

MPIC Safety Committee Activities and Achievements

In support of the safety goals, the MPIC Safety Committee's activities and achievements have included the following:

- Advocate for fire prevention in Mount Davidson Park (e.g.: police monitoring against fireworks on July 4) and abatement of all illegal encampments in the Park, which are fire hazards, foster criminal activity and present health risks because of lack of sanitation and discarded syringes.
- We coordinate with the Counsel of Armenian-American Organizations of Northern California which owns the small plot of land atop Mount Davidson park where the memorial cross in honor of the Armenian genocide is located to abate illegal activity such as illegal encampments, fire hazards, and graffiti.
- Maintain a close relationship with the Police Department: advocate for and promote community policing, participate in monthly police-community meetings and Police Commission hearings.
- Notify the community of ongoing and historic criminal activity statistics by way of our free monthly newsletter, posting on the free online social media platform *Nextdoor Miraloma Park* and soliciting assistance with police investigations.
- Work with City Attorney and the Police Department to abate drug houses (homes at which drugs are produced or sold).
- Advocate with City government for full staffing of police officers mandated by the City Charter and optimal patrol coverage in our neighborhood.
- Follow up with Police Department and District Attorney on serious crimes and keep the neighborhood informed. This includes submitting advocacy letters on behalf of victims, submitting community support letters to the District Attorney and submitting commendation letters to police officers.
- Promote and educate safety awareness among neighbors: how to avoid burglary, home invasion, robbery, assault, package thefts, auto break-ins, auto thefts, identity fraud, etc.
- Help organize and participate in neighborhood block meetings and coordinate city official participation.

- Educate neighbors about personal safety: how to avoid household, everyday hazards including gas line safety.
- Insist on zero tolerance of graffiti and urban blight: Abate graffiti by organizing and training a team of neighborhood volunteers to remove graffiti, and work with the Department of Public Works and the Police Department on enforcement of anti-graffiti laws and prosecution of perpetrators. Counsel merchants and homeowners to remove graffiti from their buildings. Educate the neighborhood about graffiti and empower the community to remove and report them.
- Work with the Department of Parking and Traffic, the Police Department, the Municipal Transportation Agency and Board of Supervisor's Office to improve pedestrian safety via installation of appropriate crosswalks, traffic signals, stop signs, and "traffic calming" devices (e.g., bulb-outs, bumps, islands, MPH signs and read-outs) to mitigate speeding and improve monitoring, compliance with, and enforcement of traffic safety laws. Educate the community on the importance of pedestrian-friendly driving. Advocate for targeted police enforcement with respect to traffic issues and violations.
- Advocate for traffic engineering improvements to promote community safety and organize community meetings with City officials to discuss proposed traffic calming solutions. Give public testimony at Board of Supervisor pedestrian safety hearings.
- Report to and interact with the City Building Inspection Department regarding violations of the Building Code, illegal utility line connections by drug houses, vacant buildings and blight and communications with the Building Inspection Commission,
- Interact with the City Attorney regarding code enforcement violations including illegal secondary housing units that violate our zoning, building code violations, fire hazards, criminal activity, health code violations, land use issues and public works violations. Educate the residents on the City's code enforcement responsibilities and how to report violations.
- Hosted an annual Ingleside Police District National Night Out event where residents from across many neighborhoods attended at the Clubhouse.
- Collaborate annually with the Miraloma Elementary School on their school traffic plan and impact to neighbors.
- Support of the San Francisco Coalition to Underground Utilities.

- Hosted the citywide San Francisco SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone) block captains meeting.
- Hosted a monthly Ingleside Police District community meeting where residents from across different neighborhoods attended.
- Hosted a community traffic meeting with the San Francisco Metropolitan Transit Agency involving our 10 year traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvement project on a major thoroughfare through our neighborhood.
- Hosted block level and community wide safety meetings with the Police Department, District Attorney and San Francisco SAFE.
- Received a briefing by the San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center located adjacent to our neighborhood.
- Held a bike safety workshop.
- Followed up with Pacific Gas and Electric on behalf of residents expressing concern of the lack of a underground gas line replacement.
- Notifying the community of Pacific Gas and Electric's responsibility for tree trimming around their utility poles.
- Participation in wild fire threat meetings with an adjacent neighborhood association and notification of wild fire threats to the Department of Recreation and Parks.
- Testify at public hearings on police funding and on the need for database coordination between City law enforcement agencies.
- Hosted a safety town hall with the California State Assembly Member.
- Submitted letters of support regarding State of California legislative changes to burglary statutes.
- Support of *Stop Crime SF*, their Court Watch program and attending their local neighborhood meetings.
- Participate as a member in the Ingleside Community Police Advisory Board.
- In 2018, we supported a submission to the San Francisco District 7 Supervisor's Participatory Budget Program for a grant that was approved to install safety lighting at the Avoca Alley/ Bella Vista Way steps.

- In 2017 and 2018, we supported two submissions to the San Francisco District 7 Supervisor's Participatory Budget Program for grants that were approved to install speed cushions within a two block area along our neighborhood elementary school.
- We held a community safety meeting with representatives from the Police, District Attorney, City Attorney and Park Ranger.
- Attended District Attorney's citywide neighborhood association leaders meeting.
- We are currently exploring a neighborhood security camera program.
- We notified City officials of our concern regarding potential landslide and erosion issues for houses that abut against neighboring Mount Davidson and requested actions the City would take to ensure that their maintenance actions would not further aggravate erosion issues.
- Development and implementation of a multi-agency plan for abatement of youth –related problems at and near the Portola shopping strip adjacent to the neighborhood high school and City's Juvenile Justice Center.
- Opposing packaged alcohol sales at the planned Portola Drive CVS Caremark store.
- In 2019, we supported a submission to the San Francisco District 7 Supervisor's Participatory Budget program in the Vision Zero category called "Pedestrian Safety near Portola Drive Overpass and SFFD 39" where \$6000 was awarded for the City to analyze traffic and pedestrian safety at a major traffic intersection in our community.