



June 23, 2022

Budget and Appropriations Committee Members
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for Mid-Market and Tenderloin Community Safety Program

Dear Supervisors Chan, Mar, Ronen, Safai and Walton,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco, I write to ask that you please support the full budget proposal for community ambassadors through SF OEWD's Community Based Safety Program in the Mid-Market/Tenderloin neighborhoods.

BOMA members benefit greatly from this program. Any proposed cut would significantly reverse the improvements that have been made as a result. Our members truly value the support they receive from this program, particularly as other forms of assistance are constrained by lack of funding availability or staffing.

The current cut of \$4.5M would eliminate approximately 40 to 50 ambassador positions. The full program provides meaningful employment and life skills to more than 250 Urban Alchemy Practitioners who may otherwise have extreme barriers to employment. This would mean eliminating coverage on up to 18 block faces that are now receiving support of this transformative program. It could mean the deserved quality of life that has increased for residents, businesses, youth, seniors and patrons in some of the City's most challenged, central blocks would be a loss.

The program has dramatically improved the safety, cleanliness, and general livability in some of the city's most challenged blocks. There is still a lot of work to do, and it is critical we continue and build upon these services. We ask that you please preserve the full funding for this program.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant
CEO, BOMA San Francisco