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One-Quarter of Downtown Buildings Vacant; City Struggles to Fill Void

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

Late last year, the Financial District's office occupancy was at 42 percent of pre-pandemic levels, according to data from Kastle Systems, with a 26 percent vacancy rate. The cratering of the once vibrant economic node has spurred municipal agencies – the Office of Economic Workforce and Development (OWED) and Planning Department – to float possible ways to reinvigorate it, such as converting offices to biotech or housing.

The effort is partially driven by the link between the Financial District's prosperity and the City's coffers. Last month, the Comptroller's Office forecast municipal budget deficits over the next five years. Unlike the fiscal challenges prompted by the 2001 and 2008 recessions, impending revenue declines reflect long-term structural challenges, including the implications of remote work. In the before-times, Districts 3 and 6, which include Downtown, generated more than

half of all sales tax revenue collected in the City. They also contributed a greater-than-average share of business and property taxes.

The City's fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget is about \$16.5 billion, supersized both on a per capita and gross basis. The municipality spends 20 times as much as the government of Belize, and more than Greenland. If the City doesn't bring in additional income, there'll be a roughly \$1.224 billion disparity between revenues and expenditures by fiscal year 2027, a larger number than Aruba's national budget.

BART and Muni also face severe challenges in the absence of Downtown commuters.

"Our economic recovery will look at all possible uses for buildings downtown, including the conversion to housing," said Gloria Chan, OEWD director of communications. "For some buildings,

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An Unusual Past and Uncertain Future



312 Connecticut Street.

PHOTOS: Peter Linenthal

BY PETER LINENTHAL

The brick building with black columns at 312 Connecticut Street, just up the slope from Goat Hill Pizza, has an unusual history and an uncertain future. For the last 30 years it's been home to the San Francisco Gurdjieff Society, which bought it in 1993 for \$280,000, and has been making extensive renovations ever since. The three-story building features 8,300 square feet of usable space, has been seismically upgraded, with a top-floor apartment and gymnasium

featuring a 16-foot ceiling.

In 2013, Velocity Realty purchased the structure under an agreement which allowed the Society to continue its occupancy under a kind of reverse mortgage arrangement. That deal is now in default. The property, appraised at \$6 million, is being offered for \$3.5 million.

Built in 1913, the Connecticut Street building opened as the Alta Theater, showing silent moving pictures, including the 1914 serial, *The Perils of Pauline*. In 1929, the theater converted to sound and was renamed the New Potrero Theater, serving as a neighborhood movie house until 1963. Old timers called it "The Nick," and later "The Flea Bag," treasuring China dishware given out on 'Dish Night, Free to the Ladies'. A 1937 film of a St. Teresa's Church's saint's day procession was made to be shown at the New Potrero Theater exclusively. The

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Jackson Park Redo Designs to be Considered by Rec and Park Commission



Jackson Park clubhouse at the corner of Arkansas and Mariposa streets.

PHOTOS: Potrero View Staff

BY JESSICA ZIMMER

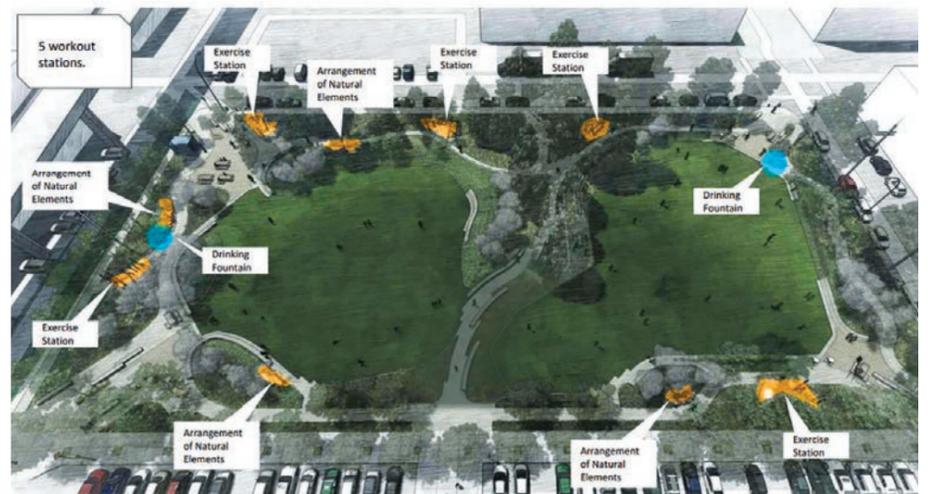
Early this year, Friends of Jackson Park (FoJP) and the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) will seek RPD Commission approval of a proposed park redesign. The step follows San Francisco Planning Department endorsement of the plan to restore and relocate the historic clubhouse based on California Environmental Quality Act review. FoJP will launch a capital campaign to raise additional monies for park improvements after Commission consent.

