



# SUPERVISOR SCOTT WIENER

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## My Policy Work

### Restaurant Simplification Legislation Passed

When I ran for office, I pledged to help our City's small businesses. At times, San Francisco's regulatory system, though well-intentioned, stifles innovation and growth for our neighborhood businesses. Last Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed my legislation [to simplify and streamline the permitting process for restaurants, cafes, bakeries, and other food and drink establishments](#). The legislation, which received [broad support](#), reduces the number of classifications of restaurants from 13 to 3. It eliminates silly rules like allowing some restaurants to serve ice cream in cups but not cones, allowing cold bagels but not toasted, and allowing a restaurant to have 10 seats but not 11. Our system unintentionally stifled flexibility and innovation among our food and drink establishments. This reform legislation achieves simplification while keeping in place key neighborhood controls around formula retail, size restrictions, and other laws intended to protect neighborhood character. This is a big win for our food and drink sector and for consumers.

### Budget Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Lee

Earlier this month, I held a budget town hall meeting at Horace Mann Middle School with Mayor Lee and Supervisor David Campos. This forum provided an opportunity for the Mayor's Budget Office to present the current budget picture and to hear from the community about our priorities. I serve on the Budget Committee, and receiving this kind of feedback is valuable. We have major budget challenges this year, including an expected \$7 million cut in federal funding for HIV services. We have a lot of work to do to ensure that we are able to provide the services on which San Franciscans depend.

Coverage [here](#).

### Middle Income Housing: Keeping Our City Diverse

One of my top priorities in office has been finding ways for San Francisco to produce more housing affordable to our middle class. We produce a significant amount of high-end housing and a decent amount (thought not enough) low income housing. However, we produce very little income for middle income people. In February, I held a hearing on the subject, and I've been an active participant in the current effort to address our housing policies and funding mechanisms. KQED recently [reported on this important issue](#) and on my work.

### Historic Preservation: Upcoming Legislation

For the past year, I've been working on ensuring a balanced approach to historic preservation in San Francisco - protecting the best about our past while acknowledging that change is sometimes a good thing. At times, San Francisco focuses so intensely on preserving things that happen to be old that we lose sight of the need to make careful choices about what to preserve and what to change.

I recently introduced [legislation](#) to ensure that as we create historic districts, we do so in an inclusive way, one that respects the views of those living in the proposed district. The legislation also will help avoid gentrification of historic districts by ensuring that people with economic hardships are able to maintain their homes even if they cannot afford the full historic treatment. It will also ensure that the standards we apply to historic preservation in San Francisco reflect our City's unique urban setting. The legislation will be heard in committee soon and has already received the unanimous support of the Planning Commission.



Scott and Leader Pelosi look on as a section of the NAMES Project AIDS

Memorial Quilt is raised.

### High-Speed Rail: Regional Consensus for the Bay Area

High Speed Rail is key to California's future. Our roads and airports will not be able to handle our anticipated population growth, and if we don't create an effective statewide rail system, our transportation system as a whole will suffer, as will our economy and quality of life. As a Commissioner on the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), I've fought hard to ensure that high-speed rail happens in the Bay Area and that the train comes all the way to the Transbay Terminal in downtown San Francisco. I recently participated in the negotiation of a [regional memorandum of understanding](#), which was approved by the MTC and by the High Speed Rail Authority. This MOU, which prioritizes electrification of CalTrain's tracks and also commits to extend the system to downtown San Francisco and San Jose, is a great first step and show of regional solidarity on this important issue. For additional coverage, click [here](#) for an article in the examiner, and [here](#) for an article in the Chronicle.

### Muni Sustainability: We Can't Afford Free Muni for Youth

The Municipal Transportation Agency, Muni's parent agency, recently debated a proposal to provide free Muni for all youth, of all income levels and at all times. The MTA correctly declined to adopt a proposal to extend fare waivers to all youth, regardless of income, and instead limited the program to low income youth. Last week, while the debate was ongoing, I authored [an op ed in the Chronicle](#) on the subject.

