

BMAGIC COMMUNITY CONVENER MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:00pm – 3:00pm PST

Hosted at: 1800 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124

Facilitated by: Lyslynn Lacoste, Frank Martinez and Moira Dumo, - BMAGIC STAFF

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INTRODUCTIONS

-Welcome, housekeeping and overview of the agenda - Start time a little late due to rain, starting at 1:10pm.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Racial Justice Committee Jury Diversity Issues – Manohar Raju, Manager of Felony Unit - Mano started by saying thank you for having us here today. He'd like to talk about the work on the Racial Justice Committee, our office strives to be one of the best law offices in the city and country. One of the issues we are working on is the issue in jury trials, our clients do not have a cross section of the community on their jury. In New Orleans, they

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started the jury project to teach the importance of being on a jury. People are often frustrated, but the benefit for our client to have someone in the jury that looks like them is great, but the challenge is daunting. It is important for folks to show up for jury service. If they get on the jury, it can change the whole dynamic. The other thing is that the city attorney put forward a gang injunction, exclusively black and brown youth, our position is that the way they are defining the activity is not gang activity. Starting to really challenge what the gang task force are doing, people are being criminalized for whom they are hanging out with. The gang force has a tendency to group everyone together. Mentioned the town hall regarding the Gang Injunction has been tentatively reschedule to April, the meeting to address that to the community. There is also a lot that happens in the courtroom, overcharging and people are being forced to plea and take too much time. One reason it started was to get our opinion out to the press and one of the reasons it happens, people are not coming to see, so they started court watch to have young people to actually see how clients and the courtrooms actually treat our clients. Bail to high, but plead to get out. Many changes in bail in CA, a revolution is happening. Many of the projects going on, need community experts and the message and outreach to happen. At an upcoming conference in Oakland, Public Defenders for Racial Justice will speak and try to rally community to foster and push awareness. Community can continue getting in touch with Jacque, as he brings students and younger people in the morning before court and prepares them for going to court to make observations and help track what is happening. It is an all day job; please email us your information if you are able to bring a group. Vincent question - yes, we actually train them to take notes and provide information on the differences of the client and their jury, the races and cultures are skewed to the favor of the DA. Jurors are very perceptive. With our community on the jury and able to talk to other jurors. Yes it's a symptom of gentrification and some people don't want to participate in the system, but it is to our communities advantage. Criminal injustice system, yes we still want a diverse jury, sometimes just one or two people can make changes to the thinking in deliberation.

2. Juvenile Unit was unable to attend.

3. Immigration – Francisco Ugarte, Manager of Immigration Unit – Francisco introduced himself, he is the Immigration Unit's Managing Attorney, saying thank you for having us. As attorneys, we have these individual fights, but we would not have the service if the community did not support it, and the city mayor's office helped support increasing our immigration unit. Let's talk about what is happening nationally, and to our communities. That when an immigrant is detained and faces deportation, they don't have a right to an attorney and the judge and DA are fighting them, and they have no support. There has been a system of mass deportation, increasing now under the administration. An immigrant can be put in jail and not given the right to bail, and in the last year, racism and government powers have impacted the system. Talked about the Steinle case with Matt Gonzales, and that case was used to foment fear and hate for the community. It was a gun the client picked up, ricocheted, and killed the woman. Then the administration took it, and our office was able to successfully defend the person. The Mayor's Office provided funds to the immigration unit, lawyers can help fight for your rights. Took over 100 cases and 50 have been let out of the system/custody. Talk more about bail and plea the deals without representation. Go to jail. If you fight, you run the risk of losing and going to jail for longer. Trump upset about the sanctuary law, it's a decision by a local government and state to not enforce the immigration law. SF recent policy is, if you are arrested you do not go to ICE. We have been successful in releasing individuals from custody. Our office represents only people detained facing deportation in court. If you know of that family, you call the office to arrange for representation. Started at Dolores community services and now there are multiple agencies happening. If there are raids, **call the raid hotline 415-200-1548**, we have the cards and the immigration call numbers. Jury selection for immigrant cases on that case, had a pool of 300 and less than ten minorities. The jurors were assembling and were able to come together and see the justice for the client. Participating in a jury is

