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## HOW MANY POLICE OFFICERS DOES THE CITY NEED?

Why did District seven Supervisor Norman Yee, heretofore a staunch supporter of the police, vote against increasing a depleted San Francisco police force? Representing District seven—San Francisco’s most conservative District—Yee did the unthinkable. He voted against adding more police classes.

Yee is now paying the price as many of his District Seven supporters are angry with him.

A simple non-binding Board of Supervisors’ resolution regarding new police staffing levels suddenly became a battleground over how many police officers are needed to effectively stop crime in San Francisco.

Presented on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Resolution 150628 is the first step in establishing a Board of Supervisors policy that police staffing levels be adjusted to account for population and neighborhood growth ---including adjusting the definition of “minimum staffing” upward by several hundred officers. The term “minimum staffing” is open ended and not defined.

The resolution became contentious and passed on a 6 – 5 vote. Supervisors Wiener, Farrell, Cohen, Tang, Christensen and Breed voted “yes” to pass the resolution and Yee, Avalos, Campos, Mar and Kim voted “no.”

Yee has already passed city budgets which have allowed eight police academy classes to graduate. He has always stated the need for more police--- but still people are mad because he did not support a poorly written non-binding resolution.

The current number of sworn full duty officers in San Francisco is 1,730, down from 1,951 in 2010.

The City Charter as adopted in 1994 defines full staffing as 1,971 officers. Yet, that number is now outdated, since San Francisco has grown significantly since 1994 – from 742,000 to 841,000, an increase of 13.3%.

How many police officers should we hire before the city starts over-hiring?

The June Board of Supervisors “police hiring resolution” could lead to the city hiring at least 283 more police officers, at a cost of more than \$40 million a year – in addition to the 241 new police who are already in the mayor’s existing budget.

San Francisco will have a hard time affording the expected increase in police officers’ salaries, benefits, benefits, housing credits, equipment and jails. Remember that the city’s budget and revenue is at an all-time high. Five years ago, San Francisco had a \$500 million deficit and was delaying police salary increases and trying to restructure police pension payments.

There is no doubt that more police officers will reduce crime—we love the police-- so why all of the fuss?

Hiring more police may not actually lead to a significant reduction in crime. Ratios, such as officers-per-thousand population, are totally inappropriate as a basis for staffing decisions.

San Francisco should study who is moving into town--- not how many people are moving into the city. If more criminals are active as the population grows, hire more police. If crime rates remain static or diminish as the city’s population grows, don’t hire more police.

Our current police force should allow citizens to take over police desk jobs. This will allow more police on the streets.

Reduce the number of sworn officers (sheriffs) that work with prisoners and events and have them work with the police. According to the Chronicle, “At issue is a six-month pilot program -- which ended in January -- that saw sheriff’s deputies take over duties from police officers who transported arrested subjects from police stations to jail.

Further, Mirkarimi stated, “The program allowed police officers more time to do their jobs.” In light of that, he questioned the call by city Supervisors Scott Wiener and Malia Cohen to spend millions (*continued on next page*)

of dollars to build up the police force to match the city's growing population, saying the effort was incomplete without considering other ways to free up officers.

There is no legislative mandate as to what these new police would be doing or where in the city they would be serving. There is no legislative prioritization, just a blind adherence to bureaucratic number calculations.

San Francisco definitely needs more police because California has created its own crime wave.

Due to court orders, California has quietly released approximately 10,000 of its lower-level criminals to reduce prison overcrowding over the last six months. More non-violent prisoners will continue to be released.

Additionally, the passage of 2014's Proposition 47, the "Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative," has changed the sentencing of felonies to misdemeanors.

Many crimes that were previously "arrestable" as a felony will now only be "citable" as a misdemeanor. This means that miscreants may not be booked into jail but rather given a citation (similar to a traffic ticket) with a court date to appear, and released in the field. They will not be held pending trial.

