

CSFN NEWS

Will SF Provide Shelter Now for the Unhoused?



A Place for All (sponsor: Supervisor. Mandelman), an ordinance adopted last year, created a Shelter Policy. “It shall be the policy of the City to offer to every person experiencing homelessness in San Francisco a safe place to sleep.” Last year’s homelessness count reported 4397 persons living unsheltered on our streets. The deaths, addiction, and other serious health conditions among them continue to

**4,397 live
homeless
in San
Francisco.**

grow. The costs in terms of human lives and the healthcare, overdose, sanitation, and other services overwhelm our City’s capacity. When will our City provision enough shelter – as required by law?

A City implementation plan arrived at the end of December with the unaffordable price tag of \$1.4 billion. Two-thirds of that total was directed to housing which takes years to obtain and is already funded by Prop C. The shelter portion of the plan wouldn’t begin until July 2024 and is too expensive at nearly \$80,000 average annual cost per placement. [RescueSF](#) is proposing an alternative that’s faster and more cost-effective.



The Board of Supervisors will meet as a “Committee of the Whole” on March 21 to review the plan. RescueSF

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is asking San Franciscans to email their elected officials – urging them to fund a cost-effective shelter-only program to get people off the streets now. For more information and a template email, go to [Shelter Now](#) at [RescueSF.org](#).

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By Carolyn Kenady, Delores Height Improvement Assoc.



From the Desk of the President Spring Forward

March came in like a lion all right, as the song goes, but soon just like June CSFN will be busting out all over! Last month we cosponsored a supervisor's town hall with SFMTA and had Board of Supervisors' President Aaron Peskin as our speaker. This month several of us will be participating in Lobby Day in Sacramento and speaking at the BOS and reaffirming A Place for All. We will have us connecting with each of the supervisors about our resolution on Saving San Francisco

(supporting joining a suit against the state Housing and Community Development Department over unfair Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers). We have welcomed two new members to our Coalition, will be adding a third and hope to have an application from a fourth! Our programs will feature presentations on solving homelessness and crime, providing treatment for the mentally ill, and revitalizing downtown while dealing with structural problems of skyscrapers there!

Whew! More than just a few new directions for us to pursue, as we come off our semicentennial year and start to plan a Fifty Plus One celebration to cap off all that we are doing and will do. To paraphrase the poet Robert Browning,

" Grow...along with we! The best is yet to be! "

Charles Head, President CSFN



MINUTES FOR THE CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON FEB. 21, 2023

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Head at 6:35

- II. We welcomed new members Corbett Heights Neighbors and La Playa Village Coalition, and heard the Update from Rescue SF.

- III. Program: Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin spoke and answered our questions.

- IV. Officers Reports. President spoke of writing NL article and Save SF Resolution. Vice president spoke of Tomorrow SF support of PMAC resolution. No report from Secretary; Treasurer was absent. Liaison spoke on ACA I and SB 423.

- V. Committee Reports. Ex Comm mentioned necessity of Tree Removal Moratorium. Land Use will meet at the call of the chair. Bylaws will have a meeting about Special Rules. G&E chair absent.

- VI. The Minutes fro Jan. 111, 2033 were accepted without objection or correction

- VII. Unfinished Business
 - A. The Traffic Stop Resolution to the Police Commission was tabled.
 - B. The Resolution from PMAC to the BOS regarding the purchase of Park Merced passed by 69%

- VIII. New Business
 - A. The THD resolