



June 5 Ballot Measures: Our Recommendations

At its February meeting, CSFN delegates voted overwhelmingly to *support both local June ballot measures, Props A and B.*

Here are the CSFN Ballot Arguments in the Voter Information Pamphlet (VIP) for Prop A on pp 69–70; and for Prop B on p 78

http://sfgov2.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/elections/ElectionsArchives/2012/June/June2012_VIP_web_Eng.pdf

Prop A: Garbage Collection & Disposal

San Francisco's Neighborhoods SUPPORT Prop A!

- *Competitive bidding is the best way to protect our services and rates.*

It's the standard for every other contract at City Hall, so why not this one?

- The days of back room deals are over. Current city finances necessitate the most "bang for our buck!"
- Recology is spending millions against Prop A to protect and maintain its standing as the only game in town.
- Recology claims that the current system is "efficient." Efficient for whom?
It efficiently gives Recology as much money as it wants!
There is no accountability; Recology easily manipulates the city government.

- *If Recology really is the best that there is, then it will easily win the competitive bidding.*

Give Recology the chance to prove itself: **Vote YES on Prop A!**

— Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Established 1972
48 neighborhood organizations

Prop B: Coit Tower Policy

Vote YES on Proposition B!

Coit Tower is a special place. It's an iconic symbol of our unique city, known to every San Franciscan and instantly recognized around the world. Inside Coit Tower are 27 powerful WPA murals from the 1930s that vividly depict the reality of life in California during the tumultuous era in which they were painted.

But sadly, Lillie Hitchcock Coit's generous gift to San Francisco is now in serious trouble due to neglect, decay, and lax oversight by the city. Inside Coit Tower, lead paint peels

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Time is Running Out to Protect Golden Gate Park

On Thursday May 24 San Francisco's Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission could approve turning seven acres of Golden Gate Park into an artificial turf sports complex with 150,000 watts of sports lights — right across the Great Highway from Ocean Beach. The lights will be lit from dusk until 10:00 p.m. every night of the year, impacting couples who stroll along the promenade at sunset, families who stargaze at Lands End, and "fire worshipers" who enjoy the fire rings on the beach in the dark.

The project will introduce additional paving into what is now a vegetated area, build bleacher seating for over 1,000 spectators, and cut down over 55 trees. Artificial turf is made up of a gravel base, old tires or other infill, and plastic grass. The Audubon Society has described the 7 acres of artificial turf as the environmental equivalent of paving 7 acres of parkland with an asphalt parking lot.

Turning the western end of Golden Gate Park into an urbanized soccer complex runs counter to the 1998 Golden Gate Park Master Plan, the 2004 National Register listing, the city's own Coastal Plan, and the 2012 Ocean Beach Master Plan.

It is ironic that while the City is removing tiny bits of concrete in the Paving to Parks program, it is planning to destroy the habitat and beauty of a wide swath of the western edge of Golden Gate Park.

There are financial considerations, also — the project budget has been quoted at between \$9.6 and \$12 million. The Beach Chalet fields could undergo a simple renovation with natural grass for much less, and the rest of the 2008 Bond funding could be used to fix up other playing fields in San Francisco. This would release more funding for our parks in the upcoming 2012 Bond.

In a few years San Franciscans will be drinking the water from the aquifer under Golden Gate Park. If the artificial turf run-off has to be treated for toxics, then the rainwater that falls on the field will have to be drained to the sewage treatment plant and processed. In addition, the lighting could have a projected cost of over \$200,000 over the 10 years constituting the life of the project. Artificial turf is usually warranted for 8 to 10 years. With the completion of this project, San Francisco will have over 30 acres of artificial turf on RPD land — where will the City find the funding to pay for replacing it all when it wears out in 10 years? Kids can't play soccer on old gravel and worn-out plastic grass.

Now is the time to speak out against this project. Write to Mayor Ed Lee and the Board of Supervisors. Ask them to keep real grass and NO sports lights in Golden Gate Park.

Plan to attend the May 24 hearing and any Appeal hearings.

There is only one Golden Gate Park — let's preserve it as parkland for the enjoyment of everyone today and for future generations.

For up-to-date information on the EIR and the hearings, go to <http://www.sfoceanedge.org>

...Katherine Howard (SPEAK) Open Space Committee

Executive Committee Report

April 25

Chair Penelope Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Penelope Clark, Angelique Mahan, Charles Head, Rose Hillson and Evelyn Wilson. Jim Lew and Dick Millet were excused. Lorraine Lucas was absent.

