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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

*****BAYVIEW MAKERS KITCHEN: THE NEWEST ADDITION TO
THE THIRD STREET CORRIDOR*****

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Over the past year, District 10 Supervisor and Board President Shamann Walton has been collaborating with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), Economic Development on Third (EDoT), and local District 10 merchants to create the Bayview Makers Kitchen, a coworking community hub featuring local food vendors located at a former vacant restaurant on 5698 3rd Street, between Armstrong and Bancroft.

Every vendor involved in the Bayview Makers Kitchen program either lives, utilizes a commercial space, possesses a cottage food license, or maintains a presence in the Bayview-Hunters Points neighborhood. Vendors include: Nixta, a modern plant-based Salvadorian food company; Bonjerk, an Asian jerky company using ingredients to create flavor inspired by East-Asian recipes; Sweet and Sourcellar, a pickling workshop; Shared Cultures, a small business specializing in using koji, an ancient fungus, to create modern fermented food products; and The Vegan Hood Chefs, who specialize in creating vegan soul food and American style favorites.

“The Bayview Makers Kitchen, located on 3rd Street, will provide smaller food businesses with the opportunity to grow and make a profit without extremely high overhead and allow them to flourish,” said Supervisor Shamann Walton. “The Bayview Makers Kitchen also allows them the opportunity to collaborate with other small businesses in the community and to develop relationships that create long-term partnerships that are good for our small business community. This is another D10 gem that makes our District thrive.”

“Working with President Walton’s office and OEWD, EDoT was able to convert an empty storefront into an entrepreneur center focused on catering and package food production,” said Earl Shaddix, the Executive Director of Economic Development on Third. “We removed all



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barriers and are able to assist new, aspiring entrepreneurs from our Bayview Hunters Point community.”

The goal of the Bayview Makers Kitchen is to help budding entrepreneurs get started, refine their product, and expand their business. Currently, there are five vendors/micro-businesses that have signed on to use the space and the space can accommodate up to ten vendors. Each vendor has also committed to using the space to host and teach community classes.

The space was formerly vacant for over three years and is owned by Mercy Housing who is providing access and use of the site at low cost to Economic Development on Third. OEWD has provided funding for some improvements to the site and has helped turn it into a Certified catering kitchen, food processing, and a co-sharing kitchen where vendors can use the facility to innovate, define, build and test their product.

In addition to this new space, the Bayview District has opened many new businesses along the Third Street corridor during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a sushi restaurant coming soon at Mendell Plaza, an ice cream shop, dance studio, furniture store, and more, all owned and operated by African Americans and people of color. The vacancy rate for the Third Street corridor has dropped from 30% to 10% over the past year with the support and successful partnership of OWED and EDoT.

Here are all the new businesses that have opened during the pandemic along the Third Street corridor in the Bayview District:

- SF African American Arts & Cultural District Office** - 1751 Carroll Avenue
- Feline Finesse Dance Company**
- Tallio's Coffee** - 4732 3rd Street
- Roberto's Tailoring - 4742 3rd Street
- SF Taz Services**
- Wu Yee Child Care Services - 4900 3rd Street
- Bayview Makers Kitchen - 5698 3rd Street
- What's the Scoop Ice Cream** *Coming Soon*
- Gratta Italian Grocery - 5299 3rd Street
- CDXX Dispensary** - 4526 3rd Street
- Sonya's House of Style** - 4438 3rd Street



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- John's Furniture *Coming Soon*

***indicates an African American owned business or organization.*

Along with these new businesses, the Bayview Makers Kitchen will provide economic activation, support to the local Bayview economy, and activate the Third Street corridor. The Bayview Makers Kitchen is accessible by Muni lines 29, 54 and the T-Third light rail. For more information on the Bayview Makers Kitchen, please visit: www.bayviewmakers.com.



Left to Right: Dante of Bayview Makers Kitchen, Earl Shaddix of Economic Development on Third, and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton.

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