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## Postcard Lambasts Welch

It arrived in the mail on July 24. A large color postcard with a picture of Calvin Welch, looking particularly aggravated and a plea to Haight residents to "Get Involved." Welch is leading the campaign to thwart the mixed-use project on the corner of Haight and Stanyan, which includes a Whole Foods on the ground floor, 62 residential units above and a 172 car garage below. Beside the photo (now known as Calvin Agonistes) was a news clipping of his earlier fight to stop the same property owner, John Brennan, from renting the ground floor of another Haight property to Thrifty Drugs. The return address on the card was Brennan's.

Oddly, this long war between Welch and Brennan, as divisive as it's been for the neighborhood merchants, who have been forced to choose sides, has generally been resolved satisfactorily. Although the Haight lost the chance for a drugstore, and a trendy clothing/housewares vendor, it did get an excellent Goodwill store and a Wells Fargo Bank. If Whole Foods backs out—and why shouldn't they, considering the delays and the declining economy—what will Calvin permit Brennan to build on that corner? If a famously well-run organic foods market with new housing on a transit corridor and 172 off-street parking spaces don't meet his standards, what will?

After months of obstruction, including a bizarre collusion with the Sierra Club, Welch now says he doesn't oppose the project but merely wants to scale it down.

Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi didn't escape Brennan's vitriol. He was accused of sitting on the fence of this fractious issue until he is safely reelected for a second term on November 4, a foregone conclusion. In an article in the San Francisco Chronicle (7-26-08) he

**FOSSIL FIGHTS TO PRESERVE EYESORE & URBAN BLIGHT**  
**Calvin Welch thinks it's OK for you to travel across town to get your groceries.**

**Planners approve Thrifty**  
 6-1 vote allows drug store for Haight's 'Hole at Cole'

**He's At It AGAIN...**

Calvin Welch bought his \$2 million home on Ashbury Street in 1976 by evicting tenants. Since then, he has dedicated his life to fighting home ownership opportunities for others while profiting as a consultant for government subsidized housing developers.

Calvin supports blight preservation — he defends panhandling, drug dealing, homelessness, crime and graffiti as local color, reminiscent of the hippie days of his youth. He has driven out small businesses while continuing to operate the noisy, stinking recycling center inside Golden Gate Park.

In 1988, Calvin became famous by trying to stop a drugstore from moving to Haight Street. The drugstore was approved but an arson fire destroyed the property.

Calvin Welch is a bitter obstructionist who wants to kill this project.

Thanks to Calvin, we've gone without a pharmacy, a bank, and now a grocery store since Cala Foods closed its doors.

- 690 Stanyan Street LLC is proposing to replace this blighted corner with 62 attractive new homes with a Whole Foods Market on the ground floor.
- Whole Foods sells local, organic food, practices local hiring and promotes green business alternatives. District 5 residents recently welcomed a huge new Whole Foods to South of Market — District 5 residents deserve no less.
- Haight & Stanyan is the perfect location for home ownership opportunities and a grocery store. Public transportation is excellent, with easy access by bicycling or walking.
- 62 new households will create a new sense of community on this important corner, decreasing crime. The new property taxes generated by this development will pay for desperately needed fire, police, and health services.
- Only those who stand to benefit financially from maintaining the status quo would oppose such a neighborhood friendly development.

**Doesn't District 5 deserve a neighborhood grocery store and 62 new homes? Who is Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi listening to, if not the neighbors? Could it be Calvin Welch?**

was quoted as saying "I don't see this project as being in jeopardy. That's what adds to why this (mailer) is so deplorable - it's not even intellectually honest." Later, in response to the many e-mails he received by Haight/ Cole Valley neighbors, he insisted the Whole foods project was progressing through the Planning Department's normal vetting process and that he is in favor of it.

—Karen Crommie

Ed. note—See more on this subject on page 3.

## CVIA Fights City Hall for Review of 850 Street Boxes

### The Situation

With breathtaking audacity, AT&T applied for and received permission from the Planning Department to place up to 850 metal "Lightspeed" cabinets on public sidewalks around the city, and enlarge some of their existing electrical boxes. Installation has already begun.

The new cabinets are 4 feet high, 4 feet 2 inches wide, and 26 inches deep. They would be installed within 150 feet of existing electrical boxes, some of which would be enlarged to be 4 feet 10 inches wide by 5 feet 5 inches high by 26 inches deep. This size has been compared to the bed of a flat-bed truck. These would completely block visibility to the other side of the street.



Photo courtesy of Chris Dunderstadt

By seeking approval district by district, the cumulative impact on San Francisco's neighborhoods escaped attention. Pictured above is an installation at 42nd and Ulloa.

Although the boxes will be installed city-wide, but AT&T is implementing it neighborhood by neighborhood so many affected communities are still unaware of AT&T's plans and the adverse impact it will have on their neighborhoods. Some of the Cole Valley locations include: 805 Ashbury, 213 Belgrave, 88 Downey, 403 Frederick, 279 Stanyan, 92 Parnassus, 149 Parnassus, 253 Parnassus, 88 Piedmont and 1402 Willard.

### Why Did This Happen So Quickly?

The San Francisco Planning Department gave AT&T an exemption from environmental review, which all such projects generally need to obtain. The Planning Department based its exemption on the premise that the cabinets would not result in "a significant impact to public views and aesthetics" and by claiming that they

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are similar to other utility structures on the sidewalk, even though these are twice as large as many existing structures.

The Planning Department also found that there would be no cumulative environmental impact, even though AT&T plans to install up to 850 of these cabinets throughout the city, and in some neighborhoods there may be one every block for several blocks.

## CVIA Files an Appeal

Cole Valley Improvement Association President David Crommie filed an appeal of the Planning Department's decision to exempt AT&T from an environmental impact review. That appeal was heard by the Board of Supervisors on July 29.

## What Happened at the Board of Supervisors

Susan Brandt-Hawley, the attorney who generously took on the case pro bono, spoke first. She read to Board members the requirements for a CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) categorical exemption, contrasting her interpretation with that of AT&T. Then Crommie, as appellant, summarized the neighbors' objections. He was followed by Susan Maerki, resident of the Inner Sunset who was the first to cry "halt" to AT&T's plan. She gave a more detailed description of the boxes, their size and planned proliferation. She was followed by representatives of neighborhood organizations from all over the city: Potrero, Mission, Panhandle,



CVIA Board member Chuck Canepa was one of many Cole Valley neighbors who spoke against the proliferation of AT&T boxes.

Pacific Heights, Haight, Castro, Inner Mission, Richmond, North Beach, Telegraph Hill and many more. Every member of the CVIA Board of Directors spoke. The speakers were articulate, informative and earnest. But, in spite of their eloquence, fewer than five supervisors were in the chamber at any time to hear them. Only Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi stayed the whole time.

## AT&T Responds, But Barely

When AT&T's counsel, Jennifer Hernandez rose to speak, instead of regaling the supervisors with the benefits of the new fiber optic technology and the impossibility of any alternative to the double-refrigerator-size boxes, she said that she could add little beyond the information contained in a letter she had presented to the board the day before. What? No video demonstrations? No parade of experts? We couldn't believe it: evidently AT&T was so confident they would get a pass that they literally made no presentation whatsoever.

## Round Up The Usual Suspects

Ms. Hernandez was followed by AT&T's lineup of "neighborhood supporters," the majority of whom were members of nonprofit groups located in Bayview Hunters Point, Western Addition, Excelsior, Visitation Valley and Chinatown. Each said they believed AT&T was striving to close the "digital divide" and for that reason

the boxes should be permitted. A few let slip that their programs had received support from AT&T, suggesting that it was payback time. The race card was never played less successfully when one man, asked the supervisors to look at the difference in the appearance of the two lines of speakers (pro/con) and guess which side of the "divide" was objecting to the boxes. Few referred to the issue at hand, which was the validity of the CEQA exemption.

In the last 15 minutes of the four-hour hearing, when counsel Hernandez spoke again, she admitted that perhaps AT&T should have come with a more detailed presentation (the "long form" is what she called it). She struck a posture of repentance saying, "We've heard the neighbors loud and clear: we have a big job ahead of us." Then there were the usual promises to "work with the community," "strive to resolve any problems," "hold neighborhood meetings to hear more about concerns," etc., etc.

## Peskin Lines Up His Target

At that point, Board President Aaron Peskin, interrupted her, saying that once a categorical exemption has been issued, no mitigation was possible. (In other words, her implication of compromise was false.) He asked her if she didn't think a full EIR would effectively examine all the concerns neighbors were expressing. He then asked if AT&T wished to withdraw their CEQA exemption request. Hernandez looked stunned, "If I conveyed that intent, I apologize. That's not what we want."

## Dufty Gives AT&T a Break

In a surprise move, Supervisor Bevan Dufty made a motion to continue the matter until September 2. The crowd was aghast: so close to victory and Dufty was snatching it away. When another Mayor-al faithful, Supervisor Carmen Chu, said that she, too, would vote for continuance, it immediately triggered speculation that the mayor was pulling the strings. Supervisors Mirkarimi, Alioto-Pier and McGoldrick backed the neighbors. Tension mounted throughout the chamber.

## Peskin Strikes

Then Aaron Peskin made a brilliant series of moves proving that, from the testimony, the project clearly did not meet the requirements of the CEQA exemption. He forced Hernandez's hand by making it clear that it was in her benefit to withdraw her CEQA petition.

For the first time in the proceedings, Hernandez's over-polished confidence wavered as she asked Peskin if she could take time out to consult with her client. Less than a minute later she returned to the lectern and said that AT&T had decided to withdraw. Peskin had successfully outmaneuvered a very smart corporate lawyer and the neighbors had won this round.

## What Happens Now?

If things go without political interference, AT&T will have to stop erecting any more boxes because DPW (who provides access to existing infrastructure) will not go forward without a CEQA exemption. Without it, no excavation permits can be issued, nor can they request reviews of any new locations. But our friends at AT&T are not good losers and have been known to bring lawsuits against cities who defy them.

—Karen Crommie, with contributions by Susan Maerki and Janet Rogers



AT&T's attorney was no match for SF Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin.

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# Two Views of the Whole Foods Project (690 Stanyan) The Developer Speaks      Our Supervisor Responds

*Editor's note—The project referred to below is a mixed-use building on the northeast corner of Stanyan and Haight containing 62 residential units with a Whole Foods Market on the ground floor and 172-space underground garage. It would replace a former Cala Foods. Mark Brennan is the attorney and son of site owner John Brennan.*

The chances of moving forward with the 690 Stanyan St. Project are at best "50/50" and it is quite likely that it's on its deathbed. The unreasonable delays in environmental review by the city are causing both the project sponsor and the proposed tenant, Whole Foods Market, to think seriously about whether it is all worth it.

The project's planning application has been under environmental review by the city for nearly two and one-half years now, without any sort of schedule for an approval hearing with the Planning Commission. We have spent nearly \$1 million to date on planning for the project, largely on city fees and consultants (chosen by the city) to analyze the environmental effects of the project: we have to little to show for it except a stack of heavy draft documents.

Thanks mostly to a vocal minority of opponents of the project, we have encountered long delays in publication of a Final EIR (Environmental Impact Report) and the city has called for new environmental studies to be undertaken involving new data collection and analysis. An 18-page letter from the Sierra Club which has cost weeks of schedule and thousands of dollars in re-analysis by the city's highly-paid consultants. This, and delays sought by HANC,\* have pushed back any hope of obtaining an approval hearing before the Fall of this year, perhaps even conveniently beyond the November elections. Given this, the earliest that the supermarket could now open for business would be 2011 or 2012. This leads to a likely conclusion that, unless there is a hearing before the Planing Commission soon, there will be no market tenant, no housing and no development on that site in the foreseeable future. The parking lot, of course, would stay open for business.

—Mark Brennan

\*Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council

## Whole Foods Feels the Pain

The Wall Street Journal on August 5 reported that Whole Foods posted disappointing fiscal third-quarter profits and that it is cutting back on planned store openings and suspending its quarterly dividend to shareholders. "The weak results mark the latest bad news for a former Wall Street darling, whose bright, cavernous stores have long been popular with health-conscious shoppers but whose rapid sales growth has cooled in recent years. The results mark the latest sign that the sagging economy is causing even consumers in higher income brackets to pare spending."

However, in a letter to Karen Crommie, Whole Foods Northern California Regional Vice President Glen Moon wrote, "As a company we are limiting the number of stores that open for fiscal 2009 but we still need to fulfill our lease obligations and open the new stores that we have in the works."

I met with Glenn Moon, Vice President of Development for Whole Foods. Also in attendance were his consultant, Alex Clemens, Anne Marie Rodgers of the Planning Department, and Rich Hillis of the Office of Economic Development. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: to pin down the real story on the status of the 690 Stanyan Street project and to unravel any misinformation generated by the hit piece mailer implicating Whole Foods.

Mr. Moon informed me that Whole Foods Corporation was quite surprised and bothered by the mailer — apparently Whole Foods was never consulted about the mailer nor any letter suggesting that the project was



Ross Mirkarimi  
District 5 Supervisor

in jeopardy. He said that Whole Foods had no reason to believe that the project was in trouble and denounced the tactic and tone used to misinform the public or to attack anyone.

The Planning Department told us that they believe the project is on routine track. Ms. Rodgers told us that the Neighborhood Planning division is working on the CU (Conditional Use) application. They are prepared to calendar the CU before the Planning Commission as soon as the outstanding application requirements have been submitted by the property owner (project sponsor). In addition, we were told that

certification of the EIR is predicated on the Planning Department's ability to respond to all issues identified in letters for comment to the EIR—it appears that a high a majority of the letters are in favor of the project but due to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Planning staff is obligated to provide detailed analysis to all communications and claims, whether they be in favor, oppose or indifferent.

—Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi

*Ed. note—Supervisor Mirkarimi's response was sent on August 14 in reply to a letter from Cheryl Brodie (HAIA).*



As Planning Department red tape delays approval, neighbors fear that Whole Foods will pull out of the proposed project at Stanyan and Haight.

### Call for News

We need news items, articles, letters, opinion pieces. Please tell us what you know about Cole Valley and the greater Haight Ashbury: handwritten, typewritten, e-mailed or scrawled on a cocktail napkin. We want to hear from you!  
CVIA News: 624 Ashbury St. or [cviasf@aol.com](mailto:cviasf@aol.com).



## News From The Booksmith

**Our Oldest Reader Celebrates 97th Birthday:** Please join us in congratulating local resident and avid reader Frances Hagan on her 97th birthday. Mrs. Hagan continues to be a voracious reader and a loyal customer. Recently when we were delivering books to her home (where she has lived since 1912), she gave us a little tour and showed us her collection of all the Booksmith bookmarks going back many years. Thanks for your support Mrs. Hagan!

**Kudos:** The Booksmith was recently selected by SF Weekly for the "Best Author Appearances" award. According to the Weekly: "When bookstores vanish, so do their author appearances, a point that was sadly hammered home in 2006 when A Clean Well-Lighted Place for



CVIA member Frances Hagan and her husband, Raymond, on their wedding day, September 13, 1941.

Books [closed]. City-bound authors, however, weren't out of luck, given that the Booksmith was ready and willing to add to its already stellar speaker series." What? You haven't made it to an author event yet? Check out the upcoming events list below.

**Bring the Kids:** Our kids section activity is buzzing with help from Miss Martha and Miss Janine. The Booksmith now offers a complimentary story time every Sunday at 11am. Sometimes we read classics, sometimes we read new books, but we always have fun.

We have fine-tuned the selection in the kids section and added thoughtful choice of toys, puppets, puzzles and games for all ages. We are also doing more events with kids' book authors. Author and Illustrator J. Otto Seibold will be at the Booksmith on Sunday October 26 at 1 p.m. for a reading of his newest book, "Vunce Upon a Time." Seibold is best known for his Christmas picture book favorite, "Olive, the Other Reindeer."

**Community Focus on Homeless Youth:** On October 16, we will host Dr. Karen Staller from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Dr. Staller recently published a remarkable book "Runaways: How the Sixties Counterculture Shaped Today's Practices and Policies." The book contains a thorough analysis of issues regarding at-risk youth. After the talk, C.W. Nevius from the Chronicle will moderate a Q&A session with Dr. Staller.

**Great New Bookmarks by Young Local Artists:** By the time you read this, we will have new bookmarks in the bookstore. We had many wonderful entries in our recent bookmark design contest from neighborhood kids and after much debate we selected six great designs. Come and check them out.

**Booksmith Events Calendar:** We have a great line-up of author events scheduled for the next few months. Coming to the Booksmith are renowned novelist NEAL STEPHENSON (September 9), Afghan-American writer TAMIM ANSARY (September 11), comedian BILL SANTIAGO (September 15), cartoonist LYNDY BARRY (September 18), "Trainspotting" author IRVINE WELSH (September 19), British journalist & historian GILES MILTON (Oc-

tober 1), fantasist NEAL GAIMAN (October 5), Bay Area favorite LEWIS BUZBEE (October 9), magical realist JONATHAN CARROLL (October 20), Allen Ginsberg biographer BILL MORGAN (October 23), graphic novelist ALISON BECHDEL (November 10), novelist SLYVIA BROWNRIGG (November 18), and many others. All events start at 7:30 p.m. For additional and up-to-date listings, please check our website at [www.booksmith.com](http://www.booksmith.com) or call (415) 863-8688.

We will see you at the annual Cole Valley Fair on Sunday, September 21, where once again Booksmith will host a literary booth. This time we also plan to have lots of fun activities for kids. Until then, happy reading!

—Christin Evans and Praveen Madan

## New Look at Old San Francisco

Former Richmond district resident Rebecca Schall had a novel idea: use the photo archives of the San Francisco Public Library to produce a large format book that charts the history of San Francisco in pictures and text. The resulting work, "Historic Photos of San Francisco," spans the period of pre-civil war San Francisco through the 1960s.

The 206 page book is divided into eras. Beginning with some of the earliest known photographs of San Francisco, the first section records photographs from before the Civil War through the end of the nineteenth century. The second section spans the beginning and



earlier part of the twentieth century. Each chapter that follows covers a decade in San Francisco life, ending with the last chapter covering the sixties. Ironically, the final photo in the book is of Haight Street in the 60s with a woman walking beneath the marquee of the Haight Theatre which once stood in the space now occupied by a Goodwill store.

