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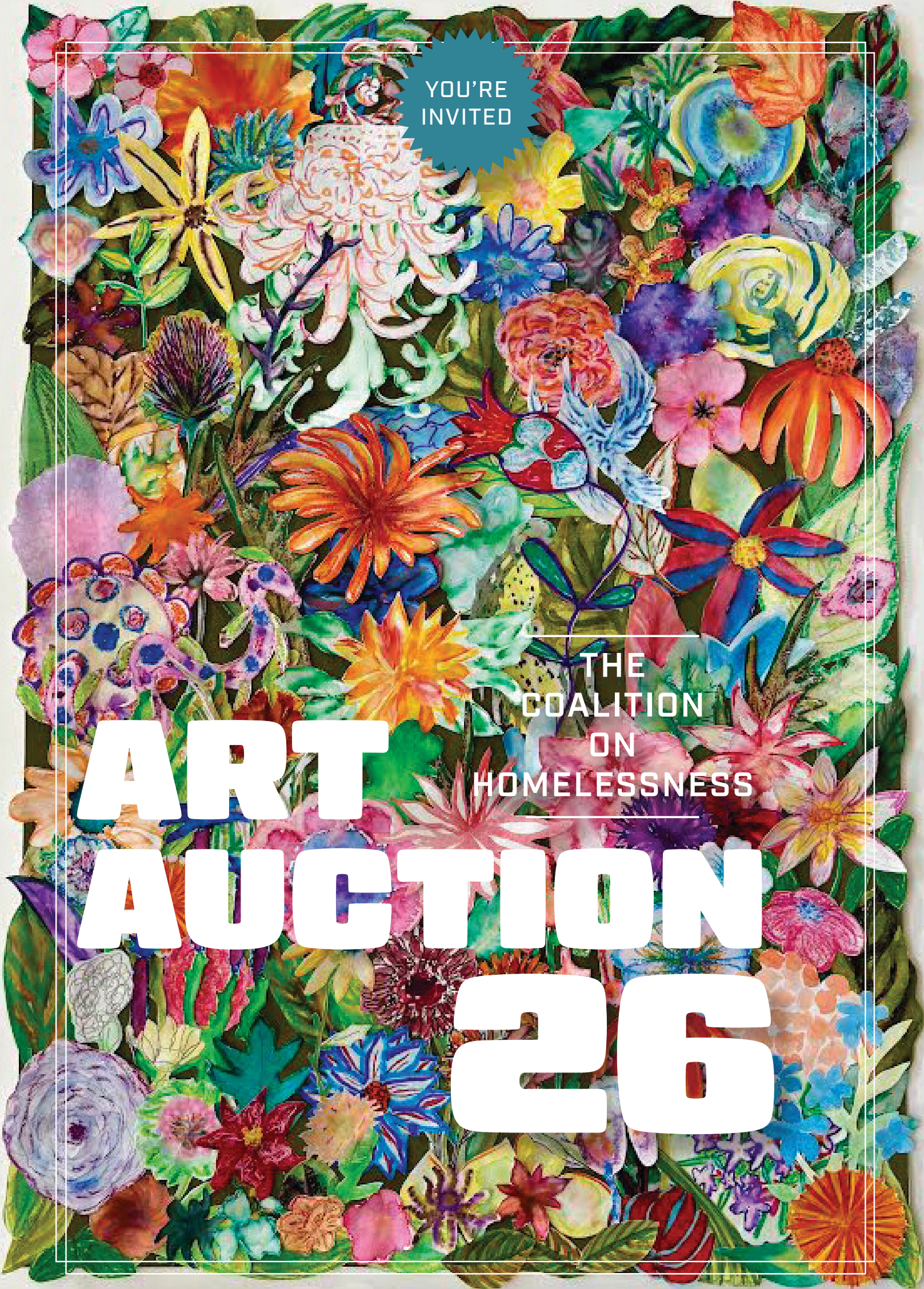
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NICOLE SHEREE ROWLAND

If only I had access to the actual statistics; however, from my living experience, an enormous percentage of people come to prison and find out they caught some kind of communicable disease (Editor’s note: In Street Sheet’s online version, we’ve linked a report with recent data from the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota). OK, the prison is now obligated to treat them, that’s all. One would believe treatment to entail education, ha ha!

