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Removing everyone else from this thread. Separately Trevor Chandler is already using this as a political stump for his campaign. Email to follow.

This is going to escalate and people are going to be hurt. Politicians and Police have been lucky to this point. This weekend will be a breaking point.

It is incumbent upon each of you to pay attention or weather the coming storm which will be far worse for all of us.

Best-

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I'll spend a few minutes on this then I need to move on. The bullshit has already started outside our window and we're going to stay somewhere else for the night. Your words in brown, mine in black. Feel free to respond if you'd like, I will read your response but I don't need to add anything more after this.

I am not a politician, I am not here to figure this out for you, but I do suggest reading about these issues holistically to gain a broader perspective on how we came to be in this place rather than knee-jerk reactions for more cops.

- In making this offensive statement, you are assuming I would agree with you if only I were more educated. It would be more respectful if you were open minded to the idea that someone could be well-informed but still disagree with you. That's me. My opinion is the right solution is more policing, paired with conditional and temporary social services.

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- It's not my "opinion" whether I was awake last night when I'm usually asleep. Reckless driving is a crime. [Speeding kills over 12,000 people per year](#), which is 30% of automobile deaths. While it may be a part of Bay Area culture, it does not logically follow that it is a *good* part of Bay Area culture. The argument that "culture" excuses bad behavior is poppycock. I do not know if you have a daughter, but let's assume you do. Would you send her to Afghanistan, Egypt, or Sudan for a semester abroad? In those places, the culture would have her wear a burqa, stay silent in public, and have her genitals mutilated at birth. "It's the culture" does not excuse bad behavior.

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- I have personally analyzed that list before. At least half of those people were armed **and** attacking or about to attack an officer or someone else. I do not think anyone should be killed, but sometimes officers need to act to defend themselves or others. Why don't you check this out instead? [A much, much longer list of every homicide and cold case in San Francisco in the same time frame](#), 99% of which were committed by regular people. You are thousands of times more likely to be killed by someone you know than a police officer.

[Police are not primary crime fighters](#)

- I'm not claiming they are. But one thing they are *great* at is dissuading bad behavior (see next item).

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- I didn't know that. By that logic, we should add as many officers as we can and save as many lives as possible. Oh, and we are not talking about homicides, we are talking about public disorder. Have you ever hit your brakes when driving past a police cruiser on the highway? Congratulations, you understand that police deter bad behavior.

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- I have seen positive change in the policing of the neighborhood. The police are responding faster, and Captain Harvey has done a good job. But we still lack enough officers. GrowSF said it well: "As of July 2023, San Francisco only has about 1,500 police officers for a city of over 800,000 people, or about 187 officers per 100k. Meanwhile, the European Union average is [about 330 officers per 100k](#). To meet the European Union average, San Francisco would need to hire 1,000 more officers, bumping our staffing from 1,500 to about 2,500 officers.

Nobody thinks the European Union is over-policed. Instead, they have an adequate number of police to ensure no officers are over-worked and they put their officers through rigorous training. We should copy this model. Well rested, well trained, and well paid officers will do their jobs better and be less likely to make mistakes."

So while we are hundreds of officers short, every informed tax payer in SF knows we are over-budgeted for social services. [So much we can't even spend it all](#). The homeless budget in recent years has been as high as \$1.1 billion. Homelessness has gotten worse and worse every year. Remember Prop C and how all that extra money was supposed to solve the problem? Even Prop C's biggest supporter (Marc Benioff) has just announced he

is considering [taking his annual conference out of SF due to homelessness and crime issues](#). For these social programs, it will never be enough. We need to make sure people can get services in extreme situations, then help them transition off. And pair these programs with stronger enforcement of the law. Carrot and stick. That's the ethical way to solve the actual problem instead of creating mass dependency. I promise you, there is no limit to the number of social services that can be provided. People are waking up to this fact and realizing they aren't willing to be bled dry for virtue-signaling programs which do nothing to address the problems.

