



Neighborhoods United: A Ballot Measure Slate Card

We the people of San Francisco have the right to determine our own agenda for the upcoming November 8 election. Surrounded by large donors, special interest groups, unions, think tanks, politicians, and City departments that no longer have the neighborhoods' best interests at heart, the **Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CFSN)** has taken a great deal of time to develop an agenda that supports neighborhoods and citizens. Our groups are truly the sleeping giants of San Francisco politics. When the neighborhoods unite and vote together, there is no local political force more powerful.

After much debate and careful thought, the CFSN recommends or opposes the following bonds, propositions, ordinances, and declarations of policy for the San Francisco neighborhoods.

CFSN has taken a formal stance on three of the eight ballot measures:

Official Opposition on Prop B, and opposing E and F. You may read our arguments on these propositions in the *Voter Information Pamphlet* on pages 48 and 49 (Prop B), page 87 (Prop E), page 93 (prop F) and at http://www.sfgov2.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/elections/NOV2011_VIP_EN.pdf

Although delegates voted on each measure some failed outright, and others barely failed to make the percentage CFSN requires to adopt of a position.

Proposition A: The School Bond

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports our children and our schools. This \$531 million capital improvement bond needs 55% approval of voters to pass. The average increase to property owners will be \$6.69 for every \$100,000 of assessed evaluation.

The school bond will fix aging school infrastructure such as electrical, heating, water, sewage, building enclosure systems, roofs, walls, windows, fire sprinklers, playgrounds, fences, and gates — and will replace temporary classrooms — and \$5 million will be devoted to “green” schoolyards. None of this money will be used for operational purposes. Good bond stewardship is the one major concern: Previous school district projects have exceeded cost representations made to the public at least three times in the past.

Proposition B: Road Repaving and Safety Bond **Vote No on B!**

This \$248 million bond is a terrible embarrassment for San Francisco politicians. Only \$148.4 million will actually be used

for street repaving. Citizens are taxed and pay annually for infrastructure road repairs, but the City takes this money and pays for the bloated payrolls of City employees. Now, having made the deliberate choice to underfund road infrastructure for the last 20 years, the City comes begging for capital improvement bond money to pay for maintenance repairs that they should have been performing in the first place. This bond does not guarantee that your street will be repaved. Further, it asks citizens to pay a second time for what we have already paid for. **Vote No on Proposition B** and force City Hall to use our money as it was budgeted and how it was intended.

Proposition C: City Pension and Health Care Benefits Charter Amendment [Mayor]

Most folks agree that the City pension plan is on a path that is unsustainable, and major financial reforms are required to protect the City's pension system and the critical City services delivered to residents. Background: The San Francisco Employees' Retirement System is funded through a combination of employee contributions, employer contributions, and investment earnings from the retirement fund. As pension fund investments have declined, and employee contributions have not been adequate to offset costs, the City has had to make up the shortfall in the retirement fund. This offset is costing taxpayers between \$300 million to \$600 million annually in current dollars. If no pension reform occurs, the City pension fund is estimated to have a shortfall of \$829 million in fiscal year 2015–2016.

Proposition C was developed through negotiations with Mayor Ed Lee, billionaire Warren Hellman, Supervisor Sean Elsbernd, and City unions through a series of negotiations that excluded meeting with retirees and the City's lowest-paid employees. The pension agreement between the hand-picked negotiating parties increases employee pension contributions, increases retirement ages, requires employee increased contributions to the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund, and changes the composition of the Health Services System Board. Proposition C is expected to save \$1.3 billion over the next 10 years.

The Proposition C pension savings are too little, too late. During negotiations, the City actually guaranteed future salary increases as an enticement to selected “public safety” unions to support Proposition C. The real knife in the back, is the attempt by the Mayor's office to take over the appointment process of Commission members who serve on the Health Services System Board. Four of the seven commission members have traditionally been elected by rank and file union workers.

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A Slate Card for the Rest of Us

Unfortunately, the same negotiation process that made this plan agreeable has also made this plan a weak step-child to Proposition D. Proposition C improperly bundles both health care changes and pension reform into a single ballot measure, which is what doomed Jeff Adachi's November 2010 Proposition B pension reform measure.