Funding for park renovation includes \$10 million from general obligation bonds and \$8 million from development

impact fees, as approved by the Eastern Neighborhoods Citizens Advisory Committee, which'll become available in fiscal years 2025 and 2026. In addition, \$2 million has been raised from neighborhood developers. According to Jude Deckenbach, FoJP executive director, these latter monies have been invested in a tiered ladder portfolio of fixed income securities, which contains bonds and certificates of deposit that mature at different times. Varying maturation creates a steady income stream to pay for project expenses. FoJP will relaunch its fundraising efforts after RPD Commission design approval.

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Esprit Park Closed for Redo



Esprit Park closed last month for a year-long facelift. The refresh will bisect the two-acre open space into segregated meadows; the north for off-leash dogs and their guardians, the south for picnickers and families. It'll be ringed with new picnic areas and exercise equipment, with native plants and disease-resistant trees. The park was built in 1982 by clothing manufacturer Esprit as an outdoor area for its employees. Over the next 40 years, the neighborhoods' population quintupled, causing significant wear and tear on a space that wasn't designed to accommodate so many animals. Ownership was transferred to the Department of Recreation and Parks in 2001. The \$8.5 million project is largely funded by the University of California, San Francisco. PHOTO: Courtesy of San Francisco Recreation & Parks.

PUBLISHER'S VIEW

PRIVILEGE

BY STEVEN J. MOSS

Home for winter break, my daughter, Sara, was eager for help deciding which study abroad program to take during her last semester in college. Society, Culture and Gender in Amsterdam? Social Movements and Human Rights in Argentina? International Perspectives on Sexuality in Prague? More than 20 different opportunities, in a dozen and a half countries, were available on her university's website. "I have to warn you," Sara grimaced. "The website is a bit wonky when it comes to searching."

While Sara was mulling over her options, my wife, Debbie, and I were

simultaneously grappling with a mirror image challenge, if the mirror was in a carnival house: how to secure a student visa for a Rwandan teenager. Jessica is a charismatic 16-year-old who dreams of becoming a doctor. We know her family from my work in Rwanda. When she expressed interest in attending high school for a year in the United States, we offered to sponsor her. With the help of former San Francisco Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, we secured a full scholarship for her at Archbishop Riordan High School. Despite this support, her visa

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SHORT CUTS

Coffee

Dogpatchers have another place to caffeinate, with the opening of **Ikon Coffee** on **Knox Landing's** 22nd and Mississippi streets ground floor. Roaster **Marcel Costas** has vended his cuppas at farmers market for more than a decade and ran a café out of his South San Francisco roasting facility during the COVID pandemic. He and assistant general manager **Alex Le** operate the new coffee bar, offering *Especiale* espresso shots, at \$5 and \$7, breakfast sandwiches, and, highlighting Costas' Bolivian heritage, cheese balls known as *cuñapés*...While one neighborhood has more coffee, another has less. The **Peet's Coffee** outlet located in the 555 Ninth Street shopping center – next to **Trader Joe's** – shuttered at the end of last year. The shopping center, owned by **Acadia Realty Trust**, has multiple vacancies. Nordstrom Rack closed in 2021, followed by Ultra Beauty, Chase Bank, and the removal of the Wells Fargo ATM. Other stores in the area, including Muji across the street at 540 Ninth Street, have also shutdown.

Cheese

The Cheese School of San Francisco is relocating from Ghirardelli Square to **Daily Driver's** Third Street space. The Cheese School offers public education, catering, private events and farm tours. Daily Driver is San Francisco's only organic cheese-making creamery and wood-fired bagelry, which opened at the American Industrial Center in 2019. "We are very excited to continue collaborating with The Cheese School," said Tamara Hicks, owner of Daily Driver,

Toluma Farms and Tomales Farmstead Creamery. "We share a common value in educating urban eaters on the wonder of small-scale artisanal cheeses and we both love telling the story of farmers and cheesemakers in a beautiful, dynamic environment." The companies opposite operating hours enable them to comfortably share a space. Daily Driver is open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Cheese School holds classes and events in the afternoons and evenings. The two-story Dogpatch location is 7,000 square feet and includes a cheese-making facility, two wood-fired ovens and a large kitchen, with ample seating and space for Cheese School classes and events.

Bicycle

The **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency** (SFMTA) is sifting through public feedback, consulting with other municipal entities, and reassessing project goals as part of an effort to develop a revised bike lane proposal for 17th Street. When a new design will be floated, nobody knows... After 17 voting rounds, in which **District 10 Supervisor Shamman Walton** was only able to secure support from four of his colleagues, **District 3 Supervisor Aaron Peskin** was elected President of the Board of Supervisors last month. The change in leadership reflects a slight tilt towards board moderates, and a potential shuffle in the City's Black leadership pecking order.

