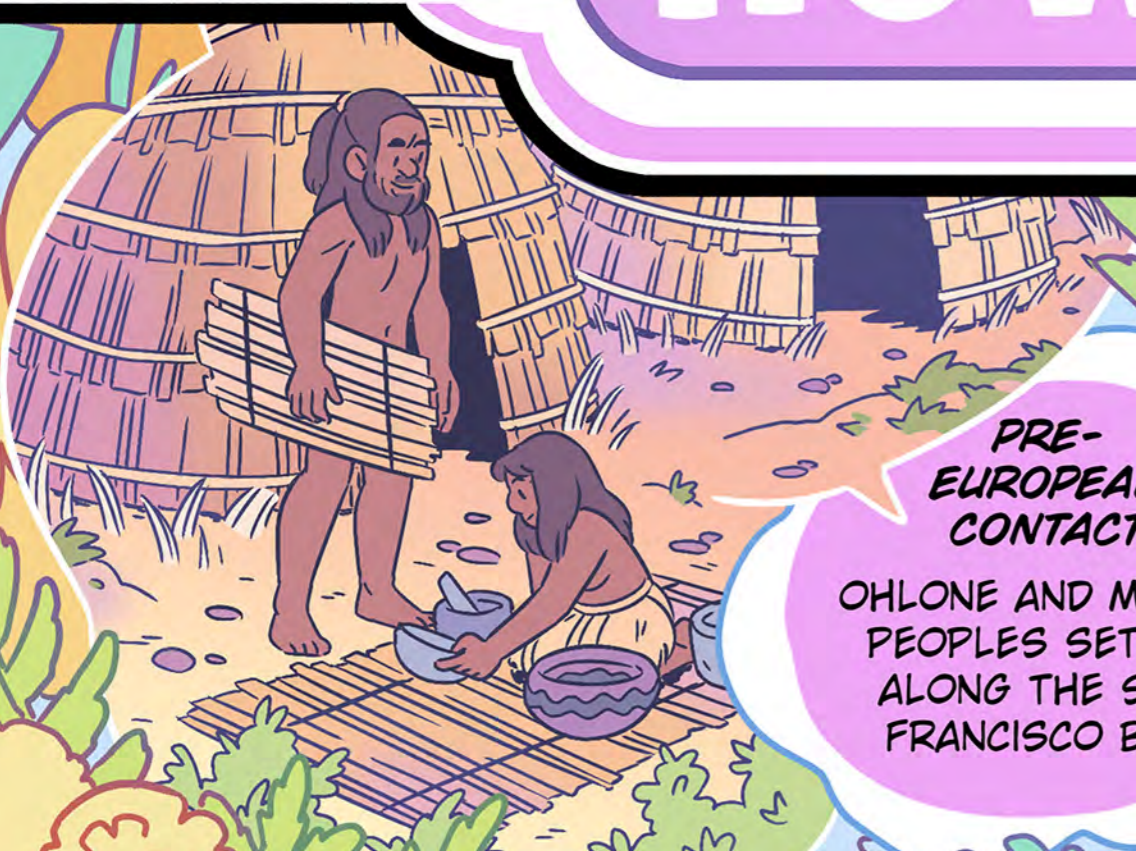


# 2023 Art on Market Street Poster Series

*Who is San Francisco?*

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# HOW DID WE GET HERE?



**PRE-EUROPEAN CONTACT**  
OHLONE AND MIWOK PEOPLES SETTLE ALONG THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY

**1821**  
MEXICO (INCLUDING CALIFORNIA) BREAKS AWAY FROM SPAIN AND BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC

**1846**  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ANNEXES CALIFORNIA

**1847**  
THE YERBA BUENA SETTLEMENT IS RENAMED SAN FRANCISCO.

**1849**  
THE GOLD RUSH INCREASES SAN FRANCISCO'S POPULATION FROM ~1,000 TO 25,000

**1863**  
THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF COOKS & WAITERS ENACTS SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRST HOSPITALITY STRIKE

**1867**  
SAN FRANCISCO FORBIDS "ANY PERSON WHO IS DISEASED, MAIMED, MUTILATED, OR IN ANY WAY DEFORMED SO AS TO BE AN UNSIGHTLY OR DISGUSTING OBJECT" FROM APPEARING IN PUBLIC.

**1948**  
THE FILLMORE IS DECLARED BLIGHT

**1946**  
THE LAST JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMP CLOSES

**1942**  
PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066, FORCING JAPANESE-AMERICANS INTO INTERNMENT CAMPS.

**1925**  
BERKELEY ANTHROPOLOGIST ALFRED KROEBER WRITES THAT THE MUWIKMA OHLONE TRIBE IS "EXTINCT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES."



**1877**  
THE SAN FRANCISCO FREE LIBRARY (LATER THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY) OPENS

**1882**  
CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT PASSES.

**1955**  
KROEBER RETRACTS HIS STATEMENT ABOUT THE OHLONE. BUT TO THIS DAY, THE OHLONE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN FEDERAL RECOGNITION.

**1956**  
FILLMORE DEMOLITIONS BEGIN AS PART OF WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT PHASE A-1

**1960**  
FOUR POLICE OFFICERS STAND TRIAL FOR EXTORTING GAY BARS FOR PROTECTION. IT IS DUBBED THE "GAYOLA" SCANDAL.

**1963**  
JUSTIN HERMAN ANNOUNCES A NEW PHASE OF WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT: A-2, EXPANDING REDEVELOPMENT TO 60 BLOCKS OF THE CITY.