Proposition D: City Pension Benefits Charter Amendment [Adachi]

Proposition D is a charter amendment that would reform the funding of City employee pensions through increased pension contributions, increased retirement ages, and increasing the pension contributions for new employees. Proposition D is projected to save \$1.7 billion over the next 10 years.

This charter amendment was placed on the ballot by Public Defender Jeff Adachi through signed petitions. Adachi also failed to meet with retirees who will be affected. Proposition D is a better rescue attempt at saving the City's pension fund than Proposition C. Proposition D exempts all City employees making less than \$50,000 per year (37%) from making higher contributions. Second, City employee contribution rates will be placed on a sliding scale: The more wages you earn, the higher percentage of your wages you pay as a pension contribution. Proposition D requires a contribution up to 18.5% of wages for a City worker making \$200,000 per year. Comparatively, Proposition C caps ALL employees at 13.5%. One drawback to Proposition D is that it does not address the unfunded mandate of increasing health care payments.

Neither Prop C nor Prop D addresses salary reform, a necessary precursor to pension reform. Neither measure addresses the 9,533 City employees (27.6%) who earn \$100,000+ annual salaries, at a cost of \$1.28 billion (gobbling 50.3% of the City's total payroll), which exacerbates the pension problem.

Proposition E: Amending or Repealing Legislative Initiative Ordinances and Declarations of Policy Charter Amendment Vote NO on E!

Currently, once voters approve anything on a City ballot, even the smallest changes can be made only with another citywide vote. Proposition E tries to change this.

This is a laughable attempt by seven-month Supervisor Scott Wiener to pass a charter amendment that will allow the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to change a proposition or an ordinance after the voters have approved it. Besides the obvious condescension to San Francisco voters, this charter amendment is actually asking voters to vote for a proposition that will allow elected officials to change what the citizens have voted for. Passage of Proposition E, very simply, would enable the will of voters to be overturned by the Board of Supervisors. Look upon Proposition E as a test of your own Intelligence Quotient (IQ): If you are dumb enough to vote for "giving away your vote," you shouldn't be voting. Note to Scott: Please stick to dog-walking and towels-for-nudists legislation.

Proposition E applies to ballot measures placed before voters by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors, but Wiener initially

proposed applying Prop E to *all* measures, including voter-proposed initiatives.

If Prop E passes, it won't be long before the Board of Supervisors changes Prop E to include signature petition initiatives, as Supervisor Wiener first proposed.

Prop F: Campaign Consultant Ordinance Vote NO on F!

Proposition F would modify the 1997 ballot measure that set reporting rules for all local political consultants. Consultants would be required to register if they make \$5,000 in a year, instead of the current \$1,000; they would have to file monthly reports; and the Ethics Commission could require electronic filing. There is nothing wrong with the current system. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

This bad-for-San-Francisco measure would also allow a super-majority of both the Ethics Commission and the Board of Supervisors to modify the consultant ordinance in the future. This is why Supervisor Scott Wiener really put this Proposition on the ballot. Just like Wiener's ill-fated Proposition E, Proposition F would allow the Board of Supervisors and the Ethics Commission to change lobbyist laws whenever it suits them. Proposition F is really all about controlling lobbyist legislation. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors already have exclusive control over the Ethics Department's budget and now they want to be change lobbyist laws.

Proposition G: Sales Tax – The Safe Communities and Use Ordinance

This is a revenue tax that needs 66.66% of the vote to be approved.

San Francisco citizens were paying a 9.5% retail sales tax rate — one of the highest regressive sales tax rates in the entire state. Of this 9.5% rate, 1.0% was a temporary sales tax that was imposed by the state of California. This temporary State tax expired on June 30, 2011 and San Franciscans are now paying a retail tax rate of 8.5%. Never missing an opportunity to tax, San Francisco — under the leadership of District 4 Supervisor Carmen Chu and Mayor Ed Lee — is now attempting to add a half-percent gross receipts sales tax that would increase San Francisco's sales tax to 9.0%.