So how many people are in and out of jail being told what diseases they have contracted, but yet ignorant of how they caught it and how they could spread it?

Of course, harm reduction helps, and of course there is a side that claims it’s enabling, but if along with harm reduction there’s education, could it be “enablement” any longer? Obviously, there isn’t any harm reduction inside prison, but it’s a place where people could be educated about safe use, safe practices and the dos and don’ts of every communicable disease. If the point is made clear, people are going to partake in the list of risky behaviors, regardless, that is their right to be educated and informed of safe practices and increase longevity.

I think it could truly begin a ripple effect that would pour into the streets, where before safe practices put on the back burner would be at the forefront for this group of people. The number of diseases spread would decline and people could focus more on living, loving and healing than worrying about their health.

Even those who have the luxury of never finding themselves in a cell could find an interest in educating the public, telling and teaching the significant number of people spreading diseases because of ignorance. If given the knowledge of what, how, what to do or not to do, as well as regular testing, our people will have a fighting chance.

As a human, despite our circumstances, our addictions, demographics, ethnicity, etc., we all have a chance to live our best lives.

“Incarcerated Insights” are based on handwritten letters that the author sent to Street Sheet from The Florence McClure Women’s Correctional Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. This column has been edited for brevity and clarity.



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- HOUSING JUSTICE WORKING GROUP

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The Housing Justice Workgroup is working toward a San Francisco in which every human being can have and maintain decent, habitable, safe, and secure housing. This meeting is in English and Spanish and open to everyone! Email mcarrera@cohshf.org to get involved!
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WEDNESDAYS @12:30

The Human Rights Workgroup has been doing some serious heavy lifting on these issues: conducting direct research, outreach to people on the streets, running multiple campaigns, developing policy, staging direct actions, capturing media attention, and so much more. All those down for the cause are welcome to join! Email lpierce@cohshf.org

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JAMES SCOVILLE REMEMBERED

HALEY SUMMERFIELD

James Scoville was an artist whose life was shaped by a deep appreciation for color, creativity and learning. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he ran a coastal art photography studio in Bodega Bay. He later worked as a chef and was a member of the California Culinary Academy before returning more fully to his artistic practice after retirement.

James found an artistic home at Hospitality House’s Community Arts Program (CAP), where he dedicated himself to developing his work, experimenting with new ideas and expanding his creative practice. He deeply valued the

freedom of expression he found at CAP and the encouragement of its artistic community.

During his time at CAP, James studied printmaking closely with studio assistant Txutxo Perez, who became an important mentor and helped James deepen his practice and develop the intricate patterns and techniques that became central to his work. James also worked extensively in gel pen, creating stained glass-like compositions built from hundreds of tiny shapes, patterns and repeating forms. He maintained a beautiful and dedicated art journal practice as well, filling



pages with drawings, studies, patterns and ideas that reflected his constant curiosity and commitment to making.

In the final years of his life, James continued to be an active part of the CAP community, regularly joining staff and artists to make art together in the park. His presence, generosity and dedication to his practice were deeply valued by those who created

alongside him.

We honor James Scoville for his remarkable artistic contributions and the prolific body of work he leaves behind. His curiosity, discipline and distinct visual language remain an important part of the Community Arts Program’s history and his work and presence continue to be remembered with great affection.