Such felony crimes that are now misdemeanors include:

- Commercial burglary (theft under \$950)
- Forgery and bad checks (under \$950 value)
- Theft of most firearms
- Theft of a vehicle (under \$950 value)
- Possession of stolen property (under \$950 value)
- Possession of heroin, cocaine, illegal prescriptions, concentrated cannabis, and methamphetamine

San Francisco's rate of larceny and thefts per 100,000 inhabitants has jumped 27%. Burglary rates rose 10%, and the rate of motor vehicle thefts is rapidly approaching a 10% increase.

Do you feel as safe as you did five years ago?

Supervisor Yee is simply asking to review police hiring policy practices before approving a poorly written, bureaucratic hiring policy that is tied to San Francisco's population.

~ Submitted by George Wooding (MTHA)



**AUGUST PROGRAM**



**CONSIDERATION OF REMAINING BALLOT MEASURES**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

CSFN has a long, proud history of discussing issues and holding debates that result in recommendations and endorsements. There is no excuse and zero tolerance for interrupting, swearing, yelling, issuing threats or resorting to violence. At all times let us respect one another.

Police statements filed by many members who attended the July 21<sup>st</sup> General Assembly meeting stated that there was an incident. One member was escorted by a police officer out of the room and into the hallway.

In order to conduct business, it is incumbent upon CSFN members to maintain the highest standards of decorum at all times. Members, guests and speakers who attend our meetings need to know that they will not be verbally or physically abused.

How does CSFN plan to 1) protect its members from violence and 2) deal with the incident that occurred?

- 1) CSFN will continue to hold our meetings at police community centers.
- 2) **I am seeking to fill a Sergeant-at-Arms position.** In Section IV of the Bylaws, Article A, states, "The membership, or the Executive Committee, with the approval of the membership, may from time to time create administrative positions, including, but not limited to, the positions of Sergeant-at-Arms, and shall define the duties and conditions of election for any such positions. After the creation of any such position, that position may be discharged or dissolved only by the membership."
- 3) Both involved parties will be asked to submit voluntary written statements of what happened on the July 21<sup>st</sup> incident. I am hoping to appoint a committee of three neutral members who will review the written statements, witness statements and interview the involved parties. The committee will then make a recommendation based on the findings.

According to Robert's Rules, Section 72: The Right of a Deliberative Assembly to Punish its Members. A deliberative assembly has the inherent right to make and enforce its own laws and punish an offender.

Depending on evidentiary findings, penalties can range from – a motion for no penalty, a motion for a simple apology, a motion for censure of the member, a motion to suspend the member's rights for a designated period of time, or a motion to expel the member from the organization.

~ George Wooding



## JULY 21, 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING DRAFT MINUTES:

1. Call to Order. President George Wooding called the meeting to order at 7:05. 28 delegates from 24 organizations signed in as well as 6 guests.
  - A. Introduction of Delegates/short announcements: President Wooding is looking for a Parliamentarian and announced a Special GA meeting August 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 to deal with ballot measures.
  - B. Hosts
    1. David Osgood (RPNA) Thanked George, Judy and Sue Hestor for help on 75 Howard St. which will be at Planning Thursday.
    2. RHN was not represented
2. Program. Government and Elections Chair Head (SHARP) introduced the debates.
  - A. Mission Rock: Fran Weld of the Giants Organization and Mayor Agnos spoke of the Giants' plans to build affordable housing on site. Paul Webber (THD) spoke of various concerns with the project. In executive session, the delegates discussed the measure but decided to postpone the vote to August 3 so more people could read the full text, by 12-7.
    - B. Short Term Rentals: Dale Carlson argued in favor of the initiative restricting hosting platforms. Alfredo Fuentes criticized regulation by ballot box. In executive session, the delegates voted in favor of supporting the measure by a vote of 15-5-2, postponing considering writing a ballot argument until August 3. At this point an incident occurred which interrupted the business portion of the meeting. A five minutes recess was called, after which the meeting resumed with the following areas covered and the rest not:
3. Approval of June 16 GA minutes by a unanimous vote.
4. Officer's Reports
  - D. Treasurer. Greg Scott (PHRA) presented a package with expenditures, income and bills to be paid. On the issue of reimbursing Glenn Rogers (PmAC) for food on May 19, Kathy Devincenzi (LHIA) introduced the motion that PmAC had the obligation to host and had not (and hosts are not repaid), which lost 8-3-1. A motion to pay all bills owed passed 13-2-1. Next month a budget will be submitted for adoption.
5. Unfinished business
  - C. Resolution on having Rec and Park suggest to the Segway contractor to limit their use per Resolved clause.\* After much discussion, the motion introduced by Carole Glosenger (CVIA) was amended 12-2-1 and then passed 13-0-1.
 

