

FREEDOM WEST

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LEGACY IN MOTION

Freedom West Future Gains Momentum

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As reported this month in SF YIMBY, permits have been filed for the demolition of the first three buildings on the renovation of Freedom West — exciting progress towards our future. Below is the full text and accompanying images, providing details and historic reminders.

Demolition permits have been filed for three existing structures within the Freedom West housing cooperative in San Francisco's Fillmore District. The application would bolster the construction of the first new complex of the Freedom West 2.0 masterplan with over a hundred units of affordable senior housing at 880 McAllister Street. MacFarlane Partners and Avanath Capital Management are the project sponsors

The proposed new construction at 880 McAllister Street is expected to rise seven floors at the corner of McAllister Street and Laguna Street. The 73-foot-tall structure will yield around 104,500 square feet, including 103,300 square feet of housing and 1,200 square feet of retail. Parking will be included for 15 bicycles. The complex will include 115 units, with 80 one-bedrooms and 35 two-bedrooms.

DLR Group is the design architect, working with landscape architect Hood Design Studio. Previously shared renderings show a contemporary interpretation of the existing late modernist buildings, using a similar color palette across the articulated facade and an emphasis on rectilinear shape.



Freedom West Senior Center

Historic resource documents published by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation state the existing Freedom West cooperative was constructed between 1973 and 1975 by Jack Baskin, with architecture by Krisel/Shapiro & Associates, and landscape architecture by Royston, Hanamoto, Beck & Abey.

Demolition would be expected for three three-story apartment buildings at 860, 870, and 880 McAllister Street, behind the Bethel AME Church. Each structure contains 36 units, for a total residential capacity loss of 108 units. Plans for the new structure show it will occupy the floor area at 870 and 880 McAllister Street, showing that the demolition of 860 McAllister Street is ultimately intended to enable future construction.

TPV event attracts our Korean community

Fifteen of our Korean-speaking residents learned about a program designed to help keep housing affordable and provide long-term stability for the community.

Freedom West secured up to 188 Enhanced HUD Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPV), also known as Section 8 Vouchers. These are available to current Freedom West shareholders who meet income requirements and have lived here since before 2016.

Daniel Lee, a FW resident always willing to lend a helping hand, was invited as a Korean translator to explain what Section 8 is and how it can may help reduce housing costs for many members of our community.

For those who qualify and are approved, the voucher can be used right away to help pay monthly carrying charges here at Freedom West. Best of all, a shareholder will only pay up to 30% of household income toward monthly housing costs. The voucher will cover the rest!

TPV users remain the shareholder and will not lose membership or equity associated with their unit.

Curious if you qualify for a TPV voucher? Please contact the management office.



Booker T. Washington Community Center's "Food Pop-Up" Series Continues Serving with Success

by Muriel Nash
Freedom West Ambassador

On Saturday, April 11, 2026 Prosperity food bags were distributed to residents. This helps to reduce food insecurity and prevent hunger within our community. Over the span of just two hours, more than 50 residents attended the event, and many individuals who were unable to attend in person called in to apply for the program.



Prosperity food bags

Booker T. Washington received a **total of 42 applications**. The **Food to Freedom program team** was fully present and actively engaged throughout the event. **Program Manager Sammi Gay** served as our primary point of contact, and **Executive Director Shakirah Simley** and another director contributed to the team's hands-on support. Their strong presence and commitment played a significant role in the event's impact.



Booker T. Washington event gathering

We were also fortunate to have **Lewis Chapman of Medi-Care Live Scan** provide valuable information and engage with residents. Additionally, representatives from the **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Association** offered guidance on no-cost transportation options for shareholder appointments and other essential needs.

Several Freedom West Ambassadors worked alongside Amy to ensure the event ran smoothly while providing support and assistance throughout the day. Their presence contributed greatly to the welcoming and collaborative atmosphere.

Please take a moment to view the event photos, which capture staff and residents connecting, sharing conversations, and expressing their appreciation for this meaningful gathering.

This event marks the beginning of continued support from Booker T. Washington and other community vendors committed to serving Freedom West.

I would like to thank everyone involved, from our Ambassadors to **Amy Khang**, our dedicated event coordinator, for committing their time and energy, especially on a Saturday, to uplift our community.

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going," and together, we ignited that spark.



L-R: Robin Danridge, Barbara Wilson, Tywon Fitzpatrick, Mandy Kwok, Katie MacFarland, Bonnie Wong

FREEDOM WEST Management Corner

Upcoming Events

- Freedom West Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 23 (6 p.m.) Open to shareholders.
- Office Closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of 4th of July
- Annual Freedom West 2.0 Development Shareholder Community Update Meeting: Saturday, July 11 (10 a.m.–1 p.m.) Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. RSVP for an extra raffle ticket.
- Jewelry Making Event: Friday, July 24 (3–5 p.m.) All are welcome.
- Ice Cream Social: Friday, July 24 (3–4:30 p.m.) All are welcome.

Meet Tywon Fitzpatrick

Director of Building Services for the South Bay region



I have lived and worked at **Freedom West** for the past seven years, and my experience here has reinforced the importance of community and reminded me that family is not always determined by blood alone. From the beginning, I was welcomed with open arms and treated like a son and a brother, regardless of the maintenance challenges we faced together. Even after my recent promotion to **Director of Building Services for the South Bay region**, I have made a conscious effort to remain here. Freedom West is more than where I live and work—it is my home. I deeply value the sense of community, support, and belonging that defines this place.

Tywon Fitzpatrick

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 registering a vehicle to qualify for parking on a Freedom West lot.
- You have a pest control issue. Pest Control service is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month. Please call the office to get on the schedule.

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