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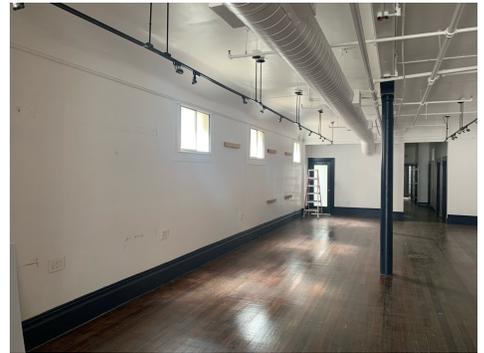
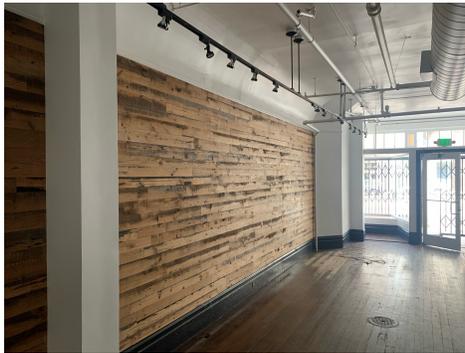
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## **THE ACADEMY SF ANNOUNCES MAJOR 2023 EXPANSION TO 2164 MARKET STREET, NEXT DOOR TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION**

**The space includes over 3,000 square feet that will be used to expand events and programming for the LGBTQ+ social club and its growing membership**

**SAN FRANCISCO, DECEMBER 28** – The Academy SF, a LGBTQ+ social club located at 2166 Market Street in the Castro District, announces a significant expansion of the club’s footprint, activating an adjacent vacant storefront at 2164 Market Street. Formerly Revamp Salon, which closed during the pandemic, the ground floor retail space includes over 3,000 square feet including the main floor and basement level, that will be used for events and expanded programming for the club. This is the second significant expansion of The Academy, which in 2019 took over the top floor of 2166 Market Street, following the relocation of Michael Woo State Farm Insurance. The Academy first opened in 2017.

“This is an exciting game changer for our growing club, giving us a large open indoor space, additional storage, and other features that we don’t have in our existing building,” says co-founder Nate Bourg. “With so many vacant store fronts in our area, we’re fortunate to be engaging with a kind and reasonable landlord who wants to see the neighborhood thrive, rather than hold out for exorbitant rents like we hear so many other building owners are doing. The new space will allow us to offer more to our club members and our community, and we are so grateful for the opportunity.”

Planned activities for The Academy’s new space include enhanced class offerings as part of their “Academy Homeroom” series, community meetings including hosting the Castro Merchants on a monthly basis, receptions and banquets, fundraisers for local nonprofits, and much more.

After undergoing significant seismic and accessibility improvements during its recent vacancy, the 2164 Market Street space is currently being painted and refreshed to complement The Academy’s stylish aesthetic, with the goal of event activations starting in the first quarter of 2023, once permits and cosmetic improvements are complete.

### **About The Academy**

The Academy is a LGBTQ+ social club, open to all, focused on promoting genuine social interactions while offering engaging programming in collaboration with nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and leading community members. The Club is located in San Francisco's Castro District and was founded in 2017 by co-founders Paul Miller and Nate Bourg.

Membership in The Academy’s social club is open to anyone who wishes to apply – all are welcome – and aspires to be diverse in age, race, gender, and social standing, with all members sharing a common interest in engaging in the community and valuing in-person interactions.

In addition to the social club and its associated programming, The Academy also offers a barber salon, a daytime co-working lounge called Academy Daylight, and has space available for private events.

More information about The Academy can be found at <https://academy-sf.com>

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