HOW ARE THE BAY AREA’S BIGGEST CITIES PLANNING FOR GROWTH?

By Egon Terplan and Jennifer Warburg, SPUR (San Francisco Planning & Urban Research)

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Over the next 25 years, the Bay Area is projected to add 2.1 million new residents and 1.1 million new jobs. Accommodating this growth in a way that reduces driving is one of the goals of Plan Bay Area, a long-range vision for the region that integrates land use and transportation planning. (For details, see our post What You Need to Know About Plan Bay Area.)

In November, planning officials from San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland met to share their progress in implementing the plan with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Why focus on these three cities? Plan Bay Area projects that nearly 40 percent of both job and housing growth will locate in San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland. While there are many places throughout the Bay Area that will experience significant growth, the three central cities are home to the bulk of the region’s transit, as well as its highest-priority transit investments: extending BART to San Jose.

SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE A SUBWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

By Scott Wiener, District 8 Supervisor

A couple of years ago, I was with my friend Adam when he made this simple declaration - “San Francisco should always have a subway under construction.” My first reaction was to think of every objection to the concept, but I quickly realized that the statement was both insightful and correct.

San Francisco is growing by about 10,000 people a year and is projected to add another 150,000 residents by 2040. Every day we see more auto congestion and our extensive bus network struggling to navigate our streets. We are working to make our surface transit system run more efficiently but we need to move more transit underground. We need more subways.

Forty years ago, BART bored a tunnel along a short section of Market Street, then extended south through the Mission to Daly City. That’s it. One tunnel in forty years. Neither the west side, the north side, nor the southeast of the city has subway service, instead relying on bus or above-ground transit.
light rail service. To fix this, we need to take aggressive, forward-thinking, visionary steps:

- The **Central Subway** is currently under construction, taking the T Third line underground at the Fourth and King Caltrain station north to Chinatown. The City must acquire the site of the old Pagoda Theater in North Beach, where the tunnel ends, and build a North Beach station there. Ultimately, the Central Subway should be extended north to Fisherman’s Wharf, at which point its ridership will dwarf every other light rail line.

- The **downtown rail extension of Caltrain and High-Speed Rail** from Mission Bay to the future Transbay Transit Center will connect the southern part of San Francisco, San Mateo County, San Jose, and Los Angeles to our downtown. Recent conversations have focused on routing this extension along Third Street, which would significantly benefit the southeastern neighborhoods and ease traffic concerns around the future Warriors arena.

- The future **second transbay tube**, connecting the East Bay to Mission Bay, will address massive BART overcrowding, allow BART to run twenty-four hours, allow Caltrain to link to the Capitol Corridor, and ultimately provide High-Speed Rail service to the East Bay.

- **Subway service to the west side of San Francisco** will improve the quality of life for many residents and will allow for increased housing production in a portion of the city that lacks transit access. Possibilities include a Geary Street line, a 19th Avenue line, and a line through the Sunset.

Yes, revolutionizing our transit systems will be hard and expensive. Yes, there will be political and funding fights. Yet, with a can-do attitude - the same attitude that got us the interstate highway system, the Golden Gate Bridge, BART, and the world’s great subway systems - we can get it done.

To do so will require:

- **Funding transit adequately** locally, at the state level, and federally. We are starting to see change locally. After years of people raiding transit funds in San Francisco, a broad coalition of transit and environmental groups came together to demand better prioritization of transit investment. As a result, we passed a ballot measure that I authored to tie transit funding to population growth and the first transportation bond in a very long time. We need to continue that momentum here and extend it to Sacramento and Washington.
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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 6PM**

Donna Sachet again will emcee the popular annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. She’ll be joined by elected City Officials, music from the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, the San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus, and the SF Lesbian/Gay Chorus and (drum-roll, please!) jolly Santa and his elf(ves).

In addition to the Holiday Tree, Castro Merchants are sprucing up the ‘hood with expanded Market Street Sidewalk Tree Lights between Castro and Church-14th Streets and bows on median palm trees along Market from Church to Octavia Blvd.

