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 the 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, or come to the next EVNA general membership meeting on Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00pm at Harvey Milk School at 4235 19th Street in San Francisco.
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.
According to an editorial in The Economist from last May, more is not always better when it comes to prison. “The first people any rational society locks up are the most dangerous … The more people a country imprisons, the less dangerous each additional prisoner is likely to be. At some point, the costs of incarceration start to outweigh the benefits … money spent on prisons cannot be spent on other things that might reduce crime more … America passed the point of negative returns long ago.”

With the same philosophy in mind, San Francisco has been diverting low-level offenders away from prison for years. From a recent SFgate article quoting San Francisco Police Chief Bill Scott, there is a lot of infrastructure being poured in by the mayor to really address these issues in a more holistic way and take the burden off of using the criminal justice system and enforcement to solve these problems, which I believe is the right way to go.” As a result of diverting low-level offenders, approximately half of San Francisco’s justice population being managed outside of the jails. Whereas as little as 10 years ago approximately 50% of the San Francisco prison population was being held on misdemeanor charges, today that number is well under 10%. San Francisco’s recently adopted budget keeps the City moving in this direction. The City’s two-year budget includes new funds aimed at easing inmate re-entry and reducing the amount of time individuals spend in jail. The proposed budget sets aside $700,000 for the Pretrial Diversion Project, a nonprofit that contracts with the Sheriff’s Department. An additional $1 million is set for the sheriff’s electronic monitoring program, which is meant to encourage judges to allow people to be released on their own recognizance after their arrest. The budget also allocates $368,000 for the public defender’s office to hire two attorneys and an investigator to work with courts and the diversion project within the Sheriff’s Department to ensure a continuity of services for people being sentenced or released from jail. The San Francisco district attorney’s office would also receive an extra $588,000 to hire staff to oversee weekend booking to help prevent people from waiting in jail while the city decides whether to file charges.

But perhaps the most notable expansion of programming to divert low-level offenders away from incarceration and to reduce recidivism rates is program, funded with a $5.9 million state grant, to create a new prebooking diversion program called LEAD. Drawing on expertise and resources from various city agencies and community groups,
THE CAFÉ is committed to ensuring that the Castro has a vibrant and active nightlife and a peaceful neighborhood.

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This summer, San Francisco celebrated the world famous “Summer of Love,” where youth from across the country descended upon our City to celebrate peace, love, and inclusion. Looking back over the past few months, I found this anniversary especially poignant considering the outpouring of love in San Francisco this summer. Two events, which bookended the summer, stick out most in my mind. First, in June, was our loud and proud Pride celebration where our community gathered to celebrate love and equality. Second, in August, was an overwhelming display of love in response to outsiders who came to San Francisco to promote hate. This summer reaffirms my belief that even after 50 years, San Francisco will always will remain a place that celebrates diversity and embraces love. Here’s to the next 50 years!

As your Supervisor, I am committed to representing our district on the Board of Supervisors and I want to keep you up to date about my work in City Hall and in the community.

Safety in the Castro
I am committed to tackling homelessness. On a recent walking tour of the Castro, I was joined by City Administrator Naomi Kelly, members of the San Francisco Police Department including Commander Perea and Captain Griffin, Department of Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, and the Castro Merchants President Dan Bergerac. We focused on public safety and public health concerns including where lighting and signage can be improved. I am committed to ending the homelessness in District 8 and will continue to work with city departments to do so.

Funding for Schools
Our office has provided critical budget funding for Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy to hire a new reading specialist and implement shared schoolyards so neighbors can use the schoolyard on weekends.

Through additional funding to SFUSD, Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy will hire a reading specialist this year to improve academic outcomes for students.

On weekends, families can use the schoolyard between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (Saturdays and Sundays) thanks to the Shared Schoolyards initiative. Recreation and Park will open the schoolyard and Public Works will make sure it is well maintained.

More Officers On Foot Patrol
I am diligently working with Police Chief Scott and Captain Griffin to expand neighborhood foot beats and maintain police coverage, especially at libraries. I am working toward adding a neighborhood safety coordinator for specifically for District 8 who will be a liaison with neighborhood SAFE groups.

Budget Advocacy
During the budget process, I advocated for and secured $250,000 to repair Harvey Milk Plaza and $75,000 for sidewalk gardens in the Castro and all across District 8. Castro NAG requested funding for sidewalk gardens. The Department of Public Works will fund $75,000 throughout District 8. In addition, I secured $250,000 to improve Harvey Milk Plaza under the leadership of the Fix-It Team.
Goodbye to the Old, Hello to the New!