\* *"Therefore be it resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Recreation and Parks Department in negotiations to renew SFETC's contract, to prohibit the company from using pedestrian walkways for their Segway tours and limit them to the streets."*

    - A. Recommendation to table resolution on Citizen Access to Initiatives. Voted to be withdrawn, 16-1-0
    - B. Recommendation to table resolution on AB 61. Voted to be withdrawn, unanimous.
6. Adjournment. President Wooding brought the gavel down at 10:15.

~ Charles Head (SHARP), Recording Secretary

## JULY 29, 2015 EXCOM DRAFT MINUTES:

In the absence of Chair Marlayne Morgan, Rose Hillson (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) called the meeting to order at 5:38pm on July 29 at Northern Station. Wooding, Hillson, Head, Rogers, Clark, Graham and Lucas were present. Members Morgan and Scott were excused. Guests: Devincenzi, Webber and Zvanski.

1. Quorum established.
2. Officer's Reports
 

President: Reported on discussion with legal counsel to establish procedures to ensure civility at all future CSFN meetings.

1st VP: No written report.

2nd VP: Segway resolution letter typed and sent to Wooding to send and copy to Rogers for correspondence file.

Corresponding Secretary: No written report.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer submitted financial spreadsheets from 2010-2014 and a draft budget for ExCom review to help prepare for the approval of the 2015-2016 budget, and was available by phone to answer questions.
 
  - A. Motion passed to recommend to the GA to approve the 2015-2016 Budget, 6-1.
  - B. Motion passed to request copy of the 2014 Annual Dinner Report to be submitted at next regular GA meeting (Aug. 18), 7-0

Recording Secretary: Presented July 21, 2015 minutes for review by the ExCom. Also will check on lady who read Segway resolution at that meeting (in Karen Crommie's stead) as she did not sign in.
3. The July 21, 2015 draft minutes were reviewed for recommendation for GA to approve.
 

The Aug. 3, 2015 Special GA Meeting Program was approved.

The Aug. 18, 2015 GA Agenda was approved with the May 19, 2015 GA minutes going to Aug. 26 ExCom

The program will be "Consideration of Remaining Ballot Measures."
4. Unfinished Business
 

Request for correction of May GA Minutes continued to Aug. 26 ExCom

Request for correction of June ExCom Report continued to Aug. 26 ExCom

Request for correction of July ExCom Report continued to Aug. 26 ExCom
5. New Business
 

Hosting Food for GA Meetings continued to Aug. 26 ExCom

A motion for CSFN to host food for special August 3 GA meeting, not to exceed \$300.00, passed 6-1

The President is seeking a volunteer for Sergeant of Arms.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

~Marlayne Morgan (CHNA) Chair (per recording made of meeting)



**LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Land Use & Housing Committee was convened by Rose Hillson for the interim that Chair was on his way to the meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 5:36 P.M. in the Community Room at the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

The committee considered the following items:

1. Code Cleanup:
  - a. Height increase based on use of building...e.g. "building" replaced with "dwelling" in Table 209.1
  - b. Rear yard reduction citywide. Impact on light & air.
  - c. SRO – definition says: "Single Room Occupancy." Are SROs micro-units? Are SROs ADUs? What can be SROs?
  - d. Do SRO buildings get to be 40 feet for the last 10 feet of building?
  - e. Additional height for RH-1 citywide will become 40 feet with deletion of Sec. 102.12 (Sec. 260)
  - f. Bulk Limits: Special Exceptions In Districts Other Than C-2: This seems to [mitigate/eliminate] bulk controls for towers by eliminating [?] the need for setbacks. ??
2. New Chair:
 

Rose Hillson elected new Chair.  
Adjourned at 7:10 PM.

