This tour will explore the City’s greatest accomplishments and deepest challenges. Our first stop is Mid-Market. This neighborhood along Market Street is one of the city’s busiest thoroughfare, which has struggled with undesirable street behavior and homelessness. But things are slowly changing—as a result of tax breaks. High-rise apartments and condominium towers, hotels, and office space have been developed in an area where hi-tech workers pass by at-risk residents. From there, we head to Hayes Valley, which has experienced one of the most dramatic urban transformations in the country. It is now home to boutiques, restaurants, and public housing complexes. After part of the Central Freeway was destroyed by an earthquake, the community began to transform, including efforts to reactivate Civic Center Plaza and City Hall into a public open space. Hayes Valley, a close-knit neighborhood, has still retained a sense of community despite the fast build-up and fears of gentrification.