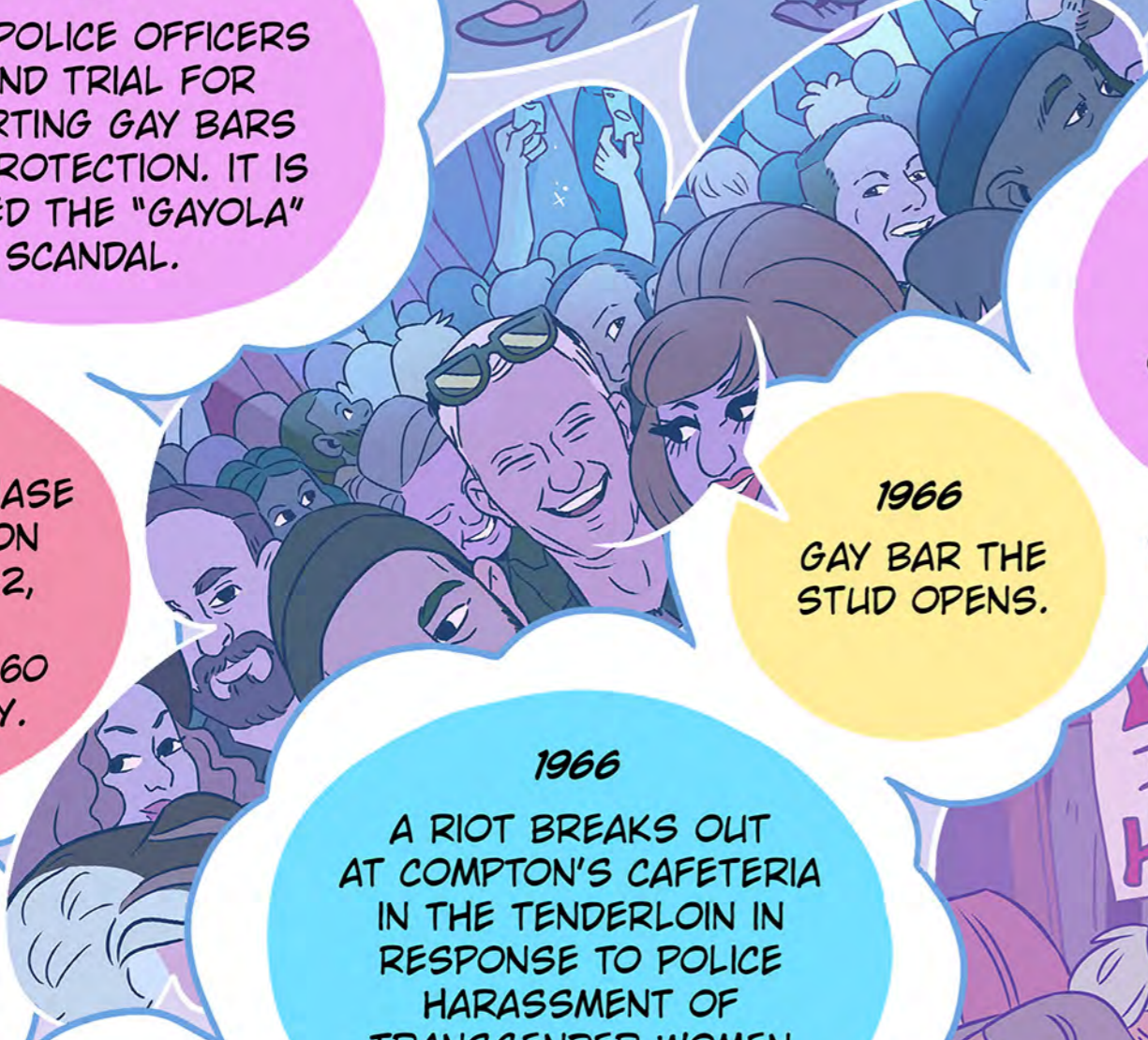
**1966**  
GAY BAR THE STUD OPENS.

**1967**  
HANNIBAL WILLIAMS FOUNDS THE WESTERN ADDITION COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (WACO) TO FIGHT REDEVELOPMENT.

**1968**  
RESIDENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, MOST OF THEM ELDERLY FILIPINO MEN, RECEIVE EVICTION NOTICES.

**1968**  
THE UNITED FILIPINO ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED TO COMBAT THE EVICTION.

**1969**  
OCCUPATION OF ALCATRAZ BEGINS. SEVENTY-NINE INDIGENOUS AMERICANS SAIL TO THE ISLAND, CLAIMING THAT THE CLOSURE OF THE PRISON MEANS THE ISLAND IS NOW INDIAN LAND.



**1966**  
A RIOT BREAKS OUT AT COMPTON'S CAFETERIA IN THE TENDERLOIN IN RESPONSE TO POLICE HARASSMENT OF TRANSGENDER WOMEN AND DRAG QUEENS.

**1965**  
POLICE CHIEF ENDS ORGANIZED RAIDS ON GAY BARS.

**1965**  
IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT PASSES, ELIMINATING RACIALLY RESTRICTIVE QUOTAS OF ASIAN IMMIGRANTS.

**1970**  
AFTER CLEARING 60 BLOCKS AND 10,000 RESIDENTS, THE SF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY'S WESTERN ADDITION PLANNED COMMERCIAL AREA FAILS TO ATTRACT INVESTORS.

**1979**  
THE VOLUNTEER GOLDEN GATE SKATE PATROL FORMS, MANAGING ROLLER SKATING AND PREVENTING THE BAN

**1979**  
CITY HALL THREATENS TO BAN ROLLER SKATING IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

**1978**  
SF PUTS EXTREME LIMITS ON BUILDING HEIGHT, DENSITY, AND USE, MEANING ~180,000 FEWER HOUSING UNITS COULD LEGALLY BE BUILT.

