

CSFN NEWS

From the Desk of the President



INVITATION TO BE AT THE ZOOM WHERE IT HAPPENS!!!

Since March we have had our General Assembly meetings on the Zoom platform instead of in person. AND WHAT A SURPRISE! Our attendance went up and our fatigue went down. We have heard from Rescue SF and Richard Drury; we have passed resolutions on Treasure Island and Sheltering in Place. And we even have voted on a new Logo!

So what's next? This month we will welcome our newest Ethics Commissioner! Our old friend and prior honoree LARRY BUSH will speak to the corruption at City Hall and the new mission for his commission. Their first meeting will be Friday, July 10 at 9:30; for the first time ever there will be a call-in feature for public comment that he pioneered! So watch, listen and speak! Our correspondent George Wooding then continues our ethics theme with a column on the casual corruption continuing to be unmasked at City Hall. Enjoy reading his analytical acumen!

Under Unfinished Business, we will have a page to review the choices of LOGOS with a chance to indicate your preference. And for New Business comes the annual analysis of and voting on this year's BALLOT MEASURES (there will be several important ones for us to opine on for November). In addition we will be discussing the possibility of candidate forums for the six districts in play where new supervisors will be elected this year. (We do not endorse candidates, but we can help with efforts to have them speak).

After this, then what? Every July we have committee realignments, when they may change members and elect new chairs. As President, I am ex-officio a member of each one and I look forward to welcoming new ideas. REMEMBER: you don't have to be a delegate to join a committee and participate in its discussions! Each member of every member organization of CSFN can do so. Please join in!

And any member can follow a meeting also! Just watch our live streaming being set up on Facebook! So I renew my call: BE IN THE ZOOM WHERE IT HAPPENS! We don't have to commute to and from a far away General Assembly anymore to come away refreshed and rejuvenated! SEE YOU AT THE JULY 21 ZOOM!

Charles Head, President CSFN

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**AGENDA FOR THE CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
ON ZOOM JULY 21, 2020**

- I. CHECK IN AND TAKE PREFERENCE POLL
- II. CALL TO ORDER; SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. PROGRAM; LARRY BUSH, ETHICS COMMISSIONER
- IV. OFFICERS REPORTS
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Executive
 - B. Rules
 - C. Land Use and Transportation
 - D. Government and Elections
 - E. Other
- VI. APPROVAL OF JUNE 23, 2020 GA DRAFT MINUTES
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Logos
 - B. The Conversation Continues
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Ballot Measures Presentations
 - B. Discussion about Candidate Forums
 - C. Future Meetings
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

Charles Head, President of CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Agenda

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 / 5:39 PM / By ZOOM

Charles Head, Glenn Rogers, Cindy Beckman, Maurice Franco, Mari Eliza, Claire Zvanski, George Wooding and Mary Harris.

- 5:39 pm I **Call to Order** / Ascertain Quorum/Met. Cindy Beckman to provide ZOOM invitation.
- 5:40 pm II **Officers Reports**
 - A. President: BOS heard appeal about Taraval Avenue. Two new charter amendments about adjusting baseline funding.
 - B. Vice President: Letter to Parkmerced about pedestrian bridge requesting it to remain.
 - C. Recording Secretary: See GA Minutes.
 - D. Corresponding Secretary: (not present)
 - E. Treasurer (not present)
- 5:45 pm III **Committee Reports**
 - A. Open Space: VP says Sahara dust storm moderating hurricanes in Atlantic. President says plastic is becoming part of rain. Bond for Rec.& Park recovery parks need funding was discussed.
 - B. Land Use and Transportation: BOS to have their next meeting in July 1, 2020. Twelve construction sites bypassed CEQA.
 - C. Government and Elections: More undocumented citizens are going to be able to vote. G&E meetings to occur on July 10, 24 and August 7. Progressive BOS and Mayor are in conflict about 12 measures. State issues are numerous.
 - D. Media Outreach/Membership Committee: Mari will include 3 logos on one page.
 - E. Bylaws: Final details to Bylaws to be provided.
- 5:55 pm IV **New Business**
 - A. Article on Defunding the Police by George Wooding.
 - B. ZOOM Forum discussed without CSFN endorsements. Webinar voted unanimously to occur by supporting neighborhood groups.
- 6:15 pm V **Unfinished Business**
 - A. Legislation to be part of our Programs for next two months.
 - B. Logo to be voted on again during a future large attendance since vote was close for logo we are to vote again.
 - C. The Conversation Continues. Committee sign ups will occur in July. We need new chair for Land Use and Transportation. We ask delegates to pass on NL and CSFN information to their members and invite them to CSFN ZOOM meetings.
- 6:40 pm VI **Adjourn** **Glenn Rogers, Vice President**



