

On Mar 12, 2019, at 7:25 AM, Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org> wrote:

Good morning Earl,

Thanks for reaching out about Mayor Breed's proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330. I appreciate your advocacy and care.

Homelessness is an urgent concern in San Francisco with over 4,000 people currently unsheltered on our streets. The crisis is increasingly impacting the waterfront and our Rincon Hill, South Beach and Mission Bay communities. The status quo of people living in tents or on our streets and under the freeway is completely unacceptable, and Navigation Centers can be part of the solution to immediately get people off the streets and into shelter and services.

I also have some questions and concerns about the proposed Navigation Center, as our office just found out about the proposal and has not yet received the full details. Like you, I am listening and eager to learn more as the terms and design are drafted. I would love to set up a phone call with you to discuss further with me or my staff. Please let me know a good time to call, or call my staff directly at (415) 554-7972.

Here's what I am advocating for at a minimum based on conversations with the community, and I hope you will support my asks of Mayor Breed and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing:

- The goal of the Navigation Center must be to directly **address homelessness in the neighborhood** and make a major improvement in Rincon Hill, South Beach, and Mission Bay. People will be invited to the Navigation Center *only* from neighborhood Homeless Outreach Teams and there will be no lines of people waiting outside to access services.
- There should be dedicated foot patrols around the perimeter and 24/7 security to ensure **public safety**.
- There should be outdoor spaces for people staying in the Navigation Center that remain separate from the public space so **there aren't people gathering outside**.
- Intensive services must be offered in order to replicate the success of the 6 current Navigation Centers, which have worked to quickly place people in housing or help people get out of San Francisco to stay with friends or family elsewhere through the Homeward Bound program.
- **The Mayor should immediately propose an additional Navigation Center in another part of the City, before this one is approved.** We can't keep concentrating these services solely in District 6. This week, I proposed an amendment to the Shelter Crisis Ordinance to add a commitment to build Navigation Centers in a majority of the Supervisorial districts.
- **The Navigation Center will be temporary.** I am advocating for a shorter lease, likely 2 years, with a potential lease extension only if this works for the neighborhood and shows demonstrable, positive improvements and outcomes for the neighborhood and for people who receive services at the center.

The Mayor and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing are holding an important community meeting on today (Tuesday, March 12th) about their proposal. We hope you can join us and express your opinions:

- March 12th from 6-7:30pm; Delancey Street Foundation (600 Embarcadero)

The proposal will also be presented on during the Port Commission meeting this afternoon—no action will be taken until their April meeting:

- Today at 3:15pm; Ferry Building, 2nd Floor (Port Commission Hearing Room)

I appreciate and need your continued advocacy.

Our collective long-term goal as a City is to end homelessness and get everyone housed. In the meantime Navigation Centers, if done right, and only if done right, can be an integral first step in the City's strategy to get people off the streets and immediately connected to services.

Thank you again for reaching out. I look forward to talking soon.

Supervisor Matt Haney