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**WORLD AIDS DAY**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 1**

Something magical will happen on the sidewalks of Castro Street between Market and 19th Streets with “INSCRIBE” on World AIDS Day. Fourth and Fifth grade students from Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (HMCRA) will be out, wearing their HMCRA T-shirts. Each group will have a pail of colored chalk for passers-by to use to honor someone they love who has been lost to HIV/AIDS, by writing their name on a blank square of the sidewalk. This is NOT a fundraiser – it’s a gift from HMCRA to our community. It also is a great learning opportunity for the students, a celebration of remembrance and honor for our neighbors and community, and an acknowledgement of the long-term survivors that offers healing by bringing attention to the struggles and challenges that they still face today.

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**SANTA SKIVVIES ANNUAL RUN**

Mark your calendars! My favorite “sporting” event is back - the Santa Skivvies Run returns on Sunday December 13 at 10:30am (checkin from 9-10:15am). Nothing like 100’s of Men in Skivvies to get me in the holiday mood. The 1.5 mile race around The Castro starts and ends at CM Member The Lookout, 3600 16th at Noe Streets. The Santa Skivvies run is so much FUN and it raises money for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. You can have Super Bowl 50 next February - I’ll be watching the Skivvies run in mid-December!

For information and to register, go to http://www.santaskivviesrun.org/.

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**YEAR-END CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

_Courtesy Castro Merchants_

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A Season of Change

Between the pockets of warm days, there is a sliver of fall creeping in and around, the leaves have turned a paler cast of green and gold, the shadows getting deeper and coming earlier. There are a few scarves and jackets making their debut around necks and torsos, from necessity or a need to change up the wardrobe is beside the point. The calendar says “fall” and Fall it shall be.

The Harvey Milk kids and teachers (and a few parents) had their costume parade around the school in celebration of Halloween - it was fun getting swallowed up by the crowd of 4’ pirates and ninja turtles as I walked past with my partner. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are fighting in the window at Cliff’s Variety, reminding us it’s the political season. Upcoming test dates bring the students in to sit at the tables at Reveille, Philz and Starbucks, everyone staring deep into their screens, few acknowledging the existence of anything around them. But, it’s still Fall.

The harvest celebrations, the Day of the Dead and All Saints Days, the passing of the autumnal equinox and soon the winter solstice, the communal feast of Thanksgiving with family: blood and friends. In some ways these are but a tip of our winter caps to showcase the fruits of our labor, the abundance that will take us through the winter and spring, and the acknowledgement of our need for each other, as companions and lovers, mentors and friends. It’s getting cold outside, it’s Fall, soon to bring Winter. Yes, as much as things change, we are never anywhere entirely new or alone.

Fall for me is a time of reflection, gratitude and savoring of the riches. Not to be deluded, I keep a keen awareness of the temporal and transient nature of blessings. So lasting, yet often fickle; the spectrum of the fate’s attention. This year, I can easily identify the many people, experiences and events that have enriched my life in ways obvious and subtle, common and uncommon, greatly and lightly. My marriage is deeper, several friendships are richer, and bank accounts fatter this season.

As necessary, it is an accounting of the people, experiences and events that have caused me to recognize a shortfall within myself. A wincing glimpse of my own humanity. An inventory of times when I fell short, and when others may have disappointed, when I didn’t act from love or abundance, but fear and scarcity. This recounting is followed, if possible, by forgiveness for myself and for others. Freeing the heart and spirit makes for an easier journey ahead.

Fall is a season of change. My partner and I just bought a house on Eureka Street. We are so excited; it’s taken us many years of hard work, discipline, and saving, that we are finally able to buy a new little place with a yard. Right here in the neighborhood. How fortunate we are.

The change this year is a redirection of my energies back to heart and home. After 3 years of service as a board member on both the Castro Merchants and the Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association, I am retiring. It’s been a pleasure to work so closely with so many committed and gifted people who serve our community. I will continue as a member, and volunteer as I have a passion or time. I’m looking forward to planting a garden and many fix-it projects, I’m excited about going to the party instead of having to plan it. The biggest joy is spending more undistracted time with the love of my life, my partner.

There is a season for everything, every season special and to be celebrated. I am a better person for having served, and I hope others can say the same for my contributions. I will continue to encourage others to step up into their own season of volunteering and giving back. This is not a goodbye, just a change of season. Look for me at Hortica buying plants, you’ll see me at Cliff’s Variety picking up masking tape and paint. I’m here, and happy for it.
and extending Caltrain to the Transbay Transit Center. The success of these transit systems and the development that takes place around them will do the most to determine the region’s ability to grow in a way that reduces dependence on cars.

