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MEETING AGENDA

Celebrate with DTNA at Flore on Market Street as we celebrate 2019! Join your friends and neighbors, sip on holiday themed drinks, enjoy tasty nibbles, and maybe win a prize at the raffle! There will be entertainment for the kids so bring the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, December 8, 11 am - 4 pm
Holiday Craft Fair. Harvey Milk Center for the Arts. Contact Robby Roller at 415-554-8742 or hmcaevents@sfgov.org.

Monday, December 2, 7-8:30 pm
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting. Chase Bank at Sanchez and Market Streets.

Tuesday, December 10, 7-8 pm
Park Station Community Meeting. Park Station Community Room. 1899 Waller Street.

Saturday, December 14, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Monday, January 6, 7-8:30 pm
DTNA Land Use Committee Meeting. Chase Bank at Sanchez and Market Streets.

Saturday, January 11, 10 am - noon
Friends of Duboce Park Volunteer Day. Contact Rose at rose@friendsofdubocepark.org or 415-255-8370.

Shop Local for the Holidays

Amazon is ramping up deliveries these days, clogging the streets with endless trucks blasting greenhouse gases into the air, and piling our streets with now unrecyclable cardboard and other packing materials. But in the walk-friendly Triangle none of us are part of the problem, right? Because when we want to buy something for ourselves or our loved ones, we get on our own two feet and support our neighborhood businesses.

Some of the easiest to get to are right here in the Triangle itself, like Golden Produce on Church Street, where you can take care of all your holiday eating needs, or The Animal House Pet Mercantile at Fillmore Street and Waller Street, where you can pick up some of the cutest possible outfits for your four-legged friends. Before they get them dirty trying them on, you can get them groomed at the Little Ark on 14th Street just above Church Street, and while you are there if you need (want) a gorgeous floral arrangement for your holiday table or office party, Rebekah Northway of the Petaler, across from Little Ark and also on 14th Street, can create something seasonal and distinctive, using locally-sourced materials. The goods at Earthen on Fillmore Street near Waller Street, which offers small batch pottery and housewares to light up the room in other ways, are also local.

By far the largest concentration of shopping destinations is on Market Street, the hypotenuse of our Triangle. You should start at Local Take at 17th

Street and Market Street; you will not only be supporting a local business but also local artists, because everything in there was locally made. If you want to enhance the look of a room or find the perfect gift for the person who has everything, the artfully curated selections at Kenneth Wingard Designs (full disclosure, Ken is a former DTNA Board member) or Stag & Manor are just the spots to find your one-of-a-kind houseware. Kenneth Wingard also carries fashion items, and if you trend that way, Rolo on Market Street (two locations, including one devoted to sportswear), or the high-end vintage clothing store Sui Generis are both must-shop spaces for the "let's just try it on" crowd.

For a more permanent sort of display, on the Triangle side of Market Street you can find a lovely selection of local art at the gallery Art Attack SF (who very kindly hosted our recent Duboce Triangle Welcome Mixer), or you can order a big print of a favorite photo and a nice frame at Photoworks SF. If you brought your four-legged friend with you on this jaunt and they are peckish, you should stop at Jeffrey's Natural Pet Foods on Noe Street. And if you are feeling the same, an hour or so at La Méditerranée or Willkommen will get you all shipshape for further adventures. Cannot figure out a gift for the hard-to-match type? How about a gift certificate to one of our fine restaurants like Canela or L'Ardoise? Or a coffee card from Ritual or Verve or the Duboce Park Café?

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Greetings Duboce Triangle Neighbors!



San Francisco District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Hello Duboce Triangle Neighbors,

It is Fall in Duboce Triangle and I want to update you on important issues my office has been working on over the last several months.

Addressing our Substance Abuse Crisis

We all know San Francisco has a meth problem. We see it on our streets, in our hospital emergency rooms, in our jails, and all too often on the growing list of San Franciscans dying from overdoses. Over the past year, I convened a Meth Task Force with health professionals and advocates to respond to the crisis. On October 22, the Task Force released its Report, putting forward 17 recommendations for the City to pursue in our efforts to tackle the meth epidemic.