San Francisco will continue to decline without more common-sense governance. A few thoughts on the problems:

- Originally well-meaning "live and let live" attitude which has been perverted into a culture of lawlessness, where so-called "compassion" is the only virtue and all other virtues ([there are many](#)) are sidelined
- Fetishization of victimhood, where only so-called "oppressed peoples" are deserving of having their needs met, everyone else is guilted into silence
- Wimpy politicians who are so afraid of saying the wrong thing they become utterly useless the moment they are elected
- Zero viewpoint diversity on the Police Commission leading to hamstrung enforcement of the law (this is the fault of both the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Breed, both of whom appoint Police Commissioners) - this is why Governor Newsom has had to call in other departments to assist with the drug crisis in SF

OK, this was fun, helped me get my thoughts better organized. See you round the neighborhood.

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Hi Neighbors- I removed the elected and city officials from the chain in order to send my response as I do not want to mix my campaign for D9 Supervisors with official emails.

I wanted to reply with my specific policy plans for these issues, which will be put up on my [website](#) when it is updated later this month.

First and foremost, I am the only candidate to support a fully staffed police department who also hasn't previously called for defunding. We need a responsive, accountable, and fully staffed SFPD. I am also the only candidate who supports arresting fentanyl dealers. With crimes in D9 17% less likely to end in arrest or citation than in neighboring D8 despite sharing the same Mission SFPD station, City Hall's status quo is failing us and endangering us. We also need the SFPD to follow up on evidence provided to them, I have heard too many stories, especially from small business owners, who provide clear video evidence along with where the perpetrators can be found, only to be turned away, so they have stopped calling police altogether.

**My Plan for Encampments:**

- Support the City Attorney's effort to allow the City to move those unwilling to accept shelter and services.
- Better coordinate DPW staff to have regular, consistent, and responsive street and sidewalk cleaning.
- Enforce sanitation and fire code violations in tents to prevent disease and disaster.
- Reestablish and enforce pre-COVID RV parking limits to ensure residential vehicles are operable and allow effective street cleaning.

**My Plan for Addiction and Mental Health:**

- Redefine the success of city and nonprofit addiction services to be based on the number of people moved off the streets and into addiction treatment rather than solely on harm reduction standards.
- Fully implement Governor Newsom's CARE Courts in San Francisco.
- Update conservatorship laws to protect those who are a danger to themselves and others.
- End public drug markets and arrest and arrest fentanyl dealers.

**My Plan for Graffiti:**

- Enforce graffiti and tagging laws and fully staff the graffiti team at SFPD.
- Increase DPW staffing of the graffiti abatement program.
- Implement community service for first time graffiti and vandalism offenders as an opportunity for restorative justice with increases in accountability for each future offense.
- Only fine the owners of vacant storefronts for blight and graffiti – not small business owners.

**My Plan for Illegal Vending**

- Individuals found selling commercial merchandise without proof of purchase will have their items confiscated and donated to a navigation center or homeless shelter.
- First-time offenders will immediately gain access to job training programs through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, enabling them to secure legal employment that provides a living wage.
- Repeat offenders who refuse offers of job training and legal employment will face escalated levels of enforcement, including fines, continued confiscation of goods, and possible charges if items can be proven as stolen.

Please let me know what you think of these plans and how I can improve them.

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Hello All,

I just had a long talk with a friend to commiserate how we feel we have hit the lowest point of our lives because our neighborhoods have deteriorated around us and we feel so hopeless. The other day, I told my husband in response to a statement he made about the City's responsibility to him: "The city does not care about you since you are not addicted, homeless, or a criminal. In their eyes, you don't even exist. And if you do make fuss, you are considered a nuisance. Never mind that it is people like you (who have run a successful small business in SF for over 30 years) that pay City employees' salaries with your taxes. You also pay for public sidewalks that have now been privatized by whomever wants to stake out a space on any public thoroughfare & dump anything and everything on them."