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extremely important. We had a great jury, 5 of the twelve were born in another country. Ask about ICE and how they went into the jail. Last week that happened. Someone at the jail broke our policy. It was just two interviewed, and now the sheriff is explaining and issued statements and more instructions to the jail. ICE is suing CA for their state law, non-citizens have the right to not talk to them. So what happens to the deputy and the sheriff that did that. Francisco said he will try to keep us posted. Will share out their information, racial justice committee, court watch, gang force/bail injunction work, will have to reschedule our Juvenile Unit and the clean slate program will be re-invited this summer. Thank you both for coming out. **To contact the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, please use 415-553-1671 for the Racial Diversity in our Juries Work, Gang Force Work, and Immigration. For the Juvenile Justice Center, use 415-753-7601.**

COMMUNITY BUILDING

1. Cannabis Policy Education- Sheryl Davis, Executive Director Human Rights Commission - Cannabis Policy Education- Sheryl is here today to explain and provide some orientation from HRC on the SF Cannabis Policy and the implementation of the new legislation and Equity components. One of the big concerns, since the legalization, is that there may be confusion. Yes it is legal, but to sell you need state and city permit. Yes it is legal to smoke and partake but over 21 and in private. We want to make sure folks who were already in the industry, know they need to go through the process to get a permit to stay in the industry legally. They need to know where and when you can smoke it, there are booklets with the information to help with outreach. Raise awareness about the equity component. Can't smoke in public, will continue to be arrested if you are still using in public. Office of cannabis website, policy book. The process to get the equity applications is difficult. All on the website. The program means that for the first year, that people that already has dispensaries were able to open for adult use. Careful not to associate with rec use. 18-21 with note, 21 over in general. Certain populations hit harder. Going through the book. Impact the war on drugs, priority to folks disproportionately affected. Some automatically were able to move in the permitting. Process to be eligible she outlined, own 40% or more and be the CEO. To help avoid fast racking and someone fronting you as a facade to move the permit forward. Its \$1000 to get the state permit and the city permit is also expensive. No mobile sites need to have a brick and mortar. Meet 6 of the equity conditions, she reviewed them will (paste here). If you were arrested with something in addition to cannabis, you are still convicted. Only the cannabis offenses are dropped. Had a parent child or sibling affected, lost housing (affected is arrested), if you attended school between certain years in the 70's, census tracts in 5 years 71-16 qualified years, some existing dispensaries are expected to help develop pipelines for up coming new business entrepreneurs. Use can be used to further target the same people who are smoking now, thinking they are able to, but the law is not public use, it's private use in homes and designated places. Someone who owns the house can call police on you. Medical cards, you can in designated areas, so again, the idea that it is now legal is not that encompassing. The selling and registered businesses and new ones, we are hoping to have some equity groups through in the pipeline. The office is testing out the equity permit process, let Sheryl know to help them figure out the process and streamline it. Also to help determine how the revenue will be used. It's all lip service until those affected groups are able to participate business wise. In the book is a list of the businesses, all required to have an equity plan. There is a sample and more on the office of equity website. 10 steps handout she mentioned. Discussion of the presence the cannabis here in the Bayview. How to be more in tuned to what is going on and not miss out, people will take advantage, lease space, and make money on shortchanging. Equity application questions. There is technical assistance and support need, and the city is exploring this due to federal laws. So checking on general fund dollars here is not the city and deciding where the revenue will go to fund resources and assistance in the office of cannabis. Working on helping them with budget and staffing to provide technical assistance. Currently no one doing that, that is why Sheryl is here. Questions about being close to schools.

