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A Great Loss for the City

If you haven't heard, yesterday Patricia Walkup passed away. Patricia was the founder of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association and worked tirelessly to improve her neighborhood for all people. While neighborhood beautification is an easy cause to generate support, Patricia never shied away from the more difficult issues such as working for affordable housing and sustainable transportation.

Her pleasant personality was one of many soft-spoken but hard-working and consistent people in the neighborhood that overcame seemingly unsurmountable odds to remove the Central Freeway removed north of Market Street.

You can read about the Central Freeway History at

http://www.sfgov.org/site/octavia_blvd_index.asp?id=236 or

<http://www.halttheramp.com/history.html>

I got to know Patricia during the Planning Department's Market & Octavia neighborhood plan. In an age of unabashed NIMBYish behavior, she was a welcoming voice embracing (very Jane Jacobs) the idea that people are good in a neighborhood and, in particular, housing for diverse people is essential.

In her tireless efforts she proved her own quote: "Ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things." Patricia is a great inspiration and the City will miss her voice greatly. To help keep the memory of Patricia, let's dedicate one personal act of community participation to Patricia and help ensure that in San Francisco ordinary people continue to accomplish the extraordinary.