**1977**  
SF POLICE FORCIBLY EVICT THE RESIDENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

**1971**  
OCCUPATION OF ALCATRAZ ENDS. A FORCE OF FEDERAL MARSHALLS, GSA SPECIAL FORCES, COAST GUARD, AND FBI AGENTS REMOVES THE FINAL 15 PEOPLE OCCUPYING THE ISLAND.

**1979**  
RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE INTRODUCES RENT CONTROL.

**1984**  
THE LEATHER COMMUNITY LAUNCHES THE FIRST FOLSOM STREET FAIR IN RESPONSE TO THE CLOSING OF GAY BARS AND BATHHOUSES AND REDEVELOPMENT IN SOMA.

**1997**  
THE LUSTY LADY BECOMES THE US'S FIRST SUCCESSFULLY UNIONIZED SEX BUSINESS.

**2003**  
LUSTY LADY EMPLOYEES BUY THE BUSINESS AND TURN IT INTO A WORKER COOPERATIVE.

**2013**  
RENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE LUSTY LADY COOP AND LANDLORD ROGER FORBES FALL THROUGH. FORBES REFUSES TO RENEW THE LUSTY'S LEASE. THE CLUB CLOSES.

**2020**  
THE STUD CLOSES ITS PHYSICAL LOCATION. A COOPERATIVE OF WORKER-OWNERS VOWS TO FIND THE BAR A NEW HOME.

**FUTURE**  
SF'S FUTURE IS IN ALL OF OUR HANDS. WHAT PATH FORWARD WILL WE CHOOSE?



# WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD?

THE FILLMORE-WESTERN ADDITION

FILLMORE AUDITORIUM  
MUHAMMAD ALI

DANIEL B. LANDRY  
THE BIO OF FILLMORE  
BENZO WHO GREW UP  
IN SAN FRANCISCO.

MY MOTHER,  
SHE CAME TO SAN  
FRANCISCO IN 1958,  
FROM MERIDIAN,  
MISSISSIPPI.

IN SOME WAYS, IT  
WAS THE BEST TIMES  
OF SAN FRANCISCO  
TO BE BLACK.

AT THE AGE OF 10  
YEARS OLD, I WITNESSED  
BUSES PULLING UP AND  
SEEING PEOPLE LIKE SAMMY  
DAVIS JR, REDD FOXX.

I REMEMBER  
SPENDING THE NIGHT  
HAVING SLEEPOVERS  
AT HAMILTON.

AND LIKE MOST  
BLACK FAMILIES IN  
THE SOUTH, SHE CAME  
WEST BECAUSE OF  
OPPORTUNITY, GETTING  
AWAY FROM SOME OF  
THE HARSH POLICIES  
OUT THERE.

THE SF REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY'S A-1 PLAN WAS  
ESTABLISHED IN 1956 AND  
DISPLACED 4,000 WESTERN  
ADDITION RESIDENTS.

THE A-2 PLAN BEGAN  
IN 1966 AND DISPLACED  
10,000-13,000 RESIDENTS.

WHAT CARRIED US  
ALONG WAS ALSO THIS  
CULTURE IN TERMS OF  
DANCING AND MUSIC.

WE WATCHED  
MOVIES, COOKED.  
IT WAS AMAZING.

IT SEEMED LIKE EVERY  
OTHER YEAR WE WAS MOVING  
FROM DIFFERENT VICTORIANS  
TO ANOTHER VICTORIAN TO  
ANOTHER APARTMENT.

IN 1970, THE BLACK  
POPULATION IN SAN  
FRANCISCO PEAKED AT  
96,078 RESIDENTS,  
13.4% OF THE CITY.

I USED TO DO WHAT  
WE CALL "STRUT" HERE  
ON THE WEST COAST. I  
DANCED ALL THROUGHOUT  
THE BAY AREA.

THAT WAS SOMETHING  
THAT KEPT US OUT OF TROUBLE,  
BECAUSE THINGS COULD HAVE  
BEEN A LOT WORSE.

WE'D HAVE TO  
MEET NEW FRIENDS.  
I HAD TO RELOCATE  
TO DIFFERENT  
SCHOOLS.

IN 2020, THE BLACK  
POPULATION HAD FALLEN  
TO 49,816 RESIDENTS,  
5.7% OF THE CITY.

THAT WAS SOMETHING  
WE JUST DIDN'T TALK  
ABOUT EVEN GROWING UP  
HERE. WE NEVER REALLY  
TALKED ABOUT THE FACT  
THAT IT WAS RACIST.

IT'S NOT  
URBAN  
RENEWAL  
IT'S  
NEGRO  
REMOVAL!

ART IS ALWAYS AT THE  
CENTER OF THE COMMUNITY  
FINDING ITS WAY TO SURVIVE.  
AND SO I CREATED A NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION CALLED THE SAN  
FRANCISCO CATS ACADEMY.

A SPACE THAT'S  
SAFE FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE TO DEVELOP  
THEIR TALENTS.

ROUGHLY 2,500 VICTORIAN  
HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED  
DURING THE WESTERN ADDITION  
REDEVELOPMENT. 12 WERE  
SOLD TO NEW OWNERS AND  
MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS.

IT WAS  
GREED. IT WAS  
SELFISHNESS.

WITH ALL THE  
BITTERSWEET, I WOULD  
PREFER TO STAY HERE.  
SAN FRANCISCO HAS GOT A  
LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES,  
EVEN IN SPITE OF ALL THE  
OPPOSITION.

