

July - December 2021 Mid-Year Report









# The Alliance Mid-Year Review

n behalf of the Union Square Alliance, and our Board of Directors, we are pleased to present this mid-year report. This report highlights the accomplishments we have achieved and financial reports from July to December 2021.

During this period, we completed the outward facing full rebrand of the Union Square Business Improvement District - and officially changed the name to the Union Square Alliance. Our red banners, printed and- digital collateral, vans, and uniforms have been replaced with a vibrant, cheerful blue combined with a kaleidoscope of complementary colors which have brightened up the Union Square identity. Our new branding has been featured at events and activations in the plaza and around the neighborhood.

Executive Director of 10 years, Karin Flood moved on from her position at the Alliance. We thank her for her decade of dedicated services to Union Square. While saddened by her departure, we were thrilled to welcome our new Executive Director, Marisa Rodriguez to lead the Alliance. Marisa was most recently the Director of the Office of Cannabis for the City and County of San Francisco. Prior to this role, she was an Assistant District Attorney and Director of Community Relations for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. With her wealth of community and civic experience, and as a native San Franciscan, Marisa has the heart and determination to create a prosperous future together with the Board, Members and Stakeholders.

Under Marisa's guidance, the Alliance was able to respond quickly and accordingly to the unfortunate events of November 19 when many high-end retail stores were targeted and looted. She has made numerous appearances in local news outlets, strongly and positively representing Union Square, and has been a strong advocate for the Alliance in the City as a whole. She has also enacted, commenced, and continued initiatives, many seen below, with many more to come in 2022.

### **New Initiatives**

- Relaunched Miracle Messages Program
- Expanded Legion Security staff adding 2 patrol guards from 2:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. (in addition to 10:00 p.m. 6:00 a.m.)
- Completed the rebrand of the Union Square Alliance
- Installed Holiday lighting and decor around the district
- Organized the first Retail Theft Summit with City Leaders
- Reactivated Union Square Park with public events, installations and activations
- Reinstated and reimagined our in-person traditional Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser
- Made Improvements at Hallidie Plaza in collaboration with City Partners

Despite the ups and downs of 2021, the Alliance team has worked diligently to maintain a high caliber Member experience and was committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all. We will continue to lead the way on the road to the recovery and the revitalization of Union Square as we all traverse the COVID-19 pandemic and the various challenges it presents. We are proud of what we have achieved as a community in the second half of 2021, and we invite you to support our efforts to create a high-quality experience in Union Square for visitors and locals alike to create memories - and return time and time again.

Mark Purdy Board President Marisa Rodriguez Executive Director

# Services

The Union Square Alliance provides the following services: Cleaning and Safety Services, Public Realm & Streetscapes, District Marketing, and Advocacy. Between July and December 2021, the Union Square Alliance expanded and implemented the following new programs:



# Services Updates

# Miracle Messages Relaunch

Miracle Messages is a nonprofit organization that helps people experiencing homelessness rebuild their social support system through family unification. Miracle Messages has been a partner for many years and relaunched their program in August 2021. Our collaboration with Miracle Messages, specifically with their new outreach specialist Lindsay Pfeiffer, has proven highly successful. She has revitalized efforts since she began, most notably in December with 124 engagements, 49 referrals to services, 11 Miracle Friends sign ups, and 2 reunions.

We also assembled giveaway bags with essentials such as toiletries, socks and more to support people experiencing homelessness during the cold winter months and to further develop relationships with our displaced community.

# Additional Cameras in the District

24 additional cameras were installed, bringing the total number of cameras in the district to 463, now the largest network in the public realm on the West Coast. We are excited to announce that we will continue to expand our security camera program through 2022.

The community would like to extend a special thanks to the Chris Larsen Fund, an advised fund of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, for a grant that allowed additional funding of this important program.

# Legion Security Expansion

The Alliance launched our overnight security program (10:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. daily) in early 2020. We have further expanded our services to staff two guards to patrol district from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily. The additional patrol adds safety and security during the peak pedestrian times in the afternoon and evening hours.





