



Waterfront Luxury Condo Propositions B & C “Resoundingly Rejected” by SF Voters

Developers behind 8 Washington plan lost despite spending \$2.4 Million on deceptive Prop B ads featuring Ed Lee and Gavin Newsom – outspending NO on B&C by 4 to 1

San Francisco voters went to the polls November 5th and voted overwhelmingly to defeat Propositions B and C, measures which would have raised waterfront height limits to build 134 ultra-luxury condos along the Embarcadero at 8 Washington Street. With 100% of the precincts reporting the San Francisco Department of Elections results show voters rejecting Proposition B by a margin of 62% NO to 38% yes and rejecting Proposition C by a margin of 66% NO to 34% yes. This comes despite the backers of 8 Washington, led by developer Simon Snellgrove’s company Pacific Waterfront Partners, spending over \$2.4 million on a barrage of TV ads and mailers featuring Mayor Ed Lee.

“San Francisco voters from across this city have resoundingly rejected the 8 Washington scheme to raise height limits for luxury condos on our public waterfront,” said Jon Golinger, Campaign Director for the No Wall on the Waterfront Coalition. “This was also a clear referendum on the Lee Administration’s ‘rubber-stamp’ approach to land use and development that bulldozes over community concerns and muscles through big money projects for special interests who hire pricey lobbyists and spread cash all over town. Voters from every neighborhood in San Francisco said: *‘Hands Off Our Waterfront!’*”

A broad coalition of San Francisco environmental groups, neighborhood organizations, affordable housing advocates, and Democratic Party activists worked together over the last 17 months to gather the petition signatures necessary to challenge the 8 Washington high-rise luxury condo plan at the ballot box and then work together to defeat it.

Propositions B and C were opposed by a coalition including the San Francisco Democratic Party, Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Affordable Housing Alliance, and of course our own Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, representing 48 neighborhood associations from every part of San Francisco.

The NO on B&C – NO Wall on the Waterfront coalition won despite being heavily outspent by the pro-8 Washington developer and his allies. The latest campaign finance reports show that developer Simon Snellgrove’s Pacific Waterfront Partners, construction companies, and real estate interests spent over \$2.4 million on a massive flood of deceptive TV ads and campaign mailers. The NO on B&C campaign spent approximately \$600,000, which was raised in over 1,000 donations from people across the city, 95% in amounts of \$500 or less.

The day following the victory, the No Wall on the Waterfront Coalition sent a letter to the Chair of the Port of San Francisco’s Northeast Waterfront Citizens Advisory Group (NEWAG) requesting a hearing next month to begin moving forward with new ideas for development of the public waterfront land that was at the heart of the 8 Washington battle. The letter requested time at the December 4 NEWAG meeting for a presentation of the *Northeast Waterfront Community Plan* prepared by Asian Neighborhood Design which proposes smart development within existing rules on the public land at the corner of Washington Street and the Embarcadero.

“Following the overwhelming voter rejection of Proposition B, a measure that was drafted and backed by Pacific Waterfront Partners to put the entire 8 Washington luxury condo proposed by Pacific Waterfront Partners before the voters to evaluate and consider, it is clear that this project has come to an end,” said the letter from No Wall on the Waterfront. “We are interested in moving forward immediately to generate constructive ideas and engage the community to find a better plan for the valuable public land at Washington Street and the Embarcadero that would truly open the waterfront to everyone.”

...submitted by Jon Golinger (THD)

Executive Committee Report

October 23

Chair George Wooding called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Present were Judy Berkowitz, Wooding, Rose Hillson, Charles Head, Dick Millet, and Paul Webber. Melinda LaValle and Penelope Clark were excused. There was a quorum.

Officers' Reports

President Judy Berkowitz: Exhorted ExComm members to volunteer and/or donate to the No on Prop B campaign. Every little bit helps! • CSFN received a letter from SF Waterfront Alliance's Buffy Martin Tarbox thanking us for our July program on the proposed Warriors Stadium. • Coming up are 1481 Gough, 75 Howard and the Warriors stadium. We have always defended good planning and skewered the bad. CSFN is always available to help neighborhood groups on these matters. • Berkowitz called attention to the note appearing in *Neighborhood Views* directly below the Agenda that states that the deadline for submission of articles and reports is the 5th of each month. • Berkowitz distributed copies of the letter to MTC (see Sept ExComm Report in Oct NL) using it as a example to illustrate implementation of a reso after the GA has passed it.

