



March 4, 2019

Dear Neighbor:

San Francisco is facing a homelessness crisis. Approximately 7,500 people experience homelessness on any given night with nearly 58% sleeping outside on streets, doorways, bus stops, and other public places. Unsheltered homelessness is a crisis that impacts both housed and unhoused San Franciscans.

San Francisco has opened over 500 shelter beds from 2016-2018. As part of an effort to address homelessness, Mayor Breed has pledged to open 1,000 additional shelter beds by 2020. The city has already opened more than 200 new beds toward this goal, but we have much more to do. To provide safe and dignified places for people to come in off the streets, the City is working to open hundreds of new beds in Shelter Access for Everyone (SAFE) Navigation Centers. We have reviewed dozens of potential sites for SAFE Navigation Centers and will be opening multiple locations across the city.

SAFE Navigation Centers are shelters designed to meet people where they are and provide a safe alternative to life on the streets. They incorporate the best aspects of Navigation Centers and make them more scalable, sustainable and effective. In addition to a warm bed and meals, SAFE Navigation Centers support individuals in changing their lives through connections to social services and housing opportunities. Shelters such as SAFE Navigation Centers are critical components of the City's efforts to resolve encampments and help people move beyond homelessness.

There is a sizable homeless population along the waterfront. To address homelessness in these neighborhoods, the City is proposing to open a temporary SAFE Navigation Center on Port of San Francisco property at Seawall Lot 330 (the parking lot at the corner of Embarcadero and Bryant). About the proposed Seawall Lot 330 SAFE Navigation Center:

- Capacity: 175-225 guests
- Access will be by staff referral only – no self-referrals or lines
- Social services provided on site
- 24/7 operation with full-time security
- Approximately 4 years of operation

Please join us for a neighbor and community stakeholder meeting to learn more about the City's proposal for Seawall Lot 330. We will discuss how this proposal fits into our plans to make a sustained and significant reduction in homelessness.

Date: Tuesday March 12, 2019
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location: Delancey Street Foundation - 600 Embarcadero San Francisco, CA 94107

For further information or to submit comments, please contact the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at DHSB@sfgov.org.

Thank you,

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Director