

### • MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR •

The solutions and answers to improving our community are not just at City Hall, but here in our community. This month, I have launched our Community Crew program to tap into the energy of our neighborhood to improve lives in our community. The first action of the Community Crew is a cell phone donation program. Old cell phones can be used by senior citizens to dial 911 in case of emergency. We will be collecting cell phones for low-income or housebound senior citizens.



By digging that old cell phone out of your junk drawer and donating it, you can make a senior citizen safer in case of an emergency and perhaps even save a life. Cell phones can be used when land lines are not readily available. Seniors who have a land line at home should use those as a first resort since your location can be traced immediately by the emergency dispatch center through your phone call from home.

To donate, simply drop off your cell phone and charger at any of the following locations on April 26<sup>th</sup> between 10am - 2pm: Taraval Police Station (2345 24<sup>th</sup> Ave), Ortega Library (3223 Ortega St & 39<sup>th</sup>), Parkside Library (1200 Taraval St), Java Beach Café (1396 La Playa St & Judah) or Sunset Recreation Center (2201 Lawton & 28<sup>th</sup>). The Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center (3925 Noriega St & 46<sup>th</sup> Ave) and Sunset Youth Services (3918 Judah St & 44<sup>th</sup> Ave) will accept cell phones during their normal weekday operating hours. The cell phones will be donated to senior service providers through the Salvation Army.

Our next activity is a book drive to help kids with their summer reading. Please contact my office if you would like more information – (415) 554-7460 or [chustaff@sfgov.org](mailto:chustaff@sfgov.org). I also encourage you to let us know about any needs or issues that we should take up.

*Carmen Chu*

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### **SUPERVISOR CHU'S DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS AT TARAVAL STATION**

Supervisor Chu's next monthly District 4 Office Hours will be held on Thursday, **April 24 from 5:30 – 6:30pm** at the Taraval Police Station Community Room. In light of the upcoming budget process, we would like to concentrate on your input for the City's budget priorities for the 2008-2009 budget year. The City's current project budget deficit is estimated at over \$300 million. As a member of the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, Supervisor Chu will be reviewing department budgets in June 2008.

## ULLOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EARNS AWARD

Congratulations to Principal Carol Fong and the teachers, faculty, students and parents of Ulloa Elementary School! Ulloa recently received the 2008 California Distinguished School Award from State Superintendent



Principal Carol Fong (left), Edna Kwan (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) & Laurie Rosencranz (Resource Specialist) – after receiving recognition from Supervisor Chu at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 15

Jack O'Connell. Ulloa was one of over 300 elementary schools in the state to receive the honor, and was the only school in the San Francisco Unified School District that received the award.

Ulloa was able to earn this recognition despite the more demanding selection criteria this year, which required schools to submit a substantive narrative application and then were subject to an extensive site validation.

For the last six years, Ulloa students' test scores have been steadily improving, and the school is ranked among the top 10 percent of elementary schools in the state. For the past five years, Ulloa has also been designated as a Title I Academic Achievement school.

## SUPERVISOR CHU HOLDS HEARING ON SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

After receiving many phone calls and letters from concerned parents regarding their child's school assignment, Supervisor Chu requested a public hearing at the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee to discuss the San Francisco Unified School District's school admissions process.

Currently, the School District uses a "Diversity Index" to place students, which can sometimes result in a student being assigned to a school far from their home in an effort to create diversity at schools. Parents at the hearing expressed concerns that their children would have to spend hours riding public transportation to and from school.

At the hearing on April 17, members of the School District gave an overview of the admissions process and discussed some results of the current school assignment system.

Deputy Superintendent Myong Leigh indicated that the School District with School Board approval has begun the process of reviewing the school assignment system. With the expiration of the consent decree, which was a Federal ruling that set guidelines for racial/ethnic distribution of students at each school, the School District now has a great opportunity to reevaluate the current school assignment system. Please contact our office if you are interested in this issue so that we can include you in future efforts to allow every student the opportunity to attend good schools close to home.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC), which advises the San Francisco Board of Education of parents' perspectives and recommendations on school district issues, is currently accepting applications for the two-year term beginning on July 1. Members of PAC actively reach out to engage parents in the school board's decision-making process and build a partnership for student achievement among families, the Board of Education, and district staff. The PAC also supports parents to become school leaders, participate in school-site governance, and feel empowered as education policy advocates.

