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Supervisor Gordon Mar hosts ADU Workshop for Homeowners in the Sunset

San Francisco - On Saturday, Supervisor Mar hosted a bilingual workshop in the Sunset to support homeowners seeking to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs, aka “in-law units”), which drew 150 in attendance.

“The City’s ADU program has resulted in a growing number of units, yet only 18% of applications have been for single family homes. I want to support these homeowners to build much-needed housing: for their families, for our seniors, and to provide additional rental units,” said Supervisor Mar.

City staff, including Director Tom Huie of the Department of Building Inspection, and representatives from the Office of Assessor-Recorder Carmen Chu, the Planning Department, and the Rent Board, gave presentations and answered practical questions in depth during the workshop portion of the program.

Supervisor Mar also presented on his pilot ADU Incentives Program and sought feedback from the audience. The ADU Incentives program will help homeowners with technical assistance, from finding designers and permitting to construction and ongoing property management, to providing financial incentives such as low and no-interest loans.

“Any single family homeowner would be eligible to apply for support. To address the affordable housing crisis, we especially want to provide the greatest financial incentives to homeowners willing to keep the unit affordable, such as through a forgivable loan” said Mar.

The program is currently in its design phase, with resources secured from the Planning Department and the Department of Building Inspection. Later that afternoon, Supervisor Mar presented again on the ADU Incentives Program at the Chinese Real Estate Association of America’s Housing Expo.

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Images

1. Supervisor Mar and Director Tom Huie with city staff at the ADU Workshop for Homeowners
2. Supervisor Mar presenting at the ADU Workshop for Homeowners
3. Supervisor Mar presenting at the Chinese Real Estate Association of America’s Housing Expo