### Planning for the Needs of LGBT Seniors

Yesterday, I introduced legislation, with my co-authors Supervisors Campos and Olague, to require the City to plan for the needs of our growing LGBT seniors. The number of LGBT seniors in San Francisco is growing. We currently have more than 25,000 LGBT seniors, and that number is expected to double in the next 18 years. We need to plan for the growth of our LGBT senior population to ensure that these seniors can remain in the city and have access to key services. While LGBT seniors experience many of the challenges that all seniors face, including access to housing, architectural barriers, transportation access, and so forth, they also face unique challenges, including a higher likelihood of not having offspring to help them, health care challenges (particularly for those living with HIV), and discrimination in senior facilities that, at times, has caused seniors who are out to go back into the closet or be separated from their partners. This legislation will put us on the path of understanding the needs of this growing community and taking action to address those needs.



Scott, Supervisor Campos and advocates for LGBT seniors announcing introduction of the LGBT senior task force legislation.

## Community Updates

### Pedestrian Fatality at Castro and Market

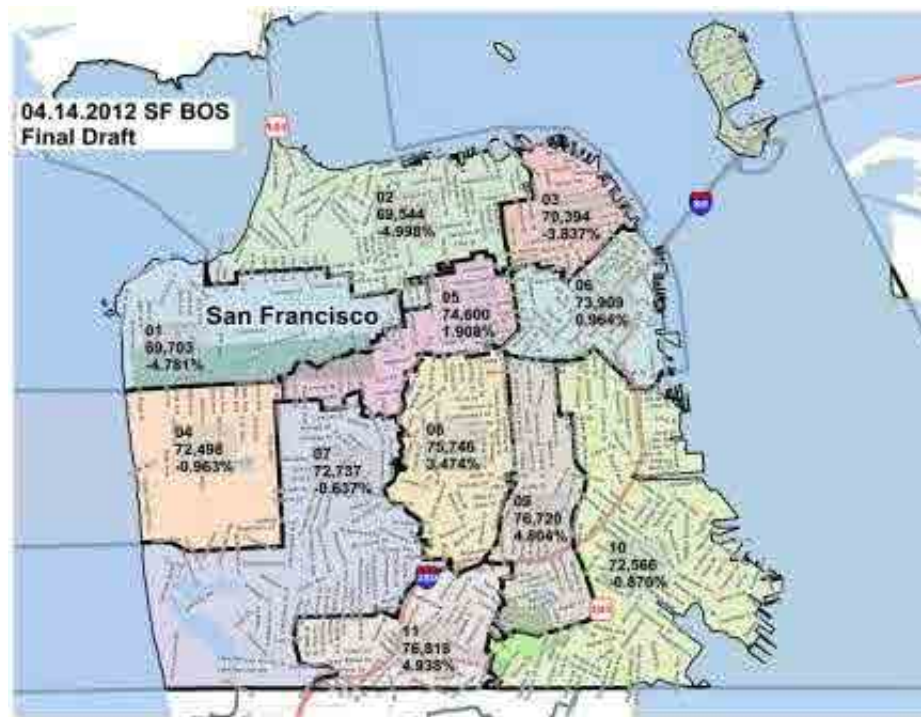
On March 29th, Sut Chi Hui, a small business owner in Chinatown, was hit and killed by a bicycle while crossing Castro Street at Market. This tragic accident should never have happened, and my prayers go out to Mr. Hui's family and community. On April 10th, at my request and the request of Supervisor David Chiu, the Board adjourned in Mr. Hui's memory. This incident, yet again, reminds us that our traffic laws need to be enforced consistently with respect to all uses of our roads. Bicyclists, like motorists and pedestrians, must follow the Rules of the Road, and the police need to enforce when there are violations. Many cyclists do obey the law, but many do not. We also need to make sure that cyclists, like motorists and pedestrians, are educated about proper road behavior. And, of course, we need to remain very focused on physical changes to our roads and intersections to minimize accidents. We have made progress on these physical changes, but we have a long way to go. I [commented on this problem](#) at the Board of Supervisors.

Improving pedestrian safety will remain a top priority for me as Supervisor. Improvements along Duboce and Church Streets are already occurring, and upgrades at various Upper Market intersections will happen as developments move forward and development fees are used to make physical changes. The streets bond that I helped pass last fall will provide resources as well. I'm also very focused on 24th Street in Noe Valley, the Bosworth/Diamond intersection in Glen Park, and Diamond Heights Boulevard by the Safeway. Working together as a community, we can make our streets much safer.