**PLAN BAY AREA GROWTH PROJECTIONS 2010–2040**

In 2010, San Jose, San Francisco and Oakland had just under 30 percent of the region’s employment and population. According to Plan Bay Area, they will take on nearly 40 percent of all regional growth. That amounts to more than 9,000 housing units, 27,000 people and 14,000 jobs per year for 30 years. Among the three, San Jose is projected to gain the most in population while San Francisco is projected to gain the greatest number of jobs.

**Source: Plan Bay Area**

What was clear across all three presentations to MTC and ABAG is that each city is confronting a similar set of challenges, though in slightly different ways:

- How to balance the current strong demand for residential development in the urban core with the need to add jobs in transit-oriented locations, particularly downtown.

- How to manage the growing housing affordability crisis in an era with limited funding for affordable housing and uneven market dynamics.

- How to ensure that new transit investments result in growing transit ridership through both well-planned transit and responsive land use.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH CITY:**

**San Jose:** Lots of growth allowed by the city’s general plan, but detailed urban village planning will be necessary.

San Jose’s implementation of Plan Bay Area follows the urban growth strategy set forth in its 2040 General Plan, which shares the same timeframe as Plan Bay Area. San Jose’s general plan directs development into 70 or so urban villages — centers that have the potential to be the anchors of future walkable neighborhoods. The city is currently planning a number of these villages, including South Bascom, the Alameda and West San Carlos. This is a very ambitious planning agenda for a small planning staff. San Jose will be challenged to achieve a better balance between housing and jobs, to attract employers to transit-oriented locations and to substantially reduce its residents’ and workers’ reliance on cars.

**San Jose is working to direct new development to 70 “urban villages” within the city, a plan that supports the Bay Area’s goals for accommodating population and job growth over the next 25 years. Rendering courtesy the City of San Jose.**

Planning for Growth continues next page
San Francisco: Current zoning allows for the housing projections, but not for the job projections.

In San Francisco, the recent completion of a series of neighborhood plans has laid the planning groundwork for allocating new jobs and housing. San Francisco has identified capacity for 97,000 new units of housing by 2040 (5,000 more than the 92,000 Plan Bay Area calls for). The city is also in the enviable position of being 40 percent of the way toward achieving its total job projection, having added more than 70,000 jobs since 2010. Yet the city has only zoned capacity for 143,000 additional jobs — 50,000 short of Plan Bay Area’s full projection. This is in part because only 10.5 percent of land in San Francisco is zoned to allow offices, a key building type for the many of the future jobs.

San Francisco has four specific challenges that come up in its implementation of Plan Bay Area: addressing resilience (considering that most of the areas where it plans to add jobs and housing are especially vulnerable to sea level rise), preserving employment diversity, investing in transit and other transportation needs of the growing population, and making sure new growth strengthens the quality of existing neighborhoods and places.

Oakland: Recent specific plans lay the groundwork for growth, but more will be needed.

Oakland’s planning process has centered on a series of specific plans for areas near transit, including Broadway Valdez, West Oakland and Lake Merritt/Chinatown. The plans create a framework for growth and provide greater certainty about what kind of development is desired in different locations. A downtown specific plan is next. Projects like Brooklyn Basin are expected to add more than 3,000 units (likely over a decade). Oakland’s challenges include: managing rapid price increases in a period that has had virtually no development (something that will likely change in 2015), attracting new employers and significant job growth throughout the city, and increasing local revenues to pay for investments in infrastructure.

What’s Next:

How these cities resolve their challenges and manage future growth will have ramifications for the entire region. For example, BART is nearing its capacity to carry East Bay workers to San Francisco (particularly at the Montgomery and Embarcadero stations). If Oakland adds a significant number of jobs around its BART stations, it would balance out demand on the system and ease additional pressure on the transit commute to downtown San Francisco. But if an Oakland boom brings significantly more housing than jobs (especially in downtown), the increased number of commuters to San Francisco will make BART crowding worse.

