
CSFN NEWS

VOTE NO on Proposition L San Francisco's \$2.6 Billion Tax



Proposition L will add a new ½ cent regressive sales tax on San Francisco's poor, seniors and in firmid from 2032 – 2053. The tax should generate \$2.6 Billion over that 30-year period.

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) has made a mess of City transit finances. Cost

There was a fire at the Central Subway Station. Firemen did not have keys to the space to put out the fire and so it burned for many hours before access was granted.

overruns, lawsuits, worker overpayments, failed bond measures, and covid-19, to name a few. SFCTA is comprised of all 11 members of the Board of Supervisors sitting as a body to oversee travel, to “plan, fund, and deliver transportation projects to improve travel choices.”

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), on the other hand, is a seven-member board; its members are appointed for fixed, staggered terms by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Board members are limited to three terms, The SFMTA Board of Directors is responsible for, among other things, hiring the agency’s executive director.



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So why is the SFCTA trying to merge Proposition L with Proposition C? Proposition K will still provide over \$100 Million annually for the next eight years.

The SFCTA is financially desperate. After twenty years, they have almost no ability to borrow on Proposition K. The SFCTA claims it needs Proposition L's 30-year life span to borrow against future revenue streams.

The SFCTA can also push forward \$560 million in debt and grant payments on to Proposition L.

On Tuesday, July 26 Julie Kirschbaum, SFMTA's director of transit, told the SFCTA — which consists of all 11 SF supervisors — “we need to find the most sustainable path for service, where we're increasing service faster than economic recovery ,but not so fast that we run out of resources.”

Jeffrey Tumlin, Executive Director of the SFMTA states, “I'm allocating far more service to downtown right now than ridership alone can justify.” Tumlin further says that “ridership at its Embarcadero and Montgomery stations remains at about 30% of its pre-pandemic level, but the level of service it offers is closer to what it was before COVID-19 hit in 2019.”

The Board of Supervisors voted 9–2 to adopt a resolution from Supervisor Dean Preston and progressive colleague Supervisor Connie

Chan, urging SFMTA to reinstate all lines and pre-COVID service hours by Dec. 31, 2022.

The SFMTA is deliberately hemorrhaging money at a tremendous rate.

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services and preventing employee layoffs. Another \$300 million will also be spent this year on recovery.

Proposition L needs a 2/3rds vote to succeed. Please vote NO on L. Citizens defeated the June, 2022 Proposition A, a \$400 Million General Obligation SFMTA Bond Measure. Proposition L will be seven times larger than the intelligently defeated Proposition A. The citizens of San Francisco deserve a better post-covid plan from the SFCTA.

The City government has not done a good job for San Francisco residents. Voters are becoming more aware of the tricks and traps of our increasingly expensive tax legislation.

Post-Pandemic Light rail and buses are running empty. SFCTA “safe streets” are making surrounding streets less safe. Bicycles, skateboards and pedestrians cross streets with impunity. People are working from home. San Francisco’s mass transit was designed to take people to a deserted downtown. Downtown San Francisco is a ghost town.

From April 2020 to July 2021, the city lost nearly 7% of its population, going from 873,965 to 815,201 residents. According to a report published recently by Redfin, San Francisco is the number one city in the United States where homebuyers are moving out or looking to move out. Tourism is down by over 50%. Homelessness has increased to an average of over 8,000 people per day, yet the homeless cannot afford to ride mass transit.

Our transportation leaders continue to spend money based on their old, pre-covid transportation financial models. By creating Proposition L — a 30-year, ½ cent, regressive sales tax — the SFCTA will have the authority to issue limited tax bonds in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$1,910,000,000.

Opponents of this measure say San Francisco is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and with local businesses just starting to recover, now is not the right time for another tax measure. It's especially unnecessary to spend so much on public transit when people just aren't commuting as they did before. With existing transportation projects delayed and millions over budget, we need to hold our transportation systems accountable before we vote to approve even more funding for them.