### Redistricting Complete: Great News for District 8



As you may know, based on the 2010 census, San Francisco has been going through a redistricting process for our 11 Supervisorial districts. The process finished this past Saturday. From the beginning, I made clear that I wanted to keep all parts of District 8 intact, even those areas that didn't vote for me. District 8 is such a unique blend of neighborhoods and political perspectives that, in my view, it needs to stay together. The Redistricting Task Force – which is to be commended for its diligent, responsive, and thoughtful work – completed its process on Saturday and issued a final map. You can find the map [here](#). District 8 is almost totally intact. The district lost a few blocks of the Lower Haight and a tiny piece of Glen Park while gaining more of Valencia Street, the area between San Jose Avenue and Mission Street south of Randall – known as "Glen Bernal" or "College Hill" – and a portion of Mission Terrace. Although I'm disappointed to lose the few blocks that were moved to other districts, I'm thrilled that the district was largely maintained intact and that I'll be representing some terrific new areas. I look forward to working with all of my constituents, new and returning!



Final draft of the Board of Supervisors 2012 district lines (click the link above for a more detailed map).

### Neighborhood Traffic Calming

The SFMTA's neighborhood traffic calming program is not currently accepting new applications until Spring 2013 while they reshape their citywide approach for traffic calming. While the program has delivered great benefits for neighborhoods throughout the City, the time is right to evaluate how well it works for residents and make changes to ensure that the process is clear, equitable, and easy to understand. In light of this, on February 28th the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) Board of Commissioners agreed to fund an overall evaluation of the current traffic calming program. Consistent with this decision by the SFCTA Board, the SFMTA Livable Streets Subdivision is not accepting traffic calming applications for the duration of program's restructuring. In the future, the criteria for evaluating, accepting, and prioritizing the applications is likely to change, thus they are asking potential applicants to wait until the City has completed its update to the traffic calming program before resubmitting a request for traffic calming. The new strategy for the traffic calming program should be finalized and approved by the SFMTA Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors by Spring 2013, after which they will accept applications.

If you would like more information about the changes to the traffic calming program, or would like to be informed about the planning process to develop the new traffic calming criteria, please contact the project manager, Miriam Sorell, at: [Miriam.Sorell@sfmta.com](mailto:Miriam.Sorell@sfmta.com), or by phone at 415-701-4770.

If however, you have specific questions regarding your existing traffic calming application, please contact Jeffrey Banks by email at [Jeffrey.Banks@sfmta.com](mailto:Jeffrey.Banks@sfmta.com), or by phone at 415-701-5331.

[Click here for more information](#)

### Volunteer for the Dyke March

The Dyke March is looking for volunteers this year! The event will take place on June 23rd, and the event coordinators have plenty of ways for you to get involved. Whether you have a few hours or can help out weekly, they need your support. Every year, the Dyke March is put on by a group that is 100% volunteer based. Over the past 20 years, they've been able to have a space for folks to feel safe, meet new friends, and get a chance to celebrate our incredible community. This year, they're looking for folks to help flier for events, support the march the day of, web support, and a whole lot of other ways you can help! To start off, they are hoping to get everyone to fill out this really simple [form](#). If you have any questions about ways you can get involved, feel free to email Linda at [info@thedykemarch.org](mailto:info@thedykemarch.org).

[Click here for more information](#)

### Local 21's Unsung Heroes Campaign

They safeguard San Francisco from disaster, save lives, prevent injuries and transform urban spaces. Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21 is featuring their city employee members in its 21 Unsung Heroes campaign to shed light on the way that San Francisco's professionals contribute to our city.

While everyone knows and appreciates police officers and firefighters - heroes who take great risks to serve the public - few know of the thousands of Local 21 professionals, unsung heroes working behind the scenes, to improve the lives of San Francisco residents. Local 21 mailed "21 Unsung Heroes" packets to political leaders throughout the City. Local 21 heroes are visiting their district Supervisors to tell them about their work and essential services they perform in serving San Francisco. The union is displaying photos of 21 unsung heroes in Muni and Bart stations, and informing the local press and civic organizations about their members' invaluable work.

This "21 Unsung Heroes" campaign coincides with the union's contract negotiations with the City of San Francisco. Local 21 is the second largest city employees union in San Francisco. For more information, contact Local 21 Executive Director, Bob Muscat, at 415-864-2100.