# WHAT IS A HOME?

IN 1968, ROUGHLY 150 TENANTS, MOST OF THEM ELDERLY FILIPINO MEN, LIVED IN THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AT KEARNY AND JACKSON ST.

IN 1977, FOUR SEAS INVESTMENT CORPORATION FORCIBLY EVICTED THE TENANTS. IN 1978, IT HAD THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL DEMOLISHED.

JEANETTE LAZAM MOVED INTO THE I-HOTEL AT AGE 28 TO HELP WITH THE ANTI-EVICTION EFFORT.

THESE MEN, AND SOME WOMEN, NEVER EXPECTED TO GO THIS LENGTH IN TERMS OF DEFENDING THEIR COMMUNITY. NONE OF THEM.

WAHAT (TOMPAO)'S WHOLE DAY: GETS UP AT FIVE, GETS HIS FISHING POLE, GETS HIS COFFEE, GOES DOWN TO THE PIER, GOES FISHING. THAT WAS HIS WHOLE THING.

BY THE CLOSE OF THE EVICTION PROCESS, WAHAT WAS SITTING SCREAMING, "WE WON'T GO." LEADING CHANTS.

NO EVICTIONS

STOP THE EVICTION PEOPLE FORE PROFIT

We won't move

NO EVICTI

HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

HERIOT'S DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO VACATE

I FAILED. I FAILED. I FAILED. STOP THIS EVICTION.

HE TOOK LEADERSHIP OF THIS STRUGGLE AND IT WAS AMAZING.

WE WALKED OUT TOGETHER AT FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. IT WAS SO HEART WRENCHING FOR ME... YOU HEARD HIS WAILING ALL THE WAY DOWN KEARNY STREET.

WE WERE CLOSE. HE WAS LIKE MY FATHER.

LAZAM MOVED INTO THE REBUILT I-HOTEL IN 2021. SHE WAS 72 AND ONE OF ONLY 4 FILIPINO RESIDENTS.

YOU CAN'T PUT IT TOGETHER AGAIN. I WISH I COULD HAVE ALL THE GUYS THAT WERE HERE BACK... I WISH THEY COULD BE HERE, BUT THEY'RE ALL DEAD.

WE NEED TO START CLAIMING OUR RIGHT TO BE HERE. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, WE ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO TELL US WHERE TO GO.

IT'S HARD FOR ME. PEOPLE THOUGHT, "OH, SHE'S COMING BACK. SHE'S COMING BACK HOME."

IT'S NOT HOME ANYMORE.

THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IN TERMS OF THE FUTURE.

FIGHT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

BILL SORO

LUISA DE LA CRUZ

CLAUDIO DOMINGO

NITARA DER

TEX LLAMERA

JAL ROBLES

WAHAT TOMPAO

HERIOT'S DEPARTMENT NOTICE TO VACATE

# WHAT IS A PARK?

EVERY WEEKEND PEOPLE GATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO'S GOLDEN GATE PARK TO SKATE.

EVERYONE SKATES. NOTHING IS BEING SOLD...

IT'S JUST PEOPLE URGING TO BE AROUND PEOPLE.

DAVID MILES, JR., KNOWN AS "THE GODFATHER OF SKATING"

1979: DAVID ARRIVES IN SF.

HE SOON BECAME PART OF THE SKATING COMMUNITY, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO GATHERED AT THE PARK EVERY WEEKEND.

WHEN RESIDENTS COMPLAIN, THE CITY ESTABLISHES "NO SKATE ZONES." DAVID COORDINATES THE GOLDEN GATE PARK SKATE PATROL TO PROVIDE FIRST AID FOR SKATERS AS WELL AS HELP THEM STAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

I HAD BEEN HERE FOR ONLY THREE DAYS WHEN I FOUND GOLDEN GATE PARK. I WAS A TOTAL STRANGER.

WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY REPRESENTATION. NO ONE SPOKE UP FOR ROLLER SKATERS. NO ONE SPOKE UP FOR THE PEOPLE WHO COME OUT TO THE PARK.

AS LONG AS PEOPLE HONORED THESE, THE CITY AGREED NOT TO TOTALLY BAN SKATING.

I DIDN'T CARE IF THEY BANNED SKATING OR NOT. WE WERE NOT GOING TO STOP SKATING BECAUSE THEY BANNED IT! OKAY?

MY THING IS, I HAVE A SCENE THAT LETS EVERYBODY BE A PART OF IT...

WHEN YOU CLOSE THE PARK TO CAR TRAFFIC, PEOPLE WILL GO OUT THERE AND THEY WILL TURN THAT ASPHALT INTO A RECREATION PARADISE.

...ONE OF THE BEAUTIES OF SAN FRANCISCO IS THAT YOU YOURSELF AS AN INDIVIDUAL CAN BE THAT...

AND I'M INTO THAT.

...AND INVITE PEOPLE IN.

THE PARK IS A PARK. IT IS NOT REALLY SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANY INSTITUTIONS IN IT. BUT THESE SUPER RICH FOLKS WAS LIKE, "NO, WE NEED TO HAVE OUR PALACES!"

1985: DAVID WORKS WITH PARK PLANNER DEBORAH LEARNER TO MAKE 6TH AVENUE AND JFK DRIVE A PERMANENT PLACE FOR SKATING.

PEOPLE HAVE TO HAVE A SAY.

1989: MIDNIGHT ROLLERS FRIDAY NIGHT SKATE ESTABLISHED

2023: DAVID CONTINUES HIS WORK TO ENSURE THE PARK IS A PLACE WHERE ANYBODY CAN GO AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS.