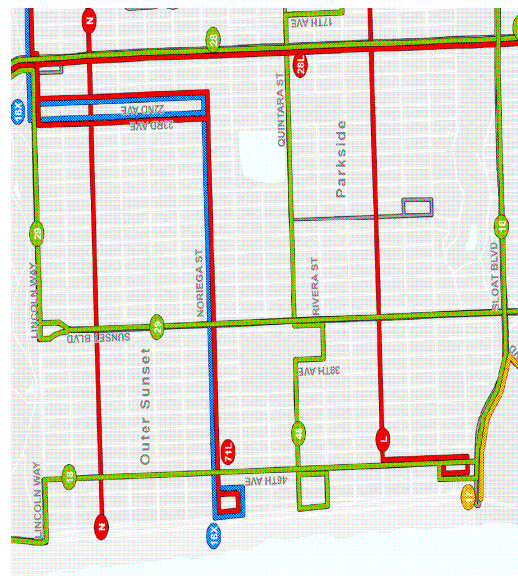
For more information on membership requirements or to download an application, visit: [www.pacsf.org](http://www.pacsf.org). Applications are due **Monday, April 28**.

## MUNI COMMUNITY MEETING – APRIL 26

The Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA) has been evaluating our existing MUNI transit system to improve service and make public transportation more reliable. This is the first comprehensive review of our City's transit system in over 25 years.

At the request of Supervisor Chu's Office, the MTA held a community meeting in January 2008 to discuss the goals of the project and listen to community feedback before drafting any route proposals. MTA has now developed route recommendations for MUNI lines, and will be seeking community feedback on these proposed changes.

Supervisor Chu will be hosting another meeting with MTA on **April 26 (Sat) from 10:30am – 12:30pm** at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School's multi-purpose room to review MTA's plans and hear residents' input before these proposed route changes are acted upon. It is important that your voice is heard!



So far, the MTA has proposed the following changes that would impact our district residents:

- **66 Quintara:** Route would be discontinued due to low ridership
- **16AX and 16BX:** The two lines would be combined into a new 16X line. The 16AX segment on Sunset Blvd (between Noriega & Lincoln) and Lincoln Way (between 23<sup>rd</sup> & 36<sup>th</sup> Ave) would be discontinued. Would run every 5 minutes instead of every 10 minutes. Line would be extended to Market and Beale St – the line currently terminates at 5<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **18 – 46<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Line would be combined with 23-Monterey bus to create continuous line from Legion of Honor to the Bayview. Would provide direct connection from Outer Sunset to southern part of city and Glen Park BART. Would be rerouted onto 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave to Balboa and Cabrillo streets, replacing Ocean beach branch of 38-line and providing outer Balboa St. with direct connections to the Sunset. The 17 line would replace service around Lake Merced. Proposed frequencies: 15 minutes during peak hours; 20 minutes rest of day.
- **28 – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave:** More frequent service. Proposed frequency: 7.5 minutes during peak time, 10 minutes during midday. Would terminate at California Street during most hours, with service to Marina provided by 28L.

- **28L – 19<sup>th</sup> Ave:** Line would be extended to Van Ness/North Point via Lombard St and to Mission/Geneva via I-280. Would not serve the Golden Gate Bridge – service to the toll plaza would continue to be provided by PresidiGo Shuttle and Golden Gate Transit. Proposed frequency: 10 minutes all day.
- **29 Sunset:** Service would be rerouted to serve Wherry Housing along Pershing Drive and would not continue further into the Presidio. More direct route on Ocean Ave at Balboa Park Station instead of Mission St. to Geneva Ave. Proposed frequency: 12 minutes during morning peak hours; 10 minutes during afternoon peak hours; 12 minutes during midday.
- **48 Quintara/24<sup>th</sup> Street:** Two alternatives are proposed for the 48 line. Both alternatives would not include any changes west of Portola Drive/Clipper. Proposed frequencies would be either 15 minutes or 7.5 minutes all day, depending on changes made to service to southeast sector of city.
- **71/71L Noriega:** The 71 line would be combined with the 71L. Limited-stop service on Haight Street would be expanded to run all day in both directions. Would make local stops west of Stanyan and limited stops between Stanyan and Market. Proposed frequency: 10 minutes all day.
- **N Judah:** No route changes proposed. More frequent trips during peak hours. Proposed frequencies: 6 minutes during peak hours; 10 minutes during midday.
- **L Taraval:** No route changes proposed. More frequent trips during peak hours. Proposed frequencies: 5 minutes during morning peak hours; 6 minutes during evening peak hours; 10 minutes during midday.

Again, it is vital that the community voice is heard before any changes happen! Please visit [www.sftep.com](http://www.sftep.com) for more details on the proposals.

## 2008 PLAYGROUND ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY



Community member Art Tom (left), who spearheaded the Friends of the West Sunset Playground organization, addresses volunteers

The Neighborhood Parks Council and Recreation & Parks Department is in the process of evaluating our city's 144 playgrounds as part of their 2008 Parks Assessment. Through the survey, which will examine playground conditions and safety, NPC will determine a letter grade for each site for the 2008 Playground Report Card before meeting with the Mayor on April 25 to discuss the state of our playgrounds.

Supervisor Chu joined District 4 residents at the NPC's last push for

volunteers on April 19 at West Sunset Playground. We are very lucky to have so many community members who care deeply about our playgrounds, and have teamed up with several community members in evaluating our district's playgrounds. We look forward to our continued partnership to ensure that our children can play in a safe environment.