Logo A



Logo B



Logo C



Resolution to OPPOSE the proposed SER (Standard Environmental Requirements) Ordinance

Whereas, The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods was established in 1972 to promote citizen involvement in local government, and

Whereas, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was enacted in 1970 "primarily as a means to require public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions." In the succeeding years, "the environmental review process has become a means by which the public interacts with agency decision makers in developing policies affecting the environment. The California Supreme Court has stated that the CEQA process 'protects not only the environment but also informed self-government.' " ¹ and

Whereas, despite the fact that the average citizen is focused on dealing with the coronavirus and the health and financial ramifications for their families, the San Francisco Planning Department is proposing a new city ordinance that would limit environmental reviews for development projects, and

Whereas, the Planning Department's proposed ordinance to 'streamline' the CEQA process in San Francisco is known as [SER - Standard Environmental Requirements](#), and

Whereas, the proposed SER process would have a negative impact on transparency and public participation in the CEQA process, because many more projects will be given an exemption, called a Categorical Exemption, from the public review process, and

Whereas, the timeline for the public to weigh in on a project is much shorter with a Categorical Exemption than for the other CEQA categories of Mitigated Negative Declaration and Negative Declaration, and

Whereas, once the SER ordinance has been passed by the Board of Supervisors, the definition of what projects are categorically exempt under SER will be decided solely by the Planning Department and the Planning Commission in an ongoing process, and

Whereas, although the Planning Department has started to outline some of the mitigations that could be used to make a project categorically exempt, SER removes the Board of Supervisors from any decision-making on setting the actual standards that will be implemented, and

Whereas, streamlining using standard conditions could preclude the possibility of a better environmental result; in fact, better alternatives to a project are often found only during a public review of the project, and

Whereas, it is uncertain that the proposed SER process is even valid under state law, and

Whereas, the SER policy will have an impact on planning decisions and projects that affect all San Franciscans for many years to come, and

Whereas, while the proposed SER ordinance could eliminate a few months of review it could also eliminate public notice, public hearings, and input that could, and often does, result in a better project,

Therefore be it Resolved, that: SPEAK asks CSFN to urge the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors to OPPOSE the SER Ordinance.

Charles Head, CSFN President

¹ "Guide to CEQA, 206- 11th edition," Remy, Thomas, Moose, Manley. 2007, pages 1 and 2.



MINUTES OF JUNE 16 CSFN ASSEMBLY MEETING ON ZOOM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** President Head called it at 6:35pm.
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Quorum confirmed – 19 participants signed in.
 - A. 16 of 18 member organization present (16 delegates + 1 alternate)
 - B. 2 guests (Fernando Martí and Richard Drury)
- III. **INTRODUCTIONS & ENTRY POLL**
 - A. POLL: Preferred GA Meeting starting time was 6:30 p.m.
- IV. **PROGRAM:** Fernando Martí, co-director of Council of Community Housing Organizations (CCHO). Discussed summer/fall housing issues. SB1085 would eliminate local fees on state density bonus units, including SF’s fees on market-rate density bonus units. Housing/funding measures will be on the ballot.
- V. **OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**
 - A. PRESIDENT: Monitoring BOS and PC meetings. Larry Bush appointed to Ethics Commission. New measures proposed, will be reviewed by G&E.
 - B. VICE PRESIDENT: PG&E recap. Would like reactions to NL articles.
 - C. RECORDING SECRETARY: Draft Minutes in NL
 - D. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: No report.
 - E. TREASURER: Financial report shared on-screen.
- VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. EX COMM: Minutes in NL. Nothing to report.
 - B. BYLAWS: Nothing new to report. Working on new version of full
 - C. LU&TC: Minutes in NL.
 - D. G&E: Brief review of bonds and measures proposed for November ballot. Committee so far is against raising taxes. Position on Navigation Centers will need to be resolved. Friday, July 10 is next meeting.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF MAY G.A. MINUTES:** Passed w/o corrections or objections.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. PROPOSED LOGO DESIGN: The vote was so close that ExComm will bring the finalists back to the GA for a vote in July.
 - B. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SAFE SLEEPING SITES: Update from Carolyn Kenady – Four sites opened so far, rebranded as “Safe Sleeping Villages.”
 - C. RESCUE SF: Carolyn Kenady announced their upcoming speaker series, and invited all community organizations to join SAFE SF.