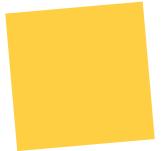
















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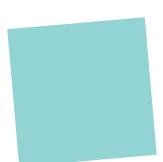
24,405	Quality of Life Incidents Addressed
5,430	Incidents Addressed by 10B Officers
260	Video Footage Requests
235	Public Safety Request Received
4,129	Incidents Addressed by Private Security
24 (463 in total)	Additional Cameras Installed

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# Marketing, Advocacy & Public Realm Programs

# Rebranding

The Alliance performed an entire organization and community rebrand, which included our logo, uniforms, vans, trucks, Bigbellies, street banners, printed pieces and more. We will continue efforts into 2022 where you will see a new website, ad campaigns, and many other collateral pieces to be introduced.

# **Events and Activations**

Union Square Plaza hosted many events throughout the summer. Our Saturday Music Series and SF Wednesdays continued to draw visitors to the Park. As the winter season arrived, we were excited to announce the delightful return of many traditional activations, including the Union Square Ice Rink, the Bill Graham Menorah and Macy's Great Tree!

# Hallidie Plaza

We have continued collaborating with the city to clean up, refresh and activate Hallidie Plaza. We welcomed Urban Alchemy to supervise Hallidie Plaza to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for everyone that passes through and/or lingers. We installed Holiday decor with lit garlands, ornaments on trees, large wreaths, and lifesized deer. Additionally, permanent bistro lights were installed to light up Hallidie Plaza throughout the night.

# Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser

On December 2, the Union Square Foundation Holiday Luncheon and Fundraiser took place at The Westin St. Francis Hotel, our first in-person event since the start of the pandemic. We are deeply grateful to our generous sponsors and guests who showed their support at the event. All the funds raised will go to public realm, streetscapes projects and activations to further enhance Union Square as a world class destination, plus our Union Square Cares initiatives that include Miracle Messages and our newly launched program with partners: Street Violence Intervention Program, SFPD, Macy's and John's Grill to support 15 at risk Bay youth.

# **Retail Theft Summit**

The Alliance organized our first Retail Theft, Safety and Services Summit in a partnership with the Mayor, City Leaders, Community Partners and Law Enforcement who convened to discuss next steps on how the City will handle and manage Retail Theft and Safety. Members and Stakeholders were able to ask questions and learn about how the city's plan for Union Square's recovery and safety post pandemic will develop. This is a series of events which will continue regularly in 2022.

# Holiday Lighting and Decorations

We have illuminated the district by lighting the trees in Union Square Park, near the Cable Car turnaround, and in Maiden Lane. Oversized colorful ornaments were placed along the Powell Street Promenade including one uniquely hand-painted with the new Union Square Alliance branding. The Alliance Team also worked together to decorate a Cable Car for all to enjoy.

# **Flowers Baskets**

We have been seasonally refreshing the hanging flower baskets throughout the district. This program has been expanded in collaboration with John's Grill, the new hotel citizen M and the Flood Building on Ellis Street to include the area between Powell and Stockton Street. This program will also continue to grow and flourish in 2022.

# Social Media

The Alliance has placed engaging and eye-catching content consistently on all our Social Media platforms. Each platform has performed exceedingly well as a way to distribute information and inspire visitors to the neighborhood. The largest increase of this period was on Instagram, where our followers rose almost 30% reaching over 6,000.