Thanks to everyone who came out, including the Kurpius family!

If you are still interested in joining the Friends of the West Sunset Playground community organization, please contact Art Tom at (415) 452-7804 or [art.tom@cbsnorcal.com](mailto:art.tom@cbsnorcal.com). This newly-formed organization is working toward a shared vision of improving and rebuilding West Sunset Playground so that it is safe and friendly for all children.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – MORTGAGE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Supervisor Chu sponsored legislation that would give the City the green light to move forward on a Mortgage Credit Certificate Program, which would help give first time homebuyers more tax relief. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors on April 1. Through the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program, a first time homebuyer could potentially save thousands of dollars in Federal income taxes. The program covers a wider income range for families trying to buy a home in San Francisco. The range for program participation is a household income of \$140K to \$158K for a household of three or more people. For more information, visit the Mayor's Office of Housing website: [www.sfgov.org/moh](http://www.sfgov.org/moh) → First Time Homebuyers or call Jeanne Lu at (415) 701-5548.

## DISTRICT WATCH

Our office continues to work with the various city departments to address our community needs, and we are happy to report the following improvements:

**Parkside Square** – Recent playground repairs completed at Parkside Square include:

- Replacement of slide that had been vandalized
- Replacement of 7 spring coils for the various spring toys
- Repair and replacement of rubberized safety play surface and tiles
- Paint touch-ups to the posts and decks at the play structure
- Replacement of two spring toys – to be installed during week of April 21

**Crestlake Drive Neighborhood** – In response to complaints from neighbors, Supervisor Chu asked the Recreation & Parks Department to clear overgrown wildlife in the area. Rec & Park pulled wild vegetation off the slope and also replaced an irrigation water source. Rec & Park intends to replant the area with wild flowers and other species to help counter erosion on the hillside.

**Judah & 44<sup>th</sup> Ave** – Merchants along Judah Street have expressed the need for a crosswalk at Judah & 44<sup>th</sup> Ave. Combined with our office and the neighbors' advocacy, the crosswalk has been installed.

## AT A GLANCE



Supervisor Chu participated in Read Aloud Day at Ulloa Elementary School on April 18 and read to 2nd and 3rd graders



The Stonestown YMCA hosted "Healthy Kids Day" on April 12. Parents learned of resources for their children and families.



↑ Ms. Penny Wong's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary School visited City Hall on April 15



↑ Students at Ms. Ling's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Francis Scott Key Elementary School learned  
← about government from Supervisor Chu on April 23 ↓



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **District 4 Office Hours**

Thursday, April 24

5:30 – 6:30pm

Taraval Police Station Community Room

### **Press Conference Regarding Aerial Spraying for the Light Brown Apple Moth**

Friday, April 25

10:00am

City Hall steps

Join Senator Migden, Bay Area elected officials, grassroots opponents, and concerned mothers at a press conference to bring greater awareness to the proposed aerial spraying for the Light Brown Apple Moth and to escalate the petition drive. Aerial spraying is set to begin in Santa Cruz & Monterey Counties on June 1 and in the San Francisco Bay Area on August 1.

### **MUNI Community Meeting**

Saturday, April 26

10:30am – 12:30pm

Dianne Feinstein Elementary School

Multi-purpose Room

### **Cellphone Drive**

Last day to drop off cellphones:

Saturday, April 26

Weekend drop-off locations:

Taraval Police Station, Parkside Library, Java Beach Café, Ortega Library, Sunset Recreation Center.

Weekday drop-off locations:

Sunset Neighborhood Beacon Center, Sunset Youth Services

### **1st Annual LaPlaya Spring Block Party**

Saturday, April 26

11:00am – 6:00pm

La Playa & Judah

Benefit for Rocket Dog Rescue. Free event.

### **Mortgage Foreclosure Assistance and Prevention Workshop**

**Hosted by Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi**

Saturday, April 26

10:00am – 12:00pm

Southeast Community Center - Alex L. Pitcher Community Room

1800 Oakdale Avenue at Phelps Street

Event to help individuals and families who are struggling to stay out of foreclosure and keep their homes. To RSVP, call: 1-888-841-8801

### **SFUSD Annual Elementary Music Festival Concert**

Saturday, April 26

2:00pm

Lincoln High School Auditorium - 2162 24<sup>th</sup> Ave

Each year, about 700 instrumental music students participate in this festival from our 71 elementary schools.

### **Senior Appreciation Day Concert**

Sunday, April 27

10:00am – 12:00pm

Union Square

The Lowell High School Youth Chamber Orchestra and Au Co Cultural Youth Team will honor senior citizens through a musical event.

### **Rainy Day Funds Community Meeting**

Monday, April 28

5:00 – 6:15pm

Sanchez Elementary School

Parents and community members will discuss the budget situation of our school district and the Rainy Day Funds. Contact Lorena Melgarejo at (415) 724-4987 for any questions and to confirm your participation.

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