Until we vote in people who can govern responsibly and inclusively, nothing will change. November 2024 is right around the corner. Vote for competent people without all the ideological baggage that is now destroying our neighborhoods. A well run city will help everyone. Togethersf commissioned a study, the Rose Report, on how the city is failing us and how to reform it. It identifies the root causes of some of the ongoing institutional problems in San Francisco, ways other cities approach these challenges, and what structures could be reformed so the city is more effective at serving residents. Here is where you can find more about it: [KCBS](#), [KTVU](#), [NBC Bay Area](#), the [San Francisco Chronicle](#), and the [SF Standard](#). Voting knowledgeably is also important. Togethersf will start holding workshops on issues like rank-choice voting -- so keep an eye out for that.

It is essential that we become the loudest voice in the room. To all of my neighbors on this thread-- keep up your great work!!

Francesca

On Sat, Sep 2, 2023 at 11:35 AM Aisling Ferguson <[aferguson@guaranteemortgage.com](mailto:aferguson@guaranteemortgage.com)> wrote:  
Me neither I am in the real estate world but not a realtor.

On Sat, Sep 2, 2023 at 10:33 AM, Sara Coe <[saracoe619@gmail.com](mailto:saracoe619@gmail.com)> wrote:

Actually Hanna , I am not a real estate agent. Please don't misrepresent me. I am a retired civil servant who is trying to find peace in my home and neighborhood.  
Sara Coe

On Sat, Sep 2, 2023 at 10:27 AM Hana Lily <[hana.l.haber@gmail.com](mailto:hana.l.haber@gmail.com)> wrote:

Nice job with the pile on, folks!

Tom wrote a long email - he must be right...right?!

While you see my point of view as the "blueprint of the problem" - I'd say the same about yours. I'm happy to have a different point of view the than the multiple real estate agents here.

The guerrilla tactics and increased policing are a short-sighted effort. Sure Capp St is cleared, but now the activity has just moved to a different block.

So interesting to be told I should be "open minded" when I'm the person offering an alternative perspective to this angry mob of an email thread.

Thank you to the people who reached out separately agreeing with the points I shared. Not everyone on this thread thinks the same about these issues and it's important for the loudest members of the group to know this.

Bye!

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 7:42 PM Jed Bonner <[jedbonner@gmail.com](mailto:jedbonner@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thank you, Kerry - you're so spot on. Hana's comments are a literal blueprint for the problem.

To Aisling's comment about law abiding citizens continuing to be a scapegoat:

Law abiding citizens won't be scapegoats for long because we will vote folks out, or leave. My family and I are "bleeding heart liberals" and never voted Republican in our lives. I grew up in NYC, and wouldn't dream of supporting politicians that didn't agree with me on liberal / progressive values ... but not if they make NO SENSE. We have resisted the urge to leave because we love this City, we want to continue to raise our 3 kids here and we maintain hope that it'll turn around. But we know a ton of wonderful, like-minded, politically liberal/democrats and law abiding folks that envisioned raising their families here too and probably figured they'd contribute to the growth and culture of SF for multiple generations ... who have just LEFT. Remote work makes Denver, Austin, Nashville, etc. look pretty nice when you cannot stay in your own home at night (which wasn't cheap btw) bc prostitutes are screaming and fighting outside, people are literally shitting (or having sex with hookers) on your front door step, people are fighting or shooting each other on a semi daily basis, etc.

If things are this way in a few years, we will leave too. It doesn't make sense to stay, even though we wanted to leave NYC (doing a lot better than SF btw). But we hope the City corrects this embarrassing state of things.

SF is quickly becoming the laughing stock of the world ... read any major news publication. Those in politics during this time will be remembered for the wrong reasons if something doesn't change. And those that want to perpetuate this dangerous, naive and completely removed "progressive" narrative to the detriment of the people that live here and suffer the impacts of your bullshit, you'll be remembered too for the wrong reasons.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 7:21 PM, Kerry Hopkins <[houseofsin@me.com](mailto:houseofsin@me.com)> wrote:

Ditto Sara, Jed and Tom. (And Aisling in the split thread.)