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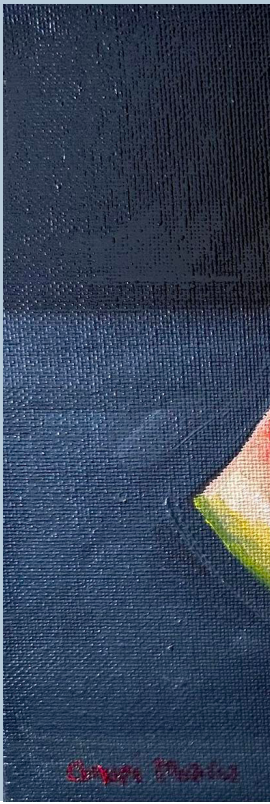
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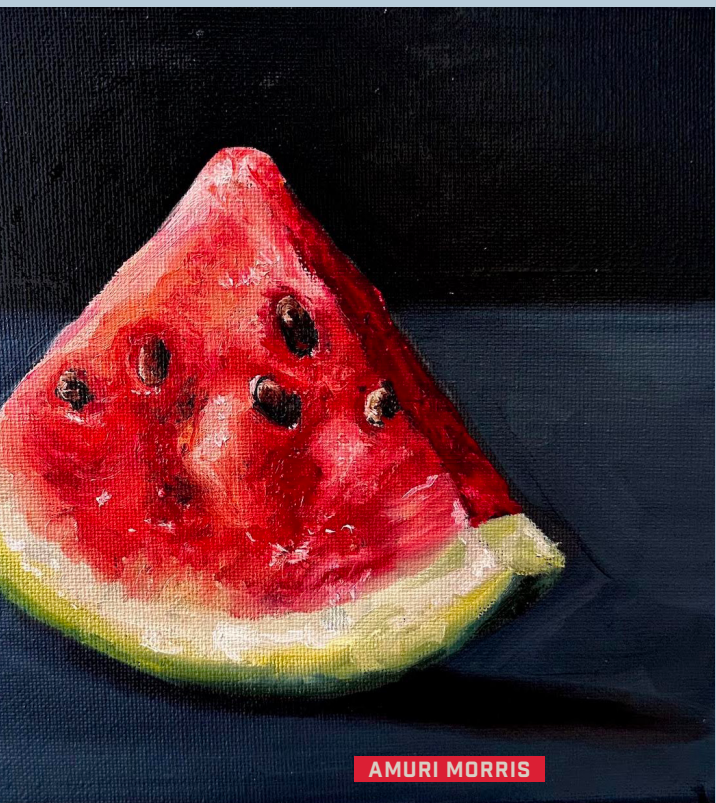
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SCENES FROM TENANT EMPOWERMENT WEEK

PART II

JORDAN WASILEWSKI

In June of this year, I participated in a Tenant Empowerment Week, which was organized by the Supportive Housing Providers Network (SHPN). I wrote about my first two days at the event last month, and continue here.

On Wednesday, Day 3, I once again got up early, put on some clothing that could be considered “gothic professional,” printed off the PSH Tenant Bill Of Rights Proposal, and then went to City Hall for another lobby day. First, we met with staffers from Supervisor Shamann Walton’s office—he was pulled into the Budget Committee, so he could not make it—whose district is not home to many permanent supportive housing sites. With Jackie Fielder on leave at the time, it felt like he was the only progressive left on the board, and the staffers who joined validated my feelings. To my delight, one of my fellow tenants brought up workforce development and how helping tenants who can work helps subsidize tenants who can’t. While many other permanent supportive housing tenants, including me, are steadfastly against work requirements for housing, we support anything that makes it easier for working tenants who are able secure employment, and we would support anything that removes barriers to working, such as higher income cut-offs for tenants and preferential hire. I pitched the idea of having a PSH advisory board, but it was shot down because of the whole hullabaloo about boards and commissions.

Next up was a meeting with my Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, who represents my district. I was really despondent over Dean Preston losing re-election to Mahmood in 2024, but if we can work collaboratively on some things that would help the thousands of PSH tenants who live in his district, I could live with that. We had similar conversations around workforce development, and discussed Matt Dorsey’s sober housing legislation. As I worked with Preston on PSH

eviction issues, I gave Mahmood a one-pager on evictions based on HSH nonpayment of rent guidance and various conversations I had with tenants. I don’t remember his exact reactions, but I felt a faint glimmer of hope he might listen. Supervisor Mahmood, if you read this, the offer is still on the table.