School

Last month, the **San Francisco**

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Minnesota Street Permanently Slowed

BY KAI ZHENG

At the end of 2022 the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) voted to make 16 of the City's 31 "slow streets" permanent. Introduced during the early days of the COVID pandemic, these roads are intended to create an unhurried transit experience, improve pedestrian safety, nurture community interactions, and prioritize active, carbon-neutral transport modes, like biking or skating. While cars aren't prohibited from these streets, they're

slowed through a variety of techniques, including installation of barrel-shaped succulent planters and other speed obstacles.

Roads included in the updated traffic management program include 22nd Street, from Bryant Street to Chattanooga Avenue, and Minnesota Street, from Mariposa to 22nd streets. Donovan Lacy, Vice President of the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association and the Green Benefit District, advocated for decelerating Minnesota Street.

"The idea of a slow street is about

making a safe space for everyone," he said.

Dogpatch initially emerged as an industrial zone, designed for trucks and heavy equipment, with wide, often unfettered, streets. Over the past two decades the neighborhood has become increasingly residential and family oriented.

"Most recently, with what we've seen on JFK, the population has a strong desire to make streets safer, and this is a way how," Lacy asserted. "It's something that folks yearn for."

The newly established slow street on 22nd Street will replace 20th Street, due to that street "not meeting vehicle volume standards," according to the SFMTA. To qualify as a Slow Street, roads must lack conflicts with other street uses, be supported by their surrounding communities, and provide vital connections to the citywide active transportation network.

Arkansas Street, Mariposa Street, and all slow streets located South-of-Market weren't recommended for permanent inclusion. These roadways are instead being evaluated as part of a connected citywide bicycle network. However, SFMTA is "committed to maintaining the existing traffic calming and local access restrictions" on Lapu Lapu, Rizal, Tandang Sora, Bonifacio, and Mabini Streets to encourage "community activation."

SFMTA will continue to gather and analyze data on Slow Streets, and make recommendations for further corridor expansions, in part based on opinions garnered through community outreach. SFMTA also plans to implement "Play Streets" into the Slow Streets program, in which the permit process is streamlined for full block closures, offering an easier way for neighborhoods to host events and gatherings.

The Slow Streets program is funded in part by Proposition K Sales Tax dollars, provided by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. Originally approved by voters in the late-1980s to help pay for the transportation projects, Proposition K imposes a one-half cent sales tax.



Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I am writing to express kudos and accolades for "California," published in the December *View*. Overall, I say well played!

Moving to San Francisco was like being jumped by a gang. A violent gang, for the duration of almost 10 years, and I'm from the downtown heart of New York City. I stayed here at points almost out of spite or just a fanaticism to see things through to the good part. Basically, this City is the future site of Starfleet headquarters. That exact thought is how desperate I wanted to see San Francisco come through a culturally ugly phase.

Finally, I catch a strangers' eyes and there are smiles or a "good morning" again. Being happy and communicating to people around you isn't a guarantee that you won't be treated like a kook or junkie and snobbed. I feel a cultural pulse poised for positive change. The *View's* creative, yet not verbose, empathetic yet open-ended perspective piece was a very honest, heartfelt, and well-crafted nudge in the right direction.

Down south I would say "feed the haters to the gators" or maybe "love the Bay or else don't stay."

Larz
De Haro and Southern Heights

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Unified School District shared the floor plan for the Mission Bay School at a **Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee** meeting. Attendees were concerned that the plan was too simple, without “big splashes” of welcoming art or signage at entrances. They also worried that adjacent Owens Street, the school’s drop-off area, is busy and lacks a crosswalk. **Tiffany Gong**, SFUSD

senior project manager, indicated the District will work with **San Francisco Public Art** to create installations for the two entryways, preferably sourced from the community. Additional art may be added after the school finalizes a mascot. The elementary school’s grounds will include a garden, and pre- and kindergarten play yards. The Linked Learning Hub for high school students, which’ll be on the main building’s fourth floor, will contain a maker space with an

outdoor patio. SFUSD expects to have all necessary documents – final plans, specifications, contracts – to begin construction in December, with a target completion date of June 2025, at a cost of \$95 million. Multistudio, Inc. is the master planning architect; McCarthy + DLR Group is the design build partner. To date, SFUSD has spent roughly eight percent of the budget.

rage into redemption. In roughly 30 minutes director Joshua Seftel tightly weaves a modern-day magical tale that if we’re lucky will serve as a lasting allegory. *Stranger at the Gate*, a *The New Yorker* documentary that has been nominated for an Academy Award, is like a warm hug on a cold night. Look for it on streaming services.