If Hana's comments weren't so core to why our city is where it is now, it would be laughable that being "someone born in SF who has lived in the Mission for 12 years," makes one believe she is wiser, more urban and less "creepy, self-centered and short sighted" than her neighbors, who are deeply committed to a community that many of them have lived in for decades or more. Tom was kind in describing only a single statement as offensive.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 7:09 PM, Sara Coe <[saracoe619@gmail.com](mailto:saracoe619@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hanna,

Actually, barricades can do a lot as we have seen on Capp St. Our neighbors there went from living in an unbelievable nightmare to living in relative peace. To me that's real change in a positive direction.

Sara

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 6:46 PM Jed Bonner <[jedbonner@gmail.com](mailto:jedbonner@gmail.com)> wrote:

Tom - thanks so much for representing the huge number of impacted and frustrated / upset folks who live through this every day, notwithstanding the navel-gazing perspective/messaging that has permeated local politics and resulted in the absolutely colossal (on a globally objective level btw) failure of local governance. It's a relief to hear practical, experience-based (or grounded) responses to nonsensically theoretical points of view.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 6:25 PM, Tom Dehnel <[tdehnel@gmail.com](mailto:tdehnel@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'll spend a few minutes on this then I need to move on. The bullshit has already started outside our window and we're going to stay somewhere else for the night. Your words in brown, mine in black. Feel free to respond if you'd like, I will read your response but I don't need to add anything more after this.

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- It's not my "opinion" whether I was awake last night when I'm usually asleep. Reckless driving is a crime. [Speeding kills over 12,000 people per year](#), which is 30% of automobile deaths. While it may be a part of Bay Area culture, it does not logically follow that it is a *good* part of Bay Area culture. The argument that "culture" excuses bad behavior is poppycock. I do not know if you have a daughter, but let's assume you do. Would you send her to Afghanistan, Egypt, or Sudan for a semester abroad? In those places, the culture would have her wear a burqa, stay silent in public, and have her genitals mutilated at birth. "It's the culture" does not excuse bad behavior.

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- I'm not claiming they are. But one thing they are *great* at is dissuading bad behavior (see next item).

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- I didn't know that. By that logic, we should add as many officers as we can and save as many lives as possible. Oh, and we are not talking about homicides, we are talking about public disorder. Have you ever hit your brakes when driving past a police cruiser on the highway? Congratulations, you understand that police deter bad behavior.

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Tom, you expressed many of our feelings. Thank you. Remarks such as Hana's make me so irate as to her ignorance and naivete I can't waste my energy responding.  
You did a very nice job.  
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Simple solutions are available;

- Station an occupied Police car at the scene (eventually it will no longer be "the place" to hangout and party)
- Respond quickly to calls and enforce the law
- Remove the memorial in front of the Mission Recreation Center
- Enforce the law

Patience has run out for our neighborhood. This is becoming news worthy and I'm sure the press will be interested in covering these daily/nightly events given the light in which our city is painted around the world. Now is the time to step in and stop the situation from further escalation.

**In closing, we support our Police Department. This is not a reflection of the officers. This is a direction reflection on our elected leaders and their politics.**

Sincerely-  
Jim Egbert  
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Thank you, Kerry - you're so spot on. Hana's comments are a literal blueprint for the problem.

To Aisling's comment about law abiding citizens continuing to be a scapegoat:

Law abiding citizens won't be scapegoats for long because we will vote folks out, or leave. My family and I are "bleeding heart liberals" and never voted Republican in our lives. I grew up in NYC, and wouldn't dream of supporting politicians that didn't agree with me on liberal / progressive values ... but not if they make NO SENSE. We have resisted the urge to leave because we love this City, we want to continue to raise our 3 kids here and we maintain hope that it'll turn around. But we know a ton of wonderful, like-minded, politically liberal/democrats and law abiding folks that envisioned raising their families here too and probably figured they'd contribute to the growth and culture of SF for multiple generations ... who have just LEFT. Remote work makes Denver, Austin, Nashville, etc. look pretty nice when you cannot stay in your own home at night (which wasn't cheap btw) bc prostitutes are screaming and fighting outside, people are literally shitting (or having sex with hookers) on your front door step, people are fighting or shooting each other on a semi daily basis, etc.

If things are this way in a few years, we will leave too. It doesn't make sense to stay, even though we wanted to leave NYC (doing a lot better than SF btw). But we hope the City corrects this embarrassing state of things.