Understanding the regional impacts of where jobs and housing locate is core to the success of Plan Bay Area — and central to a common challenge facing all three cities. Quite simply, the
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Police:
Non-Emergency: 553-0123
Report nuisance and non-urgent issues. Always ask for a CAD #.
Mission Station: 558-5400
Captain Dan Perea's email: daniel.perea@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 Scott Wiener: 554-6968,
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Ways to be More Involved in EVNA!

Did you know that EVNA Board meetings and Committee meetings are open to the membership?
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Board and Planning Committee meetings are held monthly, at 7PM. Planning on the first Wednesday and Board on the second Wednesday.

To attend a Planning Committee meeting, email:
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Neighbors’ Faves!
Neighbors share their favorite places in the ‘hood!

This issue’s Faves come from EVNA Member Jim Hannah

17th & Noe Market
(yes, that’s their name).
I love family run businesses. They have three generations working there. Always friendly and convenient. Better than your average corner store, especially good wine selection.

Zapata Taqueria
4850 18th St.
Viva Zapata! Saved from the chopping block. Excellent, fresh, food and still affordable. Nice sunny location.

Hearth
3985 17th St. (at the tram stop)
No other place makes fresh baked goods on premises. Beautiful interior. Inviting. Also, run by a sweet couple who seem to care about the neighborhood.
• Making it easier and faster to approve transit projects. Public process and feedback is important, but process should not go on forever. It’s not acceptable that the environmental process for the Geary and Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit projects took more than ten years each. Transit projects should receive efficient, expedited review, allowing for public input in a defined timeframe.

• Engaging in a subway master planning process. Today, I’m introducing legislation to require a master-planning process for subways in San Francisco. We need a long-term roadmap so that we are constantly planning for the next subway project.

• Showing a willingness to think big. Transit projects are highly susceptible to small thinking. If you want to be thoroughly depressed, take a look at the original proposal for BART (http://sfbay.ca/2011/12/14/1956-bart-plan-would-be-great-today/). Imagine if the region had had the foresight, will, and commitment to build that originally envisioned system. We need to think big, and stick to our guns. We can find the money. We can get through the process. And in doing so, we can make our city and region a better place - a place that is more livable, economically vibrant, and environmentally sustainable.

Scott Wiener is a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He chairs the San Francisco County Transportation Authority and represents San Francisco on the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The success of Plan Bay Area depends on San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland acting as leaders for communities throughout the region. Yet last month was the first time in recent memory that the three central cities came together to share their planning work with key leaders and each other. Better communication on the plan’s implementation is crucial to its success and to laying the groundwork for a stronger regional plan when it is updated in 2017.

SPUR’s central city strategy sees the growth choices made by San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland as key to the future shape of the region. Plan Bay Area offers the greatest opportunity in a generation to coordinate around a common vision. But land use decisions are ultimately local. We are building an organization capable of helping the three cities do great local planning. But we are also committed to the shared goals of the region: to concentrate growth in places that are walkable; to increase access to high-quality transit and economic opportunity; and to preserve open space and improve public health. In addition to working within each city, we will also help San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland work with each other to share lessons and support our common regional goals.

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CASTRO HOODIES - STORIES FROM HOODLINE

As you may have heard, the Castro Biscuit has moved over to Hoodline - San Francisco Neighborhood news.

ORPHAN ANDY’S: THE STORY BEHIND THE POPULAR CASTRO EATERY AND ITS OWNERS

By David-Elijah Nahmod

Popular 24-hour eatery Orphan Andy’s stands across the street from Jane Warner Plaza in the heart of the Castro. Owners Bill Pung and Dennis Zieball chatted with Hoodline about the inspiration behind the restaurant, which has been around since the ’70s, how their own relationship grew with it, and Orphan Andy’s current vitality in an ever-changing city.

Pung and Zieball are married partners as well as co-owners of Orphan Andy’s. They met after Zieball found his way to San Francisco in his youth. “My husband is from Nebraska,” Pung said. “He was studying to be a mineralogist.” Zieball took a break from school and hitchhiked to San Francisco, where he was homeless for 3-4 months. That was more than 40 years ago.

While some might guess that Orphan Andy’s name is a gay-ish spin on the popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie, Pung explains the personal and historical origins of the name. “Dennis applied for a job at Andy’s Donuts, which was then considered the center of the universe,” Pung recalled. “He ended up owning it at age 21.”

