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I hope our office update finds everyone enjoying the heart of summer and taking some well-deserved vacation time. While City Hall gets quiet during our August legislative recess, I know there is much going on in the busy neighborhoods of District 3, and I look forward to seeing you at a farmer's market, one of my office hours, or just walking by on the street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Chiu'.

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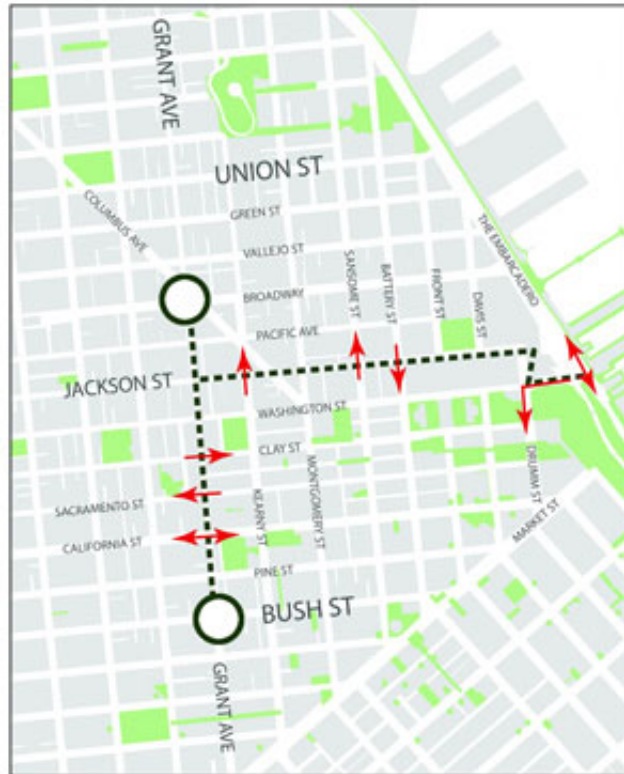
District 3 Update

Update on Central Subway Construction in North Beach

As North Beach merchants and residents know, we've all been frustrated by the fact that despite no outreach before this May, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) is gearing up to begin Central Subway-related construction activities in the neighborhood. While the SFMTA delayed the start date by two months, my office was just informed that utility relocation work is set to begin on August 13. That work will take up one lane of traffic on the Washington Square side of Columbus between Union & Filbert for 3-4 months. At my request, the SFMTA has committed to examining options that would avoid more extensive work slated to begin in January 2013 for ten months, and our Office of Economic and Workforce Development has also been engaged to assist our merchants. While I continue to support the Central Subway, I remain dedicated to working with businesses and neighbors to minimize this disruption. Please contact my aide at judson.true@sfgov.org for more information.

Sunday Streets Returns to Chinatown on August 26

With each passing year of successful events, [Sunday Streets](#) becomes more and more of a part of our urban quality of life. And it's just plain fun. For the second year, I'm looking forward to people filling the streets of our city's densest neighborhood. Come out for the dozens of events and programs; keep an eye on the [website](#) for more information as the event gets closer.



North Beach Library One Step Closer to Groundbreaking

Last week, we received good news about the much-anticipated North Beach Library. Superior Court Judge Terri L. Jackson [ruled in the City's favor](#) in a lawsuit that would have prevented the construction of this crucial improvement for our families. A groundbreaking could take place as early as September. Watch for an update in next month's newsletter.

Coit Tower Vendor Selection Process

Last fall, the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) issued a Request for Proposals to solicit a vendor for the operation of concessions at Coit Tower. Earlier this year, RPD agreed with the unanimous recommendation of the selection panel [to approve Terry Grimm](#) as the concessions operator. RPD will be holding three community meetings to introduce Mr. Grimm and solicit feedback to inform lease negotiations. Once a lease is negotiated, RPD will return to the community to present the terms of the lease prior to bringing the lease to the RPD Commission and the Board of Supervisors. With funds we put into this year's budget, RPD is also scheduled to perform capital work at Coit Tower such as replacing the roof, repairing the exterior of the Tower and renovating the bathrooms; it will also restore the murals in conjunction with the Arts Commission. RPD will give an update on the capital work at these series of meetings, scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, August 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Joe DiMaggio Clubhouse
- Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Joe DiMaggio Clubhouse
- Thursday, September 13, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Main Library, Latino Room A



Historic Coit Tower Murals

Legislation

Business Tax Reform Heads to the Ballot

For over a decade, business and community leaders have pushed to reform our city's payroll-based business tax, an only-in-San-Francisco tax that has created disincentives for employers to hire. After a [compromise was reached](#) between Mayor Lee, myself, and Supervisor John Avalos, the Board of Supervisors unanimously submitted to the voters a ballot initiative to replace our existing payroll tax with a more equitable gross receipts tax.



