

CSFN NEWS

2021-2023 Budget: \$1.3 Billion Plan to Address Homelessness



By Carolyn Kenady

THE BUDGET

San Francisco’s \$1.3 billion for housing/other homelessness services has garnered headlines across the country. \$800 million in funds from the Proposition C tax (current year’s tax receipts plus funds in escrow during litigation) significantly increased this two-year budget allocation. The City will provide more services ranging from permanent housing, shelter, mental health treatment beds, and homelessness prevention. The budget projects that these programs will assist between 11,000

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and 12,000 individuals.

How will this budget be spent? The final budget wrapped up late Tuesday, June 29 -- with final figures not yet available. It will go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval in mid-July.

Here's a high-level overview using the City budget figures as of June 2. Proposition C mandates strict funding allocations: 50% to housing, 25% to mental health, 12% to prevention, and 10% to shelter and hygiene, with the remainder to administration. What are the amounts and how much do they buy? The Homelessness Prevention program (proposed at \$194M) serves the greatest number. It plans to assist an estimated 8,000 individuals/families from falling into homelessness. The permanent housing programs (proposed at \$681M) are projected to provide 2725 beds. Mental Health Services' allocation of \$340M provides an estimated 337 treatment beds. Shelter & Hygiene with proposed \$137M pays for existing shelter and funds 653 new shelter beds (ranging from Nav Centers to Safe Sleep/Safe Park sites.) The final figures may vary -- as the budget negotiations shifted the amounts/numbers.



HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME HOMELESS

San Francisco's most recent Point-in-Time Count (January 2019) included a survey which asked 1,045 individuals the primary cause of their homelessness:

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- Over one-quarter (26%) of respondents identified job loss,
- Eighteen percent (18%) reported drugs or alcohol,
- Thirteen percent (13%) identified eviction,
- 12% reported an argument with a friend or family member who asked them to leave,
- 8% cited mental health issues.

Homelessness is the top issue with 65% of those responding. 71% saying it has gotten worse over the last year.

For more information, see the [San Francisco Homeless Count and Survey 2019](#) or the Downtown Streets Team's [The Truth About Homelessness](#) (with Bay Area statistics.)

HOW DOES THE PUBLIC FEEL ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

The 2021 CityBeat Poll (

Conducted by Dignity Health and the SF Chamber of Commerce provides a current view of SF voters' opinions. It documents what community leaders already know: our neighbors are very concerned about homelessness, crime and quality of life issues.

- * Homelessness is the top issue with 65% of those responding rating it the top issue and 71% saying it has gotten worse over the last year.
- * 70% say Quality of Life has gotten worse over the last year.
- * 46% are concerned about public safety and crime - with more information on voter support for academic classes and community based policing.
- * Also, voters responded to specific questions about homelessness services - giving a high priority to these programs.
- * 80% are in favor of expanding conservatorships for mentally ill individuals.
- * 74% are in favor of providing more temporary shelter for homeless individuals.

What will homelessness in our City look like in two years? Homelessness Prevention (projected to keep 8,000 housed) has the greatest potential to significantly reduce the number of newly homeless. If the housing funds deliver their projected 2725 beds in two years, they will house the 1500 people still in the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) hotels first. This leaves 1200 beds for those unhoused on the streets. Add to that the 1000 shelter and treatment beds, and SF will have a total of 2200 placements for those on the streets. Conservatively, San Francisco has 5800 unhoused people living on our streets. (Based on the [last official count in 2019](#) of 8,000 homeless -- minus the 2200 placed in the SIP hotel program during 2020.)

Net/net: we are investing in permanent solutions. Yet, we still do not have enough housing or shelter for those on our streets. To close this gap, we need more interim shelter capacity over the coming years while the City ramps up its housing programs. (Based on the progress in placing the SIP hotel occupants -- now projected to end in early 2022, the City may not achieve its two-year goals.) Interim shelter is the stop-gap and can be increased via expanding indoor shelter capacity, use of small cabins, or more efficient/effective safe sleep/parking programs.