[Click here for more information](#)



Scott with Nikolas Lemos (L) and Adam Gubser (R) of Local 21.

### Grand Opening of the Helen Diller Playground

The grand opening of the Helen Diller Playground at Dolores Park occurred on Saturday March 31 as scheduled. The opening celebration included a ribbon cutting ceremony, music, and entertainment for children and families. The \$3.5 million project had been under construction for nine months but was in the works for much longer.

The site has several unique and exciting features, including: a central play mound that has an ADA-accessible suspension bridge, built-in slide and climbing nets; custom-made ship wrecked boats; and a 40-foot-long "super slide" built into the natural hillside behind the playground. There are boulders to climb and poles to spin around as well as an opportunity to bang on the chimes and drums in the musical section of the playground. A wide walkway separates the pre-school area from the rest and much of the playground has rubberized ground cover. Many expect that this will be one of San Francisco's premier public playgrounds - with killer views of the city skyline to boot.

[Click here for more information](#)



(R-L) Scott joins Hellen Diller, Mayor Lee, General Manager Phil Ginsburg and Treasurer José Cisneros in cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of Helen Diller Playground.

### Small Business Month Fee Waivers for May 2012

Under legislation sponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu and in partnership with the Department of Building Inspection, Planning Department, Office of Economic & Workforce Development, and Office of Small Business, small business merchants (100 or less employees) would receive a fee waiver for permits issued in May for 1) awning replacements and 2) pedestrian level lighting. Please note that the legislation is in the process of being reviewed by several commissions and committees before it reaches a vote by the Board of Supervisors. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at (415) 558-6378, and the Department of Building Inspection at (415) 558-6088.

### Building Upon Your Emergency Preparedness

April 18th marks the 106th anniversary the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire and The San Francisco Department of Emergency Management encourages you to commemorate by building upon your preparedness and resilience-whether by visiting [www.72hours.org](http://www.72hours.org) to develop your emergency plan; downloading [www.sfheroes.com](http://www.sfheroes.com) to your smart phone to test your preparedness know-how; registering for [www.alertsf.org](http://www.alertsf.org), the City's text-based message system that delivers emergency information to cell phones and other text-enabled devices, as well as email accounts-there are many simple and often immediate ways to enhance your preparedness and resilience.





DEM dressed for the occasion to commemorate the 1906 Earthquake and Fire anniversary with San Francisco Fire Chief Hayes-White (center).

### San Francisco Travel Association's Neighborhood Partnership Grants

For the third year, the San Francisco Travel Association (SF Travel) will award up to ten Neighborhood Partnership Grants to unique "Only in San Francisco" businesses located throughout the city, with an emphasis on those operating outside the traditional visitor areas. The program is open to businesses that are of interest to visitors and not currently San Francisco Travel partners

Grant recipients will receive a complimentary one-year San Francisco Travel partnership (a \$50 setup fee is required), including admission to events such as the San Francisco Travel Annual Luncheon, Market Briefings, Outlook Forums and Partner Business Exchanges. They will receive all of the benefits of San Francisco Travel partnership such as listings online and in publications, and access to the Convention Calendar.

The deadline for applications is May 1st. To apply, click [here](#) and look for the application under "Forms."

## Community Spotlight

### **Fair Oaks Community Coalition**

Blair and Charlie Moser, Veronica Gaynor, Janie Frank, Sheri Maurin, Nancy Deutsch, Paul Nerger from FOCC, Nick Demopoulos from Sterling Bank, and Janelle White from WAR (Women Against Rape)

The Fair Oaks Community Coalition solicited donations to assist in the recovery of three survivors of last year's violent assaults in the 24th Street corridor. Generous contributions were made by nearby neighbors and businesses, as well as donors across the City and around the nation. Sterling Bank in Noe Valley is providing pro bono accounting and oversight of the "24th Street Survivors Fund," and an initial disbursement of \$4,000 was

made on January 20th to each of these three brave women. I'd like to commend the Fair Oaks Community Coalition for looking after their own when help is needed the most.

