

# CSFN NEWS

## JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER or Youth Guidance Center



### BACKGROUND

Our present Youth Guidance Center (YGC), located at 375 Woodside Avenue, San Francisco, CA, was rebuilt in 2007 at the cost of \$70 million. From the beginning, it was criticized by John King and others for a design based on punishment, rather than rehabilitation. The YGC was built to house two inmates in each cell which includes two concrete slabs and very thin mattresses for a bed. Originally, the facility was designed to house 132 inmates. Today, normally there are fewer than 30 individuals housed here which is down 84% from the population

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10 years ago. The cost to house inmates is \$3,000 a day or \$1.1 annually. 1

Punishment for decades in this facility, when inmates misbehaved, was solitary confinement, without being able to go to school during that time. This punishment could last for months. Fortunately, this practice has been over ruled, along with the practice of providing children “sleeping pills”. Historically, the cloths given the youth were often dirty. This practice too has been improved on. The YGJ s very proud of the washer provided the female inmates. 2

The land that the YGC is located on is part of the Laguna Honda Hospital property. So now we have two institutions, totaling 62 acres, called into question for their viability. As you know, Laguna Honda Hospital has been asked to remove patients because of an investigation. In addition, there are numerous residences that provided staff homes, between the hospital and the YGC, that have been deemed uninhabitable because of a health issue. Therefore, we have acres of real estate that are being called into question. Is this a thinly veiled facade, to provide more land for development? City officials, that look forward to contributions from developers, hope so.

**The public can hope, that the shortcomings of the Youth Guidance Center in the past, can be forgiven ...**

The Log Cabin Ranch, in San Mateo county, was consider a desirable place for rehabilitation but is closed. Today, cottages, where children can live closer to a family setting, are considered preferred to having children confined in a cell. With that in mind, the Supervisors considered buying a large residence to house youth, unfortunately, State mandates for a building sabotaged that idea. For example, all Youth Guidance



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## **RECESSION**

Land that is developed for housing,, that no one purchases, can lead to a recession in San Francisco. Presently we have a surplus of 40,000 units for sale or lease in the City, with numerous projects in the pipeline to be built in the future, including units in Stonestown, Parkmerced and the Balboa Reservoir. If these projects are built, who will buy them when San Francisco has one of the highest rates of exodus to the suburbs in the nation.as employees often prefer to work remotely. These same employees can work at homes in Tracy or Truckee, where land is less expensive and families can have a larger yard for play with their families. This is preferred to living in the City where real estate is more expensive and the homes are much smaller.

## **IMPROVEMENT**

One possible solution to improve the YGC is to widen the cells to have them twice as large as they are now. In order to reduce recidivism and foster rehabilitation, numerous shop classes could be provided for youth in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, sheet metal and the landscape industry. Also, cooking classes and skill development in the culinary trades could be available which would include what is a good diet. Movie nights for youth that are well behaved could reinforce good behavior. Video game lounges and computers that work could be an important resource. Lastly, trained and licensed therapist are needed for the youth.

When teachers are in short supply, the Five Keys School Program could provide additional teaching staff.. This teaching program is very flexible and could provide additional instruction for the youth in need. **3**

Outdoor recreation which was limited to once a week in the past, should be allowed daily. This would provide children an outlet to exercise and allow them to sleep better at night. Since the JGC is a rambling facility, cottages could be built on site for the youth to have a more family oriented lifestyle. No matter what occurs, isolation and the denial of education should be avoided. Since youth are in their formative years, imprisonment or solitary confinement, can have a devastating effects on their character and behavior which can last a lifetime. There is a need for a routine and consistent review of this facility. Programs that exist here are rarely audited and when they are, the list of improvements required are long and important. **4**

## NEIGHBORHOOD NAVIGATION CENTER

One solution for this facility is to have it become housing for the homeless. This is a bad idea on many levels. First of all, the facility is designed for only 132 people. Clearly this is not large enough to house a large number of the homeless. Typically, the homeless prefer living on flat ground which minimizes the effort to push shopping carts. The YGC is situated on a hill and would be difficult for the homeless to monitor their property or get around.

Numerous businesses would be dramatically effected by the increase of the homeless here, with more panhandling and larceny or theft of merchandise from store owners. Since we have a lenient judicial system, any person arrested for bad behavior today, would be immediately released tomorrow. Then, the same behavior would be repeated.. Nearby residential owners would have their neighborhoods negatively impacted by the homeless, i.e. children, that play in nearby parks, would have more interaction with the homeless than they do now. So a Neighborhood Navigation Center is a bad idea here but even worse, is the idea of this property being designated into a housing development.