Let's not continue to use our sidewalks as the waiting line for permanent housing. We are simply allowing more people to fall into chronic homelessness. Being chronically homeless means individuals have more health vulnerabilities that require more services and, tragically, that more people will be dying on our streets.

See this URL for Boxabl inexpensive housing for as little \$250 a month. This is the home Elon Musk uses beside one of his SpaceX launch sites!

<https://www.boxabl.com>

Carolyn Kenady, Delegate Delores Heights Improvement Club



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 'PRESIDENT WALTON!!!

At the June General Assembly, we had the inauguration of officers by our current legislative President, Shamann Walton. We welcomed him and invited him to come back to speak to us further. He has accepted and will be the main event at our General Assembly at 7:30 on August 17!!! Be sure to mark the date, and to tell your organizations so those who would like to attend can request invitations to our Zoom meeting.. Thank you, Shamonn!

COMMITTEES TO SIGN UP AT THE JULY MEETING

Tonight we will continue to meet the challenge of a year of remoteness. As each chair is called, you will hear a summary of what the committee does and an invitation to join in its work. The chair will answer any questions you have, and sign you up at this time if you wish. The standing committees you may join are Land Use and Transportation, Government and Elections, and Bylaws

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN PROPOSED GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA FOR JULY 19, 2021

- 6:30 Sign in and answer poll .
Short announcements and upcoming events.
- 7:00 Program: City Administrator Carmen Chu
- 7:30 I. Call to Order: Ascertain quorum and approve agenda.
- 7:45 II. Officers' Reports (If Needed)
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Recording Secretary
 - D. Corresponding Secretary
 - E. Treasurer
- 7:50 III. Committee Signups (Reports if Needed)
 - A. Executive
 - B. Bylaws
 - C, Land Use and Transportation
 - D. Government and Elections
- 8:05 IV. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 15 GA
- 8:10 V. Unfinished Business
- 8:20 VI. New Business
- 8:30 VII, The Conversation Continues
- 8:35 IX. Adjournment

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 / 5:30 PM / By ZOOM

Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Greg Scott, Cindy Beckman, Richard Frisbie, Al Fontes, Clair Zvanski, George Wooding and Mary Harris; Mari Eliza excused

- 5:30 pm I **Call to Order/Quorum.**Met? ZOOM host Glenn Rogers
Meeting will come to order.
Agenda approved?
- 5:38 pm II **Officers Reports**
A. President: Public Bank progress, Great Hwy. update and audit committee formed.
B. Vice President, commented GA seemed rushed but was overruled.
C. Recording Secretary: No report.
D. Corresponding Secretary. No report.
E. Treasurer: Has offered to provide two budgets, one for a Holiday Party and one without.
- 5:46 pm III **Committee Reports**
A. Executive Committee, discussed what is necessary for a successful "in person" meeting at the Fillmore Station..
B. Land Use and Transportation
Weiner's Bill is recommending housing in church parking lots, cost of homes up 25%, free MUNI would mean homeless riding in bus.
C. Government and Elections. No report
D. Bylaws. No report.
E. Open Space,30,000 Milkweed to be Planted across the state to save Monarch butterfly in 99% decline, 17 million salmon to be release in the SF Bay to save their population,
- 6:01 pm IV **New Business,** GA Agenda approved.
A. Next Program? Shamann Walton to present in July.
B. Next article ? Great Hwy, John F. Kennedy Blvd., MUNI
- 6:05 pm V **Unfinished Business**
A. The Conversation Continues, brain storming dinner locations of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Scottish Rightrs, Irish Cultural Ctr., Grace Cathedral, Flood Mansion, Greg Scott Mansion Miraloma Club House; GA assembly recommended to start earlier; Twin Peaks Improvement Assoc. Doris Linnenbach, Sunnyside Neighborhood Organization or David Tahida and Lotus Fong's group to be solicited by Claire Zvanski
- 6:30 pm VI **Adjourn** **Glenn Rogers, CSFN Vice President**



MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021 CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Head called meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

- Quorum confirmed with a total of 15 attendees.
10 eligible member organizations present (10 delegates + 2 alternates) 1 ineligible member organizations present (dues not paid)
2 guests

C. Agenda approved without objection.

II. INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS: SF Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton swore in the 2021-2022 slate of officers.