Guest Contributor: Mark D McHale, Resident, Former Board Member

There is always change in any vibrant community such as ours, and our retail and commercial sector is no different. Over the summer, we’ve seen a handful of businesses closing, a couple expansions, and some new additions that you should know about.

Saying a Sad Farewell to:
• Mekong Kitchen at 4039 18th Street
• Café UB at 3901 18th Street
• Zapata Mexican Grill at 4150 18th Street
• House of Chen at 335 Noe Street

Expanding Space:
• Shift is expanding its office presence to include the Simply Green space at 2336 Market Street
• Union Made is moved into a new storefront on 18th Street,

New Additions:
• Deccan Spice (from Valencia Street) at the former AG Ferrari space on Castro Street
• Hamburger Mary at the site of the former Patio Restaurant (don’t hold your breath) is rumored to be days away from opening their doors

To the men and woman who got into the arena, took the risk, and gave it their all- you are hero’s for having tried. To those venturing in a new business, we welcome you! We’ll be sure to stop by and give your place a try!
the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, known as LEAD, will give offenders the option of enrolling in health and social services programs, rather than spending time in jail. LEAD diverts people before they get charges on their record. The program is funded by a grant from the California Board of State and Community Corrections and will be overseen by a policy committee composed of numerous City leaders from the Police Chief and Sheriff, to the District Attorney and Public Defender, to the Director of Public Health and many community leaders.

Also from a recent SFgate article, this time quoting Mayor Ed Lee, “the incarceration of low-level and nonviolent offenders undermines public health and safety over the long term … In San Francisco, we have made major strides to rebuild a smart and thoughtful criminal justice system through investments in alternatives to incarceration. ... The success of these programs is promising and has prompted the city to bolster our investments and explore proven innovations such as LEAD.”

In the near future, officers from the San Francisco Police Department and BART police will offer LEAD options to individuals who would otherwise face charges for possession or sale of a controlled substance, being under the influence of a controlled substance or prostitution. The idea behind LEAD is that, instead of facing arrest and prosecution, individuals who choose to enroll in the program can get help from case managers to gain access to public benefit programs, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, employment opportunities and housing options. This carrot/stick approach for San Francisco’s LEAD initiative is modeled after a program of the same name launched in Seattle in 2011. By most accounts, LEAD in Seattle has gone extremely well and there continues to be support for this diversion approach.

However, in San Francisco, it is already the case that very few people are jailed as a result of misdemeanors. As a result, individuals would might face charges for possession or sale of a controlled substance or of being under the influence, will most likely have the choice of a citation or LEAD. Despite much of the hope surrounding LEAD, it is not clear if people will choose to enroll in diversion programs.

At Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association meetings, attendees voice much consternation regarding low level offender populations. Attendees want the City, and in many cases the police, to do more. And the City is responding with new, innovative solutions. Whether or not this latest solution will be effective remains to be seen. But at the very least, it is important the Eureka Valley residents know what the City is trying so that we can understand what’s working and what’s not.
Neighbors' Faves!
Neighbors share their favorite places in the ‘hood!

This issue’s Faves come from Castro three young lads from Hartford Street:

Isadore (age 11), Herschel (age 9) and Zelig (age 6)

Here’s what they came up with:

Thai House Express
We like Thai House because they are so nice and even know our order! Plus we get yummy Thai iced tea!

Cliffs Variety
We love Cliff’s because they have really great toys and school supplies and anything we need to make a project. Plus, they are so nice.

Castro Fountain
We are so excited to have homemade ice cream in the neighborhood. We particularly love thari waffle cones!

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
Membership Update
by Mark McHale

Member Appreciation and Recruiting Open House Events
Guest Contributor: Mark D McHale, Resident, Former Board Member

On July 19th, 2017, a member appreciation meeting was held at the Eureka Valley Rec Center on Collingwood Street, inviting current EVNA members in for an update by the Board and a discussion on recent changes and plans for 2017-2018. About 40 members attended the event. Very pleased!

Most importantly for the Board was to express a heartfelt “THANK YOU!” to members for their critical support and contributions of time and resources over the last year. Without our members, EVNA wouldn’t be able to continue the good work. Day in and day out, it’s the work of our members that keeps EVNA vibrant and meaningful.

A big thanks also went to recent Officers of the Board who’ve recently transitioned out; among them, the dynamic Alan Beach Nelson- who took us far and is now dearly missed. The current Board expressed thanks for his many years of service.