Redemption

An Army veteran bent on murdering Muslims in the name of freedom. A community of religious refugees who meet strangers with a smile. How acceptance and belonging can transform

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Smuin's Choreography Showcase. Pictured: Smuin artists Tess Lane and Mengjun Chen PHOTO: Chris Hardy

2/2 Thursday through 2/12 Sunday Film: SF IndieFest

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2/4 Saturday

Career: San Francisco City Job Fair

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2/4 Saturday

Culture: Year of the Rabbit Parade

San Francisco's Chinese New Year Parade is one of North America's few remaining night illuminated processions, and the biggest strut celebrating the lunar new year outside Asia. Parade route: Second at Market streets to Kearny Street and Columbus Avenue. Free standing room (bleacher seats start at \$41 https://bit.ly/cnyparade_tix). For more information: <https://bit.ly/cnyparade>

2/5 Sunday

Film: The Letter

St. Teresa of Avila Parish will hold a community screening of *The Letter*, a film by Laudato Si' Movement, featuring Pope Francis as the protagonist and leaders representing Indigenous people, youth, the poor, and wildlife. Join for 10 a.m. Mass and stay for the 11:15 a.m. screening, or just come for the eighty-minute broadcast followed by a group reflection and refreshments. Free. St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1490 19th Street. For more information: <https://bit.ly/the-letter-film>

2/9 Thursday

Food: Love Bites

An evening of gourmet bites, wines, cocktails, music, and art activities celebrating the love of San Francisco. Eat and drink your way around the Ferry Building with small bites paired with wine tastings from more than twenty Napa Valley Vintners. Proceeds benefit Foodwise, the nonprofit operator of the Ferry Plaza Farmers Market and education programs for all-age eaters. 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Attendees purchase "tasting tickets" to exchange for bites and sips. Tickets: \$30 to \$100. San Francisco Ferry Building, One Ferry Building. For more information and to purchase your tickets: <https://bit.ly/lovebites-sf>

2/6 through 2/27 Mondays

Children: Music Mondays

PREFund Music Monday is a music class in partnership with Blue Bear Music. The mixed age grouping over seven weeks encourages deeper relationships and supports a quality learning experience. Infant and toddler lessons focus on socialization, music appreciation, a deep embodiment of rhythm and melody, and music as a joyful expression of self. Teachers are professional musicians who have expertise working with younger age groups. \$35 for drop-in single class; \$200 for seven weeks; prorated enrollment through the rest of a session at \$30 per class. Potrero Hill Recreation Center, 801 Arkansas Street. For more information and to reserve your space: <https://bit.ly/prefund-music> or email lb@bluebearmusic.org

2/14 Tuesday

Culture: Goat My Valentine

The fifth annual Goat My Valentine is a community event, happy hour, and GOAT Fashion Show. See GOATS (Greatest of All Time) walk the runway with goats who manicure the City, including State Senator Scott Weiner, *Last Black Man of San Francisco* actor Jimmie Fails, Chefs Kathy and Peter Fang from Food Network's "House of Fang," Rapper Big Rich and Project Level, Artist Jeremy Fish and surprise guests. Created by Value Culture, a nonprofit organization developed by entrepreneur Adam Swig, the event supports City Grazing, a San Francisco-based goat landscaping nonprofit, and is co-hosted by the Union Square Alliance. Fashions for the show were designed and created by Britex Fabrics. 4 to 6 p.m. Free. Fashion show and beer garden (21 and over): Union Square. After party (21 and over) at Hawthorn SF, 46 Geary Street. For

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2/17 Friday

Photography: Trish Tunney

Closing reception for Trish Tunney's photographs. Meet the artist, visit with neighbors, and enjoy nibbles from Le Marché Cézanne, 1426 18th Street. 5:30 to 7 p.m.

2/22 Wednesday through 2/26 Sunday

Dance: Smuin Ballet

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3/5 Sunday

Community: Gun Safety Discussion

St. Teresa's Gun Safety Committee asks, "What can we do as a community about guns and gun violence and pass this information on to our parishioners?" The Committee has partnered with Brady United Against Gun Violence to discuss gun violence, with the theme "Community Action Against Gun Violence." 2 p.m. Free. St. Teresa's Hall, 19th and Connecticut streets. Refreshments will be served and child care provided. For more information contact Rose Marie Ostler 415.244.1133 or rscolio@hotmail.com

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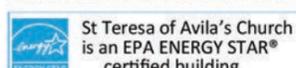
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In 1968, the Grateful Dead used the theater to work on their album, "Anthem of the Sun." In 1973, The New Potrero Theater appeared in the television series *Streets of San Francisco*, Season 1, Episode 20: "Trail of the Serpent." In 2012, the Potrero Hill Archives Project sponsored vintage movie screenings in the cavernous downstairs space.

