

CSFN NEWS

We are Celebrating 50 Years this Month !



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Coalition Forming To Fight City Hall

By Joel Tlumak
Urban Affairs Writer

News Analysis

Community groups from Hunters Point to Presidio Heights, from the Mission to the Sunset, are talking seriously about forming a city-wide coalition to stand up to City Hall.

Frustrations over the City Planning Department's height and bulk standards, the closing of the Park and Southeast Police Stations and the refusal of the Board of Supervisors to put a district election charter amendment on the November ballot are among the issues that are bringing together community groups from all over the city.

The idea of a Neighborhood Association Coalition grew out of a coalition of groups that sought amendments to the City Planning Department's height and bulk recommendations. The amendments were rejected.

"Everyone I've called — and I must have called almost every community organization in The City — is in favor of it," said Martin

MacIntyre, president of PAR, the Planning Association for the Richmond.

MacIntyre was the man who put together a meeting Sept. 11 of 47 spokesmen for various community groups, ranging from the Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors to the Shafter Avenue Community Club in Hunters Point.

About the only area of The City not represented at that meeting was Chinatown.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to set up a communications system whereby community groups could "alert each other" when they face a fight in City Hall.

"They (the spokesmen at the meeting) were not too hot on the communications idea," said MacIntyre, "but they were receptive to the idea of a citywide coalition."

Another meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2, with some community leaders getting

together privately next week to work out alternative organization proposals to present at the October conclave.

Revenue-Sharing

Also scheduled in an Oct. 16 meeting at which Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn will talk about revenue-sharing to the community groups.

The surprising thing about this movement is the diversity of the groups talking about a coalition.

Several are improvement clubs — Anza Vista, Visitation Valley, Lombard Hill, Twin Peaks, among others.

Groups with wider appeal include the Mission Coalition, the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council and San Francisco Tomorrow.

There is the Rossi Park Protective Association, with a small area of interest, lined up with SPEAK, the Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Club.

Noe Valley, the Western Addition, Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside and Glen Park were also represented at the Sept. 11 meeting.

Forming a citywide coalition won't be easy, but the idea appeals to both groups that want support mainly on neighborhood issues to groups that want chiefly to tackle citywide issues.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT:

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods grew out of concerned neighborhood organizations whose proposals to the Planning Department for amendments to the height and bulk limits were rejected. The San Francisco Foundation gave a small grant to get the Coalition on its way, with SPEAK serving as fiscal agent, and a part time secretary was hired to set up meetings, produce a Newsletter and to recruit neighborhood organizations.

PAR - the Planning Association for the Richmond president, Martin McIntyre convened the first meeting on September 11, 1972, with 47 representatives of neighborhoods present, covering most of San Francisco neighborhoods.

The Coalition was incorporated in 1991 as a 501(c)4 non profit civic organization with a Board of Directors made up of representatives of member organizations. It has held candidates and issues forums to educate the members and the public. It has, through member participation and lobbying, supported its members on issues affecting the broad community and continues to watch various City departments to insure fair treatment of all city residents.



MRS. RICHARD A. WILSON

The first CSFN Parliamentarian, that created our By Laws, was Evelyn Wilson. She also was President of the California State Association of Parliamentarians from 1971-1972. Throughout the 1960s through the 2000s, she led groups within San Francisco and taught all phases of parliamentary procedure, including tCity boards and commissions and parliamentary study units.

The Mission Statement from our Bylaws... The purposes of the CSFN shall be:

On September 11, 1972 CSFN had its first meeting with 47 representatives present, conducted by Martin Macintyre.

- A. To bring about information exchange, cooperation, and united action among the geographically based neighborhood organizations in San Francisco;
- B. To endorse or oppose, and lobby for or against, proposed issues and

measures which directly impact San Francisco's neighborhoods; Stable, healthy neighborhoods are the key to healthy cities; makers and to serve as a conduit between neighborhoods and public agencies;

C. To support the principles that:

1. Existing neighborhoods are a valuable resource to be protected, maintained and enhanced,
2. are the key to healthy cities;

D. To monitor the actions of city government and other public agencies that affect neighborhoods;

E. To take stands on critical public issues and to make clear to elected and appointed officials the concerns of the neighborhoods; and F. To share information with policy makers and to serve as a conduit between neighborhoods and public agencies

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Congratulations to the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods on its 50th anniversary. . Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee (SPEAK) is a proud charter member of CSFN. Longtime SPEAK Board member, Evelyn Wilson, was a member of the By Laws Committee which drafted the original By ILaws. Evelyn was also the CSFN's parliamentarian for many years. SPEAK celebrates both the CSFN and Evelyn Wilson's contributions to it

**By Charles Head, President of CSFN and
Mari Eliza, Chair Land Use and Transportation
Glenn Rogers, Newsletter Editor**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: OUR DECEMBER EVENT!!!!!!!