## SUMMARY

This is a serious problem that must be solved compassionately. Let's hope that Supervisor Shamann Walton, that was incarcerated at this YGC years ago, can find the best answer. With his intimate perspective, he has the best chance of solving this problem. The public can hope, that the shortcomings of the Youth Guidance Center in the past, can be forgiven by Supervisor Walton, as he with other Supervisors, can solve this problem. **6**

## FOOTNOTES

1. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/sf/article/Will-S-F-actually-close-juvenile-hall-in-six-16284314.php>
2. <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/publications/report-on-san-francisco-youth-guidance-center>
3. <https://www.fivekeyscharter.org>
4. <https://westsideobserver.com/pdfs/WSO-May19.pdf>
5. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Failure-Festers-At-Juvenile-Hall-Little-help-2976507.php>
6. <https://www.sfgate.com/politics-op-eds/article/boudin-successor-should-continue-reforms-17279325.php>

**Vice President Glenn Rogers, CSFN Editor**





## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well, the Board of Supervisors and the Election Department have done it once more! They have jammed up the schedule for Ballot Measures and given us no time to deliberate, debate and calmly decide which initiatives and amendments to support or oppose, which to write arguments about and spend money upon. And now the Supervisors are on summer recess for vacation, leaving us with the mess they've left behind: what a crew!

So how do we sort this out? Well, first we have to familiarize ourselves with the propositions before our endorsement meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Normally we would have weeks for this: now we have just days. The Government and Elections Committee will meet on Friday, August 12 to hear pro and con presentations, have Q&A, discuss each proposition and decide what actions to recommend. This Zoom meeting will be recorded, and the link to the recording will be sent on the Zoom invitation to our General Assembly days later. It is incumbent on all delegates to use this link to review the committee meeting to have the background for its recommendations. Then Tuesday's endorsements will be decided after a review of the G&E report, and following a brief discussion, by an up or down vote.

Why so fast? Two days before our meeting the Ballot Simplification Committee will meet, and letters will be assigned to each proposition. Two days after our meeting, pro and con arguments are due, and selection will be made of the best ones each.. Four days after that, rebuttals can be handed in, and paid ballot arguments are due. Whew! And this is the process for the publication of the Voter Information Package to be delivered to us all before the election in November.

**Charles Head, President CSFN**



## DRAFT MINUTES FOR CSFN GA JULY 19, 2022

President Head called the meeting to order at 6:35.

I. The spotlight focused on Carolyn Kenady, leader of the Dolores Heights Improvement Association, who stressed we do what we do to pay it forward for the good of our neighborhoods and our city.

II. Program: Carla Short, Interim Director of SF DPW and former head of the Urban Forest Bureau outlined her responsibilities and answered our questions.

### III. Officer Reports

A. President Head asked if any member organizations limited identification in their group in public comment and referred to his President's message.

B. Vice President Rogers commented on the severity of climate change.

C. There were no Treasurer's or Secretary's Reports.

D. Legislative Liaison Boken said the legislature was still on their summer recess, but SB 930 is now co-sponsored by newly elected former supervisor Haney.

### IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee chair Rogers commented on the planning for Park Merced construction plans.

B. Land Use and Transportation had no report.

C. Government and Elections chair Wooding spoke about upcoming Ballot Measures and said he will have a meeting on Friday August 5.

D. Bylaws and Open Space will meet next week

V. Approval of Draft Minutes for June was made unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business: The CSFN disapproval of Weiner's repeated attempt to expand late hours in bars as per BCNA's opposition to SB 930 was **reaffirmed**.

VII. New Business: there was no bylaws report so the discussion of proposed bylaws amendments will be next month.

The Conversation Continues: there were no new comments.

VIII. Adjournment came at 8:25



## **TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2022 ON ZOOM**

6:30 Sign in and answer questions.

- I. Call to Order and Approve Agenda
  - II. Spotlight: Al Fontes, President of Telegraph Hill Dwellers and Correspondence Secretary of CSFN
  - III. Special Order: Endorsement Program for Ballot Measures for Nov. Election. Government and Elections Committee Report and Recommendations.
  - IV. Officer's Reports
    - A. President
    - B. Vice President
    - C. Treasurer
    - D. Secretaries
    - E. Legislative Liaison
  - V. Committee Reports
    - A. Executive
    - B. Land Use and
    - C. Government and Elections
    - D. By Laws
    - E. Open Space
  - VI. Approval of Draft Minutes for GA on July 19
  - VI. Unfinished Business: Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
  - VII. New Business: Resolution on Construction in Parks
- The Conversation Continues
- IX. Adjournment



**CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**Wednesday, July 27, 2022 / 5:30 PM / By ZOOM**

Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, Greg Scott, Mari Eliza, Al Fontes, Clair Zvanski, George Wooding, Dave Osgood and Mary Harris.