Schall has done an exceptional job of research and the book is a truly fine history of a great city that survived the destructive earthquake and fires of 1906 to emerge as a world capital. It would be a fine addition to any collection of San Francisco memorabilia in your personal library. The book is published by Turner Publishing.

—David Crommie

### POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

Captain Teresa Barrett holds community forums the second Tuesday of every month (except December) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. She and her staff review criminal activity, park events, and the general safety concerns of residents. It's a good way to stay in touch with what's going on.

Park Police Station, 1899 Waller at Stanyan.

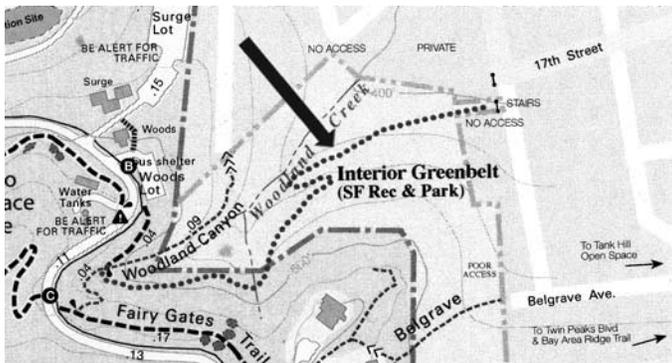
**September 9, October 14, November 11**

**Mark Your Calendars**

# Blazing Trails on Mt. Sutro

On the edge of Cole Valley is a secret place, forgotten for decades. Called Woodland Canyon, it is on the northeast side of Mt. Sutro. Most of Woodland Canyon is owned by the City, preserved as park land in the 1950's. Since the Canyon is on the side of the mountain that is sheltered from the wind, the eucalyptus have grown up like columns, very straight, and very, very tall, festooned with ivy. The steep sides of the Canyon shut out the murmur of city traffic and, with the lack of noise from the wind, create a great space of majestic silence, broken only by the occasional cry of a bird. It is a green cathedral of a canyon.

Recently, the indomitable Mt. Sutro explorer, San Francisco native, and founder of the Mt. Sutro Stewards, Craig Dawson, with



*Mt. Sutro Open Space Reserve (detail). Century old Woodland Canyon Trail has been rediscovered by the Mt. Sutro Stewards.*

a few of his brave volunteers penetrated the shoulder high tangle of poison oak and thorn-covered blackberry in the bottom of the Canyon. There they found a wide, overgrown trail with a gentle grade of 5 percent to 7 percent, buttressed by seemingly ancient retaining walls of stone. They recognized the workmanship. It was the same as that of the trail the Stewards had cleared and named Historic, which skirts the western side of Mt. Sutro. In the silence of Woodland Canyon the explorers could hear the gentle splash of Woodland Creek.

The Woodland Canyon trail is the missing link, the lower portion of the Historic Trail, which, when cleared, will provide the best outside connection to the whole complex of trails the Stewards have restored in UCSF's Mt. Sutro Open Space Reserve in the last two years. Based on his research, Dawson believes Mayor Adolph Sutro had the trail built from Stanyan Street just above 17th in the late 1800's to provide access to a lumber camp he had on the mountain, as well as for public horseback riding.

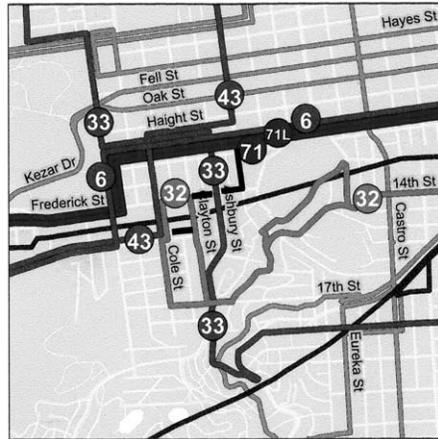
The Mt. Sutro Stewards are in contact with the SF Recreation and Park Commission, and an official endorsement to reopen the Woodland Canyon portion of the Historic Trail is anticipated soon. But the Woodland Canyon trail, unlike most other trails on the mountain, is so densely smothered in brush and fallen eucalyptus logs that the initial clearing here is too heavy for the Steward volunteers, since they are limited to hand tools only. A professional tree company with chain saws and other power tools must be hired, at an estimated cost of 20 to 30 thousand dollars or more. Given current budget constraints, this money may have to be raised from a foundation or other private sources. After the heavy clearing, the Stewards can then do the finish grading and brush clearance required to reopen the Woodland Canyon Trail, as they have reopened so many other trails on the mountain.

—Douglas Hall

# Muni Changes On The Way

As a result of a citywide transportation analysis aimed at improving service, certain bus routes serving the Haight and Cole Valley are scheduled to be approved at a meeting of the SF Municipal Transportation Agency's board of directors on Sept. 16. The MTA's Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP) held three meetings in Cole Valley over the past 18 months and fully vetted the concerns of neighbors.

Under the new routing plan, the 6 Parnassus will now go down Stanyan to Haight. In an earlier version of recommendations, the



## 6-Parnassus

- **Feedback:** Do not reroute; Ashbury Heights needs downtown service, Cole is too congested
- **Response:** 6-Parnassus would stay on Haight until Stanyan St  
43, 33 and 32 would provide downtown access, with a transfer, for those unable to walk to Haight

MTA had routed it down Cole, creating the problem of too many buses on Cole St. They were, however, unable to satisfy the complaints of those living in Ashbury Heights, who will lose service, but who are covered by the 32, 33 and 43 lines.

The reason for extending the 6 down Haight is to offer "local" service on Haight St. because of the elimination of the 7 Haight. The 71 Noriega, which has limited stops, will now operate all day long with more frequent service.

The 43 Masonic is being rerouted to serve the Presidio Transit Center, making it more convenient to get to Crissy Field. It will still go to Fort Mason.

There will be a new line: the 32-Roosevelt that would be a van service line (vehicle with 25 passenger).

See <http://www.sfmta.com/cms/mtepe/tepdraft.htm> for details for each line.

# Street Closure on Fair Day

## Cole closed between Carl & Grattan Parnassus closed between Belvedere & Shrader

Four blocks will be closed to cars on Sunday, September 21, for the 6th Annual Cole Valley Fair. If you live in this area, you will not be able to park or access your vehicle from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you need to use a car parked in a garage or an off-street parking area, you'll want to move it to an area outside of the closed blocks before the closure.