1st Vice President George Wooding: Talked about how Proposition 13 is being eroded in both the California Senate and Assembly and will have a tremendous impact on homeowners. • The legislature wants to change the current 66.7% vote to pass legislation to 55%. If passed, this new Proposition 13 legislation will place a tremendous tax burden on homeowners. • The Francisco Manzanita, which has been declared an endangered species has been purchased in plant nurseries throughout the country for the last 60 years. The species could only be declared "endangered" because one was found in the wild. The city will use the endangered label to try and reclaim habitat throughout San Francisco.

2nd Vice President Rose Hillson: SFCUU: The group is continuing to work with supervisors' offices regarding funding alternatives. Supervisors' offices working with the City Attorney's office on what is feasible. ExComm opined on SFCUU's use of the phrase "world-class city." The phrase has been co-opted by the "City family" to mean a tall, high, dense buildings throughout the city with little/no parking. As such, the phrase is used by development groups as well, so it was suggested that a more neutral terminology could be used in future by the SFCUU; the continued use of "world-class city" may cause some people to think that SFCUU advocates for this increased density and everything that the phrase entails. • **Urban Forest Plan (UFP):** Planning Dept to put out public DRAFT in Dec. 2013. Open house on UFP in Jan 2014. Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors votes in Jan-Feb 2014. UFP to have 3 phases: Street trees, Parks and open space trees, Greening of buildings and trees on private property

Treasurer Dick Millet and Berkowitz will meet tomorrow at the SF Credit Union to put final touches on the CSFN account there.

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Land Use & Housing Committee Report

November 11

Hiroshi Fukuda convened the Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 5:48 P.M. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station.

The Committee considered the following items

1. 1481 Post: A 410-foot tall project of luxury condos on Cathedral Hill. If approved it will open the doors to the rest of the City for similar high rises. It will be the first high rise West of Van Ness. Watch out Japantown, Parkmerced, West Portal, Richmond, and Sunset Districts. All CSFN neighborhood organizations concerned about this issue need to rally the troops. The DEIR will be completed in early February. Project may be heard in December 2013.
2. 1601 Larkin: Planning Commission approved the project on Oct 3rd, on a 7-0 vote despite concerns from the City Attorney and zoning Administrators. Proposed plan demolishes a historic resource without proving significant community benefits. CEQA issue still remains, no adequate mitigation for demolition of Historic resource.
3. 8 Washington was a BIG success! Now we need to analyse this to ascertain if voters rejected 8 Washington because it was located on the waterfront or will the voters reject all high rises in any inappropriate location.

The next Regular meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

Adjourned: 6:45 PM

Hiroshi Fukuda (RCA) Chair

ExComm Report *(cont'd)*

Corresponding Secretary Dick Millet: All mail is picked up and distributed. • The GA host mix-up of Oct GA will be rectified in Nov when OMI-NIA and OMMRA will host.

Member-at-Large Paul Webber and Berkowitz will compose a note for Berkowitz to send to the CSFN List asking for volunteers and donations for the No on Prop B campaign.

Unfinished Business: We discussed the Holiday Dinner speaker and award. A variety of possible speakers and awardees were discussed. Buy and urge your group to purchase a table or half-table, or to be a Supporter! • Kathy Howard has withdrawn her suggestion for a broadbased yet focused citywide seminar/discussion that CSFN would host along with other groups. (See August ExComm Report in Oct NL) • Next Excomm meeting will be on Wednesday December 4th, *not* November 27th.

Program: November General Assembly meeting will be on November 19th. The Program will be a review of the Nov 5th election.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