**Call to Order/Quorum.**Met? ZOOM host Glenn Rogers  
Meeting will come to order.  
Agenda approved? Accepted as amended. Record!

**I Officers Reports**

- A. President:
- B. Vice President,
- C. Recording Secretary:
- D. Corresponding Secretary
- E. Treasurer

**II Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Land Use and Transportation
- C. Government and Elections
- D. Bylaws
- E. Open Space

**III Unfinished Business**

**IV New Business**

- A. Next Program?
- B. Next article

**V For the Good of the Order**

**Adjourn**

**Open Space**

**Call to Order**

Glenn Rogers, Dave Osgood and .George Wooding. Charles Head





**CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 27, 2022 / 5:30 PM / By ZOOM**

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5:37 pm **Call to Order/Quorum.**Met, Agenda approved

**I Officers Reports**

- A. President: Proclamation from Mayor for CSFN.
- B. Vice President, 2 Supervisor meetings.
- C. Recording Secretary: no report
- D. Corresponding Secretary, letter to State Senate for SB 930. See newsletter.
- E. Treasurer, good report on finances.

**II Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee, KQED reports water under Thwaites Glacier 40 degrees.
- B. Land Use and Transportation, see G and E report.
- C. Government and Elections, SFCTA wants to increase tax, see Proposition C, Proposition 27 is a No vote, etc..
- D. Bylaws, have a scheduled meeting July 29, 2022.
- E. Open Space, Osgood has a Resolution for CSFN review.

**III Unfinished Business**

- A. Noi comment.

**IV New Business**

- A. Next Program, attempt to have Supervisor Melgar.speak.
- B. Next article, Semi-Centennial.

**V For the Good of the Order**

- A. No comment.

6:18 pm **Adjourn**



**Open Space**

**Call to Order**

**Attendees**

Glenn Rogers, Dave Osgood, Mari Eliza and .George Wooding.  
Charles Head

- A. David Osgood’s Resolution was read to the committee regarding Open Space.  
The removal of the statement that population in San Francisco is increasing was suggested and agreed upon.
- B. Parcel A, B, C and D in Parkmerced is being planned for development.  
Who buys these units with construction materials being more expensive and with interest rates higher is the question.
- C. Dave Osgood suggests a CSFN article for each speaker provided.
- D. Carla Short from DPW did not reply to David Osgood request for trees being removed.
- E. Mari requested street trees be better suited for San Francisco.
- F. Mari asked to save archives of Executive Meeting and Open Space Committee meetings.

Adjourn

## Parkmerced Action Coalition

# RESOLUTION TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARCELS A, B, C AND D AT PARKMERCED

**Whereas,** San Francisco has more people leaving the City than any other place in the nation, 1

**Whereas,** Parkmerced presently has a vacancy rate of 25-40%,

**Whereas,** recently it has been reported that 40,000 homes or condominiums are vacant, 2

**Whereas,** taking a loan today for construction will be more expensive because of the rise in interest making new construction more expensive than any time in recent history, 3

**Whereas,** expensive new construction is likely to have even fewer tenants than the existing housing stock in Parkmerced,

**Whereas,** working remotely in San Francisco has made the need to live in San Francisco unnecessary, 4

**Whereas,** building unnecessary construction that lies vacant for months or years can cause a recession,

**Whereas,** Parkmerced should be considered a historical monument, 5

**We Resolve,** that the construction of housing in the development of Parkmerced is no longer feasible after the COVID-19 pandemic,

**We Further Resolve,** any future construction in Parkmerced, Balboa Reservoir, Treasure Island or Hunters Point should occur only when the vacancy rates are no longer as high as they are today,

**We Further Resolve,** that the City should petition the State to relieve us from the unrealistic burden of providing 800 units of housing a year or 8,000 units of housing every 10 years.

