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**SUPERVISOR KATY TANG ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY SUPPLY BIN PILOT PROGRAM
AS PART OF RESILIENT SUNSET EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS**

Resilient Sunset projects aim to build community while preparing Sunset residents for small or large disasters

Today Supervisor Katy Tang announced the launch of the Resilient Sunset Emergency Supply Bin Pilot Program as part of the Resilient Sunset emergency preparedness efforts. Under this pilot project, NERT-certified residents and SF SAFE participants in the Sunset are eligible to receive free emergency supply bins for storage in their home, along with emergency preparedness supplies. The Resilient Sunset effort seeks to bring neighbors together to prepare for any emergency situations that may occur in the Sunset District.

“Our goal is to assist residents who have demonstrated a commitment to working with neighbors with improved emergency preparation,” said Supervisor Tang. “We are asking that the residents who receive free bins and supplies to actively engage with neighbors on their block and share these supplies with each other if an incident were to occur in their neighborhood.”

The new emergency supply bins were created in partnership with Recology. These, 64-gallon sized bins are red, and designed to contain emergency supplies. All participants will need to agree to a few conditions in order to accept an emergency supply bin, such as maintaining and updating the supplies each year and sharing resources with neighbors during times of emergency. During the pilot phase, Supervisor Tang’s Office anticipates providing about 50 emergency supply bins to Sunset residents, faith-based organizations, and non-profits.

This program will be administrated by Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (SNBC), which is a community-based organization serving San Francisco's Sunset District.

“SNBC is excited to support the efforts of Supervisor Tang's office and in connecting with and preparing the community of the Sunset for any emergency,” said Matt Pemberton, Executive Director of SNBC. “Having supplies for 72 hours after an earthquake or other emergency can be the difference between a rough night and a tragedy. The Resilient Sunset Supply Bin Project is one great step in getting the community together in times of need.”

For more information on Resilient Sunset efforts, please visit: www.sfbos.org/Resilient-Sunset or contact Supervisor Katy Tang’s office at (415) 554-7460 or Ray.Law@sfgov.org.

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