...George Wooding (MTHA) Chair

CSFN Draft Minutes: General Assembly Meeting October 15, 2013

1. **Call to Order.** President **Judith Berkowitz** brought the October 15 meeting to order at 7:03PM in the Northern Police Station Community Room.
 - a. *Quorum declared.* 22 delegates and alternates represented 19 CSFN member organizations. Seven guests signed in.
 - b. *Agenda approved.*
 - c. *Introductions.* Delegates and guests introduced themselves. Host **Karen Breslin** (MPIC) noted they have been working with Supervisor Yee on traffic calming, RPD about tree cutting, and Planning & Zoning. Host **George Wooding** (MTHA) said they have such low density that there is little crime, but the neighborhood is changing.
 2. **Minutes.** The Sept. 17 General Assembly Draft Minutes on page 3 of the October *Neighborhood Views* were approved as printed in the newsletter.
 3. **Officers' Reports.**
 - a. *President Berkowitz* (EMIA) The CSFN Masonic Complete Streets letter regarding the CSFN position was completed and sent to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The CSFN letter expresses our serious concerns about the proposed changes [Agenda Item: 9(a) OBAG – Masonic Avenue Complete Streets]. The letter was sent on September 25th and urged review of the proposed changes in the plan instead of funding and adoption due to its reduced parking, impacted traffic flow, the bicycle routes on this primary (instead of secondary) thoroughfare and need to bolster pedestrian safety improvements. (Please see CSFN NL *Neighborhood Views* Sept 2013 p.4 for full text.). • The Media Relations Committee will re-organise and meet soon under acting chair Eileen Boken (SPEAK). • The 480 Potrero hearing has been put off to Thursday. • Berkowitz asked George Wooding and Kathy Howard to report on the Celebration of the Life of Evelyn Wilson that took place on Oct 12. Wooding noted that a film of her life was shown which she had narrated. This video will be posted to YouTube and a Legacy website. Howard noted that almost every parliamentarian from all over the state attended the event.
 - b. *1st VP Wooding* (MTHA) directed delegates' attention to his ExComm Report on p.2 of the Oct NL. Also spoke about tree cutting and undergrounding issues. He called on David Pilpel who noted a new spokesperson for MTA.
 - c. *2nd VP Hillson* (JPIA) President Berkowitz read Hillson's report into the record: SF Coalition to Underground Utilities (SFCUU) will deliver their program at meetings with EVNA on Oct. 9, MPIC on Nov. 17, PBNA on Oct. 19, and Castro neighbors at the Castro Street Fair Oct. 6. Organizations wishing to have SFCUU present its program at meetings, please contact the Chair of SFCUU Anne Brubaker sfavb@comcast.net for future presentations. Show your support! • The Urban Forest Plan is still in the drafting stages, and public comment on it will probably be next year.
 - d. *Recording Secretary Head* (SHARP) September minutes have been approved.
 - e. *Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer Millet* (PBNA)
 4. **Committee Reports.**
 - a. *Bylaws.*
 - b. *Government & Elections.* Chair **Charles Head** (SHARP)
 - c. *Land Use.* Chair **Hiroshi Fukuda** (RCA)
 - d. *Media Relations.* Acting Chair **Eileen Boken** (SPEAK)
 - e. *Open Space.* **Kathy Howard** (SPEAK)
 - f. *Transportation.* Chair **Mari Eliza** (EMIA) At the September GA the committee introduced the following reso for approval by the GA at its October meeting (see Oct NL p.5 for full text):
Resolved, that the CSFN urges the SFMTA to extend the same proportional Senior and Disabled discount for Residential Parking Permits as it currently does for fares on Muni and BART.
After discussion, the reso passed unanimously 19-0.
 - g. *Water Task Force.* Chair **Joan Girardot** (MCI&POA)
 5. **Unfinished Business.**
 6. **New Business.**
 7. **Program.** Recording Secretary Head read the Ballot Summary for Prop D from the VIP (Voter Information Pamphlet) and noted support for it therein. Terence Falkner (PmAC) directed our attention to his argument against it. • Supervisor Mark Farrell spoke in favor of Prop A, saying that financial flexibility was needed in case of an emergency and that all the unions supported it. Kay Walker of the Gray Panthers and union member who opposes Prop A said the benefits to the city's retirees should be sacrosanct and not able to be raided at all, in 2020 or 2043. Denise D'Anne distributed her VIP argument against Prop A, noting that it has no failsafes such as there are in the "Rainy Day Fund" passed by voters in 2003. Discussion ensued in the Q&A period.
 8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:09.
...Charles Head (SHARP) Recording Secretary
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...Submitted by Judy Berkowitz (EMIA)

Transportation Committee Report

The committee met at the Coffee Bar. We discussed how CSFN Resolutions are implemented once they are passed by the General Assembly. Chair M-E is working on a list of recipients and will have a list of addresses to hand committee members at the meeting on Tuesday.

We discussed the best use of the committee's time.

We would like to set up appointments with Supervisors to discuss specific matters.

We are winning a lot of our battles with help from the Supervisors. The media is responding to us, but we need to engage the public more.

Supervisor Farrell raised concerns over SFMTA's plans to purchase new meters and take on a new management contract.

Supervisor Campos and a number of others have been consistently opposing spot metering in the NE Mission as the SFMTA tries to impose them on neighborhoods without a comprehensive plan.