SF is quickly becoming the laughing stock of the world ... read any major news publication. Those in politics during this time will be remembered for the wrong reasons if something doesn't change. And those that want to perpetuate this dangerous, naive and completely removed "progressive" narrative to the detriment of the people that live here and suffer the impacts of your bullshit, you'll be remembered too for the wrong reasons.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 7:21 PM, Kerry Hopkins <[houseofsin@me.com](mailto:houseofsin@me.com)> wrote:

Ditto Sara, Jed and Tom. (And Aisling in the split thread.)

If Hana's comments weren't so core to why our city is where it is now, it would be laughable that being "someone born in SF who has lived in the Mission for 12 years," makes one believe she is wiser, more urban and less "creepy, self-centered and short sighted" than her neighbors, who are deeply committed to a community that many of them have lived in for decades or more. Tom was kind in describing only a single statement as offensive.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 7:09 PM, Sara Coe <[saracoe619@gmail.com](mailto:saracoe619@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hanna,

Actually, barricades can do a lot as we have seen on Capp St. Our neighbors there went from living in an unbelievable nightmare to living in relative peace. To me that's real change in a positive direction.  
Sara

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 6:46 PM Jed Bonner <[jedbonner@gmail.com](mailto:jedbonner@gmail.com)> wrote:

Tom - thanks so much for representing the huge number of impacted and frustrated / upset folks who live through this every day, notwithstanding the navel-gazing perspective/messaging that has permeated local politics and resulted in the absolutely colossal (on a globally objective level btw) failure of local governance. It's a relief to hear practical, experience-based (or grounded) responses to nonsensically theoretical points of view.

On Sep 1, 2023, at 6:25 PM, Tom Dehnel <[tdehnel@gmail.com](mailto:tdehnel@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'll spend a few minutes on this then I need to move on. The bullshit has already started outside our window and we're going to stay somewhere else for the night. Your words in brown, mine in black. Feel free to respond if you'd like, I will read your response but I don't need to add anything more after this.

I am not a politician, I am not here to figure this out for you, but I do suggest reading about these issues holistically to gain a broader perspective on how we came to be in this place rather than knee-jerk reactions for more cops.

- In making this offensive statement, you are assuming I would agree with you if only I were more educated. It would be more respectful if you were open minded to the idea that someone could be well-informed but still disagree with you. That's me. My opinion is the right solution is more policing, paired with conditional and temporary social services.

...sideshows might not be your culture, but in fact is a [long-standing culture of the Bay Area at large](#), regardless of your opinion of how it's disturbing your sleep.

- It's not my "opinion" whether I was awake last night when I'm usually asleep. Reckless driving is a crime. [Speeding kills over 12,000 people per year](#), which is 30% of automobile deaths. While it may be a part of Bay Area culture, it does not logically follow that it is a good part of Bay Area culture. The argument that "culture" excuses bad behavior is poppycock. I do not know if you have a daughter, but let's assume you do. Would you send her to Afghanistan, Egypt, or Sudan for a semester abroad? In those places, the culture would have her wear a burqa, stay silent in public, and have her genitals mutilated at birth. "It's the culture" does not excuse bad behavior.

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- I have personally analyzed that list before. At least half of those people were armed **and** attacking or about to attack an officer or someone else. I do not think anyone should be killed, but sometimes officers need to act to defend themselves or others. Why don't you check this out instead? [A much, much longer list of every homicide and cold case in San Francisco in the same time frame](#), 99% of which were committed by regular people. You are thousands of times more likely to be killed by someone you know than a police officer.

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- I'm not claiming they are. But one thing they are *great* at is dissuading bad behavior (see next item).

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- I didn't know that. By that logic, we should add as many officers as we can and save as many lives as possible. Oh, and we are not talking about homicides, we are talking about public disorder. Have you ever hit your brakes when driving past a police cruiser on the highway? Congratulations, you understand that police deter bad behavior.