Andy’s Donuts (now Osaka Sushi at 460 Castro St.) closed around 1975, but the popularity of the shop was so great that Zieball wanted to keep the name. Zieball himself had been an orphan who later found parents through adoption, so “Orphan Andy’s” was born.

Pung recalls the moment he met Zieball. “I was working in the city, living in the East Bay, and had just come out,” he told us. “Dennis had opened Boot Camp, a then-popular gay bar. I stopped in for a beer—it was love at first sight.”

From the beginning, Pung and Zieball were an old-fashioned couple. “We didn’t just hop into bed, we dated. He asked me to spend a weekend with him—that’s how it began.”

As Orphan Andy’s grew in the community, it had its fair share of favorite employees. One standout is the late Herbie Richards, who was affectionately known as “Mother.” Richards passed away around 12 years ago.

“Herbie was quite a character,” Pung said. “He was an excellent manager and an all-around good guy who was open and honest. His personality was very campy.” Pung laughed as he recalled giving one of his mother’s flowing muumuu dresses to Richards, who dutifully wore the outfit to work. (Pung’s mother was amused.)

Many of the cherished employees at Orphan Andy’s have passed on. “AIDS was a sad time,” Pung recalled. “We experienced a lot of people who were taken. It was hard for everyone—we were trying to understand what was going on. A lot of wonderful employees passed—they made Orphan Andy’s work.”

Currently, fueled in part by the tech boom, the Castro is undergoing changes of another kind, as skyrocketing rents have made the neighborhood unaffordable to many younger LGBTQ residents. Some have said that the
Castro is losing its queer identity, but Pung feels differently. “We’ve been in the neighborhood for close to 42 years,” he told us. “It’s definitely changing. There’s a variety of people here now. It’s a shared community and we embrace that. I think it will remain a gay mecca.”

Pung acknowledges that today’s cost-of-living can be challenging. “People are living just to survive,” he said. “Many of the gay kids who want to move into the neighborhood may not be able to stay in San Francisco.”

Zieball’s past as a homeless youth made him particularly sympathetic to the neighborhood’s challenges. “He understands the homeless,” Pung said. “He lived it. He had to find food and shelter. He’s compassionate and sympathetic to what goes on out there.”

“Everything changes,” added Zieball. “The neighborhood was evolving in 1971, transitioning from a middle-class neighborhood. It’s always transitioning—it’s never the same as it was the previous decade.”

Despite the changing times, Pung is grateful for the community support Orphan Andy’s has experienced. “We appreciate our success, longevity, and everyone who plays a part in our success. We credit our staff, our landlord, and the tourists—it’s a winning recipe.”

Orphan Andy’s is located at 3991 17th Street. The restaurant is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

**Sushi Ran Spinoff Headed to Former Pesce Space**

*By Brian Ray*

Two months after Pesce’s departure from 2223 Market St., a new Japanese restaurant by a big name is in the works.

A liquor license application was filed yesterday for the space, and though there’s no restaurant name, one of the people behind the new restaurant is listed as Yoshimori Tome, aka Yoshi Tome, owner of Sushi Ran in Sausalito.

(Also listed on the application are Mynor Morales and Paul Quinn.)

This lends credence to a September rumor from Tablehopper that said Tome might be opening a “casual concept” in Pesce’s former home. When reached for contact, Sushi Ran downplayed the idea, saying that it was just a rumor and that they had nothing to say at the time. However, Inside Scoop confirmed this morning that “a fun, sophisticated and casual Japanese offering” from Sushi Ran is in the works, along with a full bar.

Sushi Ran, which Tome has run since 1986, is one of the Bay Area’s top Japanese restaurants, holding a Michelin star from 2006-2008, and winning numerous accolades for its ambiance and sushi offering.

Opening for the new Japanese spot is targeted for spring 2016.

**CHURCHILL SEEKS SECOND FLOOR EXPANSION FOR COMMUNITY SPACE**

*By Brian Ray*

Duboce Triangle bar Churchill, located at 198 Church St., is seeking to expand to its second floor with some help from a new ordinance introduced by District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener. The expansion aims to provide community space above the existing bar.