Months ago, I imagined a schedule for our semi-centennial fall, and here we are! This issue of the NL commemorates our Decades of Dedication to the betterment of our City as I wrote then, and now we unveil our plans for CSFN's super celebratory event in December. Notice the number of commas in the title above, and you have the date: December 7, Wednesday, at a pearl of a location, the Flood Mansion on Broadway.

Greg Scott has had numerous events there for Pacific Heights meetings, all of which were quite memorable and enjoyable. I had never been there and was awed by the place! He and I met there with their property and culinary managers, toured the rooms, and talked about how we might use them. They are large, high ceilinged and well ventilated; their luxuriousness is astonishing. The view of the Bay from the back of the Rotunda is amazing, from the Golden Gate bridge on the left to Alcatraz on the right. It is a gem of a location, with the Schools of the Convent of Sacred Heart nearby. There is street parking, public transportation, and the possibility of valet parking. All is ADA accessible.

We will get suggestions for the menu soon, but right now what appeals most is a buffet of appetizers such as bacon wrapped scallops, Ahi Tuna cones, chicken pot stickers, and butternut squash bisque shooters. We will have a superb party, with live music and a great program to boot! Save the date: details will be coming soon!

Charles Head, CSFN President



**DRAFT MINUTES COMBINED FOR CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS ON
AUGUST 16 and 19, 2022 ON ZOOM**

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

- II. The Spotlight was on Telegraph Hill Dwellers,, and their president Al Fontes gave a slide presentation of its history, organization and current concerns.

- III. Special Order: the Government and Elections Committee Report and Recommendations for the Ballot Measures for the Nov. Election, by Measure, Speaker(s) and Vote...
 - Prop A: Retiree Supplemental COLA - Claire Zvanski - Support 100%
 - Prop B: Public Works, Streets and Sanitation, Dept and Commission - No Recommendation
 - Prop C: Homeless Oversight Commission -
 - Prop D: Affordable Housing (initiative petition) - OPPOSE 98%
 - Prop E: " " (BOS) - Kelly Groth - SUPPORT 88%
 - Prop F: Library Preservation Fund- Reese Isabel - SUPPORT 100%
 - Prop G: Student Success Fund - - SUPPORT 89%
 - Prop H: City Elections in Even Numbered Years - Shea Watson - No Recommendation
 - Prop I: Vehicles on JFK Drive and Great Hiwy. -Tomasita Medal 88% SUPPORT
 - Prop J: Recreational Use f JFK Drive - - OPPOSE 100%
 - Prop K: Gross Receipts Tax for 3 purposes - WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR
 - Prop L: Sales Tax for Transportation Projects - Larry Marso - OPPOSE 100%
 - Prop M: Taxon Vacant Residential Units - - OPPOSE 71%
 - Prop N:GG Park, Garage and Concourse Authority -No Recommendation
 - Prop O: Additional Parcel Tax for City College - - SUPPORT

- A. President - Attended Catalysts Meetings
- B. Vice President - attended 2 Supervisor meetings.
- C. Treasurer - will be out of country Sept 6-20
- D. Secretaries - None
- E. Legislative Liaison -
- V.: Committee Reports
 - A. Executive - in NL
 - B. Land Use and Transportation - in NL
 - C. Government and Elections - in NL
 - D. By Laws -See NL.
 - E. Open Space -See Resolutions of PmAC.



AGENDA FOR GA ZOOM MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

1. Sign in and answer questions
2. Call to Order and Approve Agenda
3. Spotlight: Mary Harris, President of OMI-NIA
4. Program: Mike Casey, SF Labor Council
5. Officers' Reports
6. Committee Reports
7. Approval of Draft Minutes for August GAs
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. Resolution on Park Merced
 - B. Resolution on Construction in Parks]
- 9, New Business: Our Semi-Centennial;
The Conversation Continues
10. Adjournment

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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.

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. By Laws, have a scheduled meeting July 29, 2022.
- E. Open Space, Osgood has a Resolution for CSFN review.

III Unfinished Business

- A. No 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**

Glenn Rogers, Vice President CSFN

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 30%,

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
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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
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GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (G&E) COMMITTEE REPORT

California State Propositions

- 1 YES Constitutional right for reproductive freedom. Legislative Constitutional amendment

- 26. NO Allows in-person Roulette, Dice Games, Sports Wagering outside tribal lands. Initiative, Constitutional Statute and Amendment

- 27. NO Allows Online and Mobile Sports Wagering outside of Tribal Lands. Initiative, Constitutional Amendment and statute

- 28. NO Provides. additional funding for arts and Music education in Public Schools, Initiative statute.