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Nobody thinks the European Union is over-policed. Instead, they have an adequate number of police to ensure no officers are over-worked and they put their officers through rigorous training. We should copy this model. Well rested, well trained, and well paid officers will do their jobs better and be less likely to make mistakes."

So while we are hundreds of officers short, every informed tax payer in SF knows we are over-budgeted for social services. [So much we can't even spend it all](#). The homeless budget in recent years has been as high as \$1.1 billion. Homelessness has gotten worse and worse every year. Remember Prop C and how all that extra money was supposed to solve the problem? Even Prop C's biggest supporter (Marc Benioff) has just announced he is considering [taking his annual conference out of SF due to homelessness and crime issues](#). For these social programs, it will never be enough. We need to make sure people can get services in extreme situations, then help them transition off. And pair these programs with stronger enforcement of the law. Carrot and stick. That's the ethical way to solve the actual problem instead of creating mass dependency. I promise you, there is no limit to the number of social services that can be provided. People are waking up to this fact and realizing they aren't willing to be bled dry for virtue-signaling programs which do nothing to address the problems.

San Francisco will continue to decline without more common-sense governance. A few thoughts on the problems:

- Originally well-meaning "live and let live" attitude which has been perverted into a culture of lawlessness, where so-called "compassion" is the only virtue and all other virtues ([there are many](#)) are sidelined
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OK, this was fun, helped me get my thoughts better organized. See you round the neighborhood.

-Tom

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Ditto Sara, Jed and Tom. (And Aisling in the split thread.)

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On Sep 1, 2023, at 7:09 PM, Sara Coe <[saracoe619@gmail.com](mailto:saracoe619@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Sara

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OK, this was fun, helped me get my thoughts better organized. See you round the neighborhood.

-Tom

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 2:52 PM Hana Lily

<[hana.l.haber@gmail.com](mailto:hana.l.haber@gmail.com)> wrote:

While I agree there is a lot of work to do to make our neighborhood safer, I do not agree with increased policing as a solution. Additionally, sideshows might not be *your* culture, but in fact is a [long-standing culture](#) of the Bay Area at large, regardless of your opinion of how it's disturbing your sleep.

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We all want to feel safe and comfortable in our

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These are systemic issues that will not be solved overnight with street barricades or with increased surveillance. The only way to truly "solve" these issues is by actually helping people through social services: increasing minimum wage nationally, providing below market rate & affordable housing, safe consumption drug sites, etc.

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Respectfully,  
Hana

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 1:43 PM Tom Dehnel

<[tdehnel@gmail.com](mailto:tdehnel@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hana - thank you for the comment but we are all sick of this kind of performative compassion. It is nonsense and I can say why.

Equating dangerous driving and disturbing sleeping people with "nightlife and culture" is silly. We all chose to move to Harrison St because we like it here, it's close to some great restaurants, and also because there are no nightclubs or automobile racing facilities here. It is reasonable for us to expect our neighbors to respect one another and not party and do burnouts repeatedly outside our houses late at night. This is not "culture" this is just rude behavior.

More broadly, anyone with a brain can look around and see things getting worse. Count the empty store fronts, the graffiti, the many shootings this year. The people who feel the brunt of this are the exact people you profess to care so much about. People with means can move out, or afford nicer neighborhoods. The rest have to endure, and the saga continues for them.

We have had so many years and promises of the social programs you call for. Moreso here in SF than in any other city in the country. Yet things continue to decline. Living in a place

for a long time doesn't grant you special privileges. In fact it may make you biased. So what would you suggest we do? Continue to wait for the promised utopia? SF has been playing the same tune for at least a decade now. How many more years should we wait?

Tom

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 1:15 PM Adam Lovingood

<[alovingood@yahoo.com](mailto:alovingood@yahoo.com)> wrote:

After yet another sleepless night, I feel compelled to add my voice to the chorus. I feel like our neighborhood is being terrorized by a handful of people and it's horrible feeling so helpless to do anything about it. We've been hoping that the activity would fizzle out over the course of the last couple of weeks but I think last night was the worst we've seen and went later than other nights. It is disheartening to dread going to bed because you know you won't be able to sleep despite work and other obligations the next day. The situation is having a deleterious effect on our work, personal lives, and physical and mental health.