I want to highlight two that I am especially committed to and excited about:

The first is to create the City's first sobering site for people who are under the influence of methamphetamine. We need alternatives to Psychiatric Emergency Services, hospital emergency rooms, and jail, where people who are meth-intoxicated or in meth-induced psychosis can go to get off the streets, come down, and get connected to the services that will promote their long-term well-being and recovery.

The second is to strengthen the City's behavioral health crisis response. I hear almost every day from constituents who are seeing people in distress or psychosis on our streets, but have no idea what to do, who to call, or how to get a response. The Task Force has recognized that San Franciscans need a number they can call to get real-time, non-law enforcement-led assistance for people experiencing meth-induced distress on our sidewalks.

I look forward to working with Mayor Breed, my fellow Task Force co-chair DPH Director Grant Colfax, my fellow Task Force members and all of our community partners to effectively implement all of the 17 recommendations.

Making MUNI More Reliable The MUNI Reliability Working Group, which I worked to convene with the City Controller, Transit Authority Director, Mayor Breed and Transit Authority Chair Peskin, has been meeting through the Fall and is bringing together national transit leaders and local experts. The goal of the working group is to identify priority actions to improve transit performance and give direction for the new San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Director over the next 18-24 months. Our September meeting focused on the subway and train control systems as well as bus service improvements. In October we discussed the SFMTA's workforce and hiring issues and how they can be improved.

Ensuring Pedestrian Safety Achieving Vision Zero and ensuring the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is a top priority for the City and for my office. After

several incidents where people were struck in the crosswalk at Castro Street and Market Street, I have asked the SFMTA to assess the intersection to see what additional safety measures can be taken to protect pedestrians. The SFMTA is already working on safety improvements along Upper Market as part of the Upper Market Safety Project and I hope that these potentially life-saving improvements can be made quickly. It is also important that we enforce our traffic laws, and I will continue to work with Chief Scott to increase the number of officers in the SFPD's Traffic Company and with Park Station to increase the presence of traffic officers along Market Street and in Duboce Triangle.

As always, if you have feedback, questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to my office, at mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org.



What DTNA Has Accomplished in 2019



Kimyn Braithwaite DTNA President

As we approach the end of 2019, I would like to share some of the exciting things that DTNA accomplished this year, and also invite you to our end of the year Holiday Party.

On the top of my list of favorite moments was a beautiful day in April, when the neighborhood and CPMC employees came together to plant trees on Noe Street. It was wonderful to see community members from the ages of seven to 77 volunteering their time and physical strength to get those trees in the ground. DTNA had worked with CPMC Davies Campus and the Friends of the Urban Forest for over a year to finalize the project, and we can all agree that the trees look great!

In June DTNA held a success-

ful fundraiser at the beautiful Swedish American Hall to allow for the completion of the Duboce Triangle Historic District survey. The Historic District, as discussed in previous newsletters, as well as at the last couple of General Meetings, will encompass the vast majority of today's Duboce Triangle. The goal is to have the Historic District recognized by the State of California, helping to preserve our beautiful neighborhood for decades to come. Thanks to generous donations from neighbors and to Supervisor Mandelman for working to carve out funds from the City's budget, we were able to reach our funding goal and the survey is already underway.

We are also pleased that owners of Flore (aka Café Flore) on Market and Noe Street recently received approval from the Planning Department to open The Flore Store, a retail cannabis store at 258 Noe Street, currently occupied by the nail salon Gloss n Glam. After many meetings over the course of more than a year, DTNA and The Flore Store's sponsors were able to come to agreement that addressed the concerns and issues brought up by neighbors and other members of the community. We believe these agreements will benefit both the neighborhood and the Flore Store, and make it a contributing member

of the neighborhood for years to come.

I am also proud to report the collaboration with our larger neighborhood, when at the DTNA General Meeting in October, our friends from the Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association (LoHaMNA) joined us in sponsoring a forum with all the candidates in the District Attorney race. This particular race was historic, as it was the first time in decades with no established incumbent. The evening was wildly successful, and we are grateful for all the community members who came out to listen and to ask questions of the candidates. It was great to work with LoHaMNA and to have their support in running the event. We hope to work with them again soon, possibly host-

ing a combined block party. Stay tuned.