Officers' Reports

President Berkowitz reported that press conference originally scheduled for Tuesday by Save Muni SF was rescheduled since there was a major Occupy protest at Wells Fargo Bank, and there was some concern that the press conference would not be covered by a distracted press. And since the lobbying against the Central Subway has been delayed until May she said that the planned presentation by Save Muni SF would be set for the for June CSFN General Assembly Meeting. She said she would come up with a substitute program for the May General Assembly meeting.

First Vice President Clark said she would see if a post office box would be available at the branch at Geary Blvd. between Fillmore and Steiner. This should be more convenient to any Excom member serving as Corresponding Secretary since it is only a couple of blocks away from our meeting room at Northern Police Station. The current box is at the branch on Sloat Blvd. in the outer Sunset.

A long discussion ensued concerning CSFN Bylaws Article III.§I.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43PM.

...Penelope Clark (RHIA)



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Land Use & Housing Committee

Efficiency Units: What are They Exactly?

I did not even know there was a zoning category of an "efficiency unit." The California HCD (Housing and Community Development) code definition for an "efficiency unit" means a Unit containing only one habitable room. A good concept for people who don't need a large apartment i.e. seniors, retirees, young adults, transitioning youths from foster homes, and students.

Presently an efficiency unit in San Francisco is defined as an unit of 220 sq/ft plus a bathroom and closet. The new definition will be the same as allowed by the State of California, a minimum of 150 square feet of living area, exclusive of bathrooms, closets, and cooking area. For San Francisco, the entire area, including the closet, bathroom will need to be at least 220 square feet.

The potential problem is that there are new zoning categories in which the density limits have be removed. This new zoning are designated NCT and M category zoning in the Eastern Neighborhoods. The NCT zoning can be found in the Market Octavia Area Plan, Eastern Neighborhoods, Glen Park, and probably in any new area plan on transit corridors. It was to be inserted for Japantown until Rose Hillson and I strongly objected. The Planner stated there was little difference between allowing a unit for every 400 sq/ft of a lot and no density limits because of open space requirements and exposure requirements. However, with all the changes that can occur with Planning, who knows if the proposed changes to the Zoning Administrator's authority to remove or waive open space, exposure, and parking requirements for non-complying structures certain districts will not be expanded to NCT zoning districts.

Another consideration is the problem with the Art Academy's 17 buildings which are in being used for student housing in violation of the City's Planning Codes. The concern is that of conversion and removal of precious residential units to student housing. Supervisor Wiener has proposed a new ordinance which includes prohibition of converting residential housing to student housing. What will occur if residential housing is purchased by an educational institution and converted to a number of efficiency units? Will they be on the open market or rented exclusively to students?

Will the City's inclusionary housing be in effect? What about unit mix to require two or three bedrooms to allow families to remain in the City? Will any of the units be rentals? Could this result in pseudo-Student Housing and allow converting residential units to numerous "efficiency units" along NCT transit corridors?

Admittedly, I don't know enough about efficiency units, but we all need to know all of the issues; we need to follow this.

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA)