The additional half-a-percent is expected to add between \$60 million to \$78 million in new revenue annually, and will expire after either 1) A ten-year period, or 2) If the State of California reinstates its recently expired sales tax. If the State sales tax is restored, the City would be required to repeal the Proposition G tax increase within a five-year period. It is possible that the City may suffer through a few years of 10.0% sales taxes with a reinstated State of California sales tax. This would be very bad for local businesses competing with surrounding cities with much lower sales tax rates. Under this scenario, San Francisco's sales tax revenue may actually decline, as more and more consumers turn to shopping outside of the City. San Francisco's poor will be the most hurt by these regressive tax rates, as they generally have few ways to shop outside of the City.

The revenue generated by the half-a-percent sales tax increase will be controlled by City Controller Ben Rosenfield, with the

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting September 20

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz brought the meeting to order at 7:00 at Northern Police Station.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates represented 22 CSFN member organizations. 4 guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Hosts Lee Ann Prifti (Diamond Heights Community Assoc) and Avrum Shepard (Greater West Portal Neighborhood Assoc) described their organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
2. **Minutes.** The August General Assembly draft minutes were approved as printed on p 4 of the September newsletter
3. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA) Ballot Argument follow-up. CSFN has 3 ballot arguments on record. CSFN is the official opponent to Prop B Road Repair Bond Measure, and has arguments against Prop E, Amend/Repeal Ordinances & Policy Declarations and Prop F, Campaign Consultants. • Met with Save Muni Sept 19th at Northern Station. • Will be appearing in the League of Women Voters video as official opponent to Prop B, Road Repair. Broadcast on SFGTV and streaming video • Will attend with OS Cmte the Draft ROSE meeting with Planning which was postponed to September 29th. • George Wooding will be testifying in front of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force regarding SF Rec & Park and their inability to comply with Sunshine Ordinances in particular his Sunshining of emails which he knew they wrote but they denied.
 - b. **1st VP Clark** (RHN)
 - c. **2th VP Mahan** (OMMRA)
 - d. **Recording Secretary Mahan** (OMMRA)
 - e. **Corresponding Secretary Millet** (PBNA) Discussed hosting assignments and the process.
 - f. **Treasurer Lew** (NBN) submitted a written report.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. *Open Space:* Kathy Howard (SPEAK) — Open Space Committee made a Sunshine Request for Documents pertaining to the ROSE for dates 2008–2011. Will submit comments to Planning before Sept 30 deadline. **Joint Reso with LU Cmte** (full text Sept NL p.4): [See Resolved Clause below in Unfinished Business]
 - b. *Land Use & Housing:* Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair referred to Cmte Report on p.4 of Sept NL. • Parkmerced — requesting funds for litigation because the rehab option hasn't been studied. • Market Octavia litigation request for funds to maintain the lawsuit. • CPMC EIR has been postponed indefinitely. Planning Commission will review the Developer Agreement. • Meetings regarding the Health Master Plan are September 21 2011, November 17th 2011, and March

22nd 2012. • Japantown Project attempting to change density requirements from NCD to NCT which would remove density limits. • Sustainable Community Strategy Director's Forum will take place September 21, 2011.

- c. *Transportation:* Gary Noguera (MPIC) Chair
- d. *Bylaws:* Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Chair
- e. *Water Task Force:* Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) Chair

5. **Unfinished Business**

Resolved: CSFN strongly opposes a measure, Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 (ACA4), in the State Legislature which would place on the ballot a change in voter approval percentages for General Obligation Bonds from a 2/3 majority to 55%. (SPEAK) Maker requested postponement of vote.
6. **New Business**

RESOLVED, that Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) strongly opposes the adoption of the 2011 draft Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) in its current iteration and requests that the Planning Commission continue its current scheduled adoption date of October 20 for 90 days or longer. (OS + LU&H Cmtes) Maker requested postponement of vote.
7. **Program** City Supervisorial Redistricting
Presenter: David Pilpel, San Francisco Redistricting Task Force
8. **Adjournment.** The September CSFN General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:5 0PM.
...*Angelique Mahan (OMMRA) Acting Recording Secretary*

Draft EIR for the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields to be released:

Publish date: October 26th, 2011
Hearing at Historic Preservation Commission: November 16
Hearing at Planning Commission: December 1, 2011
Close of public comment: December 12, 2011

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Land Use & Housing Committee Report

October 10

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 5:42 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following items

