOT topic, Walgreens is exploring the ability to sell alcoholic beverages at their store on Market near 15th. Details are not yet clear, but the article gives background and we will hear full details at our March 26 meeting.

• Castro Sidewalk Widening Project. The good news is that work has begun. The bad news is that it is a month late. The BEST news is that the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District is funding some of the project’s components that did not fit with the budget (see Biscuit article page 7) including decorative crosswalks at Castro and 18th, and historical facts about the rich Eureka Valley and Castro history embedded in the sidewalks. The project is still set to be complete by the Castro Street Fair on October 5. Subscribe to the news feed at www.castrostreet.org.

• Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District Ambassador. Last year I had the pleasure of volunteering with the Castro Ambassadors Program. It was an amazing experience - providing suggestions on sights to see, routes to take and historical facts to tourists from around the world. Last year I averaged 80 tourists per each two-hour shift. If you love your neighborhood, love helping people find that hidden gem, or unknown sight to see, I urge you to become a Castro Ambassador. Schedule is flexible to suit you. Visit http://www.castrocbd.org/ under Our Services.

• Google to cover Free Muni for Youth program for next 2 years. In what some might say is a show of generosity and others might say isn’t enough, Google has decided to donate $6.8 million underwrite the SFMTA Free Muni for Youth program. Perhaps this might become a philanthropic trend among the tech companies whose buses frequent our streets and use city dedicated public space, but also eliminate thousands of vehicles from our busy streets and freeways.

• Update on Supervisor Wiener’s In-Law Unit Legislation and Survey Results. Supervisor Scott Wiener’s proposed legislation was passed at the March 6 Planning Commission and it is now working its way through Board hearings and approval. They have asked the Supervisor to work on the legislation more and perhaps have it coincide with Supervisor Chiu’s related legislation. EVNA circulated a survey about the legislation to gauge feedback and community interest in participating in building an additional unit. Results showed that 69% (120) strongly approve/approve, 6% (10) neither approve/disapprove and 25% (44) disapprove/strongly disapprove of the legislation. Based on this information, EVNA’s Board submitted a letter of support with request for a few modifications.