

Dean Preston Weekly Office Update
Week of 3/5/2021

Have an idea or want to schedule a meeting between your caucus or committee with Dean's office? Write either PrestonStaff@sfgov.org or lexvonklark@gmail.com with details, mention you're with DSA, and we'll find a time!

Vaccine Eligibility

Currently, the city is vaccinating the following groups of people:

- Healthcare workers
- People 65 and older
- Education and childcare workers
- Emergency services workers
- Food and agriculture workers

For more information, including how to sign up and a detailed explanation of the state's vaccine rollout plan, please visit the [city's vaccination page](#) and the [state's guidelines](#).

Phonebank D5 Seniors With Dean & DSA!

Come join Dean Preston's office and DSA SF as we continue to reach out to those who are eligible for the vaccine -- starting with senior renters! We'll be calling as Dean volunteers and DSA members (if you are one) as we grow our connection to our neighbors and make sure they're getting the info they need to get vaccinated. This is the first step in a larger neighborhood organizing project -- join us! We call every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm. The Zoom link can be found [here](#).

We Need Free Muni Now

Supervisor Preston wants all Muni riders to travel for free for the duration of the ongoing public health crisis, and he's calling on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to make it happen. Providing free service would alleviate a financial burden for many and encourage riders to take Muni in a time where ridership remains more than 60 percent below ordinary levels. It's also entirely financially feasible: additional incoming federal aid under the new presidential administration will give the agency temporary relief, allowing it to avoid layoffs and stabilize current service at about 70 percent of pre-pandemic levels. Language in both relief packages specifically stipulates that transit funding can be used to reimburse the operating costs associated with providing service for free, something that cities like Fresno and Washington D.C. have already begun taking advantage of to provide free transport. Free Muni for All!

Tigray

Last Tuesday, the 23rd, Supervisor Preston joined with the Bay Area Tigray Community to introduce a resolution condemning human rights violations against the people of Tigray and

urging Congressional action. The UN has alleged serious war crimes in Tigray committed by invading Eritrean troops, including sexual assault and mass killings, but so far there has not been much coverage of the situation in the international media. Supervisor Preston urges Congress to support human rights in Tigray and encourages everyone to educate themselves further on the developing situation.