We spoke with Churchill co-owner Mike Goebel to learn more about plans for the space, which was used in the past for private events, and is currently used as an office. “We’ve been getting a lot of questions and ideas about the space from the neighborhood,” Goebel explained. “We reached out to groups like DTNA and Castro CBD to learn what the community wanted. We plan to activate the space as something that can be used for charity events, fundraisers, and other activities that serve the community.”

In order to accomplish their goals and host specific types of events, Churchill will have to officially expand the bar to the second floor, something that isn’t possible under current zoning. “We currently can’t even be considered due to rules, but Supervisor Wiener’s ordinance provides a path to apply and go through the process,” Goebel told us. “We’d still go through a review where planners and others would weigh in as we sought approval.”

We spoke with Wiener’s aide, Andres Power, who reiterated that the ordinance opens a door to second-floor bar expansions being considered for conditional use, and also shared thoughts on the current rules and need for the change. “Our planning code isn’t always nimble enough to solve for the needs of the neighborhood. Currently, in the Upper Market NCT zoning district, bars are not permitted on the second floor, even though there is precedent along the corridor for such use. In this particular case, I have introduced legislation that would allow the Planning Commission to consider whether an existing second-floor bar use should be allowed to pursue a path toward legalization through a conditional use hearing. Any decision by the Commission would be heavily guided by neighborhood feedback.”

Goebel stressed that while the basics of the plan are to expand the bar, the expansion is just a necessary means to an end, which is the community-driven space. “Our intention is to operate the space for meetings and community events. We’re working close with our neighborhood and are optimistic about the plans.”
OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

EVNA Slate of Officers and Directors for ratification by membership, Wednesday, November 18, 2015. With membership approval, we will elect the whole slate in one vote, or we'll vote on each candidate individually.

Officers:
President: Crispin Hollings, 18th St.
Secretary: Shelah Barr, 17th St.
Immediate Past President: Alan Beach-Nelson, Castro St.

Committee Chairs:
Newsletter Editor: Patrick Crogan, Market St.
Planning and Land Use Committee Chair (ex officio): Jack Keating; 17th St.

At-large Directors:
Rob Cox, Hartford St.
James Kelm; Castro Village Wine Co.
Loïc Olichon; 18th St.

BIOGRAPHIES OF BOARD OFFICER AND DIRECTOR CANDIDATES:

President: Crispin Hollings
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 the Financial Planning Director for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. 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.

Secretary: Vacant
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Immediate Past President: Alan Beach-Nelson
Alan Beach-Nelson has been a resident of Castro/Eureka Valley since 1993, and a member of EVNA since 2002. He has served on EVNA’s Board since 2008, serving as Treasurer, then Secretary and Planning and Land Use Committee Chair in 2009, and President since 2010. He looks forward to continuing his service on the Board as Immediate Past President. Alan's husband Daren encourages and supports his extensive neighborhood involvement. Professionally, Alan is a senior level non-profit executive with extensive fund-raising and management experience.

Newsletter Editor: Patrick Crogan
A returning Board member candidate, Patrick moved to the neighborhood in 1977. The quality of life for the people who live in the neighborhood is important to him. Equally important to him is the interplay between the business owners, customers and visitors in the neighborhood. Patrick has served on the newsletter committee since 2013.
Planning and Land Use Committee Chair (ex-officio): Jack Keating
A returning candidate, Jack has adeptly served as the Chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC). Under his tenure the PLUC has developed and refined EVNA’s project review process. Jack has been a resident of Eureka Valley since 1994. His involvement in the neighborhood association began more than ten years ago when he and his partner Justin began caring for the neighborhood park that would become the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. They continue to serve as the primary caretakers of the Park today. Jack has been active in EVNA, serving on the Board member for one year, and has been active in the planning committee for more than seven years. He enjoys being involved in neighborhood development, balancing the historical preservation, commercial, residential and other needs of the community.

At-large Directors:
Rob Cox
Rob Cox has been a resident of the Castro since 1991. He is a working artist with his painting studio out at the former Hunters Point Naval Station. Rob has been a member of EVNA since 1997 and has served as Secretary for EVNA since 2010, and looks forward to continuing to serve as an at-large Board Member. Rob served four years in the US Navy and has a background in college admissions recruitment. He has worked as a corporate trainer for several Bay Area companies. He served for 2 years as the Executive Director for a local non-profit art organization. He is also a Master Trainer for the Indoor Cycling Group.