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting April 17

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz brought the meeting to order at 7:05PM at Northern Police Station.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* Delegates and alternates represented 19 CSFN member organizations. 5 guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Hosts George Wooding, Midtown Terrace Homeowners Assn (MTHA) and Karen Breslin, Miraloma Park Improvement Club (MPIC) described their organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
2. **Minutes.** March draft minutes unavailable for approval.
3. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA) On 4/13 Save Muni SF shared the spotlight with head of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Peter Rogoff on KQED Radio's *Forum with Michael Krasny*. The topic was the Central Subway. You may listen here:
<http://www.kqed.org/a/forum/R201204130930>
 - On May 4th a Save Muni SF meeting is scheduled with the aide of Sen. Barbara Boxer to explore possible options to the Subway. On August 18th Save Muni SF will host a citywide forum at the Main Library Koret Theater 10am–5pm which CSFN and the Sierra Club are co-sponsoring. • Redistricting the city is now finished. • Delegate Gary Noguera (MPIC) regretfully bids CSFN farewell. • All organizations should enter their association's info at <http://citidex.sfgov.org/> in order to ensure their group is on the City notification list; this list will eventually replace the outdated list that Planning Dept still uses.
 - b. **1st VP Clark** Attended one of the many scheduled city budget meetings that the Mayor is scheduling in the communities. Felt that the more service providers and organizations being funded by the city had more say than average residents.
 - c. **2nd VP Mahan** (OMMRA) Attended a community presented by CalTran regarding the closure of the Quint Street Bridge and the impact it would have on the Bayview Community and the businesses on the Bayshore Merchant Corridor.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. *Nominating:* **Ray Doyle (GWPNA), Gary Noguera (MPIC), and Jeanne Quock (UTA)** Made its recommendations for the 2012–2013 Executive Committee which are reflected in its report on page 3 in the April Newsletter. After nominations from the floor, the final slate appears as below. Nominations for the 2012–2013 ExComm were then closed.
President: Judith Berkowitz (EMIA)
First Vice President: Angelique Mahan (OMMRA)
Second Vice President: Rose Hillson (JPIA)
Recording Secretary: Penelope Clark (RHIA)
Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer: Dick Millet (PBNA)
ExComm Members-at-Large: Charles Head (SHARP), Lorraine Lucas (HAIA), George Wooding (MTHA)
 - b. *Transportation:* **Gary Noguera (MPIC) Chair**
 - c. *Bylaws:* **Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Chair.** Was not able to meet but plans to schedule a meeting for upcoming month.
 - d. *Land Use & Housing:* **Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair** noted committee report on pg 4 of newsletter. Parkmerced opening arguments are scheduled to begin in May. The CPMC EIR hearing is scheduled for April 26th. Next hearing for the student housing is scheduled for May 17th.
 - e. *Government & Elections:* **Charles Head (SHARP) Chair**
 - f. *Water Task Force:* **Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) Chair** Gave a detailed update on the recycled water projects in their impact on the city.
 - g. *Open Space*
5. **Program: Final Decisions and Analysis of Redistricting Task Force 2012. Christopher Bowman**
6. **Adjournment.** The April CSFN General Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.
...Angelique Mahan (OMMRA) Recording Secretary

Candidates' Statements

JUDITH BERKOWITZ (EMIA) • PRESIDENT

I have served as CSFN President for five years, working — and sometimes even succeeding — to create a City that is responsive to its neighborhoods' needs. Over the years I have served in successive CSFN roles: Recording Secretary, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and am the past Chair of its Land Use & Housing Committee.

Besides continuing to serve on the Land Use & Housing Committee, I work on both the Government & Elections and the Newsletter Committees. Also, I currently sit on the SaveMuni SF Board, the (City's) Public Safety Working Group, and the Elections CAC. I served as an independent consultant on the 2009 Housing Element CAB. I've formed alliances between CSFN and the Green Party and other groups in the battle to ensure an individual's right for a full DR hearing before the Planning Commission.

As part of a working group of parks supporters (PROSAC, SFT) Rose Hillson and I worked on a redraft of the Rec & Open Space Element (ROSE) of the SF General Plan. Several times during this past year I spoke before the Redistricting Task Force (RDTF) to ensure neighborhood congruity.

I would be honored to serve as President again this coming year. You know me as a listener who respects differing views and the value of teamwork. The amazing variety of our neighborhoods requires inclusion of all members' opinions in our Coalition.

Again, it is an honor to continue to serve CSFN again this year.

Thank you for the opportunity; I will do my best to serve you well.

ANGELIQUE MAHAN (OMMRA) • 1st VICE PRESIDENT

A native San Franciscan, I have lived in the Excelsior all of my life and am a proud graduate of Mercy High School. After returning from my second stint in college I became active in the Excelsior District Improvement Association. I served on EDIA's Executive Board for four years and served three years as Vice President and one as 2nd Vice President. I have been a Delegate to the District 11 Council, and have been a Delegate to CSFN for several years. I have served as a member of the CSFN Executive Committee for the last four years, two years as an at-Large Member, two years as 2nd Vice President.

I recently became the Delegate for the Outer Mission Merchant & Residents Association (OMMRA). It is my honor and privilege to continue to serve on the CSFN Executive Committee as 1st VP.

