Newsletter January 15, 2018

# Japantown Community Benefit District, Inc.

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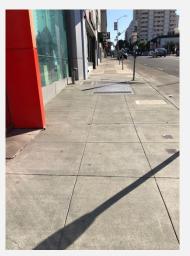
Dear Property Owner, Merchant, Community Member:

Did you notice the streets in the Japantown Community Benefit District (JCBD) cleaner than ever? The JCBD worked closely with the San Francisco Department of Public Works, and a courtesy street steam cleaning was done during the past weekends, all in the middle of the night! We are very fortunate to receive this service. If you see a Public Works employee, let's all show our appreciation as a community.

The City will continue to work with Japantown to keep it clean and beautiful, as JCBD continues to work hard and as quickly as possible to set up the JCBD and develop plans to deliver environmental and economic enhancement to the community.







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# Highlights of What's Going On...

- Change in JCBD Board membership.
- Insurance purchased, JCBD funding received from City.
- Outreaching to Property Owners and Merchants continues.
- Discussion held between representatives from the Japantown Task Force (JTF), Japantown Economic and Development Marketing Committee (JEDM), Japantown Merchants Association (JMA), and JCBD on possible delegation of marketing services and collaboration.
- Contract agreement in process with Block by Block for the District cleaning, safety and hospitality services.
- Research on marketing strategy continues.
- JCBD Executive Director job announcement posted.

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# **News**

# **Update on Board of Directors:**

Craig Waterman (Property Owner) relocated from the Kabuki Hotel in January 2018. The new manager of Kabuki Hotel, J.P. Oliver, will instead serve on JCBD Board. Rob Malone (Property Owner) from SFMTA has been elected to serve on Board, as well as Dr. Chip Nakamura (Property Owner) from Nakamura/Osumi/Uyemoto, DDS. Please welcome the new Directors! A total of 15 Directors currently serve on the JCBD Board.

# **Block by Block Contract in Process:**



The JCBD Officers and staff have been meeting with the Vice President of Block by Block to hear the cleaning, safety, and hospitality services that the company can provide to JCBD. The proposal was carefully examined and discussed before it was approved during the February Board Meeting. We plan to have Block by Block begin their service within the coming months.

Photo Credit: Block by Block

For more information visit Block by Block's website: http://blockbyblock.com.

### **Executive Director Job Announcement:**

The JCBD is currently accepting resumes for the Executive Director opening. We are seeking for a highly experienced business/non-profit Executive Director to implement initiatives so that SF Japantown will thrive as a clean, safe and economically vibrant community. This position is part-time with a stipend for benefits. Open until filled.

### Contact us.

Please contact <a href="mailto:japantowncbd@gmail.com">japantowncbd@gmail.com</a> if you would like to request a meeting with our JCBD community outreach representative. We look forward to hearing your concerns, thoughts, and ideas.

# **Upcoming Events:**

### March 14th

Japantown Community Benefit District, Inc. Board Meeting – 6pm 1765 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA

# In the Community

# San Francisco Japantown 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

This month marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco Japantown! IA community celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Executive Director Position**

The JCBD is currently searching for an Executive Director. Please read "Executive Director Job Announcement" for more information.

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