Grattan School has graciously donated their parking lot, which will be open the night before the fair and on the day of the fair, for your convenience.

We apologize in advance for the inconvenience this may cause you and we will offer you a discount on the fair t-shirts and posters. Contact us at [colevalleyfair@gmail.com](mailto:colevalleyfair@gmail.com) or 317-2074 with your questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

## The Importance of the City's Neighborhoods

In San Francisco, the prevailing wisdom in City Hall is that "neighborhoods" are a "nuisance" and are treated with disdain. On the other hand, businesses are treated with great deference. This misguided conventional wisdom would have us believe that the neighborhoods are a drag on the economy.

However, we, the member organizations of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, have a different opinion. The residential neighborhoods play an important, if not the most important, role in the economic as well as the political life of San Francisco.

There is sound empirical evidence to back up this statement.

■ **770,000 People.** Obviously 100% of the 770,000 people of San Francisco live in the neighborhoods of our city. What could be a more important economically in San Francisco than the fact that 770,000 consumers live in the city's neighborhoods?

■ **430,259 Voters.** All the 430,259 registered voters of San Francisco live in neighborhoods. What political entity in our city could be more important than the one which includes all the voters who elect the officials who govern our city?

■ **358,000 Households.** The neighborhoods of San Francisco include all the residential buildings which contain the 358,000 households in which live all 777,000 citizens of San Francisco.

■ **\$74 Billion Property Value.** The value of the residential properties in San Francisco is over \$74 billion. This is two-thirds of the total \$114 billion value of all real estate in San Francisco.

■ **\$600 Million Property Taxes.** The neighborhoods pay two-thirds of the total \$914 million in property taxes collected each year by our city government.

■ **422,500 Workers.** 422,500 workers live in San Francisco's neighborhoods. Their estimated total annual wages and salaries exceed \$13 billion a year.

■ **Over \$10 Billion Consumer Spending.** Through their estimated \$10 billion expenditures from their estimated \$13 billion annual earnings, the 777,000 residents in San Francisco's neighborhoods purchase over one-half of the goods and services produced and sold by the businesses of San Francisco.

■ **200,000 Jobs Supported.** Through their estimated \$10 billion consumer expenditures, the people of San Francisco's neighborhoods support businesses which employ over 200,000 workers in our city, i.e., more than one-third of the 560,000 persons employed in San Francisco.

San Francisco's neighborhoods play not just an important role both in the political life of our city and in the economy of our city but perhaps play the *most* important economic and political role in San Francisco.

In the future, when you hear someone express disparaging remarks belittling San Francisco's neighborhoods, please gently enlighten that person about the importance of the neighborhoods to the political life and economy of San Francisco.

—John Bardis, Inner Sunset Action Committee

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## S.F. News Rack Fees to Rise

The SF Chronicle states in an August 1 article by Victoria Collier: "Newspaper organizations are incensed by San Francisco's plan to double the annual fees charged to publications distributed in the city's news racks." The Chronicle argues higher fees could have a chilling effect on their First Amendment rights. Like so many, the Chronicle asserts rights yet fails to recognize rights and responsibili-



*Publishers use the public sidewalks to distribute papers but do not feel responsible for keeping racks clean.*

ties go hand in hand. What about their obligation to maintain their own news racks installed on our public sidewalks, the majority of which are vandalized with stickers and graffiti?

The Chronicle supports this blight with neglect, and together with the vandals they maintain an eyesore and public nuisance that spreads to other property, collectively undermining our commonwealth and wellbeing. As for Clear Channel Outdoor, the city officials have given them an exclusive contract to install the new news racks. All the while Clear Channel's radio stations WILD94.9, 106KMEL, and STAR101.3, violate public property by installing unlawful stickers and mini-billboards that damage fixtures and degrade places like Golden Gate Park, Civic Center, public thoroughfares and state highways. San Francisco city officials nurture this misuse with inadequate maintenance and enforcement. What legitimacy do any of these parties have when they set a tone for abuse and neglect?

—Rick Thurber

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Please contact us by e-mail if you have an issue to bring up, a newsletter article, address change, or an update to your membership information. Send us *your* e-mail address if you want to be notified of upcoming meetings and events of importance to our neighborhood.

## Farmers' Markets Are Us

Suddenly we are rich in Farmers' Markets. What seemed controversial a year ago has quietly become a reality. One is operating now on Grove, between Divisadero and Broderick, on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will continue for 12 consecutive weeks on a trial basis until September 21. You can get more information about Pacific Coast Farmers' Markets at [www.pcfma.com](http://www.pcfma.com).

There's another, smaller market operating at UCSF in the open area near Millberry Union every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



*Healthy eating is given a boost at UCSF's produce stalls.*

All the produce is organic and the variety and quality are excellent. So far the market is scheduled to continue through October, but could be held over.

—Lena Emmerly

## Cole Valley Tree Tour

Trudging up and down the hills of Cole Valley on June 22, Michael Sullivan shared his immense knowledge of San Francisco's street trees with a highly motivated group of nature lovers. Just one of his many civic activities, Michael leads tree tours for Friends



*Michael Sullivan shares his enthusiasm for street trees by leading tours in neighborhoods all over the city.*

of the Urban Forest (FUF). A Cole Valley resident and author of "Street Trees of San Francisco," Sullivan identified trees not only by name and family but gave personal opinions on the best and most problematic trees to plant. FUF was started in 1981 by a small group of citizens who believed that our community would be a healthier and more hospitable place by the presence of more trees. FUF has planted over 35,000 trees and they couldn't have done it without the help of volunteers like Michael. ([www.fuf.net](http://www.fuf.net))

## Neighborhoods Challenge the Market-Octavia Area Plan

**Why should you care about a part of the city where you don't live?** Because if the new zoning is approved in this one area, it can—and will—be applied in other areas. In fact, it already has already been applied in the new Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan.

**How it happened.** The Board of Supervisors passed the Market-Octavia Better Neighborhood Area Plan Ordinance on October 23, 2007. This Ordinance will allow for increased heights, increased density, and reduced parking along transit corridors (designated bus lines, light rail). The Ordinance inserted the Market-Octavia Better Neighborhood Area Plan into the General Plan, and approved the Market-Octavia EIR. Once the Market-Octavia Better Neighborhood Area Plan is in the General Plan, the city does not have to conduct CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review of any housing projects within the plan area as long as they conform to the Market-Octavia Area Plan.