There aren't many traces of the building's theater years; the ticket booth, marquee, and sloping interior floor were removed years ago.

The Gurdjieff Society emerged from the work of George Gurdjieff, who travelled extensively in Asia from 1890 to 1912 and taught a Fourth Way of self-discovery, combining traditions of physical, emotional and intellectual



Terry Lindahl.

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development. Terry Lindahl, the Gurdjieff Society's director, has occupied the Connecticut Street building for the past thirty years. He's presently completing *The Universe Works*, which postulates that the biosphere is a religious organ of the solar system, and that religion is a biological instinct oriented towards harmonizing human's reptile, emotional, and neo-cortical brains to a higher vibration. Lindahl was featured in the October 2019 *View*, "The Last Philosopher in San Francisco."

Lindahl, 91, has formed the Bay Area College of Humanity Consortium to support his continued work at Connecticut Street.



New Potrero Theater at 312 Connecticut, circa 1929.

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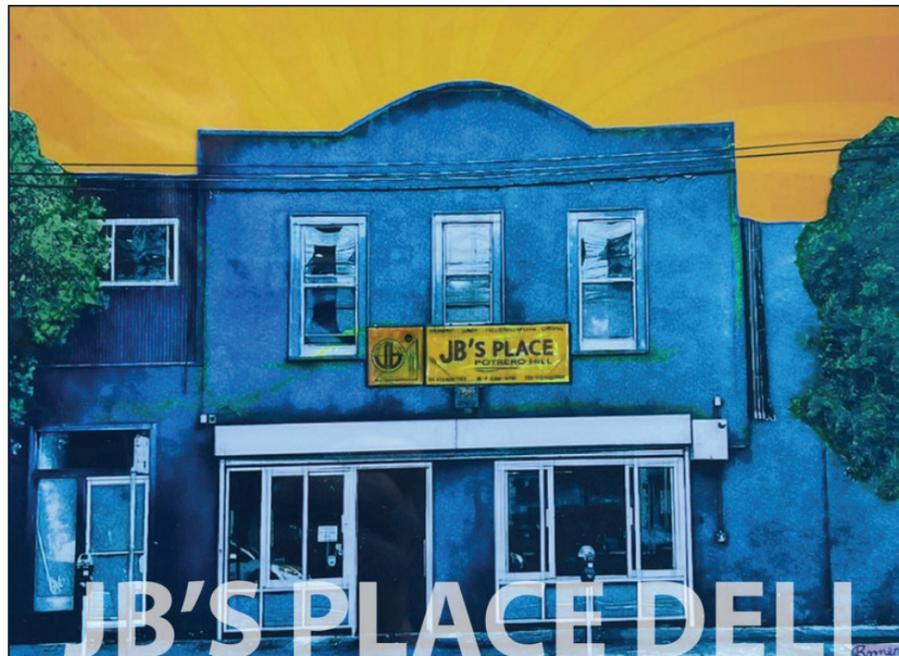
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Friends of Jackson Park needs your input!

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a housing conversion could work. For others, a different commercial use might make more sense, including institutional, educational, laboratories or modernizing the office to reflect how people use their workspace today. It is important for the City to support a diverse range of industries and sectors. Our Downtown zoning offers this type of flexibility.”

The high vacancy rate, which was estimated by commercial real estate firm CBRE, is being driven by work-from-home policies, layoffs, and restaurant closures. Likewise, San Francisco’s population dropped by 6.3 percent between July 2020 and 2021, a loss of 54,813 people, the sharpest decline in inhabitants of any U.S. city.

According to Dan Sider, Planning Department chief of staff, potential revitalization tactics include converting

Class A offices to biotech laboratories, as well as recruiting nonprofits and arts organizations Downtown. Seismic upgrades may be needed for many buildings.

“In addition, there needs to be a market equalization. Building owners are used to receiving a high rent for Downtown office space. As leases come up and turn over, they’ll likely need to retool those expectations,” said Sider.

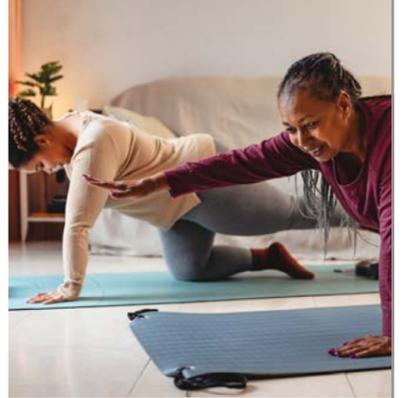
Colin Yasukochi, executive director

of CBRE’s Tech Insights Center, said older buildings with smaller floor plans are easiest to convert.