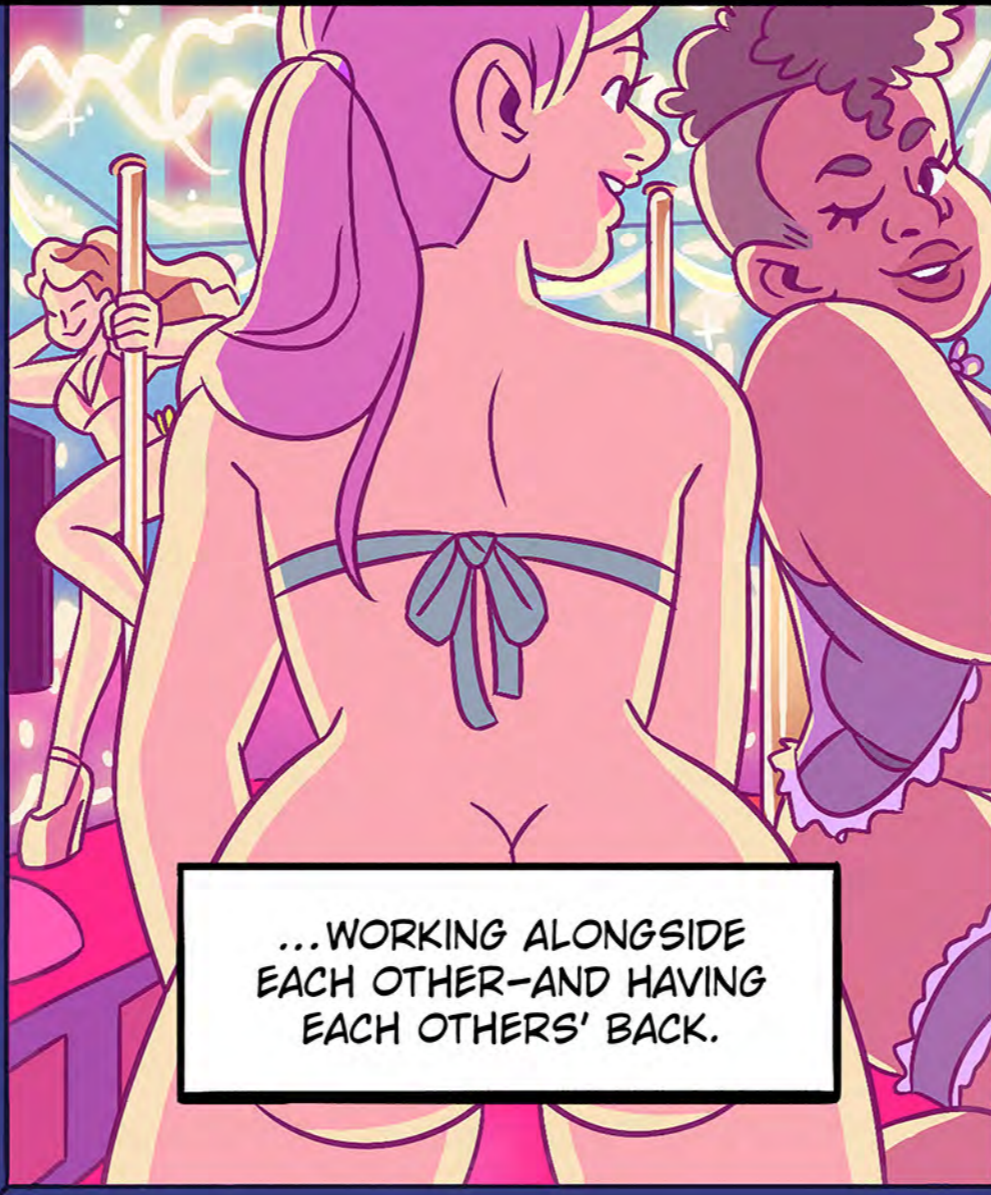
2013: THE OLD SACRED HEART CHURCH BECOMES A ROLLER DISCO *THE CHURCH OF 8 WHEELS*

# WHAT IS WORK?

THE LUSTY LADY OPENED IN NORTH BEACH IN 1976.

