

BAYVIEW COMMUNITY UPDATE August 26, 2004

City Attorney Press Release

SAN FRANCISCO (Aug. 24, 2004)-City Attorney Dennis Herrera was joined at a City Hall press conference today by Mayor Gavin Newsom, District Attorney Kamala Harris, Supervisor Sophie Maxwell and representatives of a broad cross-section of city agencies to launch the "Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team," a coordinated initiative intended to better address neighborhood nuisances in the Bayview-Hunter's Point District of San Francisco.

The Neighborhood Rescue Team expands on a model the City Attorney's Office has employed for more than a decade known as the "Code Enforcement Task Force," which brings together inspectors from various city departments responsible for enforcing state and city codes (including health codes, building codes, fire codes and others) for a single, combined property inspection where mismanagement, neglect and even wanton lawlessness may threaten the health and safety of tenants and neighbors. Backed by an aggressive litigation strategy, the Code Enforcement Task Force has witnessed great success in eliminating bureaucratic delays, obtaining comprehensive assessments of code violations, and obtaining tough, enforceable results-often by court order-at specific properties.

By expanding collaborative efforts to include additional City departments and functions-and even reaching beyond City government to engage such agencies as the California Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team equips enforcing agencies to more effectively combat a wider range of problems than those found at specific properties alone. Targeting broader, neighborhood-scale nuisances such as drug- and gang-related activity, illegal dumping, and excessive noise, an aggressive legal strategy will continue to be the linchpin of the team's collaborative efforts, with an expanded partnership with San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris's office enabling city officials to pursue the full panoply of civil and criminal remedies to eradicate longstanding public nuisances.

"I'm excited to launch an innovative, coordinated effort to tackle longstanding public nuisances afflicting those who live and work in our Bayview/Hunter's Point neighborhood." Herrera said. "When we come together, sharing our information and coordinating our efforts, we can take back the streets of the Bayview and return them to the hard-working citizens who deserve to move freely about their community, to enjoy their own property, and to raise their children in a healthy, safe environment."

"Team Rescue is an exciting and unprecedented collaborative effort," said Mayor Newsom. "As mayor, I have made ending the violence in the Bayview a top priority - the Rescue Team's focus on improving quality of life is a critical part of this effort," he continued, "My office is fully committed to working with the City Attorney and every agency involved to continue our efforts to make the Bayview a safe place to live for every resident."

"This initiative makes clear that every citizen of San Francisco deserves the full protection and dedication of City government," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "As much as residents of any other

neighborhood, the people of Bayview-Hunters Point deserve to be free from illegal dumping, drug activity and blighted conditions in their communities. This states unequivocally that the rules of the game are the same in every part of San Francisco, rich or poor. The family of San Francisco is putting its money where its mouth today. I'm pleased to work in close coordination with our Mayor and our City Attorney on a new approach to cut crime, clean up our streets and improve the quality-of-life for our neighbors in Bayview."

"The Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team is a terrific model of how our public agencies can and should serve our constituents," said Supervisor Sophie Maxwell. "We are aggressive, coordinated, and results-oriented. I am excited to be a part of this effort."

Members of the Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team from San Francisco City government will include:

- \* City Attorney Dennis Herrera's office (Team Co-Chairs, Deputy City Attorneys Machaela Hoctor and Yvonne Meré)
- \* The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (Joe Caruso, Director)
- \* District Attorney Kamala Harris's office (Assistant District Attorney Sharon Woo)
- \* Supervisor Sophie Maxwell's Office (Greg Asay, Legislative Aide)
- \* The Department of Building Inspection (Alan Davison, Senior Housing Inspector, Carla Johnson, Senior Building Inspector)
- \* The San Francisco Fire Department (Tyrone Pruitt, Inspector, Accelerated Code Enforcement)
- \* The Department of Parking and Traffic (Linda Lawrence, Community Parking Unit Supervisor)
- \* The San Francisco Police Department (Bayview Station Captain Bruce; Code Officer Gigi George; Inspector David Falzon)
- \* Adult Probation Department (Greg Norman, Supervising Probation Officer)
- \* The Planning Department (Larry Badiner, Zoning Administrator)
- \* The Department of Public Health (Andrew Jin, Principal Inspector, Scott Nakamura, Hazardous Waste Manager)
- \* The Department of Public Works (Mohammed Nuru, Deputy Director)

In addition to city agencies and officials, the collaborative model will for the first time include a key state agency: the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (Andrew Gomez, District Administrator, Eric Hirata, Supervising Investigator).

"Our abiding objective in developing the Bayview Neighborhood Rescue Team is not to create another layer of bureaucracy, it's to get results," Herrera said, pledging to work closely with Bayview-Hunter's Point elected officials-Mayor Newsom and Supervisor Maxwell-as well as local community groups to set measurable objectives to determine the program's success in the months ahead. "Working together to adopt clearly identified performance goals, we'll hold ourselves accountable for achieving the most effective and responsive program possible."

Bayview District Meetings This Week

"Straight Talk" takes place tonight at 195 Kiska Road at 6:00 p.m. In

addition, a "memorial unveiling" for Enola D. Maxwell will take place tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood Hoiuse, 953 DeHaro Street.

Quality of Life and Housing Phones (This section will remain in every update).

For abandoned autos and other vehicle-related issues, phone 254-7185. Officer Maurice Edwards will have this phone from Monday to Thursday, from 6:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For illegal encampments, trash dumping, graffiti, etc., phone 254-7120. Officer Sue Lavin will have this phone from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For drug dealing, prostitution, and other related activities, phone 254-7197. This phone will be in the possession of the on-duty plainclothes unit, which changes from day to day and from watch to watch. Sgt. Carl Fabbri and Lt. Charlie Orkes will have this phone from around noon until around 11:00 p.m.

For the Westbrook Development (top of Hunter's Point Hill); Officers Mike Chantal and Ray Pascua can be reached at 509-1678. Officers Ramon Reynoso and Brett Bodisco can be reached at 806-8304.

For the Hunter's View Development (Westpoint & Middlepoint Roads); Officers Mike Robinson and Dave Dockery can be reached at 509-1270. Officers Kelvin Sanders and Alex Rodatos can be reached at 987-6569.

For the Potrero Hill Development; Officer Raphael Rockwell can be reached at 509-1408. Officers Tim Fowlie and Brian Hoo can be reached at 987-6389.

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