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CULTURAL DISTRICT:

"A geographic area or location within San Francisco that embodies a unique cultural heritage"

Purpose of Cultural District Program:

Stabilize- *Preserve and promote diverse communities' cultural assets, events & way of life.*

Strengthen-*Amplify and support the community's cultural traditions and improve the quality of life for its community members*

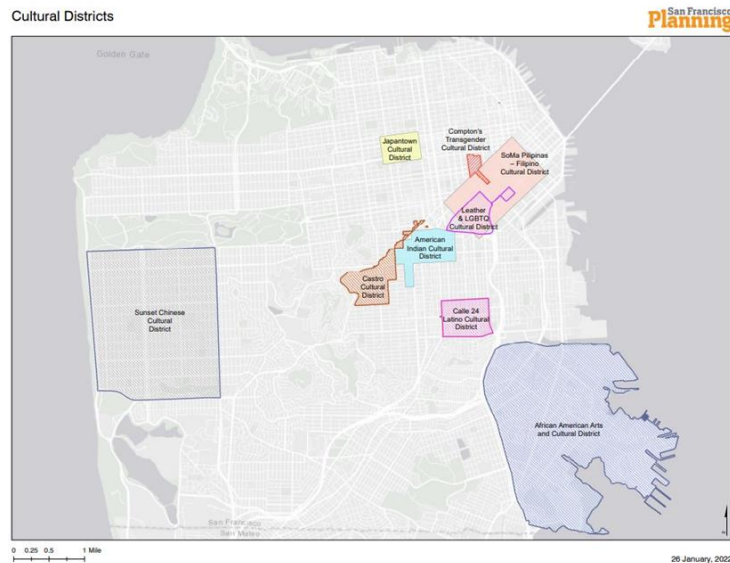
Streamline-*Coordinate City and community information, partnerships, and resources*

Cultural Heritage is defined as containing a concentration of cultural & historic assets, culturally significant enterprise, arts, services, or businesses and a significant portion of its residents, or people who spend time in the area, are members of a specific cultural community or ethnic group that historically has been discriminated against, displaced and oppressed.

April's Cultural District Newsletters will highlight the placemaking and place keeping work of San Francisco's Cultural Districts. **This newsletter will address redistricting advocacy, development and display of public art, and maintaining the cultural integrity of community spaces. It also provides information on COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites, as well as MOHCD housing resources.**

Stay tuned for April's second newsletter which will include celebratory (upcoming and past) community events as well as volunteer and career opportunities.

[Click here for a full list of San Francisco's Cultural Districts.](#)



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Community & Program Updates



SOMA Pilipinas has a new office at [Yerba Buena Center for the Arts!](#) Stay tuned for an invitation to the office warming party.



SOMA Pilipinas Gateway Design

Early in 2021, the SOMA Pilipinas Cultural District released a call for proposals to kick-off the process of designing their very first Cultural District marker on Russ and Folsom St. SOMA has selected a design by [Filipino-American visual artist, Franceska Gamez.](#) Learn more about her proposed design [here!](#)

Sign Up For A SOMA Pilipinas Ethno Tour

The SOMA Pilipinas Ethno Tours are offered to local residents, community-based organizations, schools, and private and public institutions that are interested in learning more about the rich history of Filipinos in the South of Market, as well as the contemporary issues and concerns facing the community today. [Sign up here!](#)

Redistricting Efforts in District 6



The Transgender District has been very engaged with the process of redistricting, advocating for the Community Unity Map put forth by the Community Unity Coalition. The Community Unity Coalition advocates for the Tenderloin and SOMA to remain whole in District 6, which includes the SOMA Pilipinas as well as the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural Districts. The Transgender District encourages members of District 6 to call in support of the Community Unity Map to ensure the Tenderloin and SOMA remain together.



AICD Commemorates their Two-Year Anniversary 3.31.22!

"Greetings from the American Indian Cultural District,

This month we have a special edition AICD Monthly Newsletter highlighting some of our major milestones as we commemorate our

Two-Year Anniversary on Thursday, March 31st.

Given AICD started at the beginning of the pandemic it has been both a challenging and rewarding last two years. We feel inspired and uplifted by our local inter tribal American Indian community, our Advisory Board Members, and our partnerships, and all that has been accomplished to continue to serve the local American Indian community by preserving and celebrating our unique cultures, strengthening our voices, and increasing our visibility so we can obtain equitable resources, funding, and opportunities for our inter tribal urban American Indian community in San Francisco.

Check out our virtual newsletter here:

<https://bit.ly/3J17JgS>

Download and share our printed version of the newsletter here:<https://bit.ly/3DbUaDS>"



Bronze Plaques and Murals

The LEATHER District is having repairs made to the pavement features and bronze plaques at the [Ringold Alley Leather Memoir](#) in April.

LEATHER is partnering with the [Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence](#) on a major mural project involving five local artists painting two facades of Oasis, 298 11th Street. The project is expected to be completed in May with an unveiling party Memorial Day Weekend (details TBD).