Lastly, we are very excited to be hosting a holiday party at our upcoming General Meeting on Monday, December 9th. The party will be at Flore on Noe and Market beginning at 6pm. Please join us to sip on holiday drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), enjoy delicious bites, and maybe take home a prize from the raffle. Bring the whole family as there will be a craft table to entertain the kids. In addition to the festivities, DTNA will be having our annual elections for Executive Board and Board members for the year so come out to eat, drink, play, craft, and vote. We look forward to seeing you there and on behalf of DTNA we wish you all a joyous holiday season and a healthy 2020!

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Moving On: DTNA Board Member David Troup Reflects on Two Decades in the Neighborhood

Nearly sixteen years ago, I attended a DTNA General Meeting during which then-President Peter Albert made a plea for volunteers to step up and get involved. DTNA's annual election of board members was approaching, and in particular, the association was seeking Board members and a new Treasurer. By coincidence, I'd previously held volunteer roles as treasurer for a couple of nonprofit associations, so I talked to Peter after the meeting and said I could probably help out for a year or two. By the time the next meeting rolled around, I'd become a board member and Treasurer, and soon after I started attending DTNA Land Use Committee meetings too.

Little did I know that I would hold the Treasurer role for a decade, then later serve as DTNA's President, and then for the past couple of years, as Chair of DTNA's

Land Use Committee. It has been a fascinating, educational and enjoyable ride, but at the end of this year, I will be stepping away from my DTNA roles, though I will remain a proud member of the Association and you'll still see me around the neighborhood, and puttering around my house on 15th Street.

Next year will mark my twentieth year as a San Francisco resident, and our neighborhood has undergone a lot of changes in the past two decades. Twenty years ago, our neighbor-



David Troup has served as DTNA President, Treasurer and Chair of the Land Use Committee over the past sixteen years.

hood was much more gay, somewhat more affordable, and far less impacted by street crime and vagrancy. We had an eclectic collection of homeless residents, even then, but they seemed far less troubled, less angry, and less chemically-impaired than the people living on our sidewalks today. It seems to me that we have moved from having primarily a homelessness problem to having a chronic drug abuse problem, and the drugs themselves have gotten harder and more damaging, both to those who use them and to those merely in proximity. I continue to hope that we will find enduring solutions to these issues.

The neighborhood also looked a lot different then. Three large gasoline stations along Market Street have since disappeared, replaced by new residential buildings. Restaurants came and went. The massive "church pit" at 16th Street and Market Street, ruins of a long-ago-burned-down church, was finally sold and developed into housing. Tower Records at the corner of Market Street and Noe Street closed, sat empty for years, became a CVS, closed, and again sat empty for years (now it's Barry's Boot Camp and Zephyr Real Estate). Sinclair Paints became Chase Bank. The Fireman's Credit

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Affordable Housing and the State of California

By Assemblymember David Chiu

I want to thank the residents of Duboce Triangle and the rest of the 17th Assembly District for the incredible honor of representing you in the State Assembly over the past five years.

In 2019, we tackled many critical issues facing San Franciscans and Californians, but of course, our housing and homelessness crisis remain at the forefront. As Chair of the Assembly Housing & Community Development Committee, among the 11 bills I authored that were signed by Governor Newsom this year, I would like to highlight two crucial housing bills we worked hard to pass.

While the housing crisis is a complex issue, we know that protecting residents from being displaced is a critical part of the solution. We have all read the horror stories of tenants being forced into homelessness after facing a large rent increase or sudden eviction. We need to

reverse this trend, and to ensure those who have homes are able to stay in them.

To this end I authored Assembly Bill 1482, which was signed by Governor Newsom in October. Our Tenant Protection Act of 2019 will prevent landlords from rent-gouging tenants by capping yearly rent increases to no more than 5 percent plus the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for qualifying properties. The bill also provides just-cause protections to tenants against predatory, arbitrary, and retaliatory evictions. AB 1482 will protect the 8 million renters in California, and has been referred to as the strongest tenant protection law in the country.