# Financial Report

### **Statement of Financial Position**

as of December 31, 2021

### Assets

Cash	\$ 2,932,825
Receivables (Net)	\$ 240,270
Prepaid & Deposits	\$ 365,194
Fixed Assets (Net)	\$ 476,295
Total Assets (Net)	\$ 4,014,585

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 4,014,585
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,621,787
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 2,589,787
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 32,000
NET ASSETS	
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,392,798
Deferred Revenue	\$ 112,807
Line of Credit & Loans Payable	\$ 298,942
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 981,048
LIABILITIES	



# Budget Comparison $\,\cdot\,$ Assessment & Core Operations

July - December YTD 2021

Revenue & Carry Over	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Carry over used from fiscal year 20-21FY <sup>1</sup>	\$ 2,153,999	\$ 2,153,999	\$ -
Assessment Income <sup>2</sup>	\$ 3,609,625	\$ 3,353,883	\$ 255,742
Other Income <sup>3</sup>	\$ 198,999	\$ 338,850	\$ (139,851)
Total Income	\$ 3,808,624	\$ 3,692,733	\$ 115,891
Expenses	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Clean & Safe⁴	\$ 2,263,564	\$ 2,535,448	\$ 271,884
Public Realm, Marketing, Events & Advocacy⁵	\$ 482,859	\$ 620,706	\$ 137,847
Management & Administration <sup>6</sup>	\$ 589,618	\$ 541,229	\$ (48,389)
Total Assessment Expenses	\$ 3,336,041	\$ 3,697,383	\$ 361,342
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 472,583	\$ (4,650)	\$ 477,233

<sup>1</sup>Used for core operations July-Nov 2021

<sup>2</sup>Assessment collections higher than expected

<sup>3</sup>PPP second load not forgiven (yet)

<sup>4</sup>Increase in bank hours balance and other savings

<sup>5</sup>Less expenses on branding, holiday lighting and website

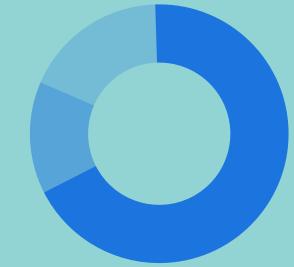
<sup>6</sup>Various expenses higher than budgeted-legal, support, staffing

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### **Total Assessment Expenses**

July - December 2021

- Public Realm, Marketing, Events & Advocacy 14%
- Mgmt. δ Admin 18%
- Clean & Safe 68%



# **Budget Comparison**

**Total Results** 

Revenue & Carry Over	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Carry over used from fiscal year 20-21FY <sup>7</sup>	\$ 2,224,288	\$ 2,224,288	\$ -
Assessment Income <sup>8</sup>	\$ 3,608,625	\$ 3,353,883	\$ 254,742
Other Income <sup>9</sup>	\$ 605,680	\$ 838,830	\$ (233,150)
Total Income	\$ 4,214,305	\$ 4,192,713	\$ 21,592
Expenses	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Clean & Safe <sup>10</sup>	\$ 2,408,398	\$ 2,665,046	\$ 256,648
Public Realm, Marketing, Events & Advocacy <sup>11</sup>	\$ 778,639	\$ 1,020,698	\$ 242,059
Management & Administration <sup>12</sup>	\$ 630,770	\$ 583,593	\$ (47,177)
Total Assessment Expenses	\$ 3,817,807	\$ 4,269,337	\$ 451,530
Net Surplus (Deficit) <sup>13</sup>	\$ 396,498	\$ (76,624)	\$ 473,122

<sup>7</sup>Used for operations from July-Nov 2021 and for grant expenses

<sup>8</sup>Assessment collections higher than projected

°PPP second load not forgiven (yet) and Union Square Park less than budgeted

<sup>10</sup>Increase in bank hours balance and other savings

<sup>11</sup>Less Union Square Park services provided and less events

<sup>12</sup>Overall positive surplus due to spending less and higher collections

# Budget and Forecast

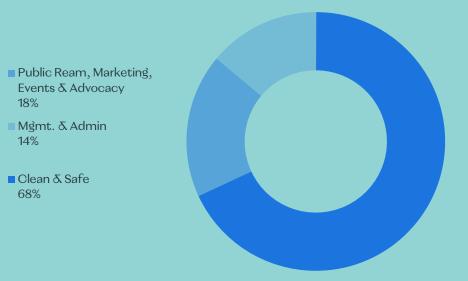
Budget for January - June 2022

Revenue & Carry Over	JAN-JUN 2022 BUDGET	FY 21-22 FORECAST
Reserves (Carry Over) from December 2021	\$ 2,621,787	\$ 2,224,288
Assessment Income	\$ 2,723,960	\$ 6,333,585
Other Income	\$ 904,080	\$ 1,509,760
Total	\$ 3,628,040	\$ 7,843,345