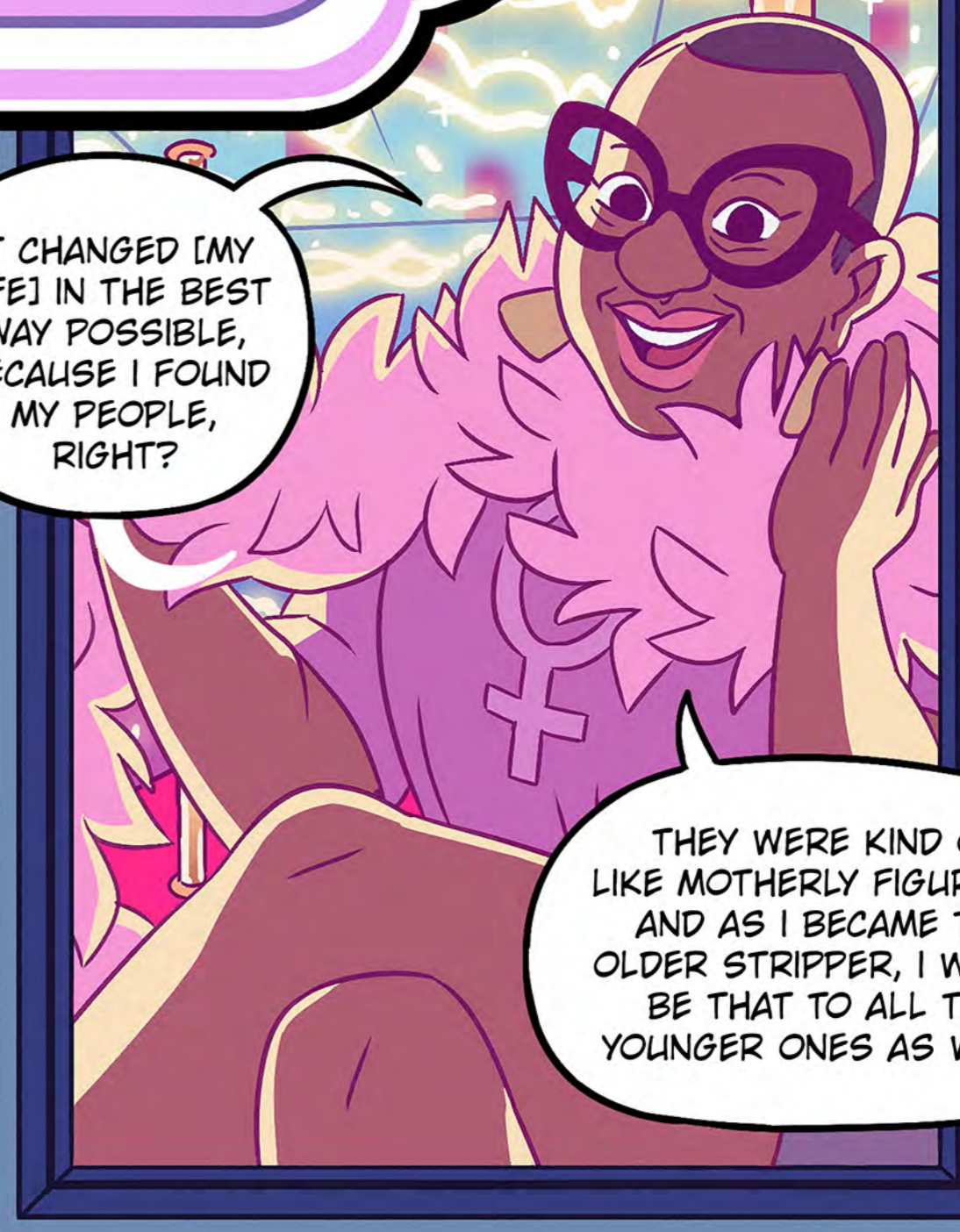


IT WAS A PEEP SHOW. PATRONS PAID, THE SHUTTER WENT UP, STRIPPERS DANCED BEHIND GLASS...



...WORKING ALONGSIDE EACH OTHER—AND HAVING EACH OTHERS' BACK.

IT CHANGED [MY LIFE] IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE, BECAUSE I FOUND MY PEOPLE, RIGHT?



THEY WERE KIND OF LIKE MOTHERLY FIGURES... AND AS I BECAME THE OLDER STRIPPER, I WOULD BE THAT TO ALL THE YOUNGER ONES AS WELL.

"CINNAMON"/"SINNAMON"/"LASAGNA"



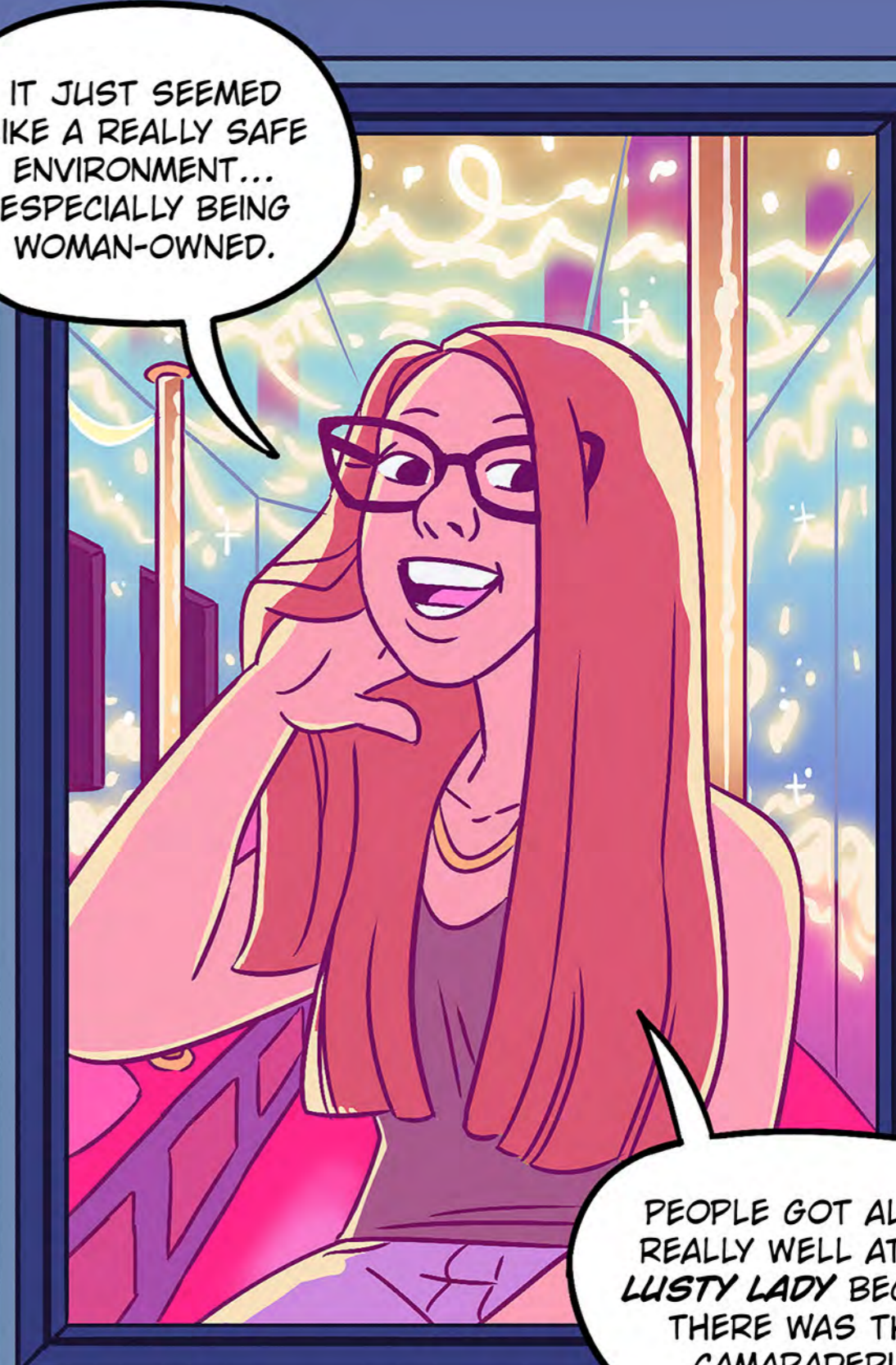
IN THE 1990S, THE BUSINESS WAS PLAGUED BY RACIST AND EXPLOITATIVE PRACTICES. IN RESPONSE, THE DANCERS, JANITORS, AND CASHIERS DECIDED TO UNIONIZE.

