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**MAYOR LONDON BREED SIGNS LEGISLATION TO PERMIT
EAGLE PLAZA PROJECT**

Eagle Plaza will recognize the contributions of the Leather and LGBTQ communities and bring needed open space to Western SOMA

San Francisco, CA —Mayor London N. Breed has signed legislation she introduced along with co-sponsors Supervisor Matt Haney and Supervisor Rafael Mandelman to permit the construction of a new public gathering space in the Western SOMA neighborhood known as Eagle Plaza. Once completed, Eagle Plaza will serve as a focal point for the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural Heritage District.

Largely due to its industrial past, there is a significant lack of public open space in the Western SoMa neighborhood. Eagle Plaza will help address this need as the area continues to experience growth, and will be designed to recognize the strong cultural influence of the local LGBTQ and leather communities.

“While our Federal Administration is attempting to erase members of the LGBTQ community, we in San Francisco take pride in celebrating all those who bring diversity to our City. The new Eagle Plaza will be a place where we can recognize the Leather community and all LGBTQ people for their contributions to Western SOMA and our City, while also creating a much-needed new open space for all of our residents in the neighborhood,” said Mayor Breed.

Eagle Plaza will transform an approximately 12,500 square foot portion of 12th Street between Harrison and Bernice Streets in San Francisco's Western SOMA neighborhood into a new pedestrian plaza with a shared public way, in which traffic calming features create a safe space for people of all ages to gather, relax, play, and celebrate. The plaza is designed for both active and passive recreation, with more open, hardscape areas that can host neighborhood gatherings, events, and performances.

Additional improvements will include approximately 2,400 square feet of additional landscaping, accent lighting, temporary seating, and a re-grading of sidewalk and roadway paving. Eagle Plaza will stand as an internationally landmarked commemorative public space for Folsom Gulch's leather and LGBTQ communities and include a leather pride flag flying above the plaza.

The legislation passed unanimously at the Board of Supervisors.

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