III. PROGRAM: Dave Rosenfeld, Executive Director of Solar Rights Alliance, discussed current issues affecting rooftop solar installations.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Minutes accepted without objection.

V. OFFICER'S REPORTS

- PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.
- VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.
- RECORDING SECRETARY :Nothing to report
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Nothing to report.
- TREASURER: Report sent. Savings \$3,016.07 | Checking \$16,422.40 | CD \$40,298.37 | Total Assets \$59,736.84.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- EX COMM: (Glenn Rogers) Report in the newsletter.
- BYLAWS: (Claire Zvanski) Nothing to report.

- LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION: (Mari Eliza) Nothing to report, but encourages everyone to follow the CSFN website blog for current news.
- GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS: (George Wooding) Nothing to report.
- STATE & LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: (Eileen Boken) SB 9-Atkins & SB 10-Wiener both passed out of Senate on a split vote (which is unusual) and are now in the Assembly. CSFN letters of opposition have been submitted to the Assembly leaders and Assembly committee members where bills are being heard.
- NOMINATIONS: Work is completed with installation of officers tonight.

G. OPEN SPACE: Vaccine available to save 100% of bee hives

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- OVERSIGHT BY MEMBERS AT LARGE: The three Executive Committee Members at Large will be tasked with performing a review of the accounting records in coordination with the Treasurer.
- RETURN TO NORTHERN STATION: Proposal to return to an in-person or hybrid (in-person with Zoom connection) meeting.
 1. **MOTION:** To plan an in-person meeting for September if Northern Station community room and parking is confirmed available. **M/S/C** (8 Yes/1 No)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- FUTURE PROGRAMS: Carmen Chu tentatively planned for July. Suggested speakers: Shamann Walton, City Controller, Dennis Herrera, Art Agnos, Peter Cohen. Suggested topics: Housing needs analysis, Aquatic Park renovation.
- NEWS LETTER ARTICLES: Discussed guidelines fo NL

IX. CONVERSATION CONTINUES:

A. Telegraph Hill Dwellers will have meeting with Port of San Francisco to discuss the Waterfront Resilience Plan on June 23 (<https://thd.org/waterfront>).

X. NEXT MEETING:

A. JULY GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. **IX.**
ADJOURNMENT: At 8:21 p.m.

B. **Cindy Beckman, Recording Secretary**



Land Use and Transportation Report: Two events on Solar and an update on Closed Streets

CSFN GA Meeting June 15, 6:30 PM

Presentation on Solar by Dave Rosenfeld Solar Rights Alliance

<https://youtu.be/-szuQSC8AM4>

I attended the rally on June 16 at CPUC and met solar activists who handed in thousands of petitions to the CPUC Commissioners. More meetings are planned and speakers are encouraged to sign up for the meetings that are scheduled for every other week until the matter is resolved:

Sign up to testify at an upcoming CPUC meeting. [Here's instructions](#)

First Wednesday, July 7, 5:30 PM

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Save California Solar – Live on Zoom

Speakers:

[Dave Rosenfeld](#), [Solar Rights Alliance](#) I think you all know Dave
[Richard Skaff](#), Designing Accessible Communities, on battery backups
[Grant Smith](#), EWG [Environmental Working Group](#), political issues
[Bronte Payne](#), Go Solar Campaign Director, [Environment California](#)

Recording : https://youtu.be/Uxj4Gtn_PzE

We stopped AB 1139 that would have paved the way to kill for utilities to alter net metering rates. Now the CPUC threatens solar owners. Let the commissioners and the governor know how you feel about that.