I THINK IT WAS A LOT OF FOLKS THAT WERE DOWN FOR IT, BECAUSE YOU NEED TO HAVE FAIR WORKING WAGES, YOU KNOW?



THEN IN 2003, THE EMPLOYEES BOUGHT THE BUSINESS, TRANSFORMING THE LUSTY INTO A WORKER CO-OPERATIVE.

IT JUST SEEMED LIKE A REALLY SAFE ENVIRONMENT... ESPECIALLY BEING WOMAN-OWNED.



PEOPLE GOT ALONG REALLY WELL AT THE LUSTY LADY BECAUSE THERE WAS THAT CAMARADERIE.

"GINGER"

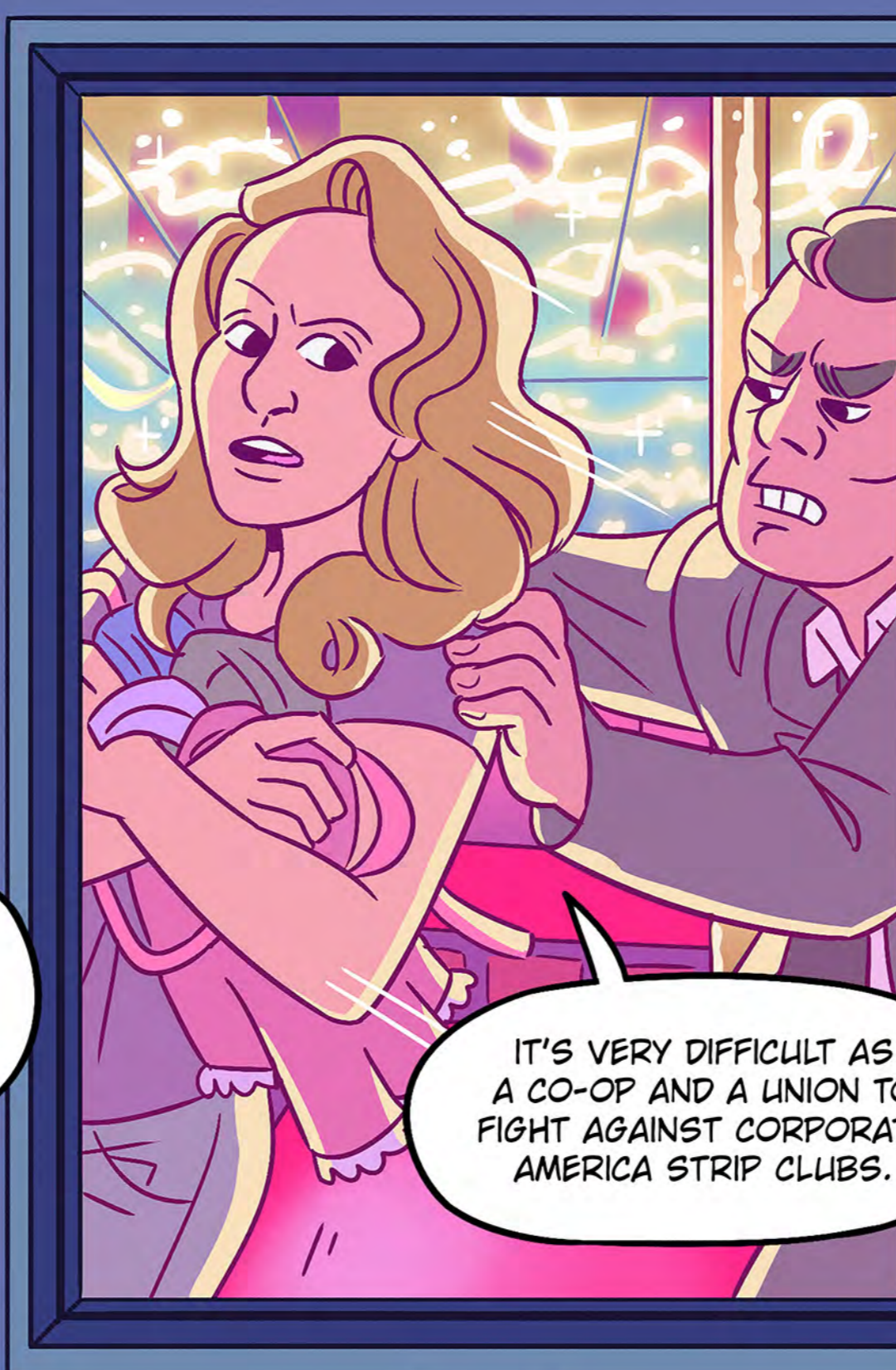
ROGER FORBES, THE LUSTY'S LANDLORD, ALSO HAPPENED TO BE A PARTNER IN DEJA VU, WHICH OWNED EVERY OTHER STRIP CLUB IN SAN FRANCISCO.



