



# PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Bill Wycko, ERO, Retires; Staff Changes in Environmental Planning

Bill Wycko has announced his retirement from the City, after 27 years with the Planning Department and several years with MUNI. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Bill for his extraordinary service to the City and to the Department. Bill's knowledge of CEQA and his diligence in his work has been an example for us all.

In light of Bill's retirement, Sarah Jones will fill the roles as Acting ERO. Sarah has shown great leadership in her role as an environmental planner IV, and I look forward to working with her in the coming months. Work is underway to fill the permanent position.

Finally, I want to announce that Viktoriya Wise has been selected as Assistant ERO, a new position in the Department. Viktoriya will assist the ERO and the entire department in a number of management and policy matters. Viktoriya's work in managing the transportation team has been exemplary, and I know she will continue to show that leadership in her new role.

### City Calls for Proposals for New Parklets



Merchants, community groups and property owners hoping to get a parklet in their neighborhood may now apply as the City officially opens a new call for parklets around the city.

The department has made a number of improvements to the program to simplify the policies and procedures that govern parklets. In addition, the city has developed the [San Francisco Parklet Manual](#), a comprehensive overview of the goals, policies, procedures and guidelines for creating a parklet in San Francisco.

To help interested parties complete the application process, the City hosted an open house on March 5.

Applications may be submitted via the program's revamped website, [www.parklets.org](http://www.parklets.org) by April 17, 2013.