Then, we met with Supervisor Myrna Melgar, who actually glazed

of other tenants and I went to a meeting of the Residents United Network (RUN) in Oakland. In hindsight, I wish I hadn’t, because while RUN’s work as a housing advocacy organization is important, it does not zoom in on the specific issues facing us tenants. However, one of the tenants who came was somebody who I’ve wanted to talk to for a long time. Back in 2023, this tenant spoke at public comment

the Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing office for a celebratory lunch. I chatted with tenants about our experiences and even had discussions with DISH executive director Lauren Hall about refrigerators and microwaves in permanent supportive housing. Because only a few of us actually went to meetings, we all won tickets to a Golden State Valkyries game—we were up in the nosebleed section, but we were all elated to see the Valkyries defeat the Atlanta Dream.

Tenant Empowerment Week was an enriching experience. At the same time, it also could have realized more potential. I really wish we could have met with Jackie Fielder’s staff, even though she was on mental health leave. Also, we would have benefited from meetings with other City agencies, such as DPH’s environmental division, the Department of Building Inspection, Human Rights Commission and Adult Protective Services, among others. The presence of other advocacy organizations, such as the Housing Rights Committee, Senior & Disability Action, Coalition On Homelessness and others would have also been helpful, so there could be some independent power building.

Which brings me to the issue of the pre-made talking points. I have had conversations with SHPN and DISH about how the pre-made talking points were part of a closed process and how more tenant voices should have been included. Although SHPN has a Resident Advisory Board, its meetings aren’t advertised to other tenants, and I’m not even sure if it has a public comment process. It is time for transparency in this regard, but also, I pitched the idea of a tenant convention to create a truly collaborative framework to create a vision, by us, for us. “Nothing about us, without us” was printed on the T-shirts at the beginning of the week, but those words must be put into action, and PSH tenants should say what needs to be said, not just what is popular.



me for working her campaign back in 2020. Although she has no PSH sites in her district and relatively few renters, she has said that she was willing to be an ally to PSH tenants, which I honestly think is mixed. When Dorsey’s sober housing legislation came to the board, she joined progressives in voting for Jackie Fielder’s amendments. But when those were shot down, Melgar still voted for the legislation anyway. I am still annoyed about it today. I suggested a couple of ideas such as reforming the collaboratives, about which Melgar and I had a text conversation when the San Francisco Chronicle’s “Broken Homes” exposé came out in 2022. We also discussed adding more scattered-site housing that would make PSH issues relevant to more districts, as well as making it easier to procure modular housing.

After breaking for lunch, a couple

about how some tenants’ behavioral health issues have caused real harm to others; I spoke after him, and in hindsight, I wish that I had addressed how there needs to be a policy that addresses lease violations that balances public safety. Nevertheless, we had a productive conversation addressing these issues, and there were no hard feelings, so I guess it wasn’t a total waste.

On the fourth and final day, when all of us were already tired, we met with people from the Department of Public Health. DPH is a rather large department that covers a wide range of concerns, however, most of the staff specialize in behavioral health. Many tenants brought up gaps in addressing tenant decompensation. I brought up how DPH also oversees environmental health matters, such as hoarding and pest control. One hour later, we were done and headed to

PROOF OF RESIDENCE?

CITY MIGHT ASK IT FROM UNHOUSED SAN FRANCISCANS.

The City of San Francisco, at the direction of Mayor Daniel Lurie’s office, is pursuing a “residency requirement” before unhoused folks can receive homeless services. It hasn’t unveiled the plan yet, or had planning meetings around it that are open to the public. The public doesn’t yet know which services or what this would look like, but the intent is obvious: more political scapegoating.