While we work to keep people in their homes, we also must address the enormous shortage of affordable housing. In the Bay Area, closing this gap cannot be left to San Francisco and those few cities who have been willing to build. In our region of 101 cities and 9 counties, every jurisdiction must pitch in,

because the decision of one city to build or not build impacts every other city, and our challenges are inextricably linked. There is a clear need for a regional approach to affordable housing creation.

That is why I authored Assembly Bill 1487. AB 1487 will allow local leaders working together to place funding measures on a regional ballot for the nine-county Bay Area, in order to provide critical investments in affordable housing projects across our region. I am grateful for the support of our Bay Area senators and assembly-members, as well as the Governor, and I look forward to working with local leaders

around the region to address our collective housing crisis. My team and I are excited to continue to fight for you in the Legislature. We love hearing your thoughts on issues we should focus on, and look forward to continuing our progress in 2020. Before the new legislative year starts in January, I am touching base with as many neighborhood associations, community-based organizations, and San Franciscans as I can, to get your feedback and ideas. I look forward to hearing from you, and I will be at your DTNA General meeting in February if you would like to check in directly with me. Until then, Happy holidays!



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Debate Night: DTNA General Meeting Gives Forum for District Attorney Candidates

DTNA normally would have held its General Meeting during the second Monday in October, but with a consequential District Attorney's race looming on the November ballot, DTNA President Kimyn Braithwaite invited all four candidates for District Attorney to join us for a live debate. The debate was co-hosted by the Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association, and as a result, a large and lively crowd joined us to learn why each candi-

date thought they should be the top prosecutor for San Francisco.


In a year when many races – including those for Mayor, Treasurer and Public Defender – were either unopposed or lacked high profile challengers, the District Attorney's race became the most consequential and hotly contested race on the ballot, at a time when the City is under intense national scrutiny for street crime. The race took on added consequence when the race opened up after District Attorney George Gascón, a well-known progressive reformer, quit his position to run for the District Attorney's position in Los Angeles County. In the meantime, Mayor London Breed tapped

one of the four candidates, Suzy Loftus, as interim DA.

The meeting began with all four candidates making opening statements. It was quickly apparent that there were three experienced prosecutors at the table. Leif Dautch is currently the Deputy Attorney General for the State and served as President of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission. He emphasized fighting crime and especially car break-ins, and pointed to endorsements from public safety unions. Suzy Loftus and Nancy Tung have both served as Deputy District Attorneys in San Francisco. Loftus had endorsements from the Mayor, the Governor and the state's two Senators as well as the Democratic Party endorsement. Nancy Tung has previously spoken to our neighborhood in her role as a community leader fighting crime, and she is currently a Deputy District Attorney in Alameda County. She is a Board member of a grass roots, non-partisan organization called Stop Crime SF that was formed to prevent crime from happening and to hold the institutions that are supposed to protect us accountable. As reported in our newsletter, she spoke at our August 2018 General Meeting. On the progressive side of the contest, Chesa Boudin, was a Deputy Public Defender and spoke about how his parents had both been incarcerated. (While not discussed in the meeting, the San Francisco Chronicle has reported: "His left-wing radical parents, members of the Weather Underground, were incarcerated when he was an infant for taking part in an armored car robbery in upstate New York that led to the death of two police officers and a security guard.") Boudin's comments focused on reform and rehabilitation over incarceration.

Following the opening statements, the candidates responded to a series of prepared questions from DTNA and the Lower Haight Merchants and Neighbors Association. Then the floor was opened up to the community to ask questions. Many of the questions focused on frightening

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behaviours on our streets, and one woman spoke very emotionally about how she no longer felt safe walking on the streets in our neighborhood. Other questioners asked about a serial criminal who has been the focus of prior DTNA meetings and who already has several court sanctioned stay-away orders from portions of our neighborhood, but who continues to return to it.