The next Regular meeting of the LU&H Committee will be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015 at 5:30PM** in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

~ Hiroshi Fukuda, Chair LU&HC (RCA)

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Regular Meeting of the CSFN Transportation Committee was convened by Mari Eliza on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 5:45PM in the Community Room at the Northern Police Station at Turk and Fillmore Streets.

**Discussion of method of working.**

If we want to work in a more effective way we will have to work with outside groups. We agreed that we need to work with other groups that are engaged in citywide and area planning. We already have a close relationship with SaveMuni. We know a lot of people with professional skills with whom we would like to work. We would also like to see CSFN get involved in training and mentoring people who want help dealing with City Hall.

We will work on new ways to collaborate virtually and invite people to join us. We are all inundated with meetings.

**Report:**

1. Tech Bus Shuttles - We are in a holding pattern, waiting for the court to decide on some issues. If you have any questions, the person to contact is Sue Vaughan. She withdrew her request for us to take actions at this time.
2. Save Muni wants help on the DTX extension project.
3. SFMTA is caving on some "road diet" projects.
4. Mission Bay Traffic and Parking are overwhelming emergency access to medical facilities. Emergency response is seriously impaired. I hear that Muni buses are driving down the Embarcadero Light Rail tracks during rush hour.
5. The folks in Glen Park around the 280 freeway access roads and San Jose in particular are incensed over the

situation since a lane was removed. Even the cyclists on [sf.streetsblog](#) think the situation is a disaster.

6. FlowerCraft on Bayshore is threatened by parking removal. SFMTA wants to move the bus stop around the corner from Corbett onto the area of Bayshore right next to the shop. There are written and online petitions against this action.
7. Cow Hollow is threatened by parking removal from both Chestnut and Lombard Streets and they are going to Farrell for support.
8. MTA unveiled their Showplace Square Parking Plan and the neighbors did not like it. Andy Thornley appeared to be agreeing to the establishment of 4-hour parking all over the area as a first step to stop the commuters from parking in the area. They want to add some meters. MTA told the Supervisors there would be no money for adding meters, only replacing them.
9. Save Muni: Howard Wong reported to CSFN on the 7/8/15 SF Grand Jury Association meeting during which LaVonda Atkinson and Joe Eskenazi described SFMTA's uniquely sloppy Central Subway accounting system. The presentations were well received and it is hoped that the subject will be taken up by the Grand Jury and included in the 2015/2016 Grand Jury Report.

Plan Bay Area is unraveling and ABAG and MTC are fighting over who is to blame for the mess we find ourselves in. Do yourselves a favor and read the entire article by Zeldia Bronstein that ran on July 21, 2015 on [48hills.com](#). You may send comments to the SF representative on the MTC, Supervisor [David.Campos@sfgov.org](mailto:David.Campos@sfgov.org).  
Adjourned at 7:00PM.

The next Regular meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on **MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015 at 5:30PM** in the Community Room of the Northern Police Station located at Turk and Fillmore.

~ Mari Eliza, Chair Transportation (EMIA)

**GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

On July 9 at 5:30 at Taraval Station, we met to hear from Art Agnos and Fran Weld who supported the Mission Rock initiative for the Giants plans for development, and from Tony Kelly who spoke against them. The committee voted to recommend a "No" vote on the measure. We heard from Fernando Marti about the Surplus Public Housing measure and voted to recommend supporting it.

