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**Opt-in Pilot Program Allowing the City to Abate Graffiti on Private Property in Commercial Corridors:
Interest Form**

PURPOSE:

To combat blight and to create a more welcoming and beautiful environment for residents, visitors and the business community, San Francisco Public Works launched a pilot program approved under San Francisco Board of Supervisors Ordinance [No. 174-22](#) to abate graffiti on certain private property in the City's commercial corridors at no cost to the property owners.

ELIGIBLE COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS:

Properties that are located in in the following areas designated by the San Francisco Planning Code are eligible for the pilot program: Neighborhood Commercial Districts, Named Neighborhood Commercial Districts, Neighborhood Commercial Transit Districts and Named Neighborhood Commercial Transit District (Planning Code Sections 201 and 702); Chinatown Community Business (Planning Code Section 810); the Chinatown Residential/Neighborhood Commercial District (Planning Code Section 812); and the Chinatown Visitor Retail District (Planning Code Section 811).

HOW THE PILOT PROGRAM WORKS:

Once a property owner opts in to the program, San Francisco Public Works staff or contractors will assess the graffiti and determine the best method or methods for abating the graffiti, such as painting over the tags or removing them with power washing or the use of chemical solvents. In determining the best course of action, the composition of the building materials, for example, wood, metal or stucco, will be considered. The method must be mutually agreed upon by the property owner and Public Works before the work starts. The City will notify property owners at least 48 hours in advance of the work starting.

It's important to note that in order to opt in, the property should be aware that the City assumes no responsibility if the area cleaned or painted as part of the operation does not perfectly color-match the rest of the property or if some residue of existing graffiti remains.

WILL THE CITY REMOVE ALL THE GRAFFITI ON AN ELIGIBLE PROPERTY?

Under the pilot program, only graffiti visible from the street will be removed. Also, the City will not remove graffiti that is etched in glass, found on murals or located on properties that are under construction or undergoing renovation. Generally, the City will not remove graffiti that is 8 or more feet above the sidewalk, but the City may hire a contractor to abate the graffiti under limited circumstances. Building access may be required.