## Upcoming Events to Remember

### **SPUR "Safe Enough to Stay" Exhibit**

*Wednesday, April 18th*

*11:00am-5:00pm*

*SPUR Urban Center, 654 Mission Street*

Come learn about what steps you can take now to ensure your home is safe to occupy after an earthquake strikes. The Center has been transformed to a post-earthquake state to demonstrate the damage an earthquake might cause and includes a simulation of a neighborhood emergency center so you can be prepared in the event of an earthquake.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Districts 5 and 8 2012 Parks Bond Neighborhood Meeting**

*Wednesday, April 18th*

*6:30pm-8:00pm*

*Harvey Milk Recreation Center, 50 Scott Street*

Join Supervisor Wiener, Supervisor Olague, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Parks Alliance to discuss the proposed 2012 neighborhood bond program that has been refined and developed over the past three months of community outreach. Please RSVP to [RPD.BondFeedback@sfgov.org](mailto:RPD.BondFeedback@sfgov.org).

Requests for translation services or accessibility accommodations should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting Lillian Bautista, Recreation and Park Inclusion Coordinator, at 415-831-2717, 415-666-7058 (TTY) or [lillian.bautista@sfgov.org](mailto:lillian.bautista@sfgov.org).

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Glen Park Association Meeting**

*Thursday, April 19th*

*7:00-9:00pm*

*Glen Park Elementary School*

The Glen Park Association promotes our community's interests. We lobby for improvement funds, publicize neighborhood concerns and strive to speak as one voice on neighborhood and city issues.

[Click here for more information](#)



(R-L) Scott, Randy Wittorp and Rich Craib volunteer at Little Red Hen Garden in Diamond Heights.

### **Teen Henna Art at Glen Park Branch Library**

*Friday, April 20th*

*4:00pm-5:30pm*

*Glen Park Branch Library, 2825 Diamond Street*

Teenagers can choose their own temporary Henna body art designs and learn how to apply them with Henna artist Rachel-Anne Palacios. Ms. Palacios will show teenagers how to do Henna art and will apply a design on participants. The program is limited to 20 teens, ages 12-18. For participants under age 18, a signed parent/guardian permission form must be returned prior to the workshop. To reserve a space and/or request a form, contact Marla Bergman at 415.355.2858 or [mbergman@sfpl.org](mailto:mbergman@sfpl.org). Free to the Public.

### **Super Saturday at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center**

*Saturday, April 21st*

*10:00am*

*Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood Street*

Super Saturday at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center is a chance for the community to come together to share, play, and have fun with arts and crafts and educational activities for all ages. Free to the Public

### **Cesar E. Chavez Holiday Parade and Festival**

*Saturday, April 21st*

*11:00am-6:00pm*

*Dolores Park*

The Parade begins at 11:00am at Dolores Park, near the corner of 19th Street and Dolores Street. It will end at 24th Street and Bryant where the Cesar E. Chavez Street Fair is located and will run from 12:00-6:00pm.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Castro Community On Patrol (CCOP) Volunteer Training Class**

*Saturday, April 21st*

*1:00pm-4:30pm*

*Eureka Valley Recreation Center, 100 Collingwood Street*

CCOP needs your help as a patrol volunteer. Patrollers assist the community by walking the Castro/Duboce Triangle neighborhood in teams of three to hand out safety whistles and information, provide safety guidance and advice to residents and visitors, observe and report criminal activity and crimes in progress, and work closely with other local community groups and law enforcement to help improve and enhance the safety of the Castro neighborhood. For more information and to register for the class, please send your name, address, and cell phone number to [Training@CastroPatrol.org](mailto:Training@CastroPatrol.org).

[Click here for more information](#)

***Supervisor Wiener's Community Meeting for Diamond Heights & Glen Park***

*Saturday, April 21st*

*4:00-6:00pm*

*St. Aidan's Church, Lower Level, 101 Gold Mine Drive*

This is a great opportunity to discuss your neighborhood issues with Supervisor Wiener. Enter the church via ramp from Diamond Heights Blvd.

***Earth Day San Francisco***

*Sunday, April 22nd*

*10:00am-6:00 pm*

*Civic Center Plaza*

This year's Earth Day festival will feature three stages of live music, speakers, workshops, and art. The festival brings together leading members of the green/sustainability activist movement to co-create a vision of how we address the multitude of environmental issues we face. This year's festival includes some of the most prominent green educators and organizers in the country, as well as a host of powerful musicians seeking to encourage the public to actively pursue Earth-friendly solutions and to empower the sustainability movement to grow and thrive worldwide. Free to the Public.

