



## A Heads-Up on Local Ballot Measures for Nov. 6, Part Deux

All of the local San Francisco measures below will be on the November 6<sup>th</sup> Ballot. Last month we looked Propositions B (Parks Bond) and F (Hetch Hetchy) here in *Neighborhood Views*. CFSN has submitted ballot arguments opposing both of them that will appear in the Voters' Information Pamphlet (VIP). A quick analysis of the good, the bad and the ugly parcel taxes, ordinances, bonds and declarations of policy are summarized here below:

### Proposition A: City College Parcel Tax

*The CFSN Assembly voted overwhelmingly to support this District Measure.*

This property assessment is requesting \$96 per year for the next eight years from property owners.

After years of poor financial mismanagement, half-a-billion dollars in state funding cuts, an over-building of capital improvements, and former City College Chancellor Philip Day pleading guilty to felony charges of misusing public funds, the poorly run City College now faces the loss of accreditation and closure.

With over 90,000 students City College has been one of San Francisco's best institutions, a great learning center and a safety net for all San Francisco citizens who want a better education.

Only property owners will be paying this property assessment. The parcel tax does not exclude homeowners over 65 and does not allow landlords a passthrough of any payments from San Francisco's 66% renters. None of San Francisco's renters will be paying this parcel tax. Approximately 84% of collected funds will come from single-family homeowners and multi-unit owners.

Although the State continues to cut between \$14M to \$23M per year, City College's proposed parcel tax will only generate approximately \$15M per year. The college should have asked for more money.

San Francisco needs City College. With strong leadership and prudent management City College will once again thrive. San Francisco needs City College.

### VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION A...

despite that it's deficient and an inadequate parcel tax.



### Proposition C:

### Creation of a Housing Trust Fund

*The CFSN Assembly voted overwhelmingly to oppose this Charter Amendment.*

This ill-advised billion dollar set-aside is welfare for city developers cloaked in the guise of helping to build affordable housing.

Dumped on the ballot at the last possible second to deceive the public, this opportunistic charter amendment is sponsored by the Mayor and will create a 30-year set-aside that will attempt to replace the now-defunct State redevelopment agency by taking financial portions from the city's budget (General Fund), the hotel tax, the gross receipts tax (if passed) and tax money that the County of San Francisco is now receiving from existing city redevelopment projects such as Mission Bay.

Proposition C is a set-aside and will only need 50% of the electorate vote to pass.

By creating a 30-year set-aside the mayor is trying to hijack millions of dollars that should/could have gone into the General Fund for a variety of worthy projects. This would have allowed the public, the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors to have a chance to determine a reasonable, annual affordable housing budget just like every other department in San Francisco.

Just one week before Proposition C was placed on the ballot, Mayor Lee was promoting a 2% increase in the city transfer tax that would have been dedicated to a **\$13 million housing set-aside**. Just one week later the Mayor wants a \$50.8 million housing set-aside with almost no public oversight or public input — an incremental increase of \$37.8 million annually in one week.

Redevelopment funds are based on the property tax increases in a redevelopment area. Redevelopment bonds can also be issued on the projected future revenue streams of redevelopment projects. Now that the State redevelopment agencies have been retired, SF will inherit the tax increment and the sale of bonds secured with tax increments.

Proposition C's affordable housing set-aside is a huge, permanent tax grab/slush-fund that should not be allowed to pass.

The Housing Trust Fund set-aside will spend a minimum of \$1.5 Billion in tax money and will legally allow the city to

# Executive Committee Report

## August 29

Chair George Wooding called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Wooding, Rose Hillson, Penelope Clark, Dick Millet and Evelyn Wilson. Charles Head was excused. There was a quorum.

### Officers' Reports

**President Judy Berkowitz** began by discussing her attendance at the University Terrace Assn board meeting the previous evening. UTA delegate to CSFN Jeanne Quock will now vote on all CFSN matters.

