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Black leaders make plea to save Breed's program



Photos by Yalonda M. James/The Chronicle EMT instructor Kenyatta Haynes, right, talks with prospective EMTs Isaiah Inguillo, left, and Anthony Cabral during a training session by CityEMT on Oct. 10 in San Francisco. The program has received about \$1.7 million from the Dream Keeper Initiative.

By St. John Barned-Smith

Black community leaders in San Francisco have a message for City Hall: Don't defund the Dream Keeper Initiative.

Yes, Mayor London Breed's signature effort has been tainted by scandal. But the program's successes - helping Black families buy homes, entrepreneurs start businesses and job seekers get training far outweigh those missteps,

And the systemic injustices it set out to correct — the displacement of thousands of Black families, decimation of once-vibrant Black neighborhoods and discrimination in city businesses and job oppor-

Dream Keeper Initiative's successes far outweigh its missteps, they say



Mary Evelyn Thomas holds Zara Morton at Our Special Place day care, a Dream Keeper recipient.

tunities - are still far from

remedied. "If my shirt is wrinkled, I don't throw it away," said the Rev. Amos Brown, president of the San Francisco chapter of the NAACP. "I get a steam roller and I iron it out."

Dream Keeper has faced a series of setbacks over the past several months. Shortly after Breed put new spending under the initiative on pause, the top official overseeing it, Sheryl Davis, resigned on Sept. 13 amid questions about her oversight.

Further clouding the program's future is the upcoming mayor's race, in which Breed is facing tough competition. None of her opponents has

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Residents more split on drug, rent issues

By Christian Leonard

As San Franciscans prepare to vote, a Chronicle-commissioned survey reveals that some issues divide residents much more than others.

Few topics split residents as much as rent control and the city's response to the overdose crisis, according to Vote Compass, a survey designed by political scientists for the Chronicle to measure voters' opinions on a variety of issues.

The data from the online survey, which was launched Oct. 9, indicated that about 42% of respondents said they somewhat or strongly agreed with covering all of the city's residential units, rather than only those built before 1980. About 36% disagreed, 10% were

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Insurers' aerial shots frustrate customers

By Megan Fan Munce

Insurance companies are increasingly using aerial imagery in lieu of human inspectors to assess properties — and homeowners say they aren't always getting it right.

From misinterpreted images to photos of the wrong home, California homeowners say they're frustrated at the idea that planes and satellites could be used to decide whether they can keep their insurance. Insurance companies argue that it's simply a modern and cost-efficient way of conducting home inspections.

Garry Herceg was puzzled when he got a notice that his home insurance would be can-

celed due to his property being **Insurers continues on A15**

Hopes for Harris at Atlanta Black university

By Marya Hornbacher

ATLANTA - It was Oct. 9,less than a month before Election Day, and Arianna Young's absentee ballot still hadn't come in the

Ari, as she calls herself, was starting to get concerned. A 19year-old sophomore at Spelman College, a women-only institution that's the highest ranked of the nation's network of historically Black colleges and universities, she's also one of 41 million Americans newly eligible to vote in the presidential election, including 8.3 million 18- and 19-year-olds.

When she's able to cast it, her vote will be mailed to her hometown of Indianapolis. Like most everyone she knows here classmates at Spelman, friends from nearby Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University,



Lynsey Weatherspoon/Special to the Chronicle

Arianna Young, a sophomore at Spelman College in Atlanta, is one of 41 million Americans newly eligible to vote next month.

members of a screenwriters circle she co-founded — she will vote for Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris, an alumna of Howard University, an HBCU in Washington, D.C.

Editor's note: During the run-up to Election Day, Marya Hornbacher, a New York Times best-selling author and Walnut Creek native who travels the country writing about politics and culture, is profiling people in swing states, where votes will have outsize influence in the presidential election.

Efforts by Republican legislators and activists to constrict voter registration and election certification, in Georgia and other high-stakes states, raise concerns for young voters like Ari — who routinely express a measure of uncertainty about the power of their vote in the first place about the potential for voter suppression. In Georgia, whose 16 electoral votes could swing the Election continues on A16