[Click here for more information](#)





Scott with Alvarado students after their mock board meeting at City Hall.

### ***45th Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Parade & Festival***

*Sunday, April 22nd*

*11:00am*

*Begins at City Hall, ends at Post & Fillmore Streets*

A two-hour Japanese-style parade will bring the Cherry Blossom Festival to a dazzling close on Sunday afternoon. Colorfully costumed dancers and musicians by the hundreds, modern-day samurai, floats, ladies in exquisite kimonos, taiko drummers, and scores of young men and women carrying mikoshi (portable shrines) will take part in this unique procession which begins at City Hall, Polk and McAllister Streets, and winds its way along a fifteen block route to Japantown.

[Click here for more information](#)

### ***Office Reception Honoring Elinor Sidi of Jerusalem Open House***

Thursday, April 26th

5:00-6:30pm

*City Hall, Room 274 (Supervisor Wiener's Office)*

Please join Supervisor Wiener in honoring Elinor Sidi, Executive Director of Jerusalem Open House (JOH). JOH is a grassroots organization and community center founded in 1997 by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender residents of Jerusalem. JOH provides direct services for the LGBT community living in Jerusalem, serves as a safe space for LGBT people, and works to secure equal rights for the LGBT community in Israeli society. JOH also organizes Jerusalem's annual Pride Parade, which is the largest human rights demonstration in Jerusalem each year. Please RSVP to [adam.taylor@sfgov.org](mailto:adam.taylor@sfgov.org).

### **14th Annual Glen Park Festival**

Sunday, April 29th

10:00am-4:30pm

*Glen Park Village, Intersection of Diamond Street & Bosworth Street*

The 14th annual Glen Park Festival is a neighborhood tradition to support the Glen Park Community. The Festival features local entertainers, live music, great food, and raffle prizes. Bring the family! Children's activities include jumpy houses, Tree Frog Treks, Wonderbug Adventures, a Martial Arts demonstration, and more. Free to the Public.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Opening of One Medical Group**

Tuesday, May 1st

595 Castro Street

One Medical Group is excited to announce the opening of its newest San Francisco office at 595 Castro Street in the Castro. The office officially opens for patients on Tuesday, May 1, and members at One Medical can book appointments online by clicking [here](#).

One Medical is a membership-based primary care medical practice with multiple convenient locations in San Francisco. To learn more, get to know the physicians, or become a member, call 415-529-4099.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **9th Annual San Francisco International Arts Festival**

Wednesday, May 2nd-Sunday, May 20th

The 9th Annual San Francisco International Arts Festival will enliven all of San Francisco's communities at venues across town. An unprecedented gathering of international and local talent will fill the City with a score of performances and exhibitions, symposia, films and happenings. Venues include the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco City Hall, the African American Art & Culture Complex, the Museum of the African Diaspora, and Union Square.

[Click here for more information](#)



Scott with Supervisors David Chiu and Malia Cohen at the Asian Pacific American Community Center in Visitation Valley.

### **8th Annual San Francisco Cinco de Mayo Festival**

*Saturday, May 5th*

*10:00am-6:00pm*

*Dolores Park*

San Francisco's 8th annual Cinco de Mayo celebration showcases the best of the Mexican and Latin American cultures with music, dance, food, and arts and crafts for the entire family to enjoy. The festival is an alcohol-free, family-friendly cultural celebration that will be launched with a Zumba-thon exercise class, which is a Latin-inspired dance fitness party, then followed by stage performances, food, and fun. Free to the Public.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Sunday Streets in the Mission**

*Sunday, May 6th*

*11:00am-4:00pm*

Sunday Streets comes to the Dolores Park area of the Mission for the first of four Sunday Streets events to be held in the Mission this year. Sunday Streets is a roving community celebration where the streets are closed to vehicles so pedestrians, roller skaters, bicyclists, and whoever so desires to take over the streets for an afternoon of fun. Free to the Public

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Healthy Development Measurement Tool (HMDT) Training**

*Monday, May 7th*

*8:00am-5:00 pm (breakfast and lunch are provided)*

*Atrium Conference Room, 1 South Van Ness Avenue*

Join the San Francisco Department of Public Health for a free training on the Healthy Development Measurement Tool (HDMT), is a nationally recognized and comprehensive evaluation metric used to consider health needs in urban development plans and projects. This training will include a brief history of the HDMT, an overview of how the