NOTICE OF RENT INCREASE

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WE GOT AN EVICTION NOTICE. THE LANDLORD WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE RENT, AND WE GOT KICKED THE FUCK OUT.



IT'S VERY DIFFICULT AS A CO-OP AND A UNION TO FIGHT AGAINST CORPORATE AMERICA STRIP CLUBS.

"VIX"

2013: LUSTY LADY CLOSED ITS DOORS FOR THE LAST TIME. BUT THE EMPLOYEES TOOK THEIR ORGANIZING EXPERIENCES WITH THEM TO FUTURE JOBS—BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE SEX INDUSTRY.



COMPARING BACK THEN TO NOW, I FEEL LIKE DANCERS GOT PAID MORE THEN THAN THEY DO NOW.

AND SEX WORKERS ARE GIVING AWAY MORE, SPECIFICALLY DANCERS.

# WHAT IS A BAR?

THE *STUD* HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE 1966. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN KIND OF A WEIRDO QUEER BAR.

IT STARTED OUT AS A HIPPIE GAY BAR.

WE ALSO HAD FUNK AND SOUL BANDS AND WE HOSTED BLACK PANTHER MEETINGS.

IN 2016, THE LANDLORD DIED AND HER CHILDREN TOOK OVER AND RAISED THE RENT THREE TIMES THE PRICE AND KIND OF WANTED TO DRIVE US—THE OWNERS THEN—OUT.

SEVENTEEN OF US GOT TOGETHER AND POOLED OUR MONEY AND BOUGHT THE *STUD*... AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE NOW.

RIGHT NOW, I THINK NIGHTLIFE OFFERS A WAY TO SURVIVE IN THE CITY.

IT'S THIS GREAT UNDERGROUND, ALMOST QUEER MAFIA, ASPECT OF A BAR.

AND KNOWING THAT YOU'RE IN A COMMUNITY THAT WANTS TO HELP YOU STAY IN THIS RENT-RAVAGED LANDSCAPE.

THE COMMUNITY HAS IT IN ITS INTEREST TO HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY IN THE CITY.

WE'VE REALLY BEEN ABLE TO TURN TO COMMUNITY CROWDFUNDING AND INTERNET SUPPORT.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE *STUD*'S REVIVAL AT [STUDSF.COM](http://STUDSF.COM)

PEOPLE ONCE SAID THAT THE INTERNET WOULD KILL GAY BARS. WELL NOW IT'S THE OPPOSITE, WHERE THE INTERNET IS SAVING GAY BARS.

MARKE BIESCHKE,  
CO-OWNER OF THE *STUD*

# WHAT COULD SF BE?

DARRELL OWENS,  
HOUSING ACTIVIST FROM  
EAST BAY FOR EVERYONE

SAN FRANCISCO  
HAS TURNED INTO THIS  
"SNOWGLOBE CITY." IT'S  
MORE LIKE A MUSEUM  
THAN A CITY.

PEOPLE ARE OBSESSED  
WITH MAKING THE CITY LOOK  
AESTHETICALLY LIKE IT'S 1967,  
WHICH IS COOL, BUT IN EXCHANGE  
HOUSING JUST NEVER KEEPS UP  
WITH POPULATION GROWTH.

SO HOW COULD  
WE DESIGN A CITY TO  
KEEP PEOPLE HERE  
INSTEAD OF PUSHING  
THEM OUT?

TEAR DOWN I-280  
WHERE IT RUNS PARALLEL  
TO 101 AND TURN IT INTO A  
PARK-A QUALITY PARK. IT  
NEEDS TO BE A BIG PARK  
WITH TREES, NOT A MERE  
PATCH OF GRASS.

RING THE PARK  
WITH 3- TO 4-STORY  
HOUSING. WE DON'T  
NEED HIGH RISES TO  
ACHIEVE HIGHER  
HOUSING DENSITY.

HOW DO WE  
FUND LOW-INCOME  
HOUSING?

SF HAS ONE OF THE LARGEST  
MUNICIPAL BUDGETS IN THE NATION,  
SO ITS HOUSING AUTHORITY SHOULD  
CONSTRUCT NEW MIXED-INCOME PUBLIC  
HOUSING LIKE HOW SINGAPORE  
AND VIENNA DOES.

IT WOULD SUSTAIN  
THE HOMES BY SUBSIDIZING  
LOW RENT UNITS AND BUILDING  
UPKEEP WITH THE RENTS FROM  
HIGHER-INCOME TENANTS.

GREATER HOUSING  
DENSITY MEANS BETTER  
PUBLIC TRANSIT. THE OLD  
BAY AREA WAS LINKED BY  
STREET CARS, BUT THAT'S  
ALL GONE NOW.

CLOSE THE ROADS TO  
CARS AND ELIMINATE PARKING.  
KEEP THE STREETS FOR BIKES,  
PEDESTRIANS, SKATERS, AND  
OUTDOOR DINING!

THIS IS WHAT A LOT  
OF CITIES ALL OVER THE  
WORLD ARE DOING:

ELIMINATING FREEWAYS  
AND MAKING STREETS FOR  
BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS ONLY.  
WE CAN DO IT HERE!