James Kelm
A returning Board Member candidate, James Kelm moved to San Francisco in 2000. James is the co-owner of Castro Village Wine Company with two friends. As an EVNA board member, James would hope to provide the perspective of both a denizen and a small business owner.

Loïc Olichon
Running for a second term, Loïc, who was born and raised in France, has been living in the Castro for the past 10 years. He is a software engineer working downtown. Since moving to the neighborhood, he has been interested to know more about its history and new directions. He has been involved with the creation of the 4500-4600 18th street neighborhood watch. During the last 2 years, he has been a member of EVNA’s Planning and Land Use Committee serving as the Board Liaison. He enjoys playing a critical role in reviewing and helping refine businesses and residents’ projects in the neighborhood. He would like to continue to be actively involved in neighborhood issues.

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.

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On October 21st, Lava Mae joined Most Holy Redeemer’s Wednesday Night Suppers. From 2-5pm hot showers were offered to those in need. 15 showers were taken on this first day! The bus will be back every Wednesday from 1:30pm - 6pm.

Have you wondered what the inside of a Lava Mae bus looks like?

Special Thanks
To our middle school volunteers who helped prepare outreach care packages for our Homeless Outreach Team. What great community members you are! If you are interested in helping, we meet quarterly, in the evening at the CBD office in the Castro. Please email Kristin, kristin@castrocbd.org, to schedule.

Ongoing thanks and appreciation:
To the Apothecarium for their continued support of Castro Cares in the form of supplying us with care package items (socks, toiletries for men and women, and sustenance).

Sock Drive
We are reaching out to local merchants and schools to assist with our Winter season Sock Drive. If you would like to host a collection bin or to schedule a drop off of new socks, contact kristin@castrocbd.org.

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WORLD AIDS DAY, 12/ 01/ 2015
By George Kelly

I am proposing a project for World AIDS Day, INSCRIBE, a collaboration between our neighborhood elementary school, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (HMCRA) and a group of long-term HIV/AIDS survivors, called Honoring Our Experience (HOE). HOE is sponsored by Shanti, a nonprofit organization that provides services to people with HIV/AIDS. I have been living with the HIV virus for 30+

INSCRIBE is inspired by the bronze plaques of gay and civil rights heroes, that already adorn our new and widened sidewalks on Castro St. I live in The Castro, 51 Diamond St., in the same apartment for 23 years. I have enjoyed volunteering at HMCRA for 17 years, and was selected as Volunteer of the Year by the SFUSD for the 2008-2009 school year. I have also been honored with a Jefferson Award and A Points of Light Award for outstanding community service. Volunteering is good medicine.

Leading up to World AIDS Day, 12/1/2015, our 4th and 5th grade students will be learning about HIV/AIDS, the AIDS epidemic and the tremendous loss to our neighborhood. Members of HOE will come to our school to meet and help educate our students and participate in preparing for this event on November 23rd, 1:30-3:00.

Announcements will go out to our school families to let them know what we are doing and to encourage their participation in this community building project. On November 30, The HOE volunteers will return to the school to help the students make signs promoting World AIDS Day to attract attention to our project. At this time, we will assign our small groups for the following day.

Tom Ryan (Mr. Tom) was a teacher at HMCRA, who died of AIDS about 4 years ago. Our current 4th and 5th graders were in kindergarten and first grades when Mr. Tom died. These kids knew and loved Mr. Tom. We all did. We made a panel in his honor and sent it off to be a part of The National AIDS Memorial Quilt.

On Tuesday, December 1st, World AIDS Day, we will all meet in the morning circle of our school at 9:15, then we will proceed to the auditorium/cafeteria. We will gather in our small groups, consisting of 4 students, 2 volunteers, and a school parent or staff member. We will walk to Castro St. at 10:00. These small groups will be spaced apart from one another, on the sidewalk, on both sides of Castro St. Students will wear our HMCRA shirts and have the signs that we made earlier. Each group will have a small pale of colored chalk to write on the sidewalk. We will ask the passer-byers if they would like to INSCRIBE the name of someone they love who has been affected by AIDS, by inscribing their name or allowing a student to INSCRIBE the name, in one of the many blank squares on the sidewalk in chalk.

