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Supervisor Gordon Mar goes after home burglaries and Muni “switchbacks”, and looks towards incentivizing in-law units

[San Francisco] At Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Gordon Mar called for two hearings and an inquiry to directly address several of the issues he campaigned on.

Following a merchant safety walk with SFPD Capt. Rainsford last week, Mar called for a hearing on home invasions, an issue that has gained attention following the violent attack on an 88 year old woman in Visitacion Valley that was later connected to a robbery.

“This issue really hits home for me -- there were two home invasions on my block last year alone, including my next door neighbor only two days after the election” said Mar.

Mar also called for a hearing on Muni “switchbacks”, a tactic SFMTA uses to reroute trains that leaves passengers stranded part-way through their trip.

“Our office has heard from constituents every single day who have had their commutes and lives interrupted and delayed by switchbacks, and they deserve answers” said Mar.

Building on his campaign promise to promote ADUs -- accessory dwelling units, commonly referred to as in-laws -- Mar directed the City to explore ways to create financial incentives for homeowners to build new ADUs. Despite recent streamlining of the permitting process for ADUs, construction remains slow, with only 23 built in 2017, the last year for which the Planning Commission has data.

“While streamlining the process is important and I applaud all the work that Mayor Breed, Supervisor Brown my predecessor Supervisor Tang have done on this issue, I think we can and must do more to encourage new ADUs,” said Mar. “Providing meaningful incentives from the City -- and ensuring these units are affordable -- could go a long way to aid our efforts to address the housing crisis, in a way that is win-win-win: for the City that needs more housing, for homeowners who need more support to create these units, and for renters who desperately need more affordable options.”