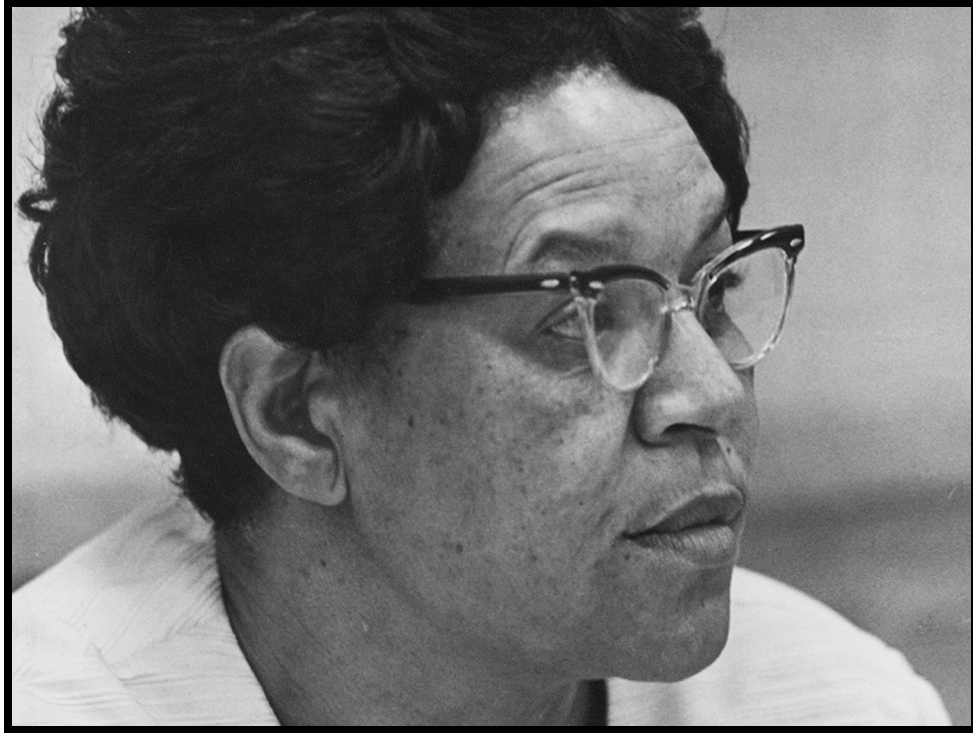


# **Tellin' It Like It Is**

## **The Work of Elouise Westbrook**



A portrait of legendary civil rights leader Elouise Westbrook, a tenacious, 92-yr-old activist from San Francisco's Hunters Point community.

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Running Time: 11 minutes

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## SYNOPSIS

For the past fifty years, Elouise Westbrook has been the voice of Bayview-Hunters Point, San Francisco's last African-American neighborhood. A legend in her own community as well as among San Francisco's political elite, she fearlessly confronted mayors and senators in order to improve the lives of her people. What she lacked in formal education, she made up for with tenacity, mother wit, and an undying confidence in the power of ordinary people to produce change. Her passion soon transformed her into an advocate for affordable housing and health care on the state and national level.

As the debate about the future of Bayview-Hunters Point rages on, this film is a timely examination of one of the leaders who helped build it and defend it. It highlights some of her major victories while focusing on the powerful personality that made them all possible.

## KEY PERSONNEL

**Kevin Gordon (*Producer/Director/Editor*)** is a documentary filmmaker with a strong background in social history and human rights. His work gives voice to stories of self-empowerment. He is currently producing *The Beat Within*, about two formerly incarcerated youth turned writers who return to juvenile halls to run the same writing workshops that sparked their transformations.

**Marilyn Griffin (*Executive Producer*)** is Director of Planning and Development of the South of Market Health Center in San Francisco. Since receiving her Masters in Social Work from UC Berkeley in 1970, Marilyn has worked as a health planner focusing primarily on community health services for the poor and underprivileged. She currently manages fundraising to build Westbrook Plaza, a \$14 million, state-of-the-art community health center to be named in honor of Mrs. Westbrook.

**Rebecca Whittington (*Executive Producer*)** has produced over twenty television miniseries and movies for ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, Showtime and Lifetime. Rebecca was recruited by Lifetime Television Network as a Creative Network Executive where she was responsible for multiple productions, including the Emmy nominated *Gracie's Choice* starring Anne Heche and Kristen Bell. She is currently working in Marketing and Media Relations for the South of Market Health Center.

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## CAST

Elouise Westbrook  
– Community leader and activist

Willie Brown  
– Former mayor of San Francisco

Rev. Cecil Williams  
– Founder and minister of Glide Memorial Church

Charlie Walker  
– San Francisco businessman and community leader

Espinola Jackson  
– Bayview Hunter's Point resident and community activist

John Gressman  
– President and CEO of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium

Charles Range  
– Executive Director of the South of Market Health Center

## ALSO INCLUDES

Eleanor Jacobs  
Gladys Sandlin  
Shirley Jones  
Ollie Burgess  
Joanne Miller  
Antoinette Commer  
Antoine Snelgro

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## PRINCIPAL CREDITS

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Executive Producers  
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