As a token of appreciation, members in attendance received a gift certificate to a “Cruisin’ the Castro” walking tour hosted by Kathy Amendola and held on August 19th- what a great way to get to know the history of the neighborhood a little better!

As you know, EVNA has enjoyed an engaged membership over many years- active in one form or another since 1878. An informal count shows that EVNA has a mailing list of around 400 residents in a currently or recently active membership status, and about 30-45 of those might be called our core membership.

To that end, the topics of membership renewals and new member recruiting were also discussed. Since June, we’ve been busy getting the word out to those whose memberships have expired or are soon to expire. Over 25 memberships were renewed, and if your membership status is unknown, please see the back panel in this newsletter for instructions on how to get it updated.

Increasing our membership ranks was discussed at length- not only in terms of numbers, but also for the sake of including the many voices within our larger community: property owners and renters, young and old, families and individuals, working and retired adults, all races and genders, etc. Members agreed it was important to expand both the message and the membership to include a more representative audience.

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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.

Celebrating Our 39th Year!

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Eureka Valley Historic Context Statement Nears Completion
by Susan Detwiler

Back in 2013, EVNA’s Planning and Land Use Committee (PLUC) submitted a grant proposal to the City’s Historic Preservation Fund Committee to create a “historic context statement” for our neighborhood. A historic context statement is a document that offers a framework for decision making about historic resources in a particular place. These documents identify important themes relevant to a place’s history, and how they contributed to the development of its built environment. Historic context statements establish periods of historical significance for each of the important themes, and identify significant historic property types associated with those themes.

The PLUC wanted such a document because we were seeing lots of development projects in our neighborhood, including demolitions and large-scale remodels of existing housing stock. The PLUC sought more information about the buildings in Eureka Valley, to guide SF Planning, developers, and neighbors in planning decisions.

After securing the grant, EVNA contracted with Elaine Stiles to produce the historic context statement. Elaine began work in June 2015. At the time, she was a Ph.D. candidate in the History of Architecture and Urbanism at UC Berkeley, and she had worked as an architectural historian and preservation planner in San Francisco for a number of years.

If you attended the January 2016 general membership meeting, you might remember that Elaine gave a presentation on the project. After producing several review drafts, Elaine completed the final draft of the historic context statement in May of 2017. In July, we held a special community meeting to present the draft to the neighborhood.

The historic context statement is available for download on Planning’s website. Information about the project, as well as the slides from EVNA’s July 10 presentation about the document, are also available at this page:

http://sf-planning.org/eureka-valley-historic-context-statement

There’s also a helpful FAQ explaining what a historic context statement is, how they are used, and the next steps in the project:

http://default.sfplanning.org/Preservation/EurekaValleyHCS/eurekavalley_HCS_FAQ.pdf

We’re anticipating that the first of the Historic Preservation Committee’s hearing on the historic context statement will be held in October. EVNA members, as well as the general public, will have another opportunity to comment on the document at these hearings.

Please join us at September’s EVNA general membership meeting to hear more about the project! Comments and questions can be addressed to:

eurekavalleyhistory@gmail.com
On August 9th, a New Member Open House was held, this event was attended by 61 persons. Here, we laid out the mission and organization of EVNA, relayed some of our recent accomplishments, discussed open leadership/committee positions, and some of the skills that could be helpful to the group. One of the most engaging topics addressed is how the EVNA could better serve the neighborhood groups that are already active and are having good success: there are a handful of block watches, micro-area associations (i.e., Ford Street, Hartford Street, Pond and Prosper Streets), and other under-the-radar groups that are bringing home benefits to their constituents and the neighborhood in general. We are here to support these groups!

Take Away #1: there are plenty of residents in Eureka Valley that don’t know about EVNA. We need to commit to doing a better job getting the word out in new ways regularly and consistently—this was a key factor in the success of these two events—using social media more aggressively and even hanging up some good old fashion posters around the area were cited as the primary sources of awareness to those who attended.

Take Away #2: there are a lot of people who want to get involved. What’s going on, especially on our streets, is a primary concern of most people in attendance. They want very much to engage with their neighbors, share ideas and resources, leverage their group power and do something to make positive changes.

Take Away #3: the role of EVNA—most agree that it’s providing a forum for everyone: to exchange information, advance education, represent constituents on the city level, act as a liaison with other relevant groups (Castro Merchants, Castro Business District, etc.), and to provide a means for building social connectedness between residents.