CFSN is the official opponent of Proposition B the Parks Bond. Both argument and rebuttal to Prop B were submitted to the Dept of Elections before the deadline as was the paid argument against Prop F, the study to destroy Hetch Hetchy Dam. The Dept of Elections required her to shorten the CFSN Prop B ballot argument rebuttal by 7 words. The paid argument in opposition to Prop F and the official argument against B were written very neatly and quickly with the help of several G&E Cmte members. The rebuttal to the proponents' argument was initiated by one of our co-signers, Take Back Our Parks, but finalized and polished by CSFN. President Berkowitz will be speaking against Prop B at the Noe Valley Democratic Club PAC. Opposition to Prop B must organize!

New sign-up sheets have been developed and thank you notes have to be sent regarding Representative McClintock's mention of CSFN in his speech on the House floor regarding the Central Subway and to Supervisor Christina Olague for supporting the grass soccer field in Golden Gate Park. Jonathan Alloy, a member of the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee (CJOB), contacted Berkowitz to offer to speak to CSFN.

We initiated discussion about the Annual Dinner: program, speaker.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President George Wooding** stated that CJOB would make a good topic at the next CFSN meeting. He discussed finding two new members to join ExComm. In December Wooding will schedule the 2013 GA and ExComm meeting times at Northern Station.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rose Hillson** provided information on Proposition C housing trust fund, specifically about how much money is left in redevelopment funding. Hillson also spoke about Proposition E, the proposed gross receipts tax.

**Recording Secretary Penelope Clark** reviewed the hoped-for shift in ownership of the Russian Hill Reservoir land from the PUC to the Recreation and Park Department.

**Treasurer Dick Millet** discussed switching the CFSN banking to the San Francisco Fire Credit Union. Millet wants to work with a local credit union stating that he is a "Big San Francisco loyalist." As CorrSec he also will help with the CFSN newsletter. Mr. Millet will also send out another list for hosts. Mr. Millet is also the Vice President for the Potrero Hill Boosters and announced that Proposition B the Parks Bond lost at the group's last meeting. This was the Boosters' first vote on a Proposition in over 20 years. So our opposition to Prop B is gaining in numbers! Potrero Hill Dem Club PAC has already seen the light and stands in opposition to the Parks Bond as well.

**Unfinished Business:** advocacy against Prop. B the parks bond and recruit for two ExCom member-at-large seats.

**New Business:** Invite Jonathan Alloy, CJOB, to speak at the next meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

...George Wooding (MTHA) Chair

# LU&H Committee Report

## September 10

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Hiroshi Fukuda on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5:45 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The Committee considered the following items

1. Transportation Sustainability Program, Case No.: 2012.0176E  
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The City and County of San Francisco (City) is proposing the implementation of a Transportation Sustainability Program (TSP), which consists of two interrelated policy initiatives. The first concerns a funding program, referred to as the Transportation Sustainability Fee (TSP), which would include the collection of a new fee on new development and the allocation of the revenue to a program of improvements designed to allow the transportation system to accommodate the increased transit demand associated with new development. The second initiative would be implementation of a new methodology for assessing the impact of new development on the transportation system, the Transportation Significance Standard (TSS). The TSS would eliminate the use of Level of Service (LOS) methodology, which assesses the extent of delay in vehicle travel at intersections from new development, and instead would focus on assessing whether a new development would conflict with the implementation of San Francisco's General Plan policies emphasizing multi-modal transportation system performance, principally using performance standards related to transit crowding and transit delay, as well as standards for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 and California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15206, a public scoping meeting will be held to receive oral comments concerning the scope of the FIR. The meeting will be held on September 20, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the San Planning Department offices, located at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. Written comments will also be accepted at this meeting and until 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2012. Written comments should be sent to Bill Wycko, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103.

Initial impression: it weakens CEQA on impact of development on traffic, and implements a costly fee Program, on even residential projects i.e. \$5000 for 1,000 sq/ft. There will be a special meeting on 10/1/12 to submit scoping comments.

2. CPMC: Chapman will submit article for newsletter to inform General Assembly of issues with CPMC project i.e. height, bulk, St. Luke's, traffic, jobs, gentrification, 30" gas pipe, pay-to-play developer agreement.
3. Student Housing: First reading on 9/25/12, passed 11-0.
4. Parkmerced: To be heard in Superior Court 9/13/12, 1:30 PM
5. 1601 Larkin, the Conditional Use denial might be appealed to BOS.
6. Efficiency units to be on BOS agenda 9/25/12. Concerns are lack adequate open space requirement for common areas, affordable housing issues, decrease in family housing. Removal of density limits in NCT areas might result concentration of eff. Units. Major change includes requirement that it must be new construction and not renovations.