Supervisor Cohen is requesting a hearing on the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan, pointing out that there is no realistic financing for the grandiose infrastructure SFMTA is trying to sell us. She has a lot of angry constituents who feel that way too much is being done in the Eastern Neighborhoods while the Western side of town is left relatively alone.

Supervisors Avalos, Breed, Kim, Yee and Mar are starting to question SFMTA actions and its use of funds.

Since "No on B and C" lost handily the voters are rightfully feeling empowered.

Muni riders are fed up with the constant route changes and elimination of bus stops as part of the TEP. (see request below.)

This request for help came in this month to save the #3 Jackson line:

Subject: Re: CSFN Transportation Committee

The SAVE #3-JACKSON Group would greatly appreciate any help that the Transportation Committee of the Coalition for SF Neighborhoods can provide. Is there anything that we can provide to you that might help, or is there anything that we can do in turn to assist you?

Although the goals of the TEP may be noble, I think that SF MTA in some cases has failed to consider the impact that proposed changes may have on the local neighborhood. Elimination of the #3-Jackson is an example for Pacific/Presidio Heights. I am sure we are not the only residential areas facing such challenges. Please let me know how I can work with your group.

CSFN Transportation Cmte Chair M-E sent out some information on the new noticing standards SFMTA wants to get approved and suggestions from an attorney on why they should be opposed.

Here is a summary of the SFMTA proposed requirements:

- I. For Proposed Installation of up to 50 parking meters at a time:
 1. No community meeting required;
 2. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing
 3. Mailed notice of hearing only required for owners whose properties would directly face new meters (i.e., meters would be directly in front of the property or across the street from the property)

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

Taking University Terrace as an example, SFMTA could install up to 50 new parking meters on Golden Gate Avenue that would affect University Terrace, but SFMTA would not be required to have a community meeting

and would only have to provide notice to USF and those owners on Golden Gate Avenue (i.e., those on Terrace streets would not be entitled to any mailed notice). Those owners on Golden Gate would only have 10 days advance mailed notice of the hearing.

Suggested changes to proposal:

Require at least 1 community hearing and require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of meters of that community hearing; provide 30 days notice; define standards for community meeting so that it can't be a meeting between SFMTA and a few people in the neighborhood friendly to SFMTA that the majority of residents are unaware of or can't attend.

II. Installation of 51–100 parking meters:

1. Only 1 community meeting required;
2. No mailed notice of community meeting
3. No definition of what constitutes a community meeting
4. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

One Community Meeting required but no requirement to provide notice of the community meeting (i.e., no requirement to mail notice to people so it is certain they get it) and no definition of what counts as a community meeting and what % of the community has to be engaged (e.g., does one meeting with some people from a neighborhood organization count as a community meeting?)

Suggested changes to proposal

Require at least 2 community meetings; first meeting to discuss proposal and gather input and second meeting to explain whether and how SFMTA listened to and incorporated neighborhood concerns; require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of both community hearings; provide for 30 days notice of community meetings and public hearing; define standards for community meeting to ensure it is a true community meeting.

III. Installation of more than 100 parking meters:

1. At least 3 community meetings required;
2. No mailed notice of community meeting
3. No definition of what constitutes a community meeting
4. Mailed notice of hearing only provided 10 days prior to hearing

Problems and concerns with this proposal:

No requirement to provide notice of the community meeting (i.e., no requirement to mail notice to people so it is certain they get it) and no definition of what counts as a community meeting and what % of the community has to be engaged (e.g., does one meeting with some people from a neighborhood organization count as a community meeting?)

Suggested changes to proposal:

Require mailed notice to residents within 300 feet of proposed meters for community meetings and public hearings (i.e., make sure people have notice of community meetings and an opportunity to weigh in); Have such notices provide at least 30 days advance notice (rather than 10 days); define standards for community meeting to ensure it is a true community meeting.

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JOE ESKENAZI

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER, THE SF WEEKLY



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AGENDA
General Assembly Meeting
November 19, 2013

- 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. Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside Neighbors in Action (OMI-NIA)
 - 2. Outer Mission Merchants & Residents Assn (OMMRA)
- 7:05 III. Approval of October 2013 Minutes
- 7:10 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. Media Relations
 - E. Open Space
 - F. Transportation
 - G. Water Task Force
- 7:40 VI. Unfinished Business.
- 7:45 VII. New Business.
- 7:50 VIII. Program: Election Review & Analysis
 - Speakers: Chriw Bowman
 - David Pilpel
 - Jon Golinger
- IX. Adjournment

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