1. Historic Preservation: Supervisor Wiener's proposed amendments to Planning Code Articles 10 & 11 are a threat to San Francisco's Historic Preservation program. **Resolved: Recommend to the General Assembly to oppose Supervisor Wiener's proposed amendments to Planning Code Articles 10 & 11 as currently drafted.**
2. Parkmerced: B. Choden reports: The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force (SOTF) forwarded to the DISTRICT ATTORNEY — NOT THE CITY ATTORNEY (WHO IS A COMPLICIT PARTY IN THE SUIT): Note that the SOTF stated that the willful misconduct was a repetitious event in Hunters Point and Treasure Island redevelopment approvals and now again with Parkmerced. Parkmerced Rehab option needs to be studied.
3. Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE): Recommend to General Assembly to reaffirm support for the ROSE Resolution by joint Open Space and Land Use and Housing Committee in Sept newsletter. A big concern is that *requirement* of private open space is removed in the draft ROSE.
4. CPMC: CSFN members need to focus on the merits of the plan and that the Planning Commission concerns regarding DEIR not being addressed. The City's (Mayor Lee's) Ask List should not be the final answer to CPMC's project on Van Ness and for a new St. Luke's Hospital.
5. Japantown Better Neighborhood Area Plan: There is a recommendation to "removal of density limits in the Japantown NCD." This appears to be the latest strategy by Planning Department to increase housing without increasing heights and providing parking. This could be the plan for the rest of the City. A senior Planner remarked that the open space and light requirements will control number of units. Note, the Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) may drastically reduce the open space requirement in future residential and commercial projects.
6. AB and SB signed by Gov. Brown
 - a. 10/6/11 SB226 signed by the Governor, it exempt infill projects from CEQA, and certain urban projects deemed 'green.'
 - b. 10/3/11 signed SB310 today but with the elimination of voter approval for IFD and 3 stories above minimum. The in lieu of open space language is still there. SB310 provides for expedited review for transit priority projects
 - c. 10/1/11 Governor Signs AB900, it would allow CEQA fast tracking for certain projects over \$100 million; e.g. LA NFL stadium.
7. Live Nation project at the Masonic Auditorium to be heard by Planning Commission in Oct. 27, 2011. Strategy appears to be to legalize a non-conforming use with a C.U. Nob Hill neighbors need to effectively organize for this battle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

Background and Key Points to Supe Wiener's Proposed Amendments to Planning Code Articles 10 & 11

On Wednesday, October 19, the Historic Preservation Commission will consider a series of amendments to Articles 10 and 11 of the Planning Code submitted by Supervisor Scott Wiener for review and comment. Supervisor Wiener "is considering introducing similar amendments to the legislation when it comes before the Board of Supervisors." The most controversial change would require majority owner support — or a super-majority of the Board of Supervisors — to designate an historic district or even initiate an historic resource survey, imposing a unique and costly burden on preservation planning efforts. Another provision would create an alternative, potentially watered-down version of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties especially for San Francisco.

Key Points:

• The proposed amendments would undermine implementation of Proposition J.

Nearly three years after voters passed Proposition J, the Historic Preservation Commission is on the verge of recommending revisions to Articles 10 and 11 to finally conform the Planning Code to Proposition J. The amendments being considered by Supervisor Wiener would undermine this progress by imposing unprecedented procedural burdens on preservation planning efforts.

• The proposed amendments would place a unique burden on historic preservation.

The amendments submitted by Supervisor Wiener would require majority owner consent to designate a historic district or even initiate a historic resource survey. Significantly, no other zoning changes in San Francisco are subject to this requirement.

• Historic resource surveys are widely recognized as model planning policy.

Historic surveys serve as the foundation for local preservation efforts by providing for the systematic collection and organization of information on buildings, structures and sites that are of local significance. They provide greater predictability for property owners and provide planners with a database from which to channel new development.

• The proposed owner consent requirement is a severe remedy to a hypothetical problem.

Over the past 45 years, only 11 local historic districts have been designated in San Francisco. Dogpatch was last historic district to be created in 2003 with broad community support.

• There is no need for an alternative to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards already provide detailed guidance on urban design issues and ample flexibility to accommodate local development needs.

When: Wednesday, October 19, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall, Commission Chambers, Room 400

Why: To voice your concern over Supervisor Wiener's proposed amendments to Planning Code Articles 10 and 11 that could weaken preservation policy in San Francisco.