Special meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

Adjourned: 7:38 PM

...Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

# CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting August 21

1. **Call to Order.** President Judith Berkowitz brought the August 21 meeting to order at 7:05PM at Northern Police Station.
    - a. *Quorum declared.* 21 Delegates and alternates represented 20 CSFN member organizations. 9 guests signed in.
    - b. *Agenda approved.*
    - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Hosts Cathy Lentz of Parkmerced Action Coalition Org. (PmAC) and Hiroshi Fukuda of Richmond Community Ass'n (RCA) described their organizations' objectives, history, and current issues.
  2. **Minutes.** The July 17 General Assembly draft minutes and the August 13 Special Assembly draft minutes were approved as printed on pp 2 & 3 of the August newsletter.
  3. **Officers' Reports.**
    - a. **President Berkowitz** (EMIA) reported that there was no reaction so far regarding the articles in the most recent newsletter. • Arguments and rebuttals for Proposition B, the Parks bond and Proposition F, the initiative on restoring Hetch Hetchy, have been written and submitted to the Dept of Elections for the voter handbook. CSFN is the official opposition in the handbook on Prop. B, and, as signer, she will be the contact person for organizations seeking opposition speakers for debates on the proposition. She asked that others from the organization help with this as necessary. • She reported that three lawsuits have been filed against work being done on the Central Subway — merchants from both North Beach and Union Square and Kings County because of its “non” connection with high-speed rail. • She pointed out that the August newsletter contains an excellent short piece on the opposition to soccer fields as currently planned for Golden Gate Park. If your org doesn't understand the matter, *this* is the article to have them read. • There is also a very good piece explaining why the Open Space Cmte does *not* support the Parks Bond.
    - b. **1<sup>st</sup> VP Wooding** reported that the local Republican Party has come out against Prop. B, the Parks Bond.
    - c. **Corresponding Sec. Millet** reported that all mail has been picked up and delivered. A forum on the Geary BRT (bus rapid transit) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Richmond branch library.
    - d. **Recording Sec. Clark** reminded delegates that the draft minutes for both the July 17 and August 13 (Special) general assembly meetings are in the newsletter.
  4. **Committee Reports.**
    - a. *Bylaws.* Chair **Evelyn Wilson** (SPEAK)
    - b. *Government & Elections.* Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP) introduced two more propositions that the committee had previewed in its meeting:  
**Proposition A, a parcel tax to raise funds for CCSF**, with a supporting argument presented by Alissa Messer, a CCSF teacher and union leader, and the opposing side was summarized by Charles Head from the argument presented in committee by retired CCSF teacher Ann Clark who was unable to attend this meeting. Motion to support this measure. The general assembly voted to support the parcel tax **13 – 2** (3 abstentions).  
**Proposition C, a charter amendment to create a Housing Trust Fund** with a mandated set-aside of \$1.5 billion over the next three decades for affordable housing. This, with its attendant bureaucracy, would replace the defunct Redevelopment Agency. Tim Colen of the Housing Action Coalition and Peter Cohen from Community Housing Organization present the supporting argument. George Wooding presented the opposing side. Motion to oppose this measure. The assembly voted to oppose the set-aside **13 – 1** (3 abstentions).
    - c. *Land Use & Housing.* Chair **Hiroshi Fukuda** (RCA) directed delegates to page 5 of the newsletter for its report.
    - d. *Open Space.* **Kathy Howard** (SPEAK) explained the resolution to join the appeal to the Coastal Commission against the proposed GGP soccer fields, p 5. She encouraged other individuals and neighborhood groups to join in the appeal.  
**Resolved:** The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods joins as a co-appellant to the administrative appeal of the Local Coastal Zone Permit to the California Coastal Commission for the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project. Resolution passed **15 – 0** (4 abstentions).
    - e. *Transportation.* Chair **Gary Noguera** (MPIC).
    - f. *Water Task Force.* Chair **Joan Girardot** (MCIPOA) gave a detailed report + noted her concern that Prop. F (restoration of Hetch Hetchy) might pass because of its deceitful language.
  5. **Unfinished Business.**
  6. **New Business.**
  7. **Program.** (See G&E Report, agenda item 4.b.)
- Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.  
...Penelope Clark (RHIA)

## Two Local Measures

issue an unlimited amount of revenue bonds, lease financing, notes or other evidence of indebtedness or obligations over the next 30 years. If not controlled, this issuance of debt could easily skyrocket over \$500 million in principle and interest.