Between the federal infrastructure bill and other recently-passed funding measures, there is already plenty of money going towards transit improvements in San Francisco — it's time to give San Francisco taxpayers a break.

Taxes in San Francisco are already high enough. Your great-grandchildren will be paying off Proposition L.

Please VOTE NO on Proposition "L" San Francisco's messed-up Sales Tax for Transportation Projects. San Franciscans deserve better governance.

George Wooding, Chair of Government and Elections

From the Desk of the President



Months ago, I spread out a vision of what the rest of our semi centennial year might look like. It involved a commemorative part of the NL , which we had last month, with a narrative of our founding fifty years ago containing information about Martin Macintyre and a pictorial remembrance of Evelyn Wilson, our great Parliamentarian. Also envisioned was a role in the election this fall involving vetting of ballot measures and forums of propositions and candidates. Last month we had two meetings about our numerous county measures, with several of us involved in pro/

Last month we had two meetings about our numerous county measures, with several of us involved in pro/con debates since then and continuing onward. We also had Mike Casey of UniteHere2(SF Labor Council) as our speaker, and two weeks later the union won its strike at SFO! This month we're co-sponsoring forums of DA and CCSF people, SFUSD ones, and ballot measure examinations overseen by the LWVSF with several debates also! Next month we will have analyses of the election results in numerous areas, with our friend Chris Bowman who came up with the redistricting plan this last year that SF should have used!

And then, on Dec. 7, we will have our ultimate celebration at the Flood Mansion. It will be a party with Martin Macintyre as our guest of honor, with many city officials we have worked with for years, officers and members of our neighborhood organizations going way back, and a lot of happy celebrants. Details are in this issue: read the information and plan to be there!

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES SEPT 20, 2022, ON ZOOM

I. President Head called it to order at 6:40 and announced a change in the Spotlight person highlighted on this semi centennial.

II. Martin Macintyre, retired public health worker, formerly of PAR, recounted his role in the foundation of CSFN in 1972.

III. Program: Mike Casey, President of UNITEHERE2 of the SF Labor Council, spoke of his background and the present state of workers, especially at SFO

IV. Officers Reports

A. President Head spoke of the SHARP DA candidates forum, CATALYSTS meeting, Civil Grand Jury Reports and meetings about Beheasted Payments finally over.

B. the Vice President and Treasurer were absent, and the Secretary had no report.

C. Our legislative liaison updated us on activity in Sacramento.

V. Committee Reports

A. Excomm was in the NL., as was Land Use and the Government and Elections report on the State Ballot Measures

B. Bylaws reported that the two proposed amendments are in the NL and will be voted on next month

C. There was a brief discussion of Open Space meetings.

Vi. Draft Minutes of two Ballot Measure endorsement meetings last month were approved.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. The RPNA resolution concerning RPD construction on Park Land was passed as amended (no mention of Brotherhood Way)

B. The PmAc resolution about Parkmerced street vacating was tabled due to the BOS having met about this today, among other reasons

VIII.

A. Bylaws amendments will be voted on next month

B. SAVE THE DATE! The CSFN Centennial Celebration will be held at the Flood Mansion on December 7!!!!!!! Details were in the President's Message in the NL

THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES. The delegates were unanimous in wanting "How to Contact Us" back in the NL

IX. Adjournment was at 8:45.

Charles Head, President CSFN



AGENDA FOR GA ZOOM MEETING ON October 18, 2022

- I. Call to order
- II. Spotlight: Mary Harris, president of OMI/NIA
- III. Program: Brad Paul, Deputy Exec. Director of ABAG/MTC
- IV. Officers Reports
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Secretary
 - E. State and Federal Liaison
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Ex Comm
 - B. Land Use
 - C. Government and Elections
 - D. Bylaws
 - E. Open Space
- VI. Draft Minutes for GA 9-20-2022
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. Bylaws Amendments
 - B. TBD
- VII. New Business
 - A. Semi centennial Celebration Dec.7, 2022
 - B. TBD

The Conversation Continues

IX. Adjournment **Charles Head, President CSFN**



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 28, 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. Absent, George Wooding

Call to Order/Quorum.Met. ZOOM host Glenn Rogers

Agenda approved.