“There have not been any sellers of highly vacant office buildings Downtown at a low enough price to make a conversion financially feasible for a developer. As such, there have been a limited amount of office buildings in San Francisco converted to residential

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apartments over the past 20 years," said Yasukochi.

In December, City-based developer, Group i, applied for a permit to convert five stories of the Warfield Theatre, at 988 Market Street. At a cost of \$9 million, 15,000 square feet of the 40,000 square foot building would be redeveloped into 34 studio, one-, and two-bedroom apartments between the fifth and ninth floors, seven of which'd be affordable.

According to District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton, hard times in the Financial District has cascading adverse economic impacts.

"The employees of corporations with Downtown office space drove a lot of other business to the area, like pharmacies and parking garages. Now one of the ideas is to make Downtown more of a destination place," said Walton.

To address emerging deficits, Walton said the City can either grow revenue or make budget reductions.

"Of course, growing revenue is preferable. One of the models to benefit Downtown comes from the collaborative effort of property owners and business owners in District 10, particularly along Third Street. It's key to let people know about opportunities and find ways for people to fall in love with local businesses in the neighborhood," said Walton.

Walton believes that encouraging small businesses to hold popups at Downtown events could improve the economic climate throughout the City.

"It's an avenue for residents and visitors to see all of the amazing small businesses we have. Then they can visit the primary storefronts for those businesses in different neighborhoods," said Walton.

Katherine Doumani, Dogpatch Neighborhood Association president, hoped "...that the space could provide some relief to the housing issues... not just (for) those neighbors who are unhoused, but also to reduce the escalation of housing costs due to the endless skyrocketing property values."

She added the City should initiate a "community brainstorm" to reimagine Downtown as a sustainable, equitable, and vibrant neighborhood.

Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness executive director, said the City must ensure that office space converted to housing contain units affordable to middle- and low-income tenants.

"So far, the Coalition on Homelessness has not received an invitation from the City to participate in discussions on how to address Downtown's high vacancy rate. In order for the result to be equitable, nonprofits that serve people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, including our organization, affordable housing providers, developers, and organizations that offer supportive housing services need to be at the table," said Friedenbach.

Friedenbach said the City could immediately adapt empty offices or vacant lots to serve people experiencing homelessness.

"They could convert the ground floor of a vacant building with electricity and working bathrooms to a temporary shelter. They could hold a job fair for nonprofits that serve people experiencing homelessness. They could also park a shower or laundry trailer on a level lot," said Friedenbach.

Amy Cleary, Golden Gate Restaurant Association director of public policy and media relations, said the City

should consult restaurant owners too.

"Holiday bookings were good, but restaurants that relied on lunch and happy hour traffic continue to suffer. It's hard to determine how many closures there have been. The only significant data come from an annual count of closures from the San Francisco Department of Public Health," said Cleary.

Downtown SF Partnership, a non-profit community benefit district that serves 43 blocks of the Financial District and Jackson Square, is deploying events like "Let's Glow SF," a light art show, to attract restaurant goers and hotel guests to the area. In 2022, 51,000 people attended a 10-night Let's Glow, generating \$3 million in economic activity, with a 41 percent increase in turnout from the 2021 inaugural year and a 61 percent rise in spending.

Cleary believes that holidays and temporary entertainment events create a "feast or famine" situation.

"Destination places, such as establishments geared toward tourists, are better positioned to survive than small businesses," said Cleary. "Due to the labor shortage, most restaurants are short-staffed on an average day. That makes it hard to find additional staff and capacity to hold popups."

Downtown SF Partnership's next "activation" will be "The Landing at Leidesdorff," a spring gathering at a maritime-themed event space. The occasion, which'll focus on showcasing different art pieces, will be held at Leidesdorff and Commercial streets. The happening is named after William Alexander Leidesdorff, Jr., a biracial businessman. The Mayor's Office and OEWD have provided \$278,000 to support the effort

"The Landing at Leidesdorff' creates a new public space in the heart of Downtown by taking an underutilized alley and turning it into a space for arts and culture to be celebrated. It'll involve rotating popup vendors, cultural programming, and local art installations. We invite local businesses, nonprofits, and artists to partner with us," said Robbie Silver, Downtown SF Partnership executive director.

Silver added that The Landing at Leidesdorff will enable visitors to reimagine Downtown as an urban living room.

"(Long ago), Downtown was a welcoming spot for the ships to come in. Now it's a place for the people to come in, too," said Silver.

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"We also have an additional \$4.6 million which was written into the development agreements with the City coming into FoJP's account with the City in fall 2023. We negotiated for it with the developers and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development," said Deckenbach.

Department of Public Works plans to purchase, plant, and maintain 100 trees surrounding the improved park.

