

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**DEPARTMENT** 

#### **Welcome Christine Johnson to the Planning Commission**

Earlier last month, Mayor Ed Lee nominated Christine Johnson to the Planning Commission. She most recently served as the Chair of the Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure (CCII), one of two governing bodies for the Successor Agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. CCII exercises land use, development and design approval authority for the Major Approved Development Projects including Mission Bay, Hunters Point Shipyard/Candlestick Point and Transbay. Ms. Johnson has a long history of working with community-based organizations and private and public sectors on smart policies to maximize urban economic growth and promote sustainable communities.

The Department would like to welcome Commissioner Johnson, and we look forward to working with her.

# Planning's Property Information Map Wins Amazon Web Services Challenge

The San Francisco Planning Department is a proud recipient of the Amazon Web Services' (AWS) *City on a Cloud Innovation Challenge*, awarding the department \$50,000 in AWS credits. Amazon Web Services acknowledged the department's Property Information Map as an innovative and impactful local government projects running on the AWS Cloud. The Property Information Map is an innovative, user-friendly tool that provides online access to detailed property information, including zoning, permits and property value, and reflects the Department's desire to use technology to provide easier access to information and better customer service.

## District 10 Celebrates the Completion of the Newcomb Model Block Project



On Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> San Francisco Public Works, San Francisco Planning and the Literacy for Environmental Justice (LEJ) hosted a neighborhood block party to celebrate the completion of the Newcomb Model Block Project. The Newcomb Project is a prime example of community stewardship, agency collaboration, public realm enhancement, and environmental benefit in one of San Francisco's most environmentally challenged neighborhoods. Residents began the day rolling up their sleeves in attending to some light gardening, and followed up with music and a neighborhood BBQ.

We'd like to thank Director of Public Works Mohammed Nuru and Supervisor Malia Cohen for

attending the event and personally recognizing the community's efforts toward this exciting project.

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