The November 5th election had just been called as our newsletter went to print. Loftus and Boudin were locked in a very tight race, exchanging the lead over several rounds of ranked-choice recounts, with Tung and Dautch getting substantial support, but both eliminated after the first round. In the end the voters who chose Tung and Dautch gave more of their second and third choice votes to Boudin over Loftus, and he prevailed by a thin margin. He has promised on his first day in office to eliminate cash bail, and in other ways he will be part of what is a wave of progressive prosecutors across the nation.

If you needed reminding that every vote counts, this election was decided by about 1% of the total votes. The Castro and Upper Market neighborhood had the highest turnout of any neighborhood in the City (good job voters!) at 42%. Of course that means that 58% of registered voters in our neighborhood did not vote. Now on to 2020.

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Shop Local, continued

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If you feel you have over-indulged at lunch, stop by The Boombox to sign up for some personal fitness training. Or if need something for the kiddos to do, a lesson in elegance at the Academy of Ballet is just the ticket. Getting tired? Stop for a hot toddy at Blackbird or Churchill's to restore the energy, then stroll on home, confident that you have enhanced both the neighborhood and yourself with a good day of walking.

That's your Saturday. If you still have a few folks on your list get up the next morning, tuck into a nice breakfast at

the Wooden Spoon, then head to our neighbor retail districts to check out their offerings. If you stroll down Castro Street be sure to pick up some holiday favors at Cliff's Variety (a retail staple that has been around since 1936), get your pooch washed (is this the second time? What did that dog get into?) at Mudpuppy's, and while you're waiting, stop off for a classic movie at the Castro Theater, one of the great San Francisco movie palaces from the 1920s, where the architecture and elegance of the ballroom-style large-screen experience are as much a part of the point as the film itself. From Castro Street head down 18th Street to pick up Indian street food at Kasa or

dim sum at the Dumpling House, then head to Dolores Park for lunch with the view. On your way home (by now you really deserve a treat), get a bottle of wine or some meats and cheeses at Fig & Thistle Market on 14th Street at Market Street before heading home. If you pick up a book of poetry at Books and

Bookshelves at 14th Street and Sanchez Street, then when you get home, secure in your knowledge that during your two days of wandering you have done your bit to keep the neighborhood vibrant, and have engaged in a real way with your neighbors!

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Meet Your Board Member: Brian Kemler



DTNA Board Member Brian Kemler

Hi DTNA, my name is Brian and I am new member of the DTNA Board.

I grew up in suburban Boston, Massachusetts. After attending university in Washington, DC., I had a dream to live in a Victorian home

in San Francisco. This dream would have to wait for a little bit while I pursued my wanderlust and lived abroad in Mexico City. After living in Mexico and traveling around central and South America for 2 years, I moved to the San Francisco in 2006, settling down in the Mission neighborhood.

I started to get involved politically and canvassed the Mission in the democratic primary for Barack Obama. I volunteered extensively in 2008 in Nevada, spending the summer weekends getting folks registered to vote and motivated to go to the polls for Obama. I'm looking forward to resuming this

effort this election season for the democratic nominee.


In 2013, I bought a historic Victorian in Duboce Triangle. I have not been as involved politically, but I have worked on improving the new apartment development on Belcher Street. My dream for the neighborhood would be that the blighted Safeway lot could be turned into multi use development to include apartments, shopping and public space.

In my day job, I am a product manager working on making Google's products more available to users in underserved markets and commu-


nities. I currently have been working on creating a free, new family of products for the Deaf and hard of hearing using speech transcription as a way of making audio and conversations more accessible on smartphones and in the real world.

I commute by bike to work 5 days per week, including 2 days the entire 45-mile trip to Mountain View. I'm an avid snowboarder, photographer and traveler. I am excited to join the board of DTNA to work with everyone in the community to improve the neighborhood and foster community.


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By SF Transit Riders

Along with housing, traffic congestion is one of the top issues facing San Francisco. Our streets are gridlocked, our population is growing, and our local public transit option, Muni, is itself stuck in traffic, leaving transit riders stranded and late to work, school, and appointments. When people can not depend on transit, those who can afford it hop in a rideshare or their own car, further exacerbating congestion on our already choked streets. Because of street congestion, Muni is barely keeping up its schedule, even though the agency has added more buses and trains to increase service.