Gregg Cassin, the leader of HOE, and my fellow HOEs are 100% behind me in this community strengthening project. Our school principal, Mr. Machado is on board. Everyone I polled likes this idea, including Andrea Aiello, who is the executive director of the Castro/Upper Market Community Benefit District. She will have the sidewalks spray cleaned for our big day. District 8 Supervisor, Scott Wiener gave his consent and we are not breaking any city ordinances. Vince Crisostomo, of the SFAF’s Elizabeth Taylor 50+ Network is supporting INSCRIBE. Terri at Cliff’s Variety is donating the supplies. This is definitely a community supported event.

This is NOT a fundraiser. It is a gift from our school and it is a great learning opportunity for our students. It is a celebration of remembrance and honor for our neighbors and community. It is an acknowledgement of the long-term survivors that offers healing and brings attention to the struggles and challenges that we still face today.

I’m honored to lead this community strengthening project, INSCRIBE. Come join us, Dec. 1st, 10:00-12:00, Castro St.

Thank you for your support.
PASSING THE BATON OF LEADERSHIP  
By Alan R. Beach-Nelson, EVNA President

After eight years as an Officer of the Board of Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association, most recently as President the past six years, I am stepping down from a leadership role. I will continue to serve on the Board as Past President.

I feel very proud of all that we have accomplished over the past 8 years. Together, we have built EVNA’s Membership and Subscriber rolls, expanded our outreach to and visibility in the neighborhood, and increased our clout with city leaders and departments. We’ve worked hard to fulfill our 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 the neighborhood. And, I feel we have done so in an inclusive, and balanced way.

I have greatly enjoyed serving the community. I’m incredibly grateful for your trust and confidence in my leadership. I hope that I have “done you proud.”

Serving on EVNA’s Board was truly a transformational experience for me. While I have lived in the Castro for 23 years, it was not until I became actively involved in neighborhood issues through EVNA that I felt grounded and connected to this place that we call home. The added bonus has been getting to know so many of you, my neighbors, in a deep and meaningful way. It has been incredibly gratifying.

I decided not to run for a fourth term because – well, frankly, I’m a little tired. More important is the need for new leadership with new and fresh ideas to continue the neighborhood’s trajectory of success and vibrancy. I have absolute confidence that Crispin Hollings has the commitment and leadership to do so.

Thank you again for your confidence and support over the past eight years. I look forward to continuing my service in a slightly less significant role. See you around the ‘hood!

GETTING INVOLVED  BEING INFORMED

President’s Column, Alan Beach-Nelson

JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER 18 MEETING: Office and Board Election; Jennifer Warburg from SPUR will discuss the impacts of recent Election Results on How the Bay Area plans for growth amid our housing crisis.

HOT TOPICS

- **Upper Market Street Safety Project Curb Management Workshop:** Wednesday, November 18, 7PM, Sanchez School, 325 Sanchez. SFMTA is implementing important safety improvements on Market Street between Castro and Octavia Boulevard for people walking, riding bikes, and driving vehicles. As part of this effort, you are invited to provide input on how the SFMTA can more efficiently use curb space in the project area.

- **LaserAway Treatment Spas Has Eyes on Long-vacant Former Sprint Spot at 410 Castro Street.** We’ve received word that LaserAway which has one location in SF and seven across the Bay Area will be seeking a Conditional Use Authorization for Fromula Retail to open shop in this highly visible space. EVNA’s PLUC and Board will be evaluating the project.

- **Reprieve for Zapata:** The owners of beloved mexican eatery Zapata and property owner Les Natali have come to agreement on a one year extension of Zapata’s lease thanks to the intervention of Castro Merchants and EVNA.

- **Weaver’s Outdoor Patio:** The year-old coffee and tea spot hopes to build an outdoor patio over its existing planter by the end of the year.

- **Annual SF Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR):** November 20th, 6-8:30PM, SF LGBT Center, 1800 Market St. The Transgender Day of Remembrance was founded in 1999 by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a trans activist, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester. Today TDOR is observed in 200 cities in 20 countries. The San Francisco event will feature community leaders, performances by trans artists, and a keynote by activist Janetta Johnson. A reception and a balloon release honoring lives taken will follow.