The “magnet theory” political trope is as old as mass homelessness in the U.S. During the Great Depression, an earlier episode of mass homelessness in the United States, it led to Sundown Towns.

In many ways it is the perfect trope: It allows politicians to simultaneously dehumanize homeless people by othering them as outsiders, diminish public sympathy and let themselves off the hook for doing anything at all. After all, if they expand solutions to homelessness, only more will come. In fact, there is not one major city in the United States that doesn’t consider itself a “magnet” for homeless people. Las Vegas thinks homeless people go there for the weather, so they conducted a study: Nope. Brutal winter cities like Chicago consider themselves magnets because of their great services. Nope. It doesn’t matter the city. They all claim to be a “homeless magnet.”

Our current administration, partially in response to its propensity to align with fringe elements on this issue, is leaning heavily into this

concept. The latest narrative, first promulgated by right-wing internet trolls, is that San Francisco is full of drug tourists. No, they don’t mean tech bros picking up sex workers and slamming ketamine and cocaine. They are referring to a much smaller subset of SF drug users: impoverished fentanyl users, the ones who can’t have guests in their housing or are street bound. They assume they have means to travel from city to city because drugs are easier to find here.

Hmm. Have any of us met a drug user that couldn’t find drugs when they really wanted them? Like every city thinking they are a homeless magnet, they all also have easy-to-find drug supplies. This is the United States, after all, the world’s biggest consumer of, well, everything, including illicit drugs. We take in the largest overall volume on the planet. Other places, like Australia and New Zealand, lead us in per-capita drug consumption, but still, it is no hard hunt to find drugs in the United States. But that doesn’t make for exciting copy on Fox News and X, does it?

Back to a residency requirement. Ah yes, San Francisco, the City of St. Francis. Does our country’s crowing of liberty apply all the way over here on the West Coast?

“Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Nope.

I know during these Trump times, folks don’t like facts anymore. They like to lie, lie, lie.

Here are some facts:

The overwhelming majority of homeless San Franciscans became homeless as housed San Franciscans.

That proportion is roughly the same as every other big city.

For folks who do come to SF homeless—and there are some—why do they come?

Homeless people are not a different species of humans. They come for the same complicated reasons all migrants move—generally, family and jobs.

Why would they come for services? We have the highest rents, we have 12,000 homeless households already waiting for housing. It is very difficult to get shelter—you can only get on a waitlist for a large warehouse-style shelter. Also, do you ever hear unhoused folks saying the services are great in SF? You hear a lot about what they are not getting. And our weather? Not ideal for sleeping rough. Not terrible, but only affluent people can consider weather in their much more diverse choices of residences. Poor folks just aren’t that lucky. They

have limited choices, limited mobility and limited cash.

So yeah, let’s get real.

We are sending far more poor folks out of SF than we are attracting. FAR MORE, especially Black and brown households.

And once they are in the East Bay or Sacramento, and lose their housing, they come back home. Even after they leave, they often want to keep their kids in SF schools, or have to commute in for work. When an analysis is done among homeless families, about 97% have some kind of connection to SF: school, jobs, family, etc. If you have a residency requirement, you knock folks who were born and raised here out of the running for affordable housing, because now their Medi-Cal is in another county or they were sleeping on their aunt’s couch in Berkeley. No longer a resident.

And how are unhoused people supposed to prove their residency—show a rent receipt?

And what about San Francisco being a sanctuary city? Are we not going to shelter those seeking sanctuary, like trans folks running from transphobic small towns, or immigrants fleeing political persecution from U.S.-sponsored regimes?

Hey, now this is San Francisco, not Trumpancisco. So let’s act like it.

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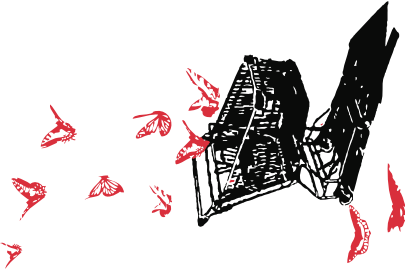
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