The Housing Fund set-aside will start with \$20 million and incrementally increase by \$2.8 million for the next eleven years. The set-aside will then level off at \$50.8 million for the next eighteen years.

In sharp contrast to Proposition C's \$50.8 million Housing Fund, the now-defunct redevelopment agency generated \$448.6 million from 1990–2008, an average of \$23.6 million per year. These funds created a total of 10,816 housing units of which 9,657 were affordable units for an average of 569 units per year. The average cost to build each unit was \$41,476.

Despite Prop C's good intentions to help create 30,000 "affordable" rental units and promote affordable homeownership programs, Proposition C will become a huge financial boondoggle.

The marriage of local politicians overseeing developers who make campaign contributions and self-serving non-profit developers who survive off of the city and other developers largess will virtually guarantee sweetheart deals and wasted or misspent funds. The hammer may cost \$20.00 but the nail will cost \$500.00.

Of course the public will have no say in how this money is spent for 30 years and there is almost no public transparency or oversight with the exception of some meaningless public appointments to an oversight committee. Handpicked political appointees usually find very little wrong with any project in San Francisco.

**A big winner:** the Mayor's Office of Housing whose annual 2011–2012 budget jumped from \$14.7 million to the 2012–2013 budget of \$31.0 million for a \$16.3 million increase.

**Another winner:** San Francisco first responders, police and firemen will also be eligible to receive affordable housing loans although their average salary with overtime and benefits is well over six figures. Employee benefits should be determined at the negotiation table, not sneaked into city charter housing set-asides. The city claims to need more first responders living in the city in case of emergencies. Firemen and Police can already afford to live in city if they choose to. By comparison the area median income (AMI) for a single San Franciscan is only \$72,100 per year. Affordable housing was designed to help the lower income tax-payer, not the city's wealthier public employees.

**Yet another winner:** 90% of San Francisco's Planning Department budget comes from developers' fees. Watch for affordable units as small as 220 square feet, increased

density, misuse of open space, secondary units and the removal of appropriate height restrictions. Just about any type of affordable development funded through the Housing Fund set-aside will be automatically approved by the Planning Department.

**And another big winner:** Besides the hundreds of millions in profits and fees that developers will make on Mayor Lee's Housing Trust Fund, the on-site affordable housing component is now fixed at only 12% when the city used to request 12–15% of the units. How interesting that a charter amendment designed to increase affordable housing will actually reduce the developers' commitment to that affordable housing.

### **Why creating a 30-year set-aside is both foolish and poor governance**

The biggest problem with Proposition C is that it is a massive, 30-year set-aside. Over 34% of San Francisco's budget is now trapped in budgetary set-asides. Prop C will increase city set-asides to over \$900 million annually.

- **Set-asides are usually presented to voters in a way that ignores necessary trade-offs.** For example, over two-thirds of the discretionary fund is used for public health. By increasing housing set-asides, the city is actually taking away funding for public health and think about all of the other city agencies that could benefit from these trapped affordable housing funds.
- **The growth in the use of set-asides undermines representative democracy.** San Francisco politicians have no way to reallocate the city budget and can no longer represent either their own budgetary interests or the will of the public.
- **Set-asides amounts are disconnected from the need or demand for service.** Even if San Francisco needs less housing, the Prop. C set-aside will continue to receive \$50.8 million annually.
- **Set-asides do not guarantee an improvement in quality or service.** Prop. C could be wasting millions of dollars and be an absolute failure, and the set-aside will still receive \$50.8 million per year.
- **Set-asides discourage savings or discretion.** Politicians, developers and complicit non-profits will spend every dime that they can get their hands on regardless of need.