ROSE HILLSON (JPIA) • 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

I have been a neighborhood activist since the late 1990s. As Jordan Park's delegate to CSFN I have worked on its Land Use & Housing Committee by tackling various legislative proposals and working on major land use policy issues such as the Housing Element and the Recreation & Open Space Element. I also am a member of the CSFN Government & Elections Committee. I have been a CSFN ExComm at-Large member and attend the Executive Committee meetings.

It is very important that officially adopted CSFN positions reflect the important aspects and wishes of the homeowners and residents of the many varied neighborhoods. Many pieces of legislation from City Hall attempt to take broad brushstroke approaches that may adversely impact certain areas with or without unintended consequences. Lately due to the many proposed changes to the Planning Code this is becoming a major concern.

The livability of all of the unique neighborhoods should be recognized and respected while still accomplishing intelligent and harmonious growth to these distinctive living areas.

It is also vital that CSFN adopt new approaches to partnering with City agencies to discuss and negotiate what areas could be envisioned for our future development without destroying the livability in our special neighborhoods that exude a particular charm. I look forward to continue working on these issues with all of your assistance for an even better and more effective organization.

PENELOPE CLARK (RHIA) • RECORDING SECRETARY

After finishing college I came to San Francisco to study interior design and worked in that field for ten years before setting up a small antique shop specializing in oriental antiques. Having closed the shop a few years ago, I now sell antiques privately, principally wholesale to other dealers. I was a renter for my first decade in the City, but became a homeowner on the Russian Hill part of Polk Street where my shop was located. In the early 1990s I moved to the other side of Russian Hill where I renovated and made additions to my new home. After working with the City's Planning and Building Departments on this project, I joined the Design & Zoning Committee of RHN and served on it for fifteen years.

I am now the representative for the Russian Hill Improvement Association (RHIA) which is concerned with land use activities on the north slope of the hill (where I live), particularly the open space that is the unused Francisco Reservoir at Bay & Hyde. At present I am part of a working group from four neighborhood groups working to present viable plans for turning the reservoir land into usable, publicly accessible open space.

It is important for the residents of San Francisco be concerned with the land use policies of the city's government, so I became RHN's representative to CSFN in 2005, and am now the representative for RHIA. I have served on both CSFN's Land Use and the Government & Elections Committees as well as on the Excomm.

DICK MILLET (PBNA) • CORRESPONDING SECRETARY and TREASURER

I am an Architect and have lived in SF since 1962. I bought a home in Potrero Hill in 1969 and have lived there ever since. I have been involved in Potrero Hill neighborhood activities all that time, holding various offices in the Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association (PBNA), including president for nine years. I have been a delegate to the CSFN for some years and held the offices of Treasurer for 2, Corresponding Secretary

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Candidates' Statements

for 4, and Recording Secretary for 2. I volunteered in former Supervisor Sophie Maxwell's office for 6 years.

CHARLES HEAD (SHARP) • MEMBER-at-LARGE

President SHARP, CSFN delegate and Government & Elections Committee Chair.

LORRAINE LUCAS (HAIA) • MEMBER-at-LARGE

Current Delegate from the Haight-Ashbury Improvement Association. During the last two years I served on the ExComm as a Member-at-Large. One of my goals was to ensure that we had a pro and con discussion before we voted on a motion. If re-elected I want the CSFN to have better name recognition. We can accomplish this goal by establishing a temporary committee after we write a ballot argument. Many members have an in-depth knowledge about the issue, and this knowledge should be used to educate the public. The committee's responsibilities along with the President will be to explain our rationale for taking the position, and at the same time enlighten the public about the CSFN.

GEORGE WOODING (MTHA) • MEMBER-at-LARGE

Front page investigative issues reporter for *Neighborhood Views*, CSFN's monthly newsletter. President MTHA, President WTPCC, CSFN delegate.

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from the ceiling, broken lights go unrepaired, leaking water seeps through and corrodes the murals, chunks have been carelessly carved out of the art, and gashes and chips mar many of the exposed and fragile frescoes.

This has all been allowed to happen despite the fact that Coit Tower already generates more than enough revenue for the city every year to keep it in good shape. According to city records, the city has been receiving \$633,000 annually from Coit Tower concessions and elevator fees but spending just 7% of that – less than \$44,000 a year – on Coit Tower!

Proposition B will put in place a new policy directing city officials to more wisely use some of the **existing resources** generated by Coit Tower to preserve and protect it, while keeping commercial activities and private events appropriately limited so that **Coit Tower remains a public place**, not a private party venue for sale to the highest bidder.