...San Francisco Architectural Heritage

...submitted by Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA)

Executive Committee Reports

August 24

Penelope Clark called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM; there was a quorum. Judy Berkowitz, Penelope Clark, Angelique Mahan, Dick Millet, Rose Hillson and Evelyn Wilson were present. Jim Lew, Lorraine Lucas and Sue Cauthen were excused.

Officers' Reports

President Berkowitz reported that CSFN's ballot argument in opposition to Proposition B (the street repair bond), written by Rose Hillson and modified by the Gov't & Elections Committee's ballot-argument-writing sub-committee will be the official opposition argument in the Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP). As such it is without cost to CSFN. Both it and the rebuttal argument have been submitted to the Dep't of Elections well before the deadline. • CSFN's paid opposition arguments against Proposition E (Supervisor Wiener's measure to allow the Board of Supervisors after a given period of time to change or repeal voter-approved ballot measures which had been submitted by the Board or the Mayor), and Proposition F (regulation of campaign consultants) have also been submitted. • Members of the Excom will help with presentations of our Proposition B opposition to interested civic groups that need both pro- and con- presentations in order to vote on ballot measures. • She thanked the two VPs for submitting their reports/minutes in to the August newsletter in such a timely manner; *Neighborhood Views* was sent out earlier than usual as a result.

The Neighbors of SF General Hospital held a mayoral forum. Several candidates sent written comments in reply to a list of nine questions that that group had sent them. Supervisor Avalos and D.A. Herrera attended. The Neighbors of SFGH cleverly used the forum to educate the mayoral candidates on the helipad issue.

First Vice President Clark reminded Excom members that the November Excom meeting will be on the 30th since the usual date is the night before Thanksgiving.

Second Vice President Mahan reported that Senator Leland Yee will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday August 27 at the Saroyan Armenian School from 9:00 to noon.

Secretary Millet said he was working on a last-minute change in the General Assembly hosting schedule at the request of the Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA). The meeting concluded with a lengthy discussion of the impact on campaigns and techniques of "Ranked Choice Voting". Angelique Mahan succinctly dissected the matter using last November's District 10 supervisorial election as the example. Given the large field of serious candidates for mayor, the selection and rank of three candidates on a ballot has become a very complicated and important task for voters to deal with.

The program for our September meeting will be David Pilpel speaking as a member of the Redistricting Task Force.

The All-SF Symphony performance will be on Friday September 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

...Penny Clark (RHN) Chair

September 28

Penelope Clark called the meeting to order at 6:40PM; there was a quorum. Judy Berkowitz, Penelope Clark, Lorraine Lucas, Rose Hillson and Evelyn Wilson were present. Jim Lew was excused. Angelique Mahan, Dick Millet and Sue Cauthen were absent.

Officers' Reports

President Berkowitz reported that Jeff Adachi had met with her, Kathy Devincenzi, and Hiroshi Fukuda in order to gather input from CSFN on land-use issues to promulgate the land use plank for his mayoral campaign platform. • Since CSFN is the official opponent of Prop B, the Street Repair Bond, she appeared in the SF League of Women Voters (SF-LWV) informational video along with interviewer Melissa Griffin. Available for viewing soon on demand at http://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=139

• She noted the November General Assembly program would be a wrap-up of the November 8 election; she will contact two presenters for that program.

It was noted that the California Pacific Medical Center has withdrawn its plans to develop the Van Ness property as its main center. [However, this was later disproved.] They have expressed interest in doing a presentation for CSFN, but the Excom had already noted that the draft Rec & Open Space Element (ROSE) would be the program topic at the October General Assembly.

We discussed the draft Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) and Rose Hillson noted that notwithstanding the unavailability of the planner for the document who was on vacation, public comment would still close on September 30. A negative declaration for the document has yet to be issued, but a final draft would probably be issued in mid October, with adoption scheduled for November or December.

Because there are only nine members in the current CSFN executive committee, occasionally there is difficulty in obtaining a quorum for the Excom meeting. Since our Treasurer, Jim Lew, is unable to attend due to ill health and our Second Vice President, Angelique Mahan has also taken over the duties of Recording Secretary, it was decided that we should look for someone new to take over the duties of Recording Secretary. A volunteer from the CSFN membership to fill this office until the May election would be greatly appreciated!