Other than mentioning the building of "up to 30,000 affordable housing units" over the next 30 years and the funding of housing categories, this proposition has no goals that are either actionable or measurable. There is also no penalty for failure to provide affordable housing. With little public oversight, Proposition C is a money-grab that is ripe for abuse and misuse.

## **VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION C!**

...George Wooding (MTHA)

# Bringing Your Issue to CSFN

With so many new organizations coming into CSFN and as a refresher for everyone, it is helpful to review how member organizations bring their issues to CSFN, and what happens after we consider them.

A resolution is a formal way to consider issues. After identifying your organization's issue, craft a statement or resolution stating the problem and the action you want CSFN to take. There are three ways an issue can come before CSFN:

**First**, If a resolution has been adopted by your organization is relevant to the CSFN mission and may benefit from a vote by CSFN, briefly introduce your issue and resolution at a CSFN General Assembly (GA) meeting under the Agenda's "New Business." Distribute ± 30 copies of the reso on your organization letterhead to the delegates attending this meeting.

Before the next month's meeting, expand on the issue in an article for the CSFN newsletter. This article plus the resolution will be printed in that month's newsletter. An example by FHCA is on page 3 of the January 2008 newsletter, online at [www.csfm.net](http://www.csfm.net).

**Second**, Matters can come before the General Assembly through the CSFN committees. Your organization may bring your issue to a committee by first notifying the chair that you wish time on the committee agenda. After presenting your matter and getting a committee vote there, the *committee* will bring it to the GA for a vote.

**Third**, Regarding issues that come up suddenly when a CSFN vote on an issue is needed within the same month (emergency issues):

Prior to the next GA meeting, you may submit the article and resolution to the newsletter before the meeting without it having been introduced at the meeting the month before.

You will have to explain why this issue should be treated as an emergency matter. Two votes will be taken: one on the nature of the matter's emergency, and a second vote on the issue itself.

**Fourth**, In the case of an emergency matter, you may introduce your org's issue to the GA at that meeting having first discussed it with the president. You will need approximately 30 copies of your organization's resolution on organization letterhead

In any case, speak with the president before the meeting... ideally, prior to the newsletter publication date. The president needs to arrange with the vice-president for the meeting agenda to provide the time to present the issue, have a discussion, and take the vote. The vice-president also must ensure that the agenda includes your item before submitting it to the newsletter.

Distribute ± 30 copies of the reso on your organization letterhead to the delegates attending the General Assembly meeting. At this meeting, after you have explained the issue and taken questions from delegates, the delegates vote, as in example 3, on its emergency nature and on the matter itself.

In all the cases above, should CSFN adopt the resolution, it then becomes CSFN policy; your group's name is no longer on the adopted CSFN resolution.

It will then go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, who will write a standard "form" letter on CSFN letterhead unless you provide a specially-tailored letter. Attached to the letter will be the full text of the resolution as adopted at the GA. *It is up to you to provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President with any special text for the letter.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP will need a list from you of persons/offices + addresses to whom the letter should be addressed and cc'd.

The VP will then give the finished letter back to you so that you may distribute it to its intended recipients. Should there be a BOS, Planning Commission, etc hearing on the matter, it is up to you to notify the president as to the time and place it will be held. The president (or VP) will attend the hearing and present what is now CSFN's official position.

...Judy Berkowitz (EMIA)



## How to Write a Resolution

Correct form and punctuation of a resolution is as follows:

*Whereas*, The...(text of the first preamble clause); and  
*Whereas*, ...(text of the next to last preamble clause); and  
*Whereas*, ...(text of the last preamble clause); therefore be it  
*Resolved*, That...(stating action to be taken); and be it further  
*Resolved*, That...(stating further action to be taken).

The Whereas clauses, while not necessary, are useful and explanatory.

...Evelyn L. Wilson (Parliamentarian)

## FUNDRAISER for ***NO on the Parks Bond!***

Dear friends and Friends of our City Parks,  
Please join us at a fundraiser for the  
***No on the Parks Bond (Prop B) Campaign –  
Stop the Mismanagement of Our Money.***

We have less than 2 months to work to  
thwart the egregious policies of the out-of-  
control Recreation & Parks Department.

See our website at:

<http://www.StopTheMismanagementOfOurMoney.com/>

Please join us and folks from all across the  
City for a fun evening to Take Back Our  
Parks!