Thanks to everyone who made it to the summer meetings! And, the stage is set for our next board and general meetings. If you’re interested in knowing more about leadership or committee positions, or would like to volunteer in some capacity, please email me (mark.mchale@evna.org) or come to the next meeting at the Harvey Milk Academy on Wednesday 9/27 at 7:00pm. Board Members will be present to answer questions and encourage new members to join and become a part of the group.
This October 8th (Sunday), from 11-5, Jane Warner Plaza will be populated with local San Francisco artists. Here’s an opportunity for you to watch these artists create their work and a chance for you to talk with the artists about what they do, how they do it and why.

These artists all participate in the San Francisco wide program of Open Studios. San Francisco Open Studios is a program that is run by ArtSpan, a non-profit organization that is committed to cultivating a vibrant, accessible, and world-class art community in San Francisco. ArtSpan promotes the city’s unique creative energy locally and globally. They also champion an inclusive art experience by providing hundreds of local artists with the equal opportunity to showcase their work and make direct connections to diverse audiences and patrons. It is ArtSpan’s belief that artists play a vital role in society and that broad public engagement with their work is essential to defining a new cultural environment for our changing city.

ArtSpan is known for SF Open Studios, this year will be the 42nd annual event and is the oldest and largest open studios program in the country, featuring an annual, month-long art event from mid-October to mid-November that showcases over 800 emerging and established San Francisco artists in their studios.

Each weekend, participating artists in their designated section of San Francisco welcome the public into their homes and workspaces to share their artwork and engage in dialogue. The popular SF Open Studios Guide is the travel companion for each weekend of the event, featuring artwork examples from each artist, maps, and articles.

During the month-long event, ArtSpan hosts the SF Open Studios Exhibition, displaying works from 450 artists and kicks off with Art Launch, a public grand opening welcoming 500 attendees into the SOMArts exhibition space. Over 80,000 attendees visit studios during the free event throughout San Francisco.

Part of what the artists will be promoting is the Open Studios Hub Exhibitions. Hubs are local venues that will highlight artists. Some of the Hub locations this fall in the Castro area will be Hearth, Art Attack and a few others. These venues will feature artwork from artists who will be participating in Open Studios and will give you a chance to view several works by these artists.

In October at Jane Warner Plaza neighbors and passerby will have the opportunity to meet several artists who will be participating in this years Fall Open Studio. Stop by and say “hello” and maybe even buy some art!

Among the participating artists will be:

**Heather Robinson** a painter who works with collage and mixed media and uses structure, decoration, bold patterns, and bright colors.

**Denise Tarentino** is an award-winning fine art photographer with a unique talent for capturing the hidden treasures within offbeat objects.

**Johnny Botts**, known for his colorful paintings featuring robots.

There will also be live painting by artists **Claudio Talavera - Ballo, Sophia Lee** and **Marius Starkey**.

The artists and ArtSpan wish to thank the Castro/Upper Market CBD for hosting this and other events thought the Summer.

Schedule of weekends by area of the city below:

- **Weekend 1**, October 14-15: Hunter’s Point
- **Weekend 4**, November 4-5: Fort Mason, Marina, Russian Hill, North Beach, Pacific Heights, Western Addition, Downtown Tenderloin, MIDMA, SOMA, Hayes Valley, NOPA, Upper & Lower Haight, Buena Vista, and Cole Valley
- **Weekend 5**, November 11-12: Mission, Noe Valley, Castro, and Upper Market

NOTE: There will be an opening reception, Thursday, October 12 from 6:30 to 9:00pm at SOMArts featuring select works of participating artists; these pieces will remain in the SOMArts gallery throughout the duration of SF Open Studios (934 Brannan Street)
A Call for Volunteers- How You Can Get Involved
Guest Contributor: Mark D McHale, Resident, Former Board Member

I’m sure you love the Castro/Upper Market/Eureka Valley Neighborhood as much as I do. I’ve lived here for over 30 years, and have seen so many changes! One thing though has remained the same, and it’s the reason why so many came here in the first place: the sense of community is undeniable and uncommon. Residents and workers, owners and renters, all races, all gender identities, so much diversity and mutual respect, we all feel like we belong to this crazy and wonderful place.

Being a neighbor also calls us to action- to be involved, to welcome others, to invest in and contribute to issues and challenges that affect us all. EVNA, the oldest and longest running neighborhood group in the city, is a great way to channel your energy. It the way to build and promote what’s so special about this place we call home.

Over the summer, the EVNA Board launched an aggressive marketing campaign to get the word out to current members and to those who might be interested in joining the group. We hosted two meetings- one for members, and one as an open house for inquiring mind. Between the two meetings, over 90 people showed up! Pretty amazing! Thanks to all who made it happen.