At the same time, San Francisco has declared a climate

emergency, and it is past time the City got serious about addressing the causes. Muni delivers 26% of our trips, but contributes less than 1% of San Francisco's greenhouse gases. With 46% of the City's greenhouse gas emissions coming from transportation and 71% of that coming from private cars and trucks, it is clear that shifting more people to public transit is crucial to meeting our climate goals.

The best way to get people on Muni is to make it faster and more reliable, so it can compete with less sustainable travel modes. Where we invest in rapid service, ridership goes up. Where SFMTA developed rapid routes like the 38R Geary, 14R Mission, and 5R Fulton, ridership has



How long is your average transit commute? San Francisco Transit Riders is reaching out to educate people about what's possible.

gone up 20%, meaning tens-of-thousands more people boarding every day.

These improvements tend to be controversial, like red lanes or removing parking spaces for better bus stops. But the changes are only controversial if you have never ridden the bus on them. These improvements make a smoother, faster ride. With the right improvements, riders can actually start to rely on how long their trip will take. And there are fewer accidents, saving everyone time, money, and injury.

With our 30x30: Rapid Rider campaign, San Francisco Transit Riders is pushing for a rapid network to bring frequent, reliable Muni service to every neighborhood. We want to tie the City together with end-to-end service in 30 minutes by 2030. Yes, we think it is possible.

We believe the City can have robust public transit that can get people out of cars, serve all corners of the City, and move

people efficiently. To get there, we are reaching out to everyday transit riders, asking them how they want to see the 30x30 vision come to life. We are working with merchant groups, community groups, social service organizations, and schools to get people's input and educate people about what's possible and how we get there.

It will take a grass roots movement to push San Francisco to truly put transit, and riders, first - a policy that lives in our City Charter. We are building that movement. Check out Rapid-Rider.org to fill out our quick survey, to learn more, and to get involved.

San Francisco Transit Riders is a non-profit grassroots advocacy organization fighting for reliable, accessible, and equitable public transit in the City. Visit sftransitriders.org to learn more.

David Troup is Moving On, continued

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Union building became Pottery Barn, and is now (sadly) vacant. The decades-long "dog wars" at Duboce Park finally ended, through a collaborative process that established different zones in the park for different uses. Politicians and City leaders also came and went. Through it all, your neighborhood association worked to ensure that new development was as good for the neighborhood (or, in a few cases, the "least bad") that we could negotiate. Housing affordability has been an issue for DTNA going all the way back to the 1970s, and we have fought to include affordable units in every development project.

One prominent fixture hasn't changed much - the large suburban-style Safeway center at the entrance to our neighborhood. While the store itself was renovated about a decade ago, the site has so much potential for an urban-appropriate mixed-use project, which would have the side-effect of activating the Market Street and Church Street sidewalks, and discouraging a lot of the bad activities which take place there now. Although there are several impediments to the realization of this dream, I do hope we will see it happen one day.

I am very proud of DTNA's advocacy in all sorts of areas over the years. San Francisco is a city where neighborhood voices can really make a difference, and DTNA has done so, again

and again. Thanks to all of you who have written emails and letters and have showed up at Commission hearings to speak your mind over the years. That is democracy in action!

I hope that DTNA will continue to be a strong, thoughtful voice for the interests of our neighborhood, and will continue to inform the neighborhood through this newsletter. That takes people like YOU to step up and help - come to a meeting and get involved! At the very minimum, JOIN DTNA at our web site. Your modest financial support (membership starts at \$35 per year) is essential to continuing our work, and I'm always a little embarrassed at how few of my otherwise-wonderful neighbors make the simple effort to support their neighborhood association.

Thank you to all who have supported DTNA over the years, and to those who have taken the time to express thanks to those of us who volunteer countless hours for our neighborhood. That has always meant so much to me, and I'm sure my fellow Board and Committee members feel the same. Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow DTNA board and committee members, past and present - it is because of all of you that I kept doing this for so many years, and I greatly value the many friendships I have made with many of you. Though I am stepping aside from my DTNA roles, I'll still be in the 'hood - please say hello if you see me on the street!

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