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Tuesday**

**September 25**

**15 Columbus Ave**

between Washington & Jackson  
served by BART and Muni

If you are unable to attend, please consider  
making a **financial contribution by  
sending a check to the**

***Committee Against Park Mismanagement***

470 Columbus, Suite 211

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accepted.

Please RSVP to [aaron.peskin@earthlink.net](mailto:aaron.peskin@earthlink.net) to  
let us know that you are coming.

Thank you!

Aaron Peskin

Judy Berkowitz

George Wooding

...and lots of others!

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(and thanks! to Jim & Ella Mae Lew)

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Land Use & Housing** • Monday 5:30PM Oct 1 & 8 • Northern Police  
Station • Chair Hiroshi Fukuda • [ninersam@aol.com](mailto:ninersam@aol.com) • 386-2212

**Open Space** • Ongoing Meetings • Chair Nancy Wuerfel •  
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## **Looking out for your money: Citizen oversight of San Francisco's general obligation bonds**

San Franciscans set up the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee in 2002 with the passage of Proposition F in order to inform the public concerning the expenditure of general obligation bond (G.O. bond) proceeds. Voters added oversight of the City Services Auditor and the Whistleblower Program to the Committee through Proposition C in 2003. The Committee's nine members must meet certain qualifications and are appointed by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Controller and Civil Grand Jury. The Committee's members representing community organizations are Jonathan Alloy (Board of Supervisors) and Regina Callan (Mayor).

The City uses G.O. bonds for a wide range of infrastructure. Current bond programs and their principal amounts are:

- 1999 Laguna Honda Hospital – \$299 million
- 2000 Neighborhood Recreation and Parks – \$110 million
- 2000 Branch Library Facilities Improvement – \$105.9 million
- 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks – \$185 million
- 2008 SF General Hospital Improvement Bonds – \$887.4 million
- 2010 Earthquake Safety Emergency Response Bonds – \$412.3 million
- 2011 Road Repaving Street Safety Bonds – \$248 million

G.O. bonds must be approved by voters with a two-thirds majority and are repaid by a property tax levy. The total principal amount of current bond programs is approximately \$2.3 billion, with approximately \$1.5 billion outstanding. The principal amount of bonds outstanding at any one time must not exceed 3 percent of the net assessed value of all taxable real and personal property in the City; this limit is

currently approximately \$4.8 billion. The Controller's Office oversees bond sales.

To execute its bond oversight function, the Committee is funded at the rate of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of gross proceeds of bonds issued since the Committee's creation. Towards this function, the Committee is currently engaging consultants to benchmark and make recommendations for improvement to the City's processes for capital project design reviews and how the City undertakes community engagement to deliver quality outcomes.

The Committee also oversees the Controller's administration of the whistleblower program, which handles complaints on the quality and delivery of government services, wasteful and inefficient city government practices, misuse of government funds, and improper activities by city government officials, employees, and contractors. The Controller's staff evaluates and forwards complaints to the appropriate agency, including having the Controller investigate and attempt to resolve the complaints when appropriate. From January 1–March 31, 2012, there were 117 complaints filed and reopened, and 112 complaints closed, leaving 48 complaints open as of March 31, 2012. Eighty-eight percent of complaints were closed within 90 days. Twenty-three complaints were sustained in full or in part, or resulted in a department taking a corrective or preventive action. Retaliation against whistleblowers is illegal and the Ethics Commission investigates retaliation complaints; during that quarter there were 12 complaints filed and open, with three closed.

The Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of every other month at City Hall; the next meeting is September 27 at 9:30 am.

*...Jonathan Alloy  
Vice Chair, San Francisco Citizens General  
Obligation Bond Oversight Committee*

<b>AGENDA</b>	
<b>General Assembly Meeting</b>	
<b>September 18, 2012</b>	
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. Russian Hill Neighbors — RHN 2. Twin Peaks Improvement Assn — TPIA
7:15	III. Approval of August 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
7:45	VI. Program: Jonathan Alloy, Vice Chair and Supervisors' appointee to the Citizens' General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee — CGOBOC
	VII. Adjournment

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Tuesday  
Sept 18

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