**Your neighborhood may be next.** This is our last shot to stop the Manhattanization of San Francisco and retain the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We are not opposed to growth; we want growth that considers transit capacity, infrastructure capacity, seismic issues, and realistic parking options.

**Group takes action.** The Coalition for Adequate Review has retained attorneys Alexander Henson and Mary Miles (working pro-bono) to litigate important environmental and Government Code issues pertaining to the Market-Octavia Plan. They have filed a lawsuit with the following causes of action:

1) San Francisco's General Plan does not comply with requirements in the Government Code, particularly with regard to the Housing and Land Use elements, and is therefore invalid.

2) The Market-Octavia Plan is not internally consistent in many respects, and also is inconsistent with elements of the General Plan.

3) The Market-Octavia Plan fails to comply in many respects with requirements of CEQA.

**You can help.** Although the legal services are donated, legal costs are not. If you are interested in this issue and are willing to help, contact Judith Berkowitz at [sfjberk@mac.com](mailto:sfjberk@mac.com) to donate clerical work or money. It's time to let the Planning Department know that they need to listen to neighborhood concerns by challenging the Market-Octavia Plan.

—Herb Cohn, Hiroshi Fukuda and Judith Berkowitz

### CVIA Members: Please Work a Shift at the Fair

We need volunteers to walk around the Cole Street Fair on September 21, to check that everything is going OK, monitor the number of children entering the inflatable play structure ("jumpy house"); check that the street barricades are in place; help move barricades for vehicles to get through in an emergency; make sure that the tables and chairs are clean and in place; call for CleanScapes maintenance if there is a spill, etc. Please contact Joan Downey at [jdowney@aol.com](mailto:jdowney@aol.com) or call 564-9416 to find out which slots are open. You can also sign up at the Summer Social on September 6 at Reverie Café.

## Morrison Planetarium Reopens With Digital High Tech Effects

When the California Academy of Sciences reopens on September 27, Morrison Planetarium will be the largest all-digital planetarium in the world. New projector and software technologies, driven in part by advances in the video game industry, will allow the planetarium to produce the most accurate and interactive digital Universe ever created.

Properly lit, the dome will seem infinite to the entering visitor, creating a uniquely immersing experience and a true-to-life re-creation of a remote, luminous, and pristine sky. Audience members will view a show that fills almost half their field of view and moves at a rate of 30 images per second, which visually approximates an alternate reality-corresponding not to an experience under a dome, but to an experience inside an environment.

The planetarium has the flexibility to host many events: live NASA feeds, broadcasts from Academy scientists in the field, solar eclipses half a world away, traditional star shows, school group shows, musical events, and more. In the opening year, the planetarium's main program will be *Fragile Planet*, a 30-minute virtual journey from the Earth to the outer reaches of the Universe and back—a journey to discovering how special the planet Earth really is.

## Report From The Park Police Station Captain

Park Station Officers continue to make outstanding arrests each day. Our staffing level has increased and we are blessed to have six new officers assigned to Park Station. The new officers are getting to know the district and are off to a good start at preventing crime



*Captain Teresa Barrett holds community meetings at Park District Station on the 2nd Tuesday of each*

and taking criminals off the street. On August 14, 2008 two of the midnight officers, Officer Buckley and McDonald noticed a Honda driving on Carmelita Street without its headlights on at 1 a.m. in the morning. The officers affected a traffic stop and found the man was on probation and also in possession of crack cocaine. The individual was placed under arrest and transported to Park Station. At the station the officers found that the man had two outstanding warrants for over \$100,000.00. This fine arrest was made by officers patrolling their beat and diligently looking for criminals in our district.

The same two officers earlier in the evening saw a male urinating on the sidewalk on Cole Street and they issued him a citation. The individual did not have proper identification and the officers transported him to Park Station where they found he was on parole and had an active parole warrant. Further investigation revealed the man was a sex offender who was out of compliance for failing to register as a sex offender. A man urinating and a man driving without his headlights are considered to be minor offenses by most, but two proactive officers turned the offenses into two great arrests. A sex offender going back to jail with his probation revoked and the other man without his headlights getting arrested for possession of crack cocaine and a crack pipe. It should be noted that the suspect with the

headlights off also had a spark plug in his back pack. Spark plugs are used by auto burglars to break the windows on vehicles. I'm sure our spark plug-totting, crack smoker was prowling the area to break into cars prior to be stopped by Park Station's finest.

The officers taking proactive measures on patrol are helping to keep our community safer and preventing crime.

*Captain Teresa Barrett*

## Texts of November 4 Ballot Measures Available Online

A San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center Earthquake Safety Bonds, 2008

B Establishing Affordable Housing Fund Using Set-Asides from Property Taxes

C Prohibiting City Employees from Serving on Charter Boards and Commissions

D Financing Pier 70 Waterfront District Development Plan upon Board of Supervisors' Approval

E Changing the Number of Signatures Required to Recall City Officials

F Holding All Scheduled City Elections Only in Even-Numbered Years

G Allowing Retirement System Credit for Unpaid Parental Leave

H San Francisco Clean Energy Act

I Creating the Office of an Independent Rate Payer Advocate

J Creating a Historic Preservation Commission

K Changing the Enforcement of Laws Related to Prostitution and Sex Workers

L Funding the Community Justice Center

M Changing the Residential Rent Ordinance to Prohibit Specific Acts of Harassment of Tenants by Landlords

N Changing Real Property Transfer Tax Rates

O Replacing the Emergency Response Fee with an Access Line Tax and Revising the Telephone User Tax

P Changing the Composition of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board

Q Modifying the Payroll Expense Tax

R Renaming the Oceanside Water Treatment Plant

S Policy Regarding Budget Set-Asides and Identification of Replacement Funds

T Free and Low-Cost Substance Abuse Treatment Programs

U Policy Against Funding the Deployment of Armed Forces in Iraq

V Policy Against Terminating Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Programs in Public High Schools

For complete legal texts, go to [www.sfgov.org/site/elections\\_index.asp](http://www.sfgov.org/site/elections_index.asp), then click on "Candidates and Campaigns" (on right panel), then click on "General Information." Scroll down to the "Legal Texts of Qualified Local Measures." By clicking on its title, the complete text of each measure will open. Note: Some on the list have may have been pulled by the time of this printing.

