



BARBARY COAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BCNA at Work – Focus on Safety & Well Being **Pedestrian Safety, Community Disruptions, Personal Safety**

The BCNA and the BCNA Safety Committee are responding to community concerns about pedestrian safety, disruptions from side shows and other reckless and noisy events, and concerns about personal safety. **Some specific areas of focus include:**

- Reducing incidents of unsafe driving along the Embarcadero.
- Determining how to crack down on the use of motorized scooters on sidewalks.
- Mitigating pedestrian injuries at troublesome intersections.
- Reducing disturbances from sideshows and noise-making events.
- Addressing personal safety and fire issues associated with homelessness.

The BCNA works with many San Francisco organizations to effect positive change.

- We participate with the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and at community meetings with Central Station Captain Eric Kim and his officers.
- Work with the District 3 Supervisor (a big ‘Thank You’ to former Supervisor Aaron Peskin, and a hearty “Welcome” to our new Supervisor Danny Sauter).
- Engage with the Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), Entertainment Commission, Dept. Public Works, Dept. Public Health, Dept. Park & Recreation, and SF Port Authority.
- Partner with non-profits, including the Downtown SF Partnership community benefit district, Jackson Square Merchants Association, North Beach Citizens, and Walk SF.
- Advocate for improving safety and personal security with our business community, including The Gateway, North Park/ Lincoln Property Management, and Safeway.

During the last 2 years, the BCNA has:

- Improved SFMTA Battery St. Bike Lane with a Left Turn & Pedestrian Crosswalks.
- Secured SFMTA traffic-calming measures at Broadway/Sansome, Drumm/Jackson, and daylight spaces at the Jackson/Davis intersections.
- Advocated for the enforcement of motorized scooter sidewalk rules.
- Advocated for more effective sideshow enforcement.
- Supported more technology use (e.g., drones, speed cameras, license plate readers).
- Monitored new nighttime entertainment zones & other noise-generating events.
- Helped expand the City’s security camera program in partnership with SafeCity Connect.
- Partnered with North Beach Citizens to help 12+ unhoused neighbors find homes and services.
- Worked with City to reduce pedestrian safety threats below a Telegraph Hill encampment.
- Advocated for speed cameras on The Embarcadero, Broadway & Columbus Ave.

- Advocated for license plate readers at The Embarcadero & Washington Street.
- Began surveying sidewalk trip hazards within the Barbary Coast for submission to DPW.

The City and SFPD must maintain a competent, effective, and adequate police force while providing communities with the necessary resources to address the broad spectrum of human problems we face, without over-reliance on police. That's where we, as a neighborhood organization, come in—**setting neighborhood safety goals and engaging with SFPD, other City agencies, non-profits, and our neighbors to achieve our objectives humanely and effectively.**

What can you do?

- Our city's leaders cannot act unless they know our neighborhood's safety issues.
 - Therefore, if you **see something, say something**, and share any concerns, especially threats to personal safety.
 - **If it is not an active emergency, please email the BCNA Safety Committee (bcnasafety@gmail.com)** describing the incident (time, date, details) and include a photo if you feel comfortable.
 - **If you feel threatened in an emergency, call 911.** Then email our committee, and we will report/follow up on the incident to SFPD Central Station.
 - Report non-emergency issues to the **SFPD Non-Emergency number (415-534-0123).**
 - You can also **text incident information to TIP411** (enter 415-847411 in the "To" field) or call the SFPD Anonymous 24/7 Tip Line (415-575-4444 or 415-392-2623).
- **Support the efforts of our political leaders to ensure SFPD is fully staffed.** Central Station is severely understaffed (only ~90 compared to an authorized staffing level of 120).
- **Inform our political leaders that you support modern technology, such as surveillance cameras, drones, and license plate readers.** These tools can assist SFPD in enforcing our laws and enable more effective use of SFPD's limited resources.
- **When you see an SFPD officer, thank them for their work to keep our neighborhood safe.**
- **Do NOT confront criminal perpetrators.** The nationwide trend of relaxed gun control has resulted in many criminals being armed.
- **If not a member of BCNA, please join now at www.bcnasf.org/membership.** Member support is critical to our success in representing residents/businesses in our historic waterfront.

Want more detail?

Check out the [9-page 2024-25 Safety Committee Update with Goals, Actions, and Progress](#), including links to Get Involved and Our Accomplishments.

If you are interested in learning more about the activities of the BCNA Safety Committee, please email bcnasafety@gmail.com or contact any BCNA Board or Safety Committee member you know. We welcome all who live in the [Barbary Coast Neighborhood](#).