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- 1. CBO Tool Box – Workshop Series – Equity Workshops and Grants 101** -Talk about the upcoming HRC workshops we are doing with HRC, some of the pieces and art that go in to the work, changing the narrative around cultures and race. Tools and strategies to engage in the conversation. Making the correlation between music and culture. In a way to resonate with young people. Sheryl mentioned she hopes to have Citizen Film with us on our collaborative workshop days. They make short clips about feeling welcome in all spaces in the city. There will be books and materials; it is a 2 part and two-day event. You will need to attend the first one to attend the second one. Shared some books for everyone. Clarification on workshops, need to do first then can do the second.
- 2. BMAGIC 2018 Program Strategy Map** – Frank talked about the Program Strategy Map, asked all the CBO's here today to take 5 minutes to review their agency and add any edits or add themselves. Frank will take the map back and add the edits once reviewed and applicable.
- 3. Movie Nights with the 94124 Parks collaborative** hosting movie nights first one last weekend at Herz park. Working with peace parks, three parks with programming for young people and working to get the other movie night dates.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Save the Dates – Literacy is Freedom Book Fair – May 9th** asked for volunteers, need help with reading, the youth summit is coming April 28th and will be at College Track from 10-3pm.
- 2. Electronic Frontier Foundation – Nash, Grassroots Advocacy Organizer** - specifically work with the alliance, preserving digital rights and civil liberties online. The work he does is supporting local agencies in their work. Last year the FCC voted to rescind net neutrality and privacy controls have been rolled back. One the things in SF is a push to adopt a community broadband system, to build infrastructure and then require that the providers respect the privacy concerns. ISO providers, have no incentive that the communities with the least resources have quality service. Please see flyers and sign-up sheets for more information.
- 3. Parents for Public Schools – Rachel Nip, Outreach ParentVUE** - Rachel, PPS today here to talk about two things, enrollment process letters have went out for PS to K, 5t to 6th, or 8th to 9th, or families to transfer to another school. Letters today or yesterday, important to know next steps, they forget to register and lose their placement asking everyone to help them out and help advise the families. Between 8-4:30pm, hardship families, there is an appeal form to show their difficulties and need additional support. Contact them for support help families navigate the SFUSD. April 6th is the deadline, next week is spring break, there only have this week to do registration, only two weeks. This letter for the Jan 12th deadline, the March letters will go out for round 2 and goes out may 18th, new tool, the POV or family portal to check for attendance and attendance records for middle school and high school for grades and assignments. No more school loop, new tool ParentVUE or also called family portal, and it is more complicated. A difficult component is that it requires schools to provide the families an activation code to begin using the website. First some schools are not issuing the codes, the second is equity and access, some families don't have email accounts, computers, smartphones, etc. so PPS can help and visit your site to talk to their families. Can log in with them on a demo account, same system to communicating with the teachers. How the communication will be going out to families. To keep track for families at their schools. Cards and flyers going around. Please share with your families. 415-861-7078 and email at info@ppspf.org
- 4. RESILIENT Bayview – Felisia** is here to talk about the partnership for Disaster Preparedness with NEN and DPH, HSA, the Mayor's Office and the Dept. of Aging and Adult Services. Upcoming April 26th Workshop. At the time of a

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disaster, the community comes together and works together as they wait for FEMA and Red Cross, which usually takes three days. What will that plan and organization look like? To be proactive and since we will be working together and officially launch the collaboration and how we as BVHP stakeholders will react and mobilize after a disaster. April 26th, workshop, registration is opening at March 13th. Use the email for the minutes, talk about the temperature discrepancy, the sun all day vs other communities and the one without the cooling systems in home, NEN was asked to help start the outreach and informing, and finding cooling centers. Was not good education as they had one last year and only one attended. So now we know the summer is coming, so trying to make a campaign to reach out and inform people ahead of time. To address extreme weather, starting with heatwaves. April 26th at the YMCA to be the anchor is hosting the first resource-informing workshop. Will be mapping resources and informing of strategies, 3 hours with meal. Talking about resilience and community survival. Register deadline is

5. Funding for Chronic Disease Prevention – there are multiple grants totaling 400K, 3 ways, 8 up to 20K... All grants are for innovative ways to address Chronic Disease Prevention. Strongly encourage you to apply. [Link here](#)

6. EcoCenter - Susie Wasserstrom, Manager - 3 things, Earth Day April 21st at Heron's Head park, and Eco Center bday. Clean up and then enjoy the day. Asking for tabling, see Susie and partners are needed, and support an event at your site. And they are hiring, youth and works force development. STeAM related, paid internship and they have a permanent opening, someone left and she would like to hire someone in the community and somebody who wants to work at as the EcoCenter Coordinator. Could be entry level, but Check out the flyers

7. Coleman talked WHO: Coleman Advocates

WHAT: Mamas in the Movement – Save the Date!

WHERE: SOMArts, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco

WHEN: May 9, 2018 6-9pm

CONTACT: More information: colemanadvocates.org

NOTES: Celebrating mothers on the front lines. Join Coleman Advocates in honoring the change-making moms who lead and inspire us.

WHO: Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth

WHAT: Parents Making a Change (PMAC)

WHERE: Coleman Advocates, 459 Vienna St. (between Persia and Brazil)

WHEN: Tuesdays 5:30-7:30

CONTACT: Tomie (Parent Organizing Coordinator) 510.712.3671 | Mildred Coffey (Parent Member Organizer) 415.375.1939

NOTES: Who are we? We are African American and Latino parents working to ensure the SF school district (SFUSD) is working well for our kids! Why Join? Learn about your rights as a parent or student. Learn how to advocate for your child! Organize to transform the system of education in SF to be socially just and equitable! FREE childcare with tutoring & fun developmental programming! FREE dinner!

