

Talking Points

Breed's Plan to Tow Family Homes

- Mayor Breed does not want the public to know of her plan to tow family homes.
- Recently FOIA'd documents reveal that the Mayor has directed the SFMTA to develop a plan that will make it easier for the city to force families out of their vehicles and tow their homes away.
- SFMTA, we now know what the mayor is up to and we demand that you stop this egregious political stunt by saying NO to towing family homes and YES to safe parking sites.

Towing a Home is Not a Solution

- Towing vehicles is not the solution San Francisco needs to our housing crisis.
- Towing a vehicle does not increase the number of permanent housing units, shelter beds or long term parking spots in San Francisco.
- Right now, the city has over 700 available housing units sitting empty. But the mayor has no plan to fill these units.
- Instead, the Mayor has developed a plan to tow family homes, which will push more people onto to the streets.
- Before towing homes, the City plans to offer people a lousy deal—take a short term shelter bed or lose your home. If you refuse, you'll lose your home anyway.
- This offer of shelter is nothing more than a political stunt.
- Today there is a 12 day waitlist for adult shelter beds and multiple months for family shelter in San Francisco. Which means the City will be forced to push currently sheltered individuals onto the street, to make room for those who will lose their homes to Breed's towing plan,
- Giving someone a shelter bed is simply giving someone a few nights on a cot before they are forced back onto the streets—this time with their home towed away.
- Instead of towing family homes, the City must uphold its commitment to provide families already living out of their vehicles safe long term parking slots and a clear pathway to permanent housing.

San Francisco's Unhoused Families Will Be Hit Hardest

- Mayor Breed's plan to tow family homes will most impact the over 400 unhoused families in San Francisco—of whom are unsheltered, 90% live in their vehicles.
- A third of the people who are unhoused in San Francisco live in vehicular homes —towing their homes will simply push even more people onto the streets.
- Breed's plan to tow family homes guarantees more unhoused families and more unhoused residents.

Protect our Democratic Process

- Breed's plan to tow family homes is an attack on our democratic processes.

- Currently, the SFMTA board holds the power to determine which streets should have signage around towing— which requires public meetings so that the public can have a say in these decisions.
- Breed's plan would strip the public of this level of transparency and provide the Department of Transportation (DOT) Director with full control over deciding where overnight parking signage is placed.
- SFMTA cannot advocate for the public to lose transparency.