I’ve since had many conversations from those who want to know how they can get more involved and at a deeper level. The summer campaign is also an open invitation to get involved- for some, it’s joining as a member for the first time, for others it’s volunteering for a project or committee, and for others it’s taking on a leadership role as a committee head, a board member, or even as an officer.

Here’s the scoop
We’re looking for residents who want to become members, and members who have something more to give and want to get plugged in for the good of the neighborhood. EVNA is looking for people with ideas, with some time to offer, with skills and resources that can help us carry out our mission in building a stronger neighborhood, and who want to stay engaged in the solution when addressing our shared experiences and challenges. There’s room for you to join and lead.

To renew or join as a member- or to join a committee, just go to our website at www.evna.org and click on “JOIN” and it will take you through the process. Or, just say the word: speak to a committee chair or board member, and they can hook you right up!

If you’re ready to take on a leadership role by joining the board, elections are going to be held in November for 2017. There are several ways you can get on board: as an officer, as a board member at large, or as a board member heading a specific committee. Again, talk to a current board member and they will gladly share their knowledge and guide you through the process if you’d like to stand for position. To stand for a board position, be sure to submit a resume with your contact information and a short paragraph on how you’d like to help and sent it to me at (mark.mchale@evna.org).

Here’s How it Works
EVNA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President;
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Secretary; Treasurer; Committee Chairs: Planning and Land Use, Social Committee, Quality of Life, Newsletter and Marketing, Technology, and Membership; and there are up to seven at large members for a maximum of 15 members. Board Members serve two-year terms, up to five consecutive terms upon nomination and membership ratification. The Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday, 6:30-8:00PM.

To be eligible to serve on the Board, candidates must meet these requirements:

- Live and/or work in Castro/Eureka Valley
- Be a dues paying member for at least six-months*
- Attend two Board Meetings as a non-voting participant*
- Provide the Board with résumé and a brief statement as to why you would like to serve on the Board and how you will contribute to the organization
- Be approved by the active membership of EVNA. For voting purposes, 5% of the membership must be in attendance or participated in said vote.

* can be waived or enforced at the discretion of the board

What We Ask of our Board Members

- Required to actively participate in service to the Association via committee membership and activity, or as an Association Representative to other area groups/city events
- Commit between four and six hours per month in service to EVNA
- Attend 75% (9) of Board Meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month
- Attend 75% (4) of bi-monthly public meetings, held the fourth Wednesday of January, March, May, July and September
- Attend our annual meeting the second Wednesday in November
- Volunteer for at least 2 hours for EVNA committee events each year and recruit at least two friends to volunteer
- Recuse themselves from discussions regarding projects with which they have been involved on a personal or professional level

If you’ve read all that and are STILL interested, let’s talk and get you signed up! Feel free to email me (email above) or catch me or any board member at the members meeting on 9/27 at 7:00pm at Harvey Milk Academy on 19th in the Cafeteria (come a little early or stay a little late). We’re happy to welcome you aboard.
I have expanded library hours at Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Library and libraries across District 8. In June, the San Francisco Public Library expanded its hours and added more days to District 8 branch libraries. Mayor Lee and I joined neighborhood residents and families to make this citywide announcement. The new hours are as follows:

- **Sunday:** 1 – 5 PM,
- **Monday & Tuesday:** 10 AM – 6 PM,
- **Wednesday:** Noon – 8 PM,
- **Thursday:** 10 AM – 9 PM,
- **Friday:** 1 – 6 PM,
- **Saturday:** 10 – 6 PM

**Chop Shops**

I am working to combat bicycle chop shops with cooperation between the Department of Public Works and the San Francisco Police Department. The legislation that I introduced in July will allow for the removal of bicycle chop shops from City streets has been amended and will be heard in at the Land Use Committee on September 25, 2017. This ordinance will give the responsibility on Public Works, freeing the Police Department to address calls for service.

**Improvements for Public Housing**

In collaboration with the San Francisco Housing Authority, I am committed to improving conditions at 363 Noe Street. Improvements will include additional cameras, gate improvements, improvements in security, and around the clock staffing. The San Francisco Housing Authority listened to community members and took meaningful steps to improve safety.

**Castro Street Fair**

This wonderful neighborhood fair is coming October 1st! My office continues to work with the organizers to support their efforts toward another successful year. The Castro Street Fair will take place this year on October 1st--more information about the fair can be found at www.castrostreetfair.org.