

Information Courtesy of Thomas Seibert of [Glad Tidings Church](#) with Senior Pastors Forrest & Christina Beiser

Were signing a petition today at 9am at Community Assembly of God 355 Ocean Avenue San Francisco, CA 94112

Join us for our
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
FREEDOM & PRAYER SERVICE

The MLK Day freedom and prayer service empowers individuals, strengthens communities, bridges barriers, creates solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of equal rights for all Americans.

Stand with Community A/G Church in our pursuit to continue to empower people with hope, healing, and freedom.

Monday, January 18th
9am – 11 am
Community Assembly of God
355 Ocean Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112
[415-584-5250](tel:415-584-5250)

A BRIEF HISTORY

- Founded in San Francisco in 1951
- Has been a fixture in the Ingleside-Excelsior District since 1988
- Reverends Edward and Mary Stewart pastored Community for more than 42 years combined.
- Rev. Barb Cornejo has served on staff at Community for more than 30 years, and became the Lead Pastor in 2014.

For over 60 years, Community Assembly of God Church has been making a positive, life-changing impact on San Franciscans. Here are just a few of the ways we've done it:

- Coordinated efforts with city officials and local residents to stop gang violence
- Played in a central role in implementation of the Excelsior Boys & Girls Club and the Excelsior mural project
- Partnered with the Red Cross to provide refuge for fire victims
- Provided hours of volunteer support and services to our neighboring schools
- Supported rehabilitation for hundreds of men and women struggling with life-controlling substances
- Launched marriage and family counseling and symposiums
- Mentored and counseled hundreds of youth providing them with the guidance and resources to be successful in school and have long-term success
- Connected needy families and children with vital community and city resources

CURRENT STRUGGLE

The City of San Francisco has declared its intent to take the property of Community Assembly of God at 355 Ocean Avenue by eminent domain.

We believe this is a travesty should not be allowed to go forward for the following reasons:

- Building low-income housing on this site will exacerbate congestion in this already over-crowded area.
- The mission of this church is to reach the people of San Francisco, and especially those in the Ingleside-Excelsior District. Forcing us to move from this neighborhood at a below market cost, will destroy our ability to remain in this community – a community we have served for over 4 decades – and destroy the positive impact the church has here.
- With this action, the City has made it clear that they do not value churches or freedom of religion. Our church has a long history of creating positive change here, but the City is only interested in meeting the Mayor's goal of increasing low-income housing – no matter the cost to our communities, our families, and our livelihoods.
- The threat of eminent domain is not limited to churches – your home, your business, or any other property could be next!

We invite you, the community to stand with Community Assembly of God Church.