I Officers Reports 5:30 pm

- A. President, attended BOS ZOOM meetings.
- B. Vice President, Balboa Reservoir report
- C. Recording Secretary, no report
- D. Corresponding Secretary. no report
- E. Treasurer, one new CD converted from savings.

II Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee, PmAC vacating parcels A, B, C & D approved
- B. Land Use and Transportation. See NL
- C. Government and Elections. See Report in NI
- D. Bylaws, amendments to be approved next meeting.
- E. Open Space, two accidents on Alemany Blvd. this month 2 weeks apart,

III Unfinished Business,

- A. Holiday Dinner Special Committee report.
Wait to be asked to be part of Holiday Dinner Committee.

IV New Business

- A. Next Program, Brad Paul, Deputy Execreative Director of ABAG/MTC
- B. Next article. Hunters Point pollution

V For the Good of the Order

- A. I ask for emails to be less confrontational and if they are discourteous, to not be sent to the whole Board.

Adjourn 6:30 pm



Open Space Committee Minutes on September 28, 2022

Present Chair Glenn Rogers, Dave Osgood, and Charles Head

I Officers Report

RPNA or Dave Osgood was asked to have his Resolution modified.

PmAC or Glenn Rogers reported two accidents occurred on Alemany Blvd. two weeks apart and demolished an electrical light pole present. This is further proof that the location of the Oceanview Library is misplaced.

At the Parkmerced residents meeting the architect volunteered the construction at Parcels A, B, C and D could be the only part of this project built because of a high vacancy rates in San Francisco and in Parkmerced (30%).

Glenn Rogers, Chair of Open Space



RESOLUTION RNPA

**RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND
GREENBELTS**

Dave Osgood, Delegate Rincon Point Neighbors Association



NOVEMBER 2022 SLATE CARD

YES **A** **C** **E** **F** **G** **I** **O**

NO **D** **J** **L** **M**

- A** LRetiree Supplemental COLA
- C** Homeless Oversight Commission
- E** Affordable Housing (BOS)
- F** Library Preservation Fund
- G** Student Success Fund
- I** Vehicles on JFK Drive and Great Hiwy
- O** Additional Parcel Tax for City College
- D** Affordable Housing (initiative petition)
- J** Recreational Use f JFK Drive
- L** Sales Tax for Transportation Projects
- M** Tax on Vacant Residential Units



Proposed Amendments to CSFN Bylaws 2022
 July 29, 2022 Committee Meeting 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.

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 Bylaws

How to Get in Contact with Us

Board Members Only (for complete list see csfn.net)

East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA)

Delegates: Mari Eliza, Rick Hall

Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA)

Delegate: Leo Martinez , Claire Zvanski

Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association (MTHA)

Delegates: George Wooding

Oceanview/Merced Heights/Ingleside – Neighbors In Action (OMI-NIA)

Delegates: Al Harris, Mary Harris, Dan Weaver

Pacific Heights Residents Association (PHRA)

Delegates: Greg Scott

Parkmerced Action Coalition (PmAC)

Delegates: Glenn Rogers

Rincon Point Neighbors Association (RPNA)

Delegates: David Osgood

Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People / SHARP

Delegates: Charles Head, CE Grosso



I'm forwarding the invite to our workshop next Wednesday. I hope you can attend. **RescueSF** serves as a voice for neighborhoods and small businesses, often not represented in policy decisions. As a neighborhood leader and citywide coalition leader, your support and input is key to growing the citywide voices for more effective programs and policies.

To register click here:

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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