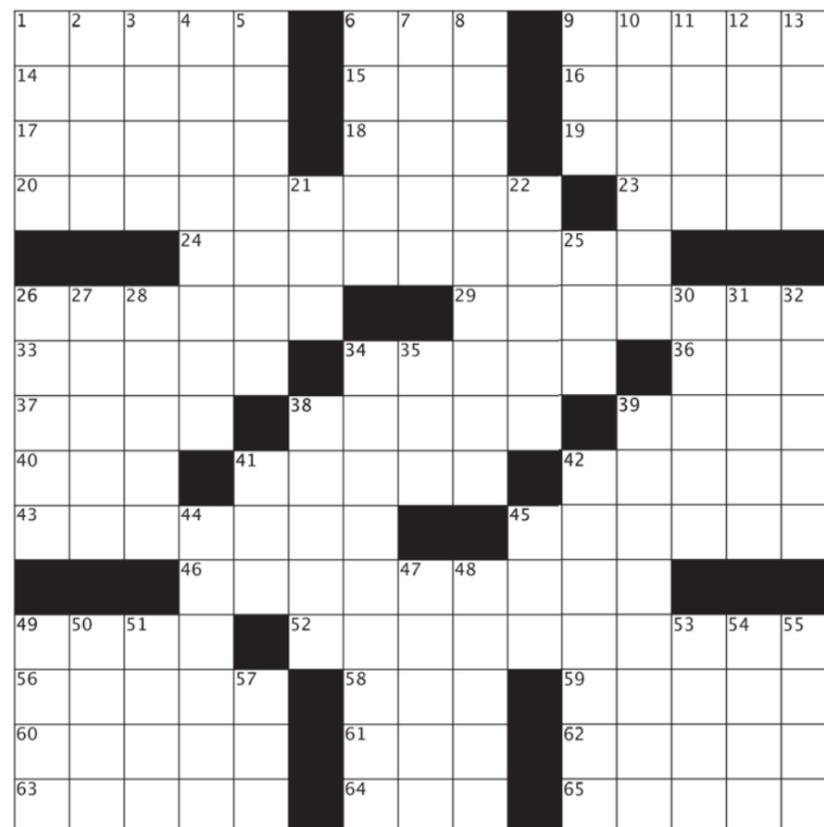
According to Tamara Aparton, RPD spokesperson, rising costs due to inflation and supply chain disruptions could impact the pace and level of improvements.

"We continue to perform cost estimates (and) feasibility (analyses). We value engineering at key milestones throughout planning and design phases of every project to ensure that the project goals are aligned with project budgets. In many cases, for example, we can

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substitute a lower cost material without sacrificing quality," said Aparton.

Under present plans, the clubhouse will be moved to be sited parallel to Carolina Street, with an addition built onto its southern end. Open space and a dog relief area will be located west of where the clubhouse is currently located. Plazas will serve as entrances to the park's northeastern and southeastern corners. Jackson Liles Architecture and Fletcher Studios, both Dogpatch-based, developed the designs.

FoJP is soliciting suggestions for a new park name, prompted by residents unhappy with the commons being named for former U.S. President Andrew Jackson. Deckenbach said The Association of Ramaytush Ohlone, who lived in the area that now comprises San Francisco before Spanish colonization, doesn't believe there's a word or term that's appropriate to serve as a park moniker.

"We currently have 49 responses regarding names. We've been sending out emails to people on our mailing list and asking for input at community meetings. We will continue to request that Hill residents and users of the park share their ideas with FoJP. We do not anticipate asking the RPD Commission to change the name until the physical renovation is complete," said Deckenbach.

To rename the park, FoJP needs to conduct extensive community outreach and secure support from the District 10

Supervisor, with final approval by the RPD Commission.

California College of Arts undergraduates, Meredith Bond, a fourth-year graphic design student, and Afreed Azad, a third-year graphic student, have developed a new logo and collateral materials for FoJP's capital campaign. The work was done through TBD, a student-run design studio that engages in nonprofit projects.

This spring, three new restaurants will open at the intersection of Mariposa and Carolina streets on property owned by Bacchus Management Group, a San Francisco-based hospitality enterprise.

"There will be Magic Doughnuts & Coffee, a modern coffee and doughnut shop, with offerings like lemon meringue doughnuts and coffee from RoastCo, a small coffee roasting company we own based in Oakland," said Tim Stannard, president of Bacchus Management Group. "There will also be Louie's Original, a hamburger and milkshake joint. The name is in honor of Louis' Lunch, a burger restaurant I used to visit in New Haven, Connecticut when I was a kid. They claim to be the first restaurant to serve hamburgers in the U.S. Lastly, there'll be La Connessa, meaning "the connected," for the connected spaces. LaConnessa will be a contemporary Italian trattoria featuring a seasonally changing menu of regional Italian dishes. It'll also have a big, beautiful bar with lots of little bites for snacking."