## Scaled Down Food Distribution Reopens at Hamilton Church

The Haight Ashbury Food Program has opened its doors once again, reinstating the “Food Pantry,” which offers clients produce and surplus food from the San Francisco Food Bank. In a farmers’ market style, it will operate on Saturday afternoons from 11:00 to 2:30 p.m. Clients are given a bag and can select enough food to fill it. Approximately 175 families from all over the city are expected to participate.

In addition, the HAFP will serve as a distribution location for a private organic produce service for which they will receive a fee. Customers will pick up their boxes of pre-ordered fruits and vegetables every Friday night between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Late last month, the Food Program announced they were making plans to reopen and arranged for a team of facilitators from the SF Community Boards to moderate a meeting on July 22 between the HAFP’s board of directors and the neighbors. One of the facilitators, Jim Dowling pre-interviewed several of the neighbors during the days preceding the meeting. When they arrived at



Volunteers prepare for the Saturday Food Pantry.

the temporarily-closed soup kitchen, located on the ground floor of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Dowling and his two colleagues, Liora Kahn and Patty McGuinness were well aware of their interest in HAFP’s new plans and also their wariness based on past experience.

The Hamilton Methodist Church, a Julia Morgan building, was closed and desanctified earlier in the year and is currently in a state of limbo until the appointment of a new bishop of the California-Nevada Conference. Only then can a decision be made as to its fate. In the meantime, the building has fallen into the care of Reverend Mark Cordes who has been moving campers out of the parking lot and overseeing the rental arrangements of parking lot spaces to several neighbors and CarShare.

The issues discussed at the meeting were, first and foremost, the impact of the Food Pantry on residents living on Waller and Belvedere—garbage cans on the sidewalk; noise; clients’ dogs and personal possessions blocking right of way; littering and loitering. Admittedly some of these complaints were not pertinent to the Food Pantry model but rather were the result of years of abuse when the Soup Kitchen held sway.

The new service plan, however, has its own problems—mostly around traffic. When the parking lot is full or even half full, there is scant space for delivery trucks or for clients to await entry. There is also concern that clients, particularly those from outside the neighborhood, will double park while selecting their food and that the Friday night private customers picking up their boxes of organic vegetable will do the same.

Neighbor Dan Loos, who has spent many hours at meetings trying to work with past managers of the HAFP says,

“Loitering was the root to a lot of the problems in the past. Clients would wait for the program to open hours beforehand and, once they receive the food, will linger in the adjacent streets leaving containers and such on doorsteps and occasionally relieving themselves in these places as well. It would be great if the program could do a sweep of the area after they close for the day, to ensure the neighborhood returns to its normal state.

“When the last pantry was open, my wife was approached by an individual, just around the corner, who tried to sell her food (cereals, canned foods) for money. It is always upsetting when a few ruin things for the many.”

With surprising candor, HAFP board member and development director Jennifer Skramek admitted that there had been much misuse of the sidewalk area outside the Soup Kitchen. “Long time volunteers (many of whom had been clients) considered themselves part of a ‘family’ and had a sense of ownership of the street from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. I did not like the way it was run.”

There was another more pressing reason for the HAFP to reopen. Hamilton Church had received some \$40,000 from the city to make necessary renovations in the kitchen, and the city was depreciating that amount. Absent a food program, that depreciation couldn’t be claimed and the Hamilton Church was expected to reimburse the city for that loss.

—Karen Crommie

## Clamping Down on Graffiti

A pilot project requiring graffiti vandals operating in San Francisco to perform graffiti clean-up was signed into law on July 30. Right now many offenders are escaping misdemeanor vandalism charges by settling cases outside of court and agreeing to pay a property owner the costs of removing the graffiti, without ever appearing before a judge or performing any graffiti removal. Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, who authored the bill along with State Senator Leland Yee, said, “It will send the message that the city will not tolerate (graffiti) anymore. My hope is that the law will prove to be a success in San Francisco and can be replicated statewide.”



Assemblywoman  
Fiona Ma

Some graffiti vandals, many of whom live out of town, choose to go to one of the city’s twelve Community Courts where they receive 90 hours of community service painting out graffiti. The problem is that the current process, administered through Pre-trial Diversion, allows indefinite postponement of the initial court appearance and lacks a way to compel the offender to carry out his obligation other than the penalty of having a conviction on his record. This will put teeth behind enforcement.

## CVIA Board Actions

The following is a summary of what took place at the CVIA board meetings over the last two months. Those wishing to bring a neighborhood issue before the Board are welcome to do so. Meetings occur the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the home of a member. Call 431-1414 to learn the location.

### June

- Reviewed last meeting's resolutions, discussed current Haight issues, heard reports from committee heads and from members serving on citizen advisory boards of the Municipal Transportation Agency, Kezar Stadium, UCSF and CVIA's delegate to the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods. Welcomed guests CVIA member David Morse and attorney Mark Brennan.
- Mark Brennan gave board an update on the progress of the development of the site at 690 Stanyan. Project has been delayed by criticism proffered by HANC attorney Sue Hestor. As it is Planning Department policy to fully vet each and every claim, completion of the EIR will incur further delay. Project will include 12 % onsite affordable housing. Even if EIR is approved it can still be appealed to the Board of Supervisors, which, given the acrimony, is highly likely.
- Motion passed to postpone committee reports until review plans for Cole Valley Fair (Sept. 21)
- Booth slots: Joan Downey announced that applications for the 90 booth spaces are coming in. Many of them returning artists. The jury to determine exhibitors will take place on July 7.
- Sponsorship: Joan announced that Sunset Scavenger has offered to donate in-kind service for the amount of \$500. Craig Newmark has requested that his sponsorship be attributed to "Cole Valley Heights Guy." Early merchant contributors are Cole Cleaners and Alpha Market.
- Poster Contest: Amy Blakeley to place notice of rules, deadline, etc. on CVIA website
- Banners: Last year's banner advertising upcoming fair was too small: can it be repainted? Banner for car show to be ordered. Joan will report back.
- Tables and chairs: Certain problems, i.e., price and arbitrary delivery time, make purchasing a possibility. Will take this up at next meeting.
- Website links: Agreed to include NextBus and Haight Ashbury Beat. Regarding links to neighborhood merchants, it was generally agreed that this was not a good idea because of perception of favoritism but will keep link to Cole Hardware for now as, more than any other merchant, C.H. directly serves the neighborhood. Will hold including the various Muni blogs.
- Board email: Joan will stop forwarding district meeting information to board members, most of whom already receive the notices directly from the sender.
- Kezar Advisory Committee: Chuck Canepa and Lena Emmerly reported that, due to budget cuts at Rec and Park, the Kezar track resurfacing has not been approved. Organizers of the 42nd International Children's Games, scheduled for July 10-15, have failed to provide the transportation plan required by the city. Lt. Mike Niland of Park Police Station forcefully reiterated the rules for using Kezar Stadium.
- Meeting adjourned 10:30 p.m.