Coit Tower and its murals are unique and priceless San Francisco treasures. But they aren't being treated that way.

Coit Tower needs our help. Vote Yes on Proposition B. Let's protect Coit Tower.

Vote YES on Prop. B!

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Protect Coit Tower Committee

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AGENDA	
General Assembly Meeting May 15, 2012	
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. Inner Sunset Actuaion Committee — ISAC 2. Marina Civic Improvement & POA — MCIPOA
7:15	III. Approval of March & April 2012 Minutes
7:20	IV. Officers' Reports A. President B. Vice Presidents C. Secretaries D. Treasurer
7:25	V. Committee Action Items — written reports in Newsletter A. Bylaws B. Government & Elections C. Land Use & Housing D. Open Space E. Transportation F. Water Task Force
7:40	VI. Special Order of Business — Election of Executive Committee 2012–2013
7:45	VII. Program: Presenter:
	VIII. Adjournment

CSFN meets the third Tuesday of each month except for December at Northern Police Station Community Room, Corner of Turk & Fillmore Streets (Parking in rear off Turk) Public Transit: Muni #22 Fillmore, 31 Balboa & 38 Geary Lines

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Action Item: Election of officers 2012–2013 term. Page 4.

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 June 5th Election**

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CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting March 20

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2. **Minutes.** The February General Assembly draft minutes were approved as printed on p 3 of the March newsletter
3. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. **President Berkowitz (EMIA)** Save Muni SF continues to meet regarding the Central Subway. The project is at a critical point. A group is preparing to lobby against the project. Save Muni SF will host a forum August 18, 2012 at the Main Library Koret Theater to develop inexpensive citywide solutions for Muni. • Almost all member orgs are in good standing with CSFN for the current year. **If your group has not yet paid its 2012–2013 dues, please do so ASAP! You will not be able to vote if you have not renewed your membership!** • The CSFN ballot argument supporting **Prop A**, competitive bidding on garbage collection, disposal, and recycling, has been submitted to the Dept of Elections. CSFN signed on to official Coit Tower argument, **Prop B**, rather than submit a separate argument.
 - b. **1st VP Clark** ExComm unanimously recommends Nob Hill Association (NHA) to the General Assembly for CSFN membership. NHA was approved without opposition as the newest CSFN member.
 - c. **2nd VP Mahan (OMMRA)**
 - d. **Corresponding Secretary Millet (PBNA)**
 - e. **Treasurer Lew (NBN)** submitted a written report.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. *Nominating:* **Ray Doyle (GWPNA), Gary Noguera (MPIC) and Jeanne Quock (UTA)** have agreed to serve on this committee.
 - b. *Open Space*
 - c. *Transportation:* **Gary Noguera (MPIC) Chair**
 - d. *Bylaws:* **Evelyn Wilson (SPEAK) Chair** Was not able to meet but plans to schedule a meeting for upcoming month.
 - e. *Land Use & Housing:* **Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair** noted committee report on pg 4 of newsletter. Working on ordinance introduced by Supervisor Chiu 20100532T which is being heard March 1, 2012.
Resolved: The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Land Use & Economic Development Committee of the Board of Supervisors to amend the proposed New Definition of Student Housing legislation to apply only to the new construction dormitories by accredited academic institutions in accordance with the valid Institutional Master Plan on file for a minimum of six months with the City & County of San Francisco for housing to be used in perpetuity only by students enrolled in the academic institution; and be it further **Resolved** that the proposed New Definition of Student Housing Legislation be amended to prohibit the conversion of any housing in San Francisco to student housing by or behalf an institution that has not been included in the Institutional Master Plan of an institution and in compliance with the Planning Code prior to December 15, 2011.
Motion carried 15–3–9
 - f. *Government & Elections:* **Charles Head (SHARP) Chair** Moved forward this the ballot argument, submitted paid proponents argument to support Prop A. CSFN has signed on as official proponents of Prop B.
 - g. *Water Task Force:* **Joan Girardot (MCIPOA) Chair**
5. **Program:** Brad Paul, Friends of Golden Gateway (FOGG) presented neighbors' issues concerning CPMC development info. Alan Loving, who represents CPMC could not attend the meeting.
6. **Adjournment.** The March CSFN General Assembly meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.
...Angelique Mahan (OMMRA) Recording Secretary