A meeting with Susan Exline, the planner in charge of the Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) and representatives of CSFN OS & LU&H Committees has been scheduled for this Thursday for 2:30 PM. Ms Exline will also be invited to present the document at the October 18 CSFN General Assembly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

...Penny Clark (RHN) Chair

Development vs Parks and Neighborhood Character — Again

On October 5th, 2011 the Historic Preservation Commission considered a series of new amendments to the city's historic preservation ordinances in Articles 10 and 11 of the Planning Code. Proposed by Supervisor Scott Wiener, the amendments contain at least two controversial proposals: one change requires majority owner support or a super-majority of the Board of Supervisors to designate a historic district or even to initiate a historic resource survey, a requirement that will place a unique and costly burden on preservation planning efforts and local efforts to preserve neighborhood character.

Note that historic districts are targeted. Golden Gate Park is being considered for historic district status right now. The historic district proposal has been under discussion by the Planning Department and the Department of Recreation and Park for months. Since Golden Gate Park — and all of our parks — are under the control of Rec and Park, would the amendments mean that San Franciscans cannot have their park designated as a historic district unless Rec and Park is completely in favor of it? Given the current approach to our parks as revenue generators, it is highly unlikely that Rec and Park would be supportive of protections that might get in the way of the further use of our parks to produce income. We can only wonder what kind of development is being planned for our parks. Supervisor Wiener's proposal could erect yet another hurdle to keep our parks from the protection that historic district status might provide.

Another provision — just for San Francisco — proposes an alternative, potentially watered-down version of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties. This proposal to create a Secretary of the Interior's Standards "lite" is especially serious for Golden Gate Park. As a historic resource listed in the National Register of Historic Places (2004), Golden Gate Park falls under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for major changes to the park. These guidelines are used nationwide to find a reasonable path for protection of major landmarks; they are constantly being revised and updated to allow 21st century uses while retaining the cherished aspects of our historic treasures for our own enjoyment and as a heritage for future generations.

Whatever San Franciscans may feel about the pros and cons of historic preservation, we can all agree that some aspects of our civic past deserve to be protected. These amendments could seriously undermine efforts to protect those remnants of local history that we all love and cherish.

What you can do:

The Historic Preservation Commission will continue its review of the amendments to Articles 10 and 11 introduced by Supervisor Wiener at its next hearing on **October 19**, 2011. There will be future hearings on the comprehensive legislation at the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. Your input is important! Background information and updates can be found on the SF Architectural Heritage website, at www.sfheritage.org.

...Katherine Howard (SPEAK) Open Space Committee

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proceeds to be split 50–50 between senior citizen and children's services, and public safety employees such as police officers and firefighters. These groups each expect to receive \$30 million annually, but the Board of Supervisors will only need a two-thirds majority to change the revenue-sharing sales tax allocations. This is especially distressing, since Safety employees may receive a much larger share of the proceeds over time than seniors and children's services. The sales tax increase may supplement already existing sources of funding for seniors and children's programs and public safety programs, rather than freeing up current safety programs funding for other desperately-needed and vital City services that remain unfunded, including routine pot hole and road repair maintenance.

Proposition H: School District Student Assignment Declaration of Policy

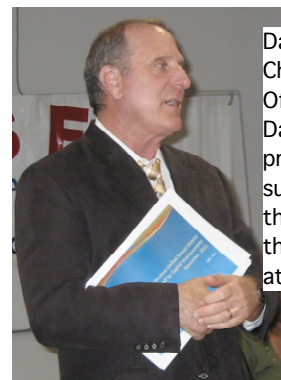
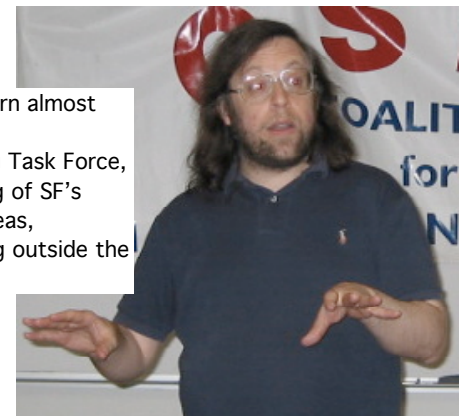
Technically, a CFSN Bylaw stopped the CFSN from supporting Proposition H. A majority of the CFSN membership in attendance actually voted to support Proposition H.

