

Michael Lai

Meet the candidate Week 22: What do you plan to do to activate the Persia Triangle as district supervisor?

Excelsior has the most kids but has never had a Farmer's Market — we should bring it to Persia Triangle!

Short term, we need to bring back more street festivals, regular community events, and a farmer's market to Persia Triangle on Saturday evenings and Sundays when Unique Auto, the tenant there, is closed. It's not only important to get more foot traffic but also central to the vibrancy and liveliness to the Mission Terrace, Cayuga, and Excelsior neighborhoods that border it. From co-organizing ChowSF, an Asian restaurant tour on Mission, Ocean, and Geneva this March, I've experienced just how much this type of programming activates community and joy.

Eventually, if it permits, I would turn the Persia Triangle into a park like Noe Valley Town Square, a free and green space for elders, kids, and families from all parts of D11 to come together if we can partner and find Unique Auto a great new location. There, we can also implement more free activities and gatherings in partnership with neighbors and community organizations, for example free yoga in the park, and create much needed space for kids, families, and elders.

For far too long, because of the pandemic, we've been too isolated and disconnected. So, I'm very excited to focus on activating historic, treasured parts of our community.