- 29. NO Requires Onsite medical professional at Kidney Dialysis Clinics and establishes other State requirements. Initiative status.

- 30. NO Provides funding to reduce air pollution and Prevent Wildfires by Increasing Tax on Personal Income over \$2 Million. Initiative status.

- 31. NO Referendum 2020 law that would prohibit the retail sales of certain flavored tobacco products



LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Why people do not trust the government any more

By Sebraleaves for Medium



The look on his face after being shouted out by the crowd is priceless. Taken off the video after I said, "Hopefully we will be able to hear you next time." Image By zrants

Scott Wiener's Press Conference to Announce SB 50 did not go well. Now he claims "Single family housing is immoral" and gets away with it. What has changed?

ABC coverage of the press conference that lists the items in SB50: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pqSzXZ-0V94>

This walk down memory lane brings up many questions, such as when did the public lose control of their legislators and how and why did it happen? Could it have anything to do with the new lack of trust in government and the power of the almighty lie? Has the lie become the truth for the foreseeable political landscape?

Is that how people lost their powers? Look no further than SF's election committee that tossed a candidate off the ballot. Now attempts are being made to disqualify another.

The next candidate they want to take down is the current President of the Board of Supervisors. I don't think that will work as he is one of the most popular supervisors on the Board. He gets high praise from his constituents for tackling their problems. It looks like the attacks on him are going nowhere.

City Hall influencers are also making claims against ballot initiatives they oppose. Attempts are being made to pull a supervisor's housing initiative off the ballot, claiming it confuses voters and contradicts the Mayor's housing measure with a similar title.

Interesting argument since the Board of Supervisors used the same tactic when they put Proposition J on the ballot to confuse voters over Proposition I, which would re-open the closed streets to traffic in Golden Gate Park. Proposition J would keep those streets closed.

How are the battling housing measures more confusing than the battling traffic control measures? We shall see how the public reacts to these heavy-handed tactics when the time comes to vote. They already flexed their muscles with their denial of the \$400 Muni Bond bill. How likely are they to pass the more regressive sales tax extension bill on the November ballot?

Taking a walk down memory lane, we watched ABC's coverage on the elements of Wiener's SB50. Which was soundly rejected by the legislature. How is it possible that all the elements people opposed in SB50 became state statutes? YIMBY divided them up into small slices and sold them to the state legislators one bite at a time. Watch the above video that describes the elements in SB50 and see if you recognize any that have not passed through the state legislature and been signed into law.

Now consider that State Senator Wiener, after devastating the state of California by commodifying housing and privatizing public property for the benefit of the corporations, is the "*chosen replacement*" for Pelosi when she leaves office. This heavy-handed corporate raider from New Jersey that swept in on a YIMBY rug is being served up on a silver platter to the Washington/Wall Street gang and giving his party a bad name.

It is up to us to warn the country about these party antics that have turned California into a farce built on the YIMBY plan to turn people into faceless digits.

Now is the time to push back against state overreach through legislative and court actions. To do so we need stronger leaders who will work with the growing number of organizations who are fighting back.

[Our Neighborhood Voices](#), [Livable California](#), [United Neighbors](#), [Catalysts](#), and [California Cities for Local Control](#) are a few of the many the statewide groups that are taking up the fight against state overreach. We need to support strong **new leaders** and candidates who are not afraid to fight Goliath.

This article provided by Mari Eliza, CHAIR LAND USE and TRANSPORTATION



**Proposed Amendments to CSFN Bylaws 2022
July 29, 2022 committee meeting**

VI. Elections

B. Term

1. Officers shall serve for a **two** (*one*) year term beginning at the close of the May meeting or until a successor is elected.

VIII. Committees

Committee chairs...etc. to end of phrase no change. Committee chairs may only serve as chair of one standing committee at a time or during a term. If selected/elected/nominated by committee members for more than one committee, then the candidate must decide which committee he/she will chair and decline election/nomination to any other committee for the duration of the term. Since the chair of the Executive Committee is a requirement of the office of Vice President, the Vice President shall be excepted from this restriction and allowed to chair another standing committee if elected by the members of that committee.

All amendments were passed without objection.

Present: Claire Zvanski, chair
Leo Martinez
Al Harris
Glenn Rogers
Mary Harris

CLAIRE ZVANSKI, CHAIR BY LAWS



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