8. WHO: New Door Ventures

WHAT: Paid Employment and Education Opportunities

WHERE: 3221 20th Street, San Francisco

WHEN: Tuesdays at 10am-12pm or Thursdays at 3pm- 5pm

CONTACT: 415.857.9412 www.newdoor.org/youth

NOTES: To get started, come to a Group Info Session. No need to call or bring anything. Are you 16-24 years old & looking for: paid jobs, job training, 1:1 support, education

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9. El Centro Bayview - Nataly Ortiz a made a few announcements, one about their upcoming Father Hood Group – this one is an English speaking fathers group, for all ages and will be at the 1341 Evans site. The flyer and registration is forthcoming. If you work with families, please refer them and share my contact information please.

WHO: El Centro Bayview: Evans

WHAT: Support Group

WHERE: El Centro Bayview, 1341 Evans Ave., San Francisco

WHEN: Now – April 26th, 5-6pm

CONTACT: Tanya Reyes tanya.reyes@mncsf.org 415-431-2233

NOTES: El Centro Bayview FRC is happy to announce a new support group for Spanish speaking moms. It starts Thursday March 8th please encourage your Spanish speaking moms to attend. We cover topics such as positive parenting, stress reduction, and time management.

WHO: El Centro Bayview: Industrial

WHAT: Happy Hour

WHERE: El Centro Bayview: Industrial, 141 Industrial Street, SF CA 94124

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 11am-1:45pm, Now through 5/23/18

CONTACT: 415-298-3964

NOTES: El Centro Bayview Industrial FRC is happy to announce a Happy Hour for Spanish speaking families with children ages 12-36 months. It is every Wednesday from 11am to 1:45pm. This is a time to come together, learn and share ideas. Please encourage your Spanish speaking families to attend.

WHO: El Centro Bayview: Industrial

WHAT: Explore Together

WHERE: El Centro Bayview: Industrial, 141 Industrial Street, SF CA 94124

WHEN: Every Tuesday, Now through 5/22/18 | 0-12 months: 9:30-10:30 & 12-36 months: 11:00-12:30pm

CONTACT: 415-298-3964

NOTES: El Centro Bayview Industrial FRC is happy to announce a parent child interactive group for Spanish speaking moms. It is every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 ages 0-12 months and from 11:00-12:30pm ages 12-36 months. Please encourage your Spanish-speaking moms to attend.

10. WHO: YEF SF

WHAT: Summer Funding

WHERE: San Francisco

WHEN: Deadline to apply May 4th!

CONTACT: Printable application here Editable PDF here

NOTES: Start planning your projects! Funding projects up to \$2,500 June-August. Applications available now! Looking to channel the energy from Youth Advocacy Day? Apply for a YEF summer mini-grant to take action in your community.

11. JP Davis SFCCC - environmental education and employment, now at 13th and Mission, next cohort coming up, 18-24, this time will be 18 and up opportunities

12. Jenn/GGNPC - partnering with CSPRA just opened the ambassador coordinator position, job opportunity is shared

13. WHO: San Francisco Public Library

WHAT: Youth Engaged in Library Leadership (YELL)

WHERE: Citywide

WHEN: Program runs June 6th-August 18th, apply now.

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CONTACT: for questions and application, email volunteer@sfpl.org

NOTES: YELL is an engaged program for older teens, requiring a weekly commitment over ten weeks to work collaborative with the Teen Librarian to assist with STEM programs to create and present a team project. Every participant who completes the requirements for YELL will be awarded a \$500 scholarship deposited into their ScholarShare529 account at the end of the summer. You must be going into 10th, 11th or 12th grade next year.

14. BVOH - Andrea from ABC Consulting announced a reminder about Thursday night, the workshop is about Strategic Planning at The Bayview Opera House, there will be flyers and more information going out.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND APPRECIATION

Thank You San Francisco Public Defenders, Manohar Raju and Francisco Urgarte, Managing Attorneys in our office, from the Misdemeanors & Felony Unit and the Immigration Unit. Thank you Sheryl Davis, HRC for beginning the conversation with our stakeholders.

******Next Convener Meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018******