Dave Rosenfeld, of Solar Rights Alliance works with hundreds of other organization to protect and expand solar. *Consider joining [Solar Rights Alliance](#). Contact info@solarrights.org*

Toolkit: for actions to Stop the Utility Profit Grab :

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/12IjIULQVUJSY0mkO0xwqJ6UQq9rscPjBgT7TfI8ez8/edit#Sign the petition: Don't pull the plug on solar>

Write letters and sign up to make public comments

email action and [phone calls](#)

[Social media toolkit](#)

Consider signing this [letter](#)

Request your city or county or state legislators take a position opposing utility proposals to the CUPC. We need to promote solar and protect the systems instead. Here is a [resolution adopted by Santa Cruz County](#) that can serve as a model.

Enhance solar rooftop and battery backup to deal with utility power outages and protect solar systems from shade.

Site that tracks various programs, actions and media: <https://artaudsolar.wordpress.com>

Groups concnered with solar issues: <https://artaudsolar.wordpress.com/emerging-technologies/>

Most of Californai's [legislation so far](#) is covered here:

Solar Shade Protection Act (1987) and the The Solar Rights Act and The Solar Shade Control Act (2016) and AB 2188: Implementation of the California Solar Rights Act at the Local Level.

Shared Documents:

<https://www.utilitysecrets.org/campaign-rooftop-solar/>

[Clean Coalition webinar](#) on how rooftop solar reduces the cost of long-distance power lines

Update on the results of the meetings scheduled after the Town Hall on opening the streets:

1. Tuesday, June 7, SFCTA, 10 AM – budget \$200,000 for equity study on street closure. *I did not attend, but assume they are financing the study.*
2. Thursday, June 10, Joint meeting with Rec and Park and SFMTA to introduce their concept for Great Walkway. *I spoke in favor of re-opening the Great Highway. The meeting link was not properly published. It was a grueling affair with hundreds of commenters, around 50% on each side. I understand that two of the Rec and Park commissioners did not support the permanent closure at this time, and the Board of Supervisors have the last say. Here is a link to the recording sent by Ashley Summers, o Rec and Park: https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=55&clip_id=38742*

*After watching this meeting and hearing the comments from Rec and Park Commissioners I can report: **Three Red and Park Commissioners** are not in favor or have not yet decided on the closure of the Great Highway: **VP Eric MacDonnell**, is calling for an outside contractor to conduct the analysis to avoid any suggestion of impropriety and prior conclusions. He is up in the air. He has not decided.*

***Commissioner Larry Mazzola** (sp?) former union worker is opposed to the closed streets. He wants to return to pre-pandemic open streets. **Commissioner Joe Hallisy**, a teacher who has been driving the Chain of Lakes feels like there is a need to remove the slow streets once school is resumed to avoid a huge traffic jam of parents driving their kids to school. He agrees with former McGoldrick that weekend*

closures may be the best solution as not that many people will be out during the week once school starts in the fall.

3. Led by Supervisors Chan, Mar and Melgar, the Board opposed staff recommendations to establish a 2 year pilot on the permanent closure of the Great Highway. Thanks to the effort of thousands of people who signed petitions, wrote letters, and showed up to meetings, they are demanding a real plan to deal with the traffic flow that has decimated the quiet peaceful Sunset neighborhood with traffic. The supervisors expressed their own personal observations and concerns with the current setup and specified how they want to see them addressed. The matter of permanent closure of the Great Highway will be decided later in the year. Meanwhile, the letters and observations may still be sent.
4. The closure of the JFK is also still to be determined as are quite a few of the slow streets and close streets elsewhere in the city.
5. Keep those actions coming if you want to see more changes.