**Glenn Rogers, Delegate PmAC**  
**PO BOX 320445, San Francisco, CA 94132**

**FOOT NOTES:**

1. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-07-29/california-exodus-continues-l-a-san-francisco-lead-the-way>
2. <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/how-many-vacant-homes-are-there-in-San-Francisco-16822916.php>
3. <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/construction-costs-hit-highest-spike-in-50-years/2891677/>
4. <https://nypost.com/2022/07/18/san-francisco-mayor-worried-residents-leaving-working-from-home/>
5. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkmerced, San Francisco](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parkmerced,_San_Francisco)

# Rincon Point Neighbors Association

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## RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND GREENBELTS

Whereas, parks, open space and greenbelts are invaluable resources needed to maintain the health of San Franciscans and the beauty of the city;

Whereas, the city increasingly proposes to cut trees and construct buildings in parks, open space and greenbelts;

Whereas, construction—unrelated to park use—has been proposed and/or approved on the Marina Green, in Rincon Park, in the Transbay Terminal park, in Ferry Plaza, on the Brannan Street Wharf green space, in Golden Gate Park, and in the Brotherhood Way greenbelt;

Whereas, the city needs more park space;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods opposes the construction of buildings in city parks, greenbelts and open space and calls upon city officials to enact legislation prohibiting such construction.

July 2022



**David Osgood, Delegate RPNA**





July 25, 2022

Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
1021 O. Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 930 (Wiener), June 2, 2022 Version: **STRONGLY OPPOSED**

Dear Committee Members and Staff:

SB 930 establishes a process whereby the ABC can authorize on-sale licensees to extend alcohol sales to 4 a.m. in San Francisco and 6 other cities. We join the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association to **strongly oppose** this measure for the following reasons:

**It extends the noise and negative impacts on surrounding residents for two more hours.** There are a number of areas throughout the state where entertainment activities are adjacent to residential neighborhoods. Our organization represents neighborhoods directly affected by the traffic, noise and unruly behavior caused by nightlife. We experience a great deal of noise generated by loud intoxicated crowds, car horns, and music from open club doors. Two more hours of alcohol sales won't lessen those impacts.

**It creates additional public safety concerns.** This bill would encourage more people to drive from areas where bars close earlier to those where bars close later. It would also result in late-night drinkers sharing the road with early morning commuters. Common sense says extending the hours of availability of alcohol will increase – not decrease – DUI concerns. In addition, the inevitable increase in public disturbances will create more burdensome workload on police and first responders.

Governor Brown vetoed a similar version of this bill, SB 905, in 2018, due to concerns about impact on public safety. Those concerns are still relevant. In summary, this bill is bad in principle for the state and bad for our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Charles Head*

Charles Head  
President

cc: Supervisor Aaron Peskin [Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org)  
Ms. Sunny.Angulo@sfgov.org, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Peskin

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**CSFN Land Use and Transportation Committee Report August 2022**

Two places to go for schedule of November ballot debates and discussions.

<https://csfn.net/wp/index.php/csfn-events/> and <https://cancalendar.wordpress.com/>

STATE ISSUES: State Overreach

Our representatives in Sacramento are working feverishly to override local authorities. When San Francisco officials object to any developer projects they are threatened with lawsuits. After the supervisors passed a law to turn single family homes into four-plexes, Senator Wiener was quoted as saying, “San Francisco’s entire housing system is rotten to the core”. He also claims that “Single family housing is immoral.” You may read more of his opinions here. <https://sfstandard.com/housing-development/rotten-to-the-core-san-francisco-could-get-sued-over-housing-gridlock-says-legislator/>

**Catalysts** is setting up Town Halls to educate the public about the lawsuits and impending state bills overriding what is left of our local authority. Please share with your members.

Register here: <https://catalystsca.org>

SAN FRANCISCO ISSUES: How do your members feel about Housing and Supportive Services being coming to your neighborhood?

1. How do your members feel about increasing density in your neighborhood?
2. How do your members feel about supportive housing?

August: We will have at least three transportation issues on the November ballot and more opportunities to increase taxes than usual. We may host a Town Hall on at least one of them. Save Muni is covering the Muni sales tax extension on Monday, August 12 and may cover another one in September.

September: I propose a Land Use Committee meeting that brings together the Sunset District neighborhood groups to discuss their issues.

Written article: Chan, Safai and Mandelman have different approaches to handling the density requirements the state is mandating. I would like to cover the battling density bills by interviewing them (separately for a printed article), asking clarifying questions to allow them to explain how their program works.

**Mari Eliza, Chair Land Use and Transportation**



**Government and Election Committee Committee to be held on  
Friday, August 12, 2022 at 6 pm**

**See the following URLs:**

**<https://sfelections.sfgov.org/measures>**

**<https://cancalendar.wordpress.com>**

**George Wooding, Chair Government and Election Committee**



# 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:**

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

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