David at Veritable Vegetable, a business that will benefit from tax reform

Small Businesses and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

In recent years, hundreds of San Francisco small businesses have been the targets of lawsuits under the ADA. After months of research and meetings with stakeholders, I crafted an ordinance to require city agencies to speed up the permit processes for small businesses needing to come into compliance with the ADA law, require commercial landlords to address common area improvements for public restrooms and ground floor entrances and exits, and make tenants signing or renewing a lease aware of potential ADA issues. Our legislation to help bring small businesses into compliance with the ADA without expensive lawsuits received initial approval in the last meeting before the legislative recess.

Planning Code Amendments to Support Small Business and Bicycling

Also at the July 31 Board meeting, we approved two different ordinances I sponsored that will amend the Planning Code. The first change will [improve the economic vitality](#) of our neighborhoods by providing flexibility to small commercial establishments; the second will encourage the [creation of bicycle parking](#) in new construction.

Moving to Electronic-only Filing of Campaign Finance Reports

Based on the recommendation of the Ethics Commission and a new State law, I introduced a measure to increase transparency of campaign finances by eliminating the need to file paper copies of campaign finance reports.

Office Hours: See You in the District!

I see many constituents as I walk around the amazing neighborhoods of District 3, but also encourage you to come to one of my office hours to let me know what's on your mind. If you plan on stopping by, please email my aide Judson True at judson.true@sfgov.org since office hours occasionally need to be rescheduled due to unanticipated events.

Wednesday, August 8, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Barbary Coast/Golden Gateway
Coffee Roaster Inc., 536 Davis Street

Friday, August 10, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Chinatown
[Chinatown Library](#), 1135 Powell Street

Wednesday, August 15, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Middle Polk
[Contraband Coffee](#), 1415 Larkin

Friday, August 24, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Chinatown
[Chinatown Library](#), 1135 Powell Street

August 2012 Community Calendar

Saturday, August 4 (every Saturday),
10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
[Fern Alley Farmers' Market](#)
Fern Alley between Polk and Larkin

Saturday, August 4, 6:00 p.m.
[Chinese Progressive Association 40th Anniversary Celebration](#)
County Fair Building, 1199 9th Avenue

Monday, August 6, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
[Intro to Urban Bicycling Workshop \(in Cantonese\)](#)
Chinatown Library, 1135 Powell Street

Tuesday, August 7, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
[National Night Out Against Crime](#)
Academy of Art University, 655 ½ Sutter Street

Wednesday, August 8, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
[Neighborhood Emergency Response Training \(NERT\)](#)
(register in advance)
Spear Tower, One Market Plaza (enter at 55 Spear)

Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 p.m.
[Lower Polk Neighbors](#) Monthly Meeting
First Congregational Church, 1300 Polk Street San Francisco

Wednesday, August 15, 5:30 p.m.
[San Francisco Police Department Central Station](#)

Thursday, August 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
[Recreation and Park Department Coit Tower Vendor Meet & Greet](#)
Joe DiMaggio Clubhouse, 651 Lombard Street

Saturday, August 18, 9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
[Middle Polk Neighborhood Association's Monthly Clean-Up](#)
It's A Grind Coffee House, 1800 Polk Street

Monday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.
[Middle Polk Neighborhood Association's Monthly Meeting](#)
It's a Grind Coffee House, 1800 Polk Street

Tuesday, August 21 - Sunday, August 26
[America's Cup World Series](#)
America's Cup Village at Marina Green

Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
[Recreation and Park Department Coit Tower Vendor Meet & Greet](#)
Joe DiMaggio Clubhouse, 651 Lombard Street

Sunday, August 26, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
[Chinatown Sunday Streets](#)
Grant Street from Bush to Broadway & Jackson Street from Grant to Embarcadero

[Community Meeting](#)
660 Lombard Street

******If we missed your event or meeting, please send future events to judson.true@sfgov.org and we'll include as many as we can.***

UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS: Our office will be sending out a newsletter by the end of the first week of each month. Please send questions, topics you'd like covered, or items for the Community Calendar to judson.true@sfgov.org by the Monday of that week.

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