Expenses	BUDGET	FORECAST
Clean & Safe	\$ 3,086,147	\$ 5,494,545
Public Realm, Marketing Events & Advocacy	\$ 683,584	\$ 1,462,223
Management & Administration	\$ 486,757	\$ 1,117,527
Total Assessment Expenses	\$ 4,256,488	\$ 8,074,295
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (628,488)	\$ (230,950)
Projected Reserves (Carry Over) at June 30, 2022 <sup>14</sup>	\$ 1,993,339	\$ 1,993,339

**Total Expenses** 

Forecast for 21-22



<sup>14</sup>To fund operations from July-October 2022

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# Our Partners, Board Members & Staff

### **Union Square Alliance Subcontractors**

### Allbay Landscaping

Responsible for maintaining landscaping on Powell Street Promenade and hanging baskets on Powell, Ellis, Stockton and Maiden Lane.

#### Applied Video Solutions (AVS)

Installs/maintains security camera network.

### **Bigbelly**

Produces, installs, and services 37 smart trash receptacles in the area.

### **Block by Block**

Provides Union Square Alliance core services, including but not limited to: cleaning, safety, pressure washing.

### The Christmas Light Pros of SF

Oversees holiday lighting design, implementation, and maintenance on lighting display.

### Cube 84

Salesforce consultants who provide managed services and built our customized database (District 360) to track status of service calls.

### David Perry δ

Associates, Inc. Provides strategic communication and public relations support.

#### Dianna Cavagnaro, Marketing and Events Consulting

Provides strategic marketing and event organization support.

### **District Works**

Provides supplemental staffing to support special projects and public realm improvements for business improvement districts including installation, maintenance, and repairs.

### **J**2

Branding firm that is leading the brand refresh project including initial research and findings.

### Legion Security

Provides overnight security services.

### SFPD 10B Program

Provides uniformed police officers 16 hours daily.

### Wiline

Provides high speed internet services to support security camera network.

### We are the Kind

Music and event producer who helped organize music performances in Union Square Park and other areas in the district.

# Union Square Alliance Staff

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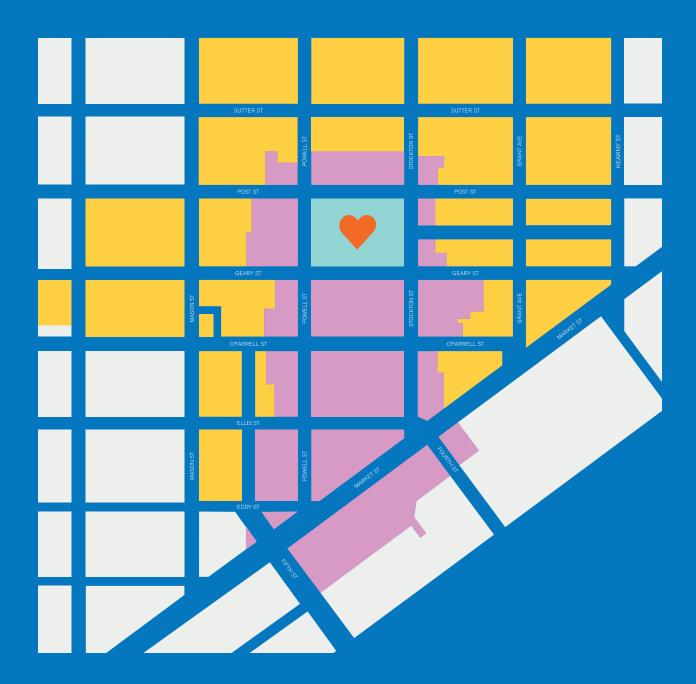
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