

Mayor London Breed City Hall, Room 200 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

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Dear Mayor Breed,

We are members of the leadership team of Sequoia Living, a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that provides homes and services for healthy aging in the Bay Area. We are writing to request your help addressing the ongoing drug dealing that is jeopardizing the safety of senior citizens who live at one of our affordable housing communities, Eastern Park Apartments on 711 Eddy Street.

- Drug dealers are openly selling drugs in front of Eastern Park Apartments on a regular basis, which puts our senior residents and staff in harm's way.
- Groups of drug users are injecting drugs, leaving used needles outside our building, vandalizing the area, yelling at passers-by, and urinating and defecating nearby.
- Intoxicated, combative drug users have entered our building and threatened our staff in front of residents. On Saturday, September 27, an intruder attacked our security guard with a knife.

These conditions pose a threat to public health and safety and are creating a climate of fear and intimidation. Many of our residents are so frightened that they are afraid to leave their apartments. Our employees are concerned about their personal safety and our residents' well-being. We need increased police presence near Eastern Park Apartments to prevent this situation from getting worse.

Over the past month, our staff members have called 911 about the drug dealing and other criminal acts taking place near our building and have sent a letter to the Tenderloin Police Station asking for their help. We have also hired extra security, increased power washing of the sidewalk, boarded up our Eddy Street seating area, and installed additional lighting and cameras. Unfortunately, the drug dealing, trespassing, and other criminal acts are still taking place.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how this hazardous, distressing situation could be improved through the presence of additional law enforcement. Thank you for your help in this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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