# FREEDOM WEST

#### **NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2021**



# Freedom West's Inaugural "Family Day"

Helps Strengthen Community and Build Our Future Together

Freedom West Family Day was a joyous occasion that helped bring families, friends, partners and leaders together to celebrate the multi-generational, multi-ethnic culture and community that is Freedom West. The event took place on Saturday, September 25th and was considered a success by those who participated in the fun-filled activities.

Freedom West Board Member, Richard O'Neal, who helped organize the event, said: "Freedom West has a broader voice than any other co-op in San Francisco, so let's use that voice to celebrate the beauty of our uniqueness, our families and our community as we enjoy live music, food and fellowship."

The event focused on building a healthy community and will be remembered for a multitude of smiles and joyful conversations. Not only was there a sighting of Freedom West President Mattie Scott doing "The Wabble" better than most 20 year-olds, but local saxophone artist, The Real KMS delighted attendees, along with Freedom West's own, DJ Blac Marc.

There were other very special guests such as Pastor Robert Shaw of Bethel

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#### Nearby Community Events

#### 12/5 – 10am to 5pm. Asian Art Museum: Free Admission Day.

Cost: Free. The museum is home to the world's finest collection of Asian Art, boasting more than 18,000 artworks. 200 Larkin St.

12/5 – 5pm to 6:30pm. **"Blues in the City" at Museum of the African Diaspora** with Marcus Shelby and Dr. Rupa Marya, MD. 685 Mission St.

12/7 - 9:30am to 5:15pm.
De Young Museum
Free Day (First Tuesdays).
Cost: Free. Located in Golden Gate
Park, visit arts from around the world.
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive.

12/15 – 7pm to 11pm. Nerd Nite: Geeky Lectures in a Rock Club (Rickshaw Stop). Cost: \$15. A monthly lecture-in-a-bar series. 155 Fell Street.

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Anthony Maldonado – Community Manager Monica Garcia – Assistant Community Manager Tywon Fitzgerald – Maintenance Supervisor Paul Figueroa – Maintenance Tech

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AME, Mayor London Breed, who played at Freedom West as a child, and District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston. Mayor Breed provided inspiring remarks: "Let's work together to get the work done for the people of Freedom West so that we can continue to see generations of people grow up in this community. This is one of our only opportunities to own something in San Francisco. Let's make sure we don't lose it. Let's make sure that we think about our kids and grandkids and we pass it on to the next generation. That is the work we have left to do at Freedom West, so let's roll up our sleeves and let's get it done while I'm the mayor."

Supervisor Preston said: "The fact that folks here are owners of their homes - not just renting their homes - is a model that we need to get right here at Freedom West forever and that we need to use all over the city and all over this neighborhood."

There were other agencies, advocacy groups, and outreach services on hand with information and guidance to beneficial resources, Including the



# **Community Profile**

#### **Meet Darryl Stitt**

Darryl Stitt is one of two new Freedom West Board Members. One might describe Darryl as a friendly, but concerned neighbor, who always wants to help. Let's learn more about this former Muni operator who moved to Freedom West in 1975...

#### How were you connected with Freedom West?

In 1975 I moved to a Freedom West town house with my parents Mr. William James Stitt, Mrs. Juanita Stitt, sister Pamela Stitt, youngest brother Garrett Stitt and our dog Chico. We are the only family as new Shareholders to live in the current townhouse that I occupy to this day.

## What do you like most about living at Freedom West?

I love the location of Freedom West Homes along with the multiethnic community and the microclimate.

What is your priority as a new Freedom West Board Member? My priority will be to stay focused on the Guiding Principles of Freedom West 2.0.



# What might people be surprised to know about you?

People might be surprised that I am a graphic designer who designed the original brand of Freedom West logo, the previous newsletter, and flyers. I am also a novice chef and a retired SFMTA Transit Operator.

## What is your favorite memory about living at Freedom West?

The favorite memory was when it was brand spanking new, and this part of town was once a diamond in the rough.

## Why do you think Freedom West 2.0 is needed?

Freedom West 2.0 is needed because it was built wrong from the beginning and was mismanaged for far too long to survive today's housing laws and requirements. It needs to be reimagined to rebuild it and the Fillmore. Institute on Aging, the San Francisco Fire Department, the San Francisco Police Department and the Department of Emergency Services. The success of Freedom West Family Day was only the beginning, as the plan is to do this event on an annual basis.

### Management Corner

## Who to contact in emergency situations:

- If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911 immediately.
- Freedom West's security company is SVR. The security team can be reached at 415-724-3215

#### Call the management office if:

- There is a repair needed in your unit
- You have an issue with payment of carrying charges
- You have an issue with registering a vehicle to qualify for parking on a Freedom West lot
- You have a pest control issue
- You have an issue with a neighbor

# What to expect at the next Shareholder's Meeting:

- Pet policy
- Update on new mailbox station installation
- Conclusion of income verification process
- The next shareholder meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00PM. Please register at Freedomwest.com/events

#### **Open management staff position**

 Freedom West is recruiting for an open administrative position. Please provide resumes to April Hill at Avanath - ahill@avanath.com.