What is the answer? I ask all of our city officials on this email chain, what would you expect to be done if this were happening in your neighborhood?

Sincerely,  
Adam Lovingood

On Friday, September 1, 2023 at 12:48:56 PM PDT, Tom Dehnel  
<[tdehnel@gmail.com](mailto:tdehnel@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi Tom (Captain Harvey) - We are very appreciative of your work since taking your new position, but I have to say I agree fully with Jim here. Last night was a shitshow.

My wife was sick and we were both unable to sleep. We both get up early for work. I do not know how many other people were bothered by the noise of loud bass, screeching tires, drunk people, and revving engines on a work night (or any night), but I am sure it is in the hundreds, possibly thousands of people disturbed in a 10 block radius. Why should a small rowdy group have so much power over that many people?

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We would like to know what the plan is.

-Tom

On Fri, Sep 1, 2023 at 12:32 PM Jim Egbert

<[egbert.jim@gmail.com](mailto:egbert.jim@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mayor Breed, Supervisor Ronen, Chief Scott and the Police Commission-

I am writing to you on behalf of our building (26 units at 2412 Harrison Street), neighbors and our neighborhood with regard to daily/nightly activities on the block of Harrison Street between 20th & 21st in and around the Mission Recreation Center.

Today marks three (3) weeks after the shooting of Damien Gonzalez and each day/night since that event our neighborhood has been subject to endless noise, large crowds and as of last night dangerous acts. On the night of 08.31.23 three (3) sideshows took place on Harrison Street.

You can pull Police and 911 call logs to understand the level of frustration taking place in our neighborhood. Local Police have a good sense of how bad conditions have become as they needed to break up what was quickly developing into a dangerous event on 08.26.23 (an evening the city granted closure of Harrison for a memorial).

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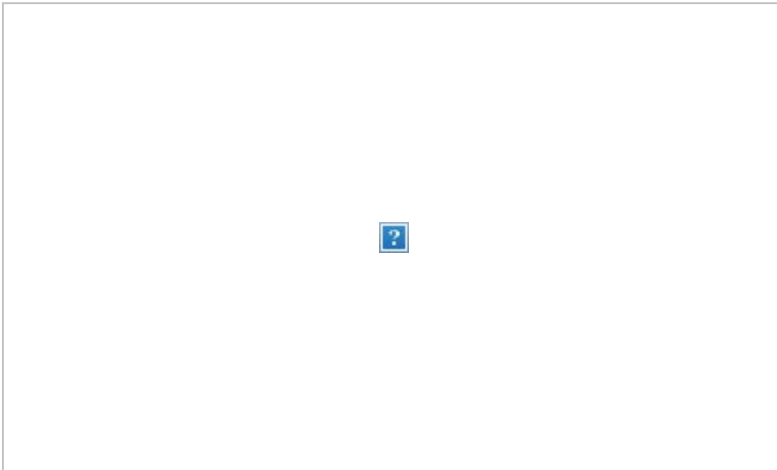


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Some articles for you:

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**Subject:** Re: [2412-harrison-residents] Mission Recreation Center Issues  
**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2023 12:49:08 PM

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All - As an African woman and a foreign national reading into this I have 1 point to make and 1 request:

1. After 8 years here and lived in 5 countries across 3 continents, I sense that fear has strong roots in mindsets and behaviors here in America, to a point that people seem to have lost the ability to see and treat others as they are: human. This American life looks like an unending cycle of social, moral, personal violence, with hurt people hurting more people, in a worryingly unattended myriad of ways. On this Sunday before sending more emails, I hope that we each have a chance to reflect on all the Freedoms bestowed to us, and how we which (or not) to exercise them with consideration to that of our peers.
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With a deep breath and collective wish for calm and reflective minds,  
Nadine -

[See More from Jim Egbert](#)

Best and thank you for your service,  
Nadine

On 1 Sep 2023, at 13:42, Tom Dehnel <[tdehnel@gmail.com](mailto:tdehnel@gmail.com)> wrote:

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