# BARBARY COAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Accomplishments, Activities and Action: 2022-2023

### Safety Initiative & Action Plan

- SFMTA Embarcadero Enhancement Project (EEP) –Hosted forums on the SFMTA Quick-Build I for Sansome/Battery/Davis Streets' Connections and the EEP. Working with SFMTA on Quick-Build II for Battery St. bikeway to retain Jackson left-turn and important pedestrian loading areas. Implemented safety improvements at Jackson/Davis/Drumm Streets.
- Traffic safety projects in progress in more neighborhood areas through SFMTA Traffic Calming Grant Program.



 SFCTA's Congestion Pricing Proposal for Downtown SF – BCNA continues to monitor the SFCTA's study of congestion pricing for Downtown San Francisco, which would include the BCNA neighborhood. BCNA has communicated concerns and suggestions and hosted two special informational forums. The study appears to be on an indefinite hold for now.

#### **Improving Safety**

- The **BCNA Safety Committee was expanded** to work with district police and public works on safety solutions for improving the neighborhood for residents, businesses, and visitors. <u>Safety Action Plan here</u>
- The BCNA Safety Committee works with SFPD to address reckless speeding, dangerous drag racing, and noise disruption along the Embarcadero. The Pier 27 Cruise Ship Terminal parking lot became a gathering place for stunt driving and sideshows. Due to BCNA effort, **SFPD erected barricades to block auto & motorcycle access to Pier 27.** This measure helped **reduce community disruption.**



• BCNA has organized an effort to fund improved lighting and new surveillance cameras in Southern Barbary Coast (SF SafeCity Camera Program).

• **Conducted a BCNA Survey** in 2021 focused on safety issues in the neighborhood, which used to inform police and policymakers.

• Host a series of disaster preparedness workshops in partnership with

Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT).

• BCNA supports Supervisor Peskin and the rest of the board's efforts to better regulate motorized scooters to protect the safety of pedestrians.

• BCNA hosts neighborhood walking tours with SFPD Central Station

leadership to improve residential and neighborhood safety resulting in increased police presence.

#### **Representing the Neighborhood**

- BCNA is an active member of the **Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)**, the formal channel for neighborhood groups to communicate with SFPD and provide feedback on crime and safety issues.
- Serve on the **Port's Northern Advisory Committee** - NAC which provides input to the Port on various (e.g., the Waterfront Resilience Program, Piers 38-40 Project, and project at Piers 30-32 & SWL 330).



• Monitor and **advocate on state legislation** affecting our neighborhood— Supported AB550 (David Chiu, allow automated speeding enforcement cameras), AB 2496 (restrictions on vehicles & motorcycles with

illegally modified exhausts), and SB 1079 (enforce vehicle noise levels). Opposed SB 930 (Scott Wiener, extend bar closing hours to 4AM), BCNA cited in official legislative analyses. AB 2496 and SB 1079 were signed into law. SB 930 failed and AB 550 died but was later revived as AB 645 passing in 2022.

- Organized a successful advocacy effort on **Redistricting** to establish boundaries for the SF's supervisorial District 3. Worked with community organizations, co-authoring an Op-ed in the SF Examiner, while providing testimony and otherwise coordinating input at numerous arduous public hearings
- Participate in **District 3 activities**—planning for homeless services and locations for transitional housing (navigation centers); meet regularly with Supervisor Peskin.
- Participate with the **Coalition for SF Neighborhoods (CSFN)** to address issues common to the city's neighborhoods and collaborate with adjacent neighborhood groups (THD, NBN, RHN).

#### Housing & Development



Affordable Housing in the Barbary Coast – BCNA is a leader advocating for and monitoring three affordable housing projects in the Lower Broadway area. We are most proud of our success with Broadway Cove at 88 Broadway, the Port's affordable housing project completed in late Summer 2021. BCNA regularly met with the Mayor's Office for more than two years to advocate for the inclusion of middle-income eligibility units and critical design elements to enhance Barbary Coast's neighborhood character.
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• Performed in-depth reviews of two **proposed Cannabis retail outlets** (615 Sansome and 100 Broadway) and hosted several

meetings promoting education and dialogue between project proponents and neighborhood residents.

• Engage with city officials and groups on **neighborhood and waterfront development**, including the SFPUC force sewer main upgrade, Seawall Resilience Project and Teatro ZinZanni.

#### **Community Updates**

- BCNA regularly sponsors or **hosts forums and information panels** such as Affordable Housing and Homelessness solutions, COVID Science and Prevention, relevant **state & SF ballot measures** for both primary and general elections, and a Primer on SFCTA's Congestion Pricing Study.
- BCNA regularly publishes online updates via <u>our website</u>, email newsletter, and Facebook, chronicling issues that matter most to Barbary Coasters.
- **Publicize informational events on local issues,** such as the housing crisis, public safety, and public health, hosted by city agencies, non-profits, and community-based organizations.
- Amplify announcements for cultural events happening locally.
- Support local small businesses with small business spotlights and hosting social events.
- **Promote local organizations and small businesses** with fundraising campaigns such as Pier 45 Fisherman's Fund (for fire victims) and the North Beach Citizens (supporting local homeless residents).
- **Sponsor and host local events for children and seniors**—NextVillage annual fundraiser and co- sponsor (with Gateway Tenants Association) a Halloween parade/party and Walton Park Egg Hunt.

BCNA is dedicated to improving the quality of life in San Francisco's historic northeast waterfront. We work with legislators and community groups to support open space, appropriate development, and solutions to transit, safety, homelessness, and other concerns.

We owe our effectiveness to strong member support. Please join us today! www.bcnasf.org

What District 3 Supervisor Peskin and SFPD Central Station Captain Farmer say about BCNA: "I LOVE the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association! You work together and with SFPD in such positive and strategic ways."

"The Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association exemplifies the importance of neighborhood groups—organized, effective and pro-active with the City and SFPD."

