



NOBODY WANTS TO LIVE IN SH\*T-HOLE SAN FRANCISCO AND NOW NO COMPANY WANTS TO BE THERE EITHER

## Vacant Businesses Rising in San Francisco, Real Estate Agents Believe 'Dirty Streets' Partly to Blame

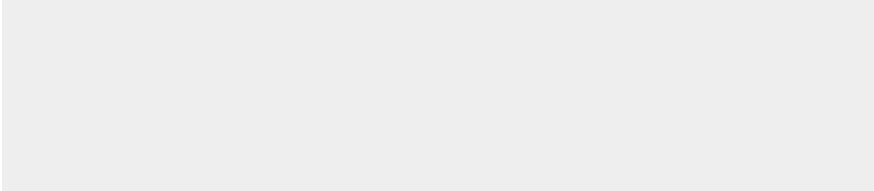
Commercial real estate brokers tell the Investigative Unit their agents are having a harder time selling San Francisco in light of the amount of the trash, feces, and used needles scattered along the city's streets and sidewalks.

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Commercial real estate brokers tell the Investigative Unit their agents are having a harder time selling San Francisco. They say trash, feces, and used needles scattered along the city's streets and sidewalks are part of the problem. Bigad Shaban reports.  
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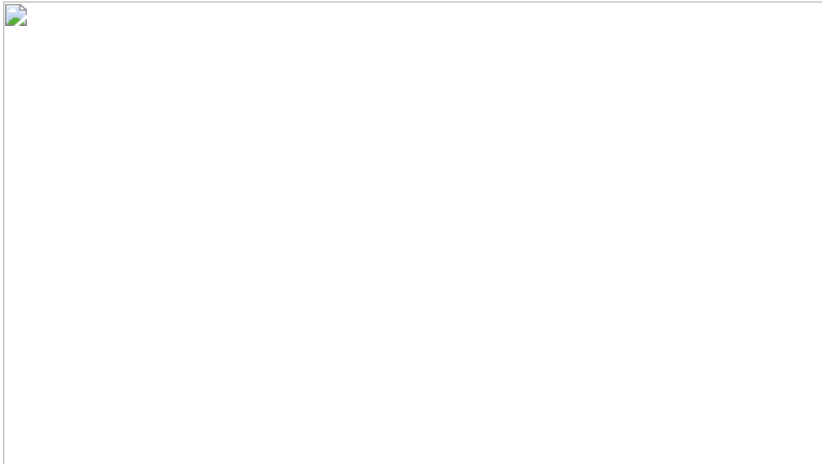
"They're telling us that the city is filthy, that they don't want to be there," said Hans Hansson, a native of San Francisco who owns Starboard, the city's largest independently owned commercial real estate firm.

"We have a lot of people that have initially expressed interest to come out here and have chosen not to," he said. "They test the waters — they kind of check things out and you don't hear from them again."

Hansson, who employs 22 commercial estate agents, says businesses have backed out of real estate deals in San Francisco, in part, because of concerns over a lack of cleanliness along nearby streets and sidewalks.

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"It's definitely worse and it's dangerous," he said.



Hans Hansson is a Broker at Starboard Commercial Real Estate, and says his 22 agents are having a harder time selling San Francisco to clients who are looking for storefronts. "They shied away because they saw needles on the ground, they saw feces on the ground, they saw tents, they said how can you operate like this."  
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### **Vacant Shops on Rise, 'Dirty Streets' Partly to Blame**

While empty store fronts are fairly rare in San Francisco, the number of vacant shops in the city has increased over the past year and has been on a slow rise since 2013, according to industry report by Cushman and Wakefield.