Stannard said the location near Jackson Park was a primary reason he's

opening the restaurants. "There are very few places near the base of the hill near Jackson Park to get a bite to eat, onsite or to bring to the park. We're hoping the park and the restaurants will activate one another," said Stannard.

Stannard, who currently lives in the Peninsula, grew up in San Francisco and spent time at Jackson Park.

"My uncle lived just up the hill on Connecticut Street. When we visited, we walked down the hill

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to play in the park. Later, when my son was born, we returned so he could play here too. That's one of the inspirations to open Louie's Original. He loves vanilla milkshakes," said Stannard.

Stannard welcomes improvements to Jackson Park.

"I think it will create a vibrant recreational space. When I grew up, everything around the park was light industrial, from warehouses to manufacturing. I look forward to having park users come to get food to take to the park and hear baseball games from the front doors," said Stannard. "I don't foresee any overlap with the openings and the renovation. That said, we are excited for the future of the park. (We) look forward to the restaurants being a part of the future of the community, along with the new version of Jackson Park."

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application had been rejected twice, with no explanation. Dejected, and wondering whether it was her race or character that were at fault, she mustered the courage to try one more time.

Sara chose the Multicultural and Conflict Resolution program in South Africa. The application process required answering a handful of short essays, uploading a resume, and wrangling a letter of recommendation from a university advisor. All were completed within a few hours. After she pressed the send button on her

submission, Sara worried out loud, "I hope I get in."

For Jessica's third try we retained an immigration attorney, who revised her application, making sure every "i" was dotted, every "t" crossed, and drafted a letter outlining why she qualified for an F-1 visa to study in the U.S. The family collected testimonials about Jessica's dedication to her church and community, to demonstrate she would not overstay her travel permit, the U.S. State Department's biggest worry.

America doesn't give visas to Africans easily, something I confirmed with a friend at the State Department, who told me that Rwandans illegally and indefinitely prolong their stay 80 percent of the time, a factually incorrect assertion oft propagated by U.S. representatives in Africa. Official State Department data put that number at closer to 10 percent. The real problem, according to our attorney, is that Africans are Black. To bolster Jessica's chances, we asked former San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos and State Senator Scott Weiner to connect us with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's Office, which they promptly did. Pelosi's staff, in turn, sent a letter to the U.S. Embassy in Rwanda, asking that Jessica's file be fairly evaluated. Having done as much as we could, we fitfully waited for Jessica's visa appointment, scheduled just a week before the start of Riordan's second semester.

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Jessica (right) with her Mom.

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Sara received an email from the School for International Training, the program to which she'd applied, requesting her transcripts, which she passed on to her school's Office of International Programs.

Debbie and I nervously monitored WhatsApp on the day of Jessica's visa appointment, anxious for good news. We heard nothing, a silent indicator that things went badly. The next day we received an email from Jessica's father, Eric.

Jessica was denied a visa again and reasons weren't disclosed to us. The officer refused to take the letter from the lawyer. I know it is very frustrating and devastating news to all of us, especially Jessica.

Eric said he told the officer that he had a letter from an attorney addressed to him, but he declined to review it, saying "it is my right to get a lawyer, but he is not obliged to take the document." Eric went on to detail the questions the consular had asked Jessica, which

revolved around her relationship with Debbie and me and how she secured a scholarship.

A few hours later our lawyer responded to Eric's message.

Based on the questions and answers, I believe the officer

had made up his mind to deny the F-1 visa even before the interview began. Nothing in your responses would sensibly explain why Jessica was denied. The only logical conclusion is that the officer had this mindset before you got to the window for the interview. This is not how the process is supposed to work and Jessica deserved both a full review of her application and a full explanation as to why she was denied.

The attorney promised to follow-up, and Debbie continues to lobby public officials to pay attention to the racist undertones of America's visa process. But there's little hope of any kind of remedy. Consular offices, unlike most other parts of the government, have little oversight and less transparency. Riordan started its second semester without Jessica, who remains in Rwanda, wondering if it's her fault she wasn't able to secure a U.S. visa, maybe because she's Black.

Sara probably won't hear back about her South Africa application until the Spring. Her college assures her, though, that she's likely to get in.



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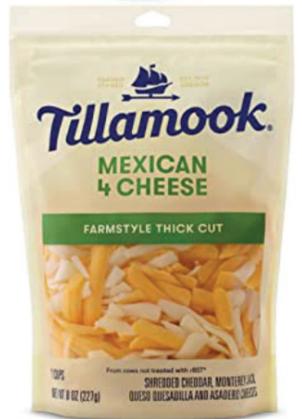


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\$4.49



Pasta Prima Ravioli
14 oz -reg 7.79
\$5.99

Tillamook Shredded Cheeses
8 oz -Reg 5.49
\$4.79



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