Prop H is a non-binding Declaration of Policy requesting that neighborhood children be given preference to attend their neighborhood school. Prop H states the following:

"Every family in every San Francisco neighborhood should have the opportunity to send their children to a quality neighborhood school. The system for assigning children to schools should give the highest priority to the proximity of the child to the school."

...George Wooding (MTHA)

The very best way to learn almost anything: via humor!
David Pilpel, Redistricting Task Force, presents the redistricting of SF's supervisorial districts: ideas, suggestions, and thinking outside the box. September GA.



David Goldin, SFUSD Chief Facilities Officer, and Todd David, edMatch, present the case for supporting Prop A, the School Bond on the November ballot at the August GA.

The ABCs of RCV

We don't necessarily need to know *how* RCV works; but what we *do* need to be aware of is the *strategy* of marking our choices on the RCV ballot.

Say that there are 7 candidates for an office.

For whatever reason, three of those aren't on your radar, leaving four candidates: A, B, C, D.

You really like Candidates C and D. Both have the values that you have; they speak to you. You like Candidate C a lot. But there's no chance at all that either C or D could win. They have no real coverage by the media, and not a lot of money in their campaign treasuries, no significant following.

Candidates A and B are the two who are getting all the attention in the press, have more cash in their warchests and bigger followings. You cannot abide either, but Candidate A is slightly less egregious than Candidate B; you know that one of these two candidates will be elected.

How can you say / demonstrate this at the RCV ballot box?

- Your ballot choices for your Number 1 pick is Candidate C because even though he doesn't stand a chance of winning the election to office, you do honestly think that he is the best choice for the job. By giving him the Number 1 slot you are telling him that he has your support.
- Your Number 2 choice is Candidate D.
- Your Number 3 choice is a matter of holding your nose and picking between Candidates A and B. One of those two will be elected in the end, and this is your vote for whoever will do the least harm. Since B is just dreadful, you choose A.

So your ballot will look like this:

- #1 — C
- #2 — D
- #3 — A

On the other hand, what if your fave is also a frontrunner?

Easy: he's your Number 1 choice.

But if you want to give another candidate an "attaboy" vote but that candidate doesn't have a chance, place him in the Number 1 position and your stronger candidate as Number 2.

Point is, if you place a weaker candidate *after* a strong candidate, your "attaboy" vote may not get counted.

If you place the weaker one first and the stronger one second, they *both* will be recorded.

...*Judy Berkowitz (EMIA) (based on Chris Bowman)*

Open Space Committee Report

Members of the CSFN Open Space and Land Use Committees are continuing to meet jointly with other stakeholders as well as with the Planning Department to discuss amendments to the ROSE. This process will probably continue for at least another month. An informational presentation is planned for the Planning Commission in October, but approval of the final plan has been postponed.

For more information, please contact Rose Hillson, who is coordinating CSFN's comments with the other stakeholders.

...*Kathy Howard (SPEAK)*

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AGENDA	
General Assembly Meeting	
October 18, 2011	
6:30	I. Sign In and Refreshments
7:00	II. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements B. Hosts 1. Forest Knolls Neighborhood Org — FKNO 2. Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Assn — GGHNA
7:15	III. Program: Draft Recreation & Open Space Element (ROSE) Presenter: Sue Exline Planner, Citywide Policy
8:45	IV. Approval of September 2011 Minutes
8:50	V. Officers' Reports A. President B. Vice Presidents C. Secretaries D. Treasurer
9:00	VI. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter A. Land Use & Housing B. Open Space C. Water Task Force D. Transportation E. Government & Elections F. Bylaws
9:15	VII. Unfinished Business: Reso opposing the adoption of the 2011 draft Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) in its current iteration and requesting that the Planning Commission continue its current scheduled adoption date of October 20 for 90 days or longer. (OS + LU&H Cmtes) Reso regarding Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 (ACA4), in the State Legislature: would place on the ballot a change in voter approval percentages for General Obligation Bonds from a 2/3 majority to 55%. (SPEAK)
9:30	VIII. Adjournment

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