

Autumn 2025 Newsletter
From The Desk of Your Tenant Association President

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Time is flying! We're already preparing your Christmas/Holiday/ Year end gifts — being shipped all the way from China!

What costs \$40 in local stores, we found for \$5 by ordering directly. As of now, no extra import costs have been added. Let us hope they stay that way — though with "King" Trump, one never knows. Our bulk order of key lockboxes (for your spare house keys) should arrive soon without added fees. Fingers crossed!

Speaking of money, it's come to my attention that there is another false rumor circulating: we do not get \$25 a MONTH per unit it is PER YEAR. Now you may see why I keep saying we do so well stretching our funds. It is per year.

I still strongly believe JSCO should shoulder the costs of the doorlock boxes. They swore up down that our doors would have to be locked with a key from the outside to justify taking away our free lockout guy! I'm searching for some old paperwork which will prove it. They owe us this money! Meanwhile protect yourselves from further lockouts by giving a key to a trusted source or by hiding one well. Locksmiths are up to \$150 now! Guard yourselves please. Personally I can't be responsible for anyone else's key. I'd have too many because everyone asks me and I can't play favorites--because, after all, YOU ARE ALL MY FAVORITES!

On a serious note: Speaking of "our king": I truly believe our democracy is in crisis. The Whitehouse has been doing things that only a Dictator does and he doesn't follow our Rights given to us in the Constitution. Personally, I'm voting Yes on Prop 50 this November, and I encourage you to do your research — this one *really* matters. You may hear confusing ads but I can swear to you that Texas has already redistricted in Trump's favor and this truly is our only recourse- to protect the Bill of Rights and our lives as we know it. Many of you come from Country's with Dictators. Can you honestly say that that way of life is better for you? If so, you wouldn't have come, right? We need to protect our Democracy!

Your Tenant Association (TA) is your personal access to democracy. Our voices, together, collectively, are stronger and under our Bill of Rights are guaranteed to be heard. We may not always get everything we want, but our contract says that -

they, the powers that be, are obligated to listen. Please help protect our way of life from tyranny by voting, participating and speaking up for a better way of life!

HERE'S A NEW IDEA! We can Use my door box at #618 as our building wide suggestion box — I want to know what you need to make life better here. That's our job as your TA Representatives: to advocate for you and to help improve your living conditions.

You may not know my beginning, but I am called to Public service. I first won my right to be your President by running a campaign against Axel (the tenant previously living in #211 with the wings tattooed on his head, remember him?) back in 2015 and feel I've been getting better at it every year with the more I learn.

I had the blessing of having the passed from our previous lifelong President (like 18 or 20 years?) Cynthia Morse. (God Bless her soul!) Back then, they did not even have trainings available for Officers, either. We had to train ourselves, which is why it took so long to get good at it! They just threw you in to see if you could swim! I can honestly say, I took to it like water. I dove right in! I found that I love. I want to advocate and I love to serve. It pleases me to make a difference; to help people. It connects me to the something bigger than myself

Back to the News: Look out!

2026, Here We Come!

Please note: No cash money or gift cards will be given as gifts this year. Last year's attempt turned into a fiasco! No one was happy or appreciated that we cleared out our accounts to gift you— despite giving \$10 cash plus personal wall calendars we still got major complaints. We will not be doing that again, ever! I do encourage everyone to bug Resident Services for them though. I know for a fact from the Mayor's Office that they have received an additional \$13 million this past year — money intended to benefit us. Use your voice to encourage them to put the extra in a card for you! But first, ask if you can help; Marion will be on her own through to next year! Let's show our Community the Love we say we are made of and be there for each other!

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER! IT TAKES US ALL!

MORE GOOD NEWS: If you want cash:

Door Decorating Contest — Back by Popular Demand!

Our annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest is back! Beginning Nov 1 –until noon Dec 23rd. We aim to give Prizes in time for Christmas.

Category Ideas:- Family Fun- religious Celebrations (all faiths welcome) or perhaps

- Festivus for the Rest of Us! Just enjoy it and have fun! It spreads good spirit.

Prizes (approximate examples-depending on funds available * see below):

1st - \$75 | 2nd - \$50 | 3rd - \$25 | 4th - \$20 | 5th - \$10 and Honorable - \$10 | Participation - \$5-to you just for playing!

We'll have outside judges again, so everyone — including board members — can enter #1 RULE: NO DAMAGE TO DOORS! Keep decorations safe and damage-free. Let's fill the halls with joy and creativity again this year! Spread the Spirit! We might do prizes to the best of on each floor. So do not delay! Plan to Play!

Building & Laundry News: Thanks to everyone for really stepping it up and cleaning after yourselves in the laundry room! We encourage wiping out each machine before and after each use! Thank you for cooperating, remembering someone comes after you to use it! Now there's no reason to take your laundry out. Great news: New double-capacity washer and dryer units are on their way!

Perfect for comforters, rugs, and big loads. They'll cost double per use but hold twice as much. Please keep them clean before and after each use, as well — that respect keeps everything running smoothly. Watch for delivery!

Remember: our TA receives only a small percentage of laundry revenue, which funds prizes, trainings, small stipends, administrative costs & office expenses throughout the year. My fellow Officers have been saying we deserve a raise of \$10 each a month in our stipends. It will take us from \$40 to \$50 a month. We will have it if you wash on premises more often and we've definitely earned it! Remember, the more you wash here, the more we can do. I'll put it up for a vote next time.

Books are open for review before and after each quarterly TA meeting, during my open office hours (Sundays 1–3 PM), or by appointment with our Treasurer, Randall Frost (#512). You can also leave your name and apt. number in my door box (#618) if you'd like to meet — translators available on request.

Community & Safety Updates

Resident Services canceled our monthly Triad Meetings for the rest of the year — a huge mistake, in my view. Open communication between management, Resident Services, and the TA Board is essential, especially while we're between

managers. We'll need to rely on each other and keep our community strong.

If you see unfamiliar faces or suspicious activity, stay alert and call 911 when needed. Check in on neighbors who might need extra care. This is still the best subsidized building in the city, and that's because of you — our community spirit and love and care for one another.

A Word on Love & Positivity

At our last meeting, the theme was Love & Community. A few disruptions occurred, but I chose not to engage — negativity only spreads if we let it. I'm focusing on love, joy, and light. Life's too short for that kind of drama! I want us to use peer pressure to discourage that from happening ever again. I chant: LOVE! LOVE! LOVE! When that happens. It's been rare, but I suggest we throw Love at it, until it stops. It works. Join me if starts again. Love wins!

I wake up every day ready to appreciate what we have and to share positivity. Try it — greet each other, laugh, forgive. We are a solid Community for the most part.

Quick Notes

- Free City ID Cards available at City Hall, Room 162. Bring proof of residence.
- Costco Card available for sign-out starting next month (return same day).
- Shopping Carts in the garage — please return immediately after use.
- Interested in a "Law of Attraction" Workshop? Let me know if you'd attend! I'll be giving one in a multi-part series at GLIDE w/ the MHASF! That's the Mental Health Association of SF. Interested? You can come! MHASF also has Hoarding recovery, if you'd like them to speak at our next meeting, I'll try! Let me know!

Let's end the year with laughter, love, and light, across the aisle!

With love always,
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Tenant Association President