CSFN Government and Elections Committee

Local Measures

Currently, San Francisco has 14 local ballot measures and is considering creating an office of public advocacy and a \$438.5M Bond Measure.

State measures

San Francisco Chronicle, July 3, 202

Californians will see a lengthy list of initiatives and referendums on the November ballot.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla has assigned proposition numbers to 12 measures that have qualified for the ballot, from funding for stem cell research to a repeal of the state's ban on affirmative action and an expansion of consumer privacy laws. Each must be approved by a simple majority to become law.

Proposition 14: Stem cell research. Would re-fund the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the state's stem cell agency, by allowing it to issue \$5.5 billion in bonds for research, training and facilities construction.

Proposition 15: Limits on property taxes. Would rewrite Proposition 13, the landmark 1978 measure that limits property tax increases and allows residential and commercial property to be reassessed only when it is sold.

Prop. 15 would boost property taxes on large commercial and industrial property by allowing it to be reappraised more frequently. The added money would go to school districts and local governments. Prop. 13 rules for residential property would be unchanged.

Proposition 16: Affirmative action. A constitutional amendment, proposed by state legislators, that would reverse California's voter-approved 1996 ban on affirmative action. It would repeal Proposition 209, which prohibits public universities, schools and government agencies from using race or sex in their admissions criteria, hiring and contract decisions.

Proposition 17: Parolee voting. A constitutional amendment, proposed by state legislators, that would restore the voting rights of all people on parole if they've completed their state or federal prison terms.

Proposition 18: Voting age. A constitutional amendment, proposed by state legislators, that would allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections if they would turn 18 before the general election.

Proposition 19: Property tax transfers. A constitutional amendment, proposed by state legislators, that would allow people age 55 and older, and victims of wildfires and other disasters, to keep lower property tax rates when they move to new homes.

Proposition 20: Criminal justice. Would make changes to the criminal justice system by revising two earlier initiatives, Proposition 47 and Proposition 57. The new measure would expand the list of violent crimes for which there is no early release, adding sex trafficking of a child and felony domestic violence. It would also require DNA collection for those convicted of several types of misdemeanors.

Proposition 21: Rent control. Would reverse a ban on local rent control laws. It would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act, which prohibits cities from passing rent control ordinances for housing built since 1995. Voters overwhelmingly rejected a similar measure in 2018.

Proposition 22: Gig worker classification. Would exempt app-based drivers, including those working for Uber, Lyft and DoorDash, from a state law that classifies gig workers as employees. The companies want to undo part of AB5, California's gig-worker law, which aims to classify their drivers as employees and make them eligible for benefits. Under the ballot measure, the companies could keep drivers as independent contractors while granting them some benefits and earnings guarantees.

Proposition 23: Kidney dialysis clinics. Would increase state regulation of kidney dialysis clinics. Among the proposed requirements: Clinics would be prohibited from discriminating against patients based on their source of payment.

Proposition 24: Consumer data privacy. Would expand California's consumer privacy law, passed in 2018. The measure would triple penalties for companies that break laws regarding the collection and sale of children's private information. It would also create a state agency to enforce consumer privacy protections.

Proposition 25: Cash bail. Would overturn a 2018 law that eliminates cash bail as a requirement to release people from jail before trial.



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