### July

Meeting was called early (6 p.m.) to jury the work of booth applicants for the Cole Valley Fair at the end of the business meeting. Reviewed last meeting's resolutions, discussed current Haight issues, heard reports from committee heads and from members of citizen advisory committees of the Municipal Transportation Agency, Kezar Stadium, UCSF and CVIA's delegate to the Coalition for S.F. Neighborhoods.

- Lena Emmerly and Chuck Canepa, members of the Kezar Advisory Board, reported on the International Children's Games to be held at Kezar Stadium July 10-15. Although the organizers were invited to stage the event here, they felt that they got little help from the Mayor's office in complying with city requirements such as a traffic plan for the Kezar area. At the last meeting they had secured an acceptable plan and things appear on course for a successful week.
  - Treasure Joan Downey announced a contribution of \$100 by William and Katherine Rothrum.
  - UCSF is postponing the scheduled demolition of Aldea housing. An agreement was made that they can keep three buildings if one is turned into a community center. Dennis Antenore and Craig Dawson are negotiating with UCSF.
  - David Crommie reported on the battle to overturn the Planning Department's categorical exemption for 850 telecommunication boxes, four feet by five feet, to be placed all over the city. He has filed an appeal (\$400) and met with AT&T to discuss alternatives. He has been told by the City Attorney that the appeal is "ripe and timely." Attorney Susan Brandt-Hawley will take the case pro bono but will need \$500 - \$1000 for filing fees and historical expert.
  - Motion passed to donate \$100 to the effort and to try to raise the remainder from other neighborhood groups, reimbursing David for any money advanced. (Subsequently the city refunded the filing fee and Ms. Brandt-Hawley's historical expert graciously waived her fee).
  - Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, who was there for the above discussion, fully supports the appeal. He also gave an update on the sanctuary status of the city, its implications, and how existing policies regarding juvenile felons have been changed. He is baffled as to why, when Juvenile Hall had a population one-third Honduran, a flag wasn't raised and inquiry made. Also discussed was the makeup of the SFPD regarding relative numbers of patrolmen vs. supervising officers (1:4). Mirkarimi reported on the success of the kickoff party for his reelection at Yoshi's and encouraged everyone to visit the restaurant-club on Fillmore St.
  - David will write up the AT&T situation for the website. Douglas will write an article for the CVIA News on Sutro Forest's Woodland Canyon
  - The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. and the jury process of fair booth applicants began.
- CVIA Executive Board:** Amy Blakeley, Chuck Canepa, David Crommie, Karen Crommie, Joan Downey, Lena Emmerly, Carole Glosenger, Douglas Hall, Marianne Hesse.



Would you like a copy of this newsletter sent to a neighbor? Leave a message at 431-1414 with their name and address and consider it done.

# Postscripts

The San Francisco Beautiful Board of Directors has selected the Alvord Lake Gardening Work Party to receive a 2008 Beautification Award. The award will be bestowed at the annual awards dinner on October 24th at the Mark Hopkins Hotel. Thanks to Susan Stolis, Brendan McKenna, Ruth Wheeler, Joan Boyd, Carolyn McKenna, Rob Bakewell and the other volunteers whose work made this award possible.



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A few CVIA members have observed late parties and overnight camping in the Muni Park just off the Clayton Street entrance. Captain Barrett is in a quandary because the little park is not under the "No Camping" edict that applies to the parks under control of Rec and Park. Disturbing the peace is still a violation, however, so if you experience noise from this location give the SFPD a call and complain. The police officers cannot take action on noise disturbances without a citizen complaint. See the contact numbers in the column on the right.

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It was nice to know that Jake Sigg, the city's master gardener, open space advocate and relentless blogger, supports our position that the city's parks should be preserved for recreation (not recycling centers). In a recent email he lambasted the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission for their intention to build a recycling center for Sunnydale residents in McLaren Park.

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Joan Downey wrote us when a building in the 200 block of Carl Street was evacuated on July 3. San Francisco Police answered a call at about 4:30 p.m. reporting that a World War II military shell had been discovered inside the house. The police bomb squad blocked off the area and eventually disposed of the shell. There were no injuries. CVIA member Howard Case, who lives nearby, said, "When I tried to walk out the front door, the cops were very firm about my going back in and moving to the rear of the house. Who says nothing happens on Carl Street?"

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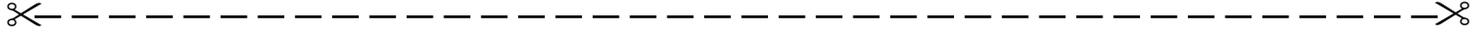
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Membership in the Cole Valley Improvement Association is open to anyone interested in the greater Haight Ashbury. CVIA's mission is to promote a sense of responsibility and mutual respect throughout the district; preserve the character of its architecture; support the police in law enforcement efforts; encourage neighborhood-serving business; and be

constructively involved in San Francisco's governmental process. Annual dues are \$20.00. Membership provides contact with other responsible neighbors, a quarterly newsletter and participation in an active forum for effecting change. If you would like to become a member, please send in your dues with the form below.

Please clip and mail the coupon below to CVIA, P.O. Box 170611, San Francisco, CA 94117



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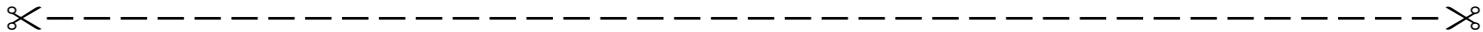
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