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## \*\*\*PRESS ADVISORY\*\*\*

## \*\*\*SUPERVISOR WALTON AND CAROLINA GREEN SPACE CELEBRATED THE GRAND OPENING OF SKYLINE TERRACE COMMUNITY SPACE & GARDEN\*\*\*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA** - On Wednesday, Board President and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton joined community members to celebrate the grand opening of the Carolina Green Space: Skyline Terrace Community Space and Garden located on Carolina Street and 22nd Street in the Potrero Hill neighborhood.

The median on Carolina Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, is owned by the City and remains one of the biggest patches of Green Space left on Potrero Hill. In 1967, a group of self-named neighbors (the "Potrero Hill Landscapers") poured a cement pad as a place to sit at the north end, creating the first community gathering space. Until 2008, this area was maintained by the City and was a beautiful and unique place used and enjoyed by the neighborhood. After the City's maintenance ended, the area had become severely overgrown with vegetation. The newly renovated area will provide the neighborhood with a much-needed green amenity and a welcoming, cohesive meeting spot or destination point for any and all visitors to the Skyline Terrace of the Carolina Green Space and will allow for gatherings or community events to occur.

Supervisor Walton is proud to be a part of this community initiative to create additional green space in District 10 and to uplift the great community work that is happening in the Potrero Hill neighborhood and the greater District 10.

"Community came together to make sure this space was turned into something that the community can use and beautified it," said Supervisor Walton. "This is a prime example of a community stepping up to make sure their neighborhood is beautiful. Some of the resources came from city grants, but more importantly, the community came together to make it happen."

"Seeing people discovering, visiting, and enjoying the newly renovated Skyline Terrace has been extremely rewarding, after quite a few years and many hurdles, getting to this moment," said

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Cathryn Blum, a community leader and Potrero Hill resident who led the initiative, "Many of us who have lived here for decades are now connecting and meeting our neighbors because of this new gathering spot. We are aiming to improve other areas of the median, moving forward, as we continue to build this sense of community."

The Carolina Green Space group has worked together with the Bureau of Urban Forestry, and the Clean and Green Team to organize successful clean-up days wherein a massive amount of overgrown vegetation and debris was removed. In 2018, Carolina Green Space became a Park Partner of the San Francisco Parks Alliance, the fiscal sponsor. With SFPA's help, in 2019 a proposal to renovate the northern end at 22nd Street, also known as the "Skyline Terrace" was submitted for a Community Challenge Grant, which was awarded in 2020. With the arrival of the pandemic, there were delays and increased costs. In April 2022, the work finally began and was finished in August. This project would not have happened without the passionate and committed alliance of neighbors who are invested in enhancing and improving their beloved island.

For more information about the space and the improvements, please visit: The Carolina Green Space's website at <u>www.carolinagreemspace.org</u> or email at <u>carolina-greenspace@gmail.com</u>.

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