Advocacy and Partnership with Castro Theater

The Castro LGBTQ Cultural District is committed to ensuring that LGBTQ culture is centered in the Castro and this is especially relevant in our attempts to work with Another Planet Entertainment (APE) as they start their management of the Castro Theater. *"We look forward to updating you with news on this when it is available. Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved to help us in our efforts keeping the Castro Theatre safe and queer! Email us at contact@castrolgbtq.org."*



Continuing to fulfill our Mission!

“The objective is to preserve, strengthen and promote our cultural assets and diverse communities.”

SFAAACD is partnering with [Patricia Mitchell](#), former San Francisco State University Professor as she develops a program to connect African and African-American ancestry with educational/ interactive learning experiences and travels to Africa for SF-based people.

SF Black Culture Contributions

SFAAACD is hosting Community Focus Groups for their Cultural Heritage Housing & Economic Stabilization Strategy (CHHESS) report. Focus groups will be held **April 4th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, and 20th.**

Visit the MOHCD website to learn more about the [CHHESS report process](#). To participate in the focus groups contact Ericka Scott at ericka@sfaaacd.org

SF BLACK CULTURE
OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

SFAAACD is hosting Community Focus Groups for the SF Cultural District Program's CHHESS Report

Focus Groups will highlight the 7 areas of sustainability:

- 1) Preservation of cultural assets and arts
- 2) Quality of life
- 3) Health and environment
- 4) Land use
- 5) Arts and culture
- 6) Advocating for Economic Vitality and Sustainability
- 7) Cultural competency

Join the Conversation!
Share your expertise about one of the topics

APRIL 2022

DATES: APRIL 4, 12, 13, 14, 19 & 20TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: ERICKA@SFAAACD.ORG

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Opportunities

Free Covid Testing at Kapwa Gardens!

Walk-ins are welcome. No appointments or ID needed. Testing is available for all ages. RT-LAMP testing offered by COLOR. [Additional information is available here!](#)



Free COVID-19 and Vaccinations at Collingwood Parking lot!

COVID-19 testing will also be offered without any appointments at the Collingwood Parking Lot on 18th Street between Collingwood and Castro Street every Saturday. Vaccines & boosters will be available every 3rd Saturday of the month. [More information is available here!](#)



MOHCD Housing Resources

Dream Keeper Down Payment Assistance Loan Program (DK-DALP)- *Information Sessions Coming Soon!*

The Dream Keeper Down Payment Assistance Loan Program (DK-DALP) came as part of Mayor London Breed's Dream Keeper Initiative. To learn more, visit www.dreamkeepersf.org.

You can own a home in San Francisco.



As part of Mayor Breed's larger investment in the Black community, the Dream Keeper Initiative aims to reduce existing chronic disparities in homeownership by widening the path for historically underresourced communities.

Through the Dream Keeper Downpayment Assistance Loan Program (DK DALP), the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development is providing an additional opportunity for low to middle income buyers to compete in San Francisco's high cost housing market.



- Receive up to \$500,000 in downpayment assistance
- Receive up to \$30,000 in a Wealth Building Grant to help with closing costs
- Connect with housing counselors, lenders, and realtors

dreamkeepersf.org

SIGN UP FOR MORE INFORMATION!



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MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Through DK-DALP, MOHCD aims to reduce existing chronic disparities in homeownership by widening the path for historically under resourced communities. DK-DALP buyers are eligible for up to \$500,000 in down payment assistance and \$30,000 in a Wealth Building Grant to cover closing costs.

Use the QR code to sign-up for additional information:



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Dream Keeper Senior Home Repair Program (DK-SHRP)

The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) is now accepting applications for DK-SHRP. The program's goal is to ensure that long time African American homeowners thrive as they age in place and maintain the generational wealth achieved through homeownership. We do this by providing funding for repair or replacement of roofs, heating systems, and accessibility features.

If you are interested in applying for DK SHRP, your first step is to contact MOHCD's non-profit partner, Rebuilding Together at 415-905-1611 or dk_shrp@rtsf.org. A representative from Rebuilding Together will reach out to you and provide more information to get you started.

Update for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

On April 1, the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program stopped accepting applications. As a result of MOHCD's local outreach efforts, more than 20,400 tenant households applied to receive up to 18 months of assistance!

To ensure tenants continue to have access to financial assistance to prevent homelessness and displacement, the City launched the San

Francisco Emergency Rental Assistance Program (SF ERAP) on April 1. **The sf.gov/renthelp page has been updated with information on how to apply to the local program, where to get help with an application, and current tenant protections.**

It's also important to know:

- As of April 1, 2022, there are no eviction protections for tenants who are unable to pay rent that is due on or after 4/1/22.

- San Francisco's local eviction moratorium, unanimously passed by the Board of Supervisors and signed by Mayor Breed, was eliminated by a state law that went into effect on April 1, 2022, [AB 2179](#).

- AB 2179 does, however, extend eviction protections for tenants who both had not been able to pay rent prior to April 2022 and who have pending applications with the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program.

For additional information of how AB 2179 effects tenants **with** a pending application to the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program and how it affects those **without** a pending application, **[click here!](#)**



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