Upcoming CSFN Land Use and Transportation Town Halls:

First Wednesday, August 4, 5:30PM

LUCT : Presentation on the Housing Element of 2022

Mari Eliza, Land Use and Transportation Chair



Government & Elections Report.

THE NEXT G & E MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

Gavin Newsom Recall Election, and possibly ZOOM

[California](#) Governor [Gavin Newsom](#) will face a recall [election](#) on September 14, 2021. Many Californians thought that the recall would be held in November.

The recall date change, which Newsom quickly signed into law, effectively eliminated the required 30-day review of the recall's estimated costs by the Legislature, accelerating the timeline for the election.

Some Newsom supporters advocated for holding the election as soon as possible because recent opinion polls showed Newsom had favorable job approval ratings, a rise driven in large part by California's emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic and an economy on the upswing.

San Francisco City Attorney Election

No upcoming election

San Francisco City Attorney is an elected position; however, when the City Attorney leaves his job, the Mayor gets to select the new City Attorney. The appointed City Attorney will keep his position until the next election.

If the newly appointed City Attorney does not run in Newsom's statewide recall campaign, they will have to face voters in the SF June, 2022 primary.

Whoever Breed picks will have to run for election during the statewide recall campaign — but only if they're appointed more than 120 days before the recall. Due to Newsom moving his recall election to September 14, the City Attorney election will be in June, 2022.

San Francisco District Attorney Recall #1 & #2

There are two (2) Two efforts in [San Francisco, California](#), to recall **District Attorney [Chesa Boudin](#)** were initiated in 2021.

The first recall effort, organized under the group called The Committee Supporting the Recall of District Attorney Chesa Boudin, was approved for circulation on March 4, 2021.^[1] Recall organizers have until August 11, 2021, to submit at least 51,325 valid signatures to put the recall election on the ballot.

It will take the SF Election Department at least 30 days to certify that ballot signatures are valid ballot recall. It is doubtful that the Chesa Boudin recall #1 can make the September 14 deadline of governor Newsom.

A second recall effort was started on April 28, 2021, by a group called the San Franciscans for Public Safety.^[4] Organizers have until October 25, 2021, to gather the same number of signatures in order to move the recall forward.^[5]

Both recall #1 & #2 can be placed on a December or January ballot

San Francisco School Board Recall

An effort to recall three of the seven members of the [San Francisco Unified School District](#) Board of Education began in February 2020. Board members [Gabriela López](#), [Alison Collins](#), and [Faauuga Moliga](#) were named in the recall paperwork.

^[1] The San Francisco Elections Department cleared the recall petitions for circulation in March 2021. Recall supporters have until September 7, 2021, to collect 51,325 signatures per board member.

The Vote Counting should take approximately 30 days.

Mayor London Breed will appoint any new members to the Board.

George Wooding, Chair Government and Elections



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION _____

Mailing Address _____ SF 941 _____ Email _____

CURRENT OFFICERS:

President	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone
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Secretary	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone
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Other Officer	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone
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CSFN DELEGATE:

Name	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone
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If your organization has alternate CSFN delegate(s):

Name	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone
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Name	Address (with ZIP)	Email	Phone
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DUES & DONATIONS

CSFN annual membership dues are \$45.
Organizations wishing to include an additional donation to CSFN are encouraged to do so.

**Make check payable to "CSFN" and mail to:
Greg Scott, CSFN Treasurer, 637 Noe Street, San Francisco, CA 94114**

CSFN Membership Certification: CSFN Bylaws (Article II, Section A-G) require each voting member organization to certify that it has a membership of 35 or more in order to maintain voting privileges. Organizations not having the required membership may retain membership as associate members without voting privileges at CSFN's sole discretion.

I confirm that we are renewing as a:

Member Organization with 35 or more members

Associate (non-voting) Organization - number of current members: _____

_____	_____	_____
Certifying Signature	Print name/Position	Date