On July 30 at 5:30 at Taraval Station, we heard from David Salavery and Barry Herman about reasons for the Mission Moratorium and from Jay Cheng about reasons to oppose it. We voted unanimously to recommend support for it. We heard from Chris Bowman who opposed the Surplus Public housing initiative and from Fernando Marti who supported it, and we voted to oppose it. Then we heard from Bill Barnes about Prop A, the bond for affordable housing; we voted to recommend support. Last we heard from Supervisor Campos about the Legacy Business measure from the Board, and we came to no consensus on a recommendation.

The Committee may meet on **MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015, at 5:30PM** at Taraval Station.

~ Charles Head (SHARP), Chair, G&E Committee

**AUG 3, 2015 CSFN \*SPECIAL\* GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA****6:30-9:00PM, Northern Police Station**

(Food at 6:30PM, meeting to be called to order at 6:40PM)

- I. Call to Order/Ascertain Quorum
- II. Proposition A: Mayor's Affordable Housing Bond. Pro: Chris Barnes. Action: Vote
- III. Mission District Housing Moratorium. Presentation, speakers to be determined
- IV. Surplus Public Land Ordinance. Pro: Peter Cohen, Con: Chris Bowman. Action: Vote
- V. Legacy Business Historic Preservation Fund. Possible presentation.
- VI. Mission Rock Affordable Housing, Jobs and Historic Preservation Initiative. Action: Vote
- VII. Short-term Rentals Initiative. Approved by GA. Possible vote on CSFN ballot argument.

**AUGUST 18, 2015 CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

- 6:30 I. Sign In and Refreshments
- 7:00 II. Call to Order/ Ascertain Quorum
- A. Introduction of Delegates and Guests / Short Announcements
  - B. Host(s)
    - 1 Parkmerced Action Coalition (PmAC)
    2. Richmond Community Association (RCA)
- 7:20 III. Program
- A. Consideration of Remaining Ballot Measures
- 8:10 IV. Officers' Reports
- A. President
  - B. Vice Presidents
  - C. Secretaries
  - D. Treasurer
- 8:30 V. Committee Action Items—written reports in Newsletter
- A. Executive
  - B. Bylaws
  - C. Dinner
  - D. Government & Elections
  - E. Land Use & Housing
  - F. Media Relations
  - G. Open Space
  - H. Transportation
  - I. Water Task Force
- 8:45 VI. Approval of July 21, 2015 General Assembly Minutes
- 9:00 VII. Unfinished Business
- 9:15 VIII. New Business
- 9:30 IX. Adjournment

**75 Howard**, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, gets height reduction, payment of affordable housing fee. Links to stories:  
[http://sf.curbed.com/archives/2015/05/28/under\\_pressure\\_75\\_howard\\_tower\\_cuts\\_height\\_and\\_affordable\\_units\\_too.php](http://sf.curbed.com/archives/2015/05/28/under_pressure_75_howard_tower_cuts_height_and_affordable_units_too.php)  
<http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/blog/real-estate/2015/05/paramount-pgre-75-howard-condo-height-limits.html>  
 The developer is Paramount (NY-based developer) who earlier had a 31-story project proposal.

**\*\*\*\*\* COMMITTEES \*\*\*\*\***

BYLAWS:	Bardis, Berkowitz, Girardot, Al & Mary Harris, Hillson, Lucas, Pilpel, Rogers, Wooding
DINNER:	Girardot, Lentz, Morgan, Pasquariello, Pilpel, Rogers, Wooding
G&E:	Bardis, Berkowitz, Clark, Doyle, Girardot, Al and Mary Harris, Head, Hillson, Howard, Webber, Wooding, Zvanski
LU&H:	Bardis, Berkowitz, Fukuda, Hillson, Lucas, Wooding
MEDIA:	Berkowitz
OPEN SPACE:	Berkowitz, Clark, Howard, Wuerful
TRANSP'N:	Berkowitz, Eliza, Morgan, Pilpel, Rogers, Webber
WATER:	Bardis, Girardot, Lucas, Pilpel

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**Transportation:** Monday 5:30PM Aug 24 • Northern Police Station \* Chair Mari Eliza • mari@abazaar.com

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