



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Things are looking up in the city, with greater activity and more people returning to offices, even downtown. Our neighborhood is bustling, with many visitors during weekends. And several new stores have opened on Union Street, which we want to welcome ... First, at 1957 Union is Just for Fun, a well-liked gift shop from Noe Valley. It carries toys, art supplies and a range of novelties for all ages. It's interesting to just go inside and check out the unusual items... Coffee Bodega at the corner of Union and Fillmore features farm-to-table specialty coffees, which owners boast are "the best you'll ever taste." The coffees are grown, roasted and packed by cooperative farms in Costa Rica. The establishment also offers Argentinian empanadas and other South American bites ... Telve Cafe at 2163 Union serves delicious baklavas, Turkish delights, paninis and beverages and is decorated in a charming Turkish style. It has quickly become a favorite with the work-in-a-cafe crowd, who stay there for hours with laptops.

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NEW YEAR, NEW SUPERVISOR: Last November, Stephen Sherrill was appointed new District 2 supervisor. Sherrill is no stranger to the area, having lived at Fillmore and Filbert -- and then Fillmore and Green -- when he first moved to the city from New York 10 years ago. Since then he has resided in Presidio Heights. Incidentally, his grandfather while in the military served at the Presidio, and was later sent to the Pacific ... He has been working in Mayor Breed's Office of Innovation for a little more than 2 years; before that, he was employed in marketing ... Sherrill's first action as supervisor was to complain to the SFMTA about proposed parking meters throughout the neighborhood. He helped end that

plan, which proved to be a popular move ... Sherrill will make public safety a top priority. He has met both the SF police chief and the Northern Station captain. Preventing road accidents is another prime concern, and he intends to install red light cameras along Lombard, and maybe bring in a traffic cop ... But Sherrill would like to know what issues are important to you! He will join our March monthly meeting, so have your questions ready ... Former Supervisor Stefani has been elected to State Assembly. She now represents half of San Francisco and parts of San Mateo county. The rumor is she may try to resurrect California's mental health care system, gutted by the state in the 1960s. This is badly needed.

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"I think there is too much news. They have it every day!"

PRESIDIO PERIL: The Trump administration has been taking shots at the Presidio. Two years ago, Representative Nancy Pelosi was able to get the Presidio \$200 million as part of the Inflation Reduction Act. The current administration has tried to claw back those funds, but the difficulty is, they have already been

distributed ... Then two weeks ago, an Executive Order was fired off eliminating all "non-statuary components" of the Presidio Trust, in an effort to reduce wasteful government spending. The problem is, the Presidio receives no federal funds and is entirely self-supported, mainly by rent payments. No taxpayer monies are being squandered ... If history is any guide, the Presidio should be able to withstand these attacks. After all, the post has survived English spies, a move to Sonoma, the Civil War, World Wars 1 & 2, a possible 1950s nuclear confrontation, the recent pandemic, fires and floods. And it is guarded by Yoda, perhaps the greatest of all Jedis ... But I ramble. We hope you will join us, and Supervisor Sherrill, for our next monthly meeting March 19. See you then!

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