HDMT has been used in San Francisco and around the nation, and exercises on how to apply and use the HDMT framework. Contact [Megan.Wall@sfdph.org](mailto:Megan.Wall@sfdph.org) for more information. Please register for the training by clicking [here](#). Registration is limited, and priority is given to those living and working in San Francisco. Free to the Public.  
[Click here for more information](#)

### **DHCA Community Meeting**

*Thursday, May 10th*

*7:00pm*

*San Francisco Police Academy, 350 Amber Drive*

Chief of Police Gregory Suhr has the meeting on his calendar and will likely be in attendance. Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, will be in attendance to speak on Recreation and Park issues of interest to Diamond Heights residents.

### **Mayor Lee's Reception for San Francisco Carnaval 2012 at City Hall**

*Friday, May 11th*

*5:00pm-7:00pm*

*San Francisco City Hall - Rotunda, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place*

Celebrate with Mayor Lee as he kicks off San Francisco's Carnaval 2012. San Francisco Carnaval is California's largest multi-cultural celebration. Now in its 34th year, San Francisco Carnaval 2012 will showcase the diverse cultures of the world with a dynamic array of food, music, drumming, dancing, live music, and artistry.

For more information, please call the SF Carnaval hotline at 415.642.1748. Free to the Public.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Rent Board Neighborhood Outreach Meeting**

*Saturday, May 12th*

*1:00pm-3:00pm*

*San Francisco LGBT Community Center, Room 300, 1800 Market Street*

Come learn about your rights and responsibilities under San Francisco's Residential Rent Ordinance. Rent Board staff will provide an informational presentation on the Rent Ordinance and of the Rent Board's services followed by first-come, first-served individual counseling. Call (415) 252-4602 for more information.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Duboce Park Youth Play Area Grand Opening and Play Day in the Park**

*Saturday, May 19th*

*10:00am-2:30pm*

*Duboce Park Youth Play Area - Duboce Avenue at Noe Street*

Join the Friends of Duboce Park in cooperation with San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the Harvey Milk Recreation Center, and the San Francisco Park Alliance celebrate the grand opening of the Youth Play Area at Duboce Park. The official opening is planned for 11:00 am and will include comments by Mayor Lee, Supervisor Wiener, Supervisor Olague, Community Project Manager Peter Cohen, and other city leaders. The festivities including a jumpy house, Golf Frisbee, youth soccer lessons, a Capoeira demonstration, outdoor yoga class, live music, Chinese dancers, a Youth Dance performance, and a Hip Hop performance. Free coffee, lemonade, popcorn and cookies will be served. Free to the Public

### **Screening of MILK with Cleve Jones**

*Harvey Milk Day, Tuesday, May 22nd*

*6:00-10:00pm*

*Castro Theatre, 429 Castro Street*



Celebrate Harvey Milk Day with a special screening of the movie, Milk, starring Sean Penn to benefit the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy. Cleve Jones, an activist and founder of the NAMES project AIDS memorial quilt who was befriended by Harvey Milk in the 1970's and worked as a student intern in his office after Milk was elected to the Board of Supervisors will be the special guest. Doors open and VIP reception at 6:00pm; Cleve Jones takes the stage at 7:30pm; screening at 8:00pm.

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Castro Farmer's Market**

*Weekly on Wednesdays (through December 19th)*

*4:00-8:00pm*

*Noe Street (between Market and Beaver Streets)*

Every Wednesday night throughout the season Noe Street is abloom with fresh fruits and vegetables as the Castro Farmers' Market brings California's best to the neighborhood!

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Noe Valley Farmer's Market**

*Weekly on Saturdays*

*8:00am-1:00pm*

*24th Street (between Sanchez and Vicksburg Streets)*

The Noe Valley Farmers' Market is a year-round California certified farmers' market operated primarily by community volunteers and run in partnership with the Noe Valley Ministry.

[Click here for more information](#)

## Upcoming Office Hours

My upcoming office hours are listed below:

Friday, April 27th

10:00am-12:00pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 274

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Saturday, April 28th

10:00am-12:00pm

Destination Baking Company

598 Chenery Street

San Francisco, CA 94131

**\*Please check with my office before attending office hours,  
since they occasionally need to be rescheduled.**

