

I'm Bayview.

I was born and raised in the community I love and cherish. A community of bright and colorful people a community that is as strong as it is vibrant.

For to long the beauty of the Bayview Hunters Point has been plagued and overshadowed with crime. It's time for change. I am Bayview, My parents moved from Lake Charles, LA and they bought their first home at 2335 Silver avenue where they raised my sister and I. I received my formal and street education in Bayview until I attended and graduated from Lowell High.

As a Bayview resident I was able to receive my Masters in Tourism Administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC. I have a successful small business LeBlanc and Associates in Bayview and I serve as a Commissioner on The Southeast Community Facility.

This grant of \$1million dollars over the next three years is CRITICAL (pause) and needed to reduce crime in Bayview Hunters Point by engaging the community at large.

So what does Community Engagement look like? I am glad you asked.

This engagement must include residents of the community and people who have moved out but still work and have family in District 10. (historians, homeowners and not just the newbie's, victims and their families)small business owners, middle and high schools, young men and women (18-25) the unemployed, working class and non-profits, Bayview police department, community court adjudicators, the artist community and lastly, the religious community.

Community partnership MUST also INCLUDE THE Media being in partnership and working to promote the improvements as crime is reduced.

The media MUST NOT CONINTUE TO ONLY HIGHLIGHT the crime and shortcomings that has plagued my community. I challenge the Media to do better and report all of the great things that happen in my community. For the record, Bayview Hunters Point my community is not ONLY police cars on street corners with men in handcuffs, drug bust, sirens ringing and gun shots going off.

Lastly, we need community monitors/stakeholders who hold this program accountable. Today's press conference is more than the speeches and the cameras we must have working Solutions. The community engagement must happen in a neutral and safe setting.

- Data shows Bayview accounted for 26% of San Francisco homicides, 12% of robberies, 15% of aggregated assaults, 12% of burglaries, 13% of auto theft and 20% of weapons/firearm violations.
- Eastern Bayview has the largest concentration of households with children (55%), and the largest percentage of children under the age of 18 (32%) in the City.
- Over 40% of its households live in poverty or with extremely low incomes, compared with 11% citywide and 73% of children live in low-income households (Brookings Institute 2011).
- The only way to strategically address the Bayview's challenges is to have community members at the table.
- It is unprecedented that a DA's Office would be engaging in this type of work.
- Law enforcement is not enough, we need a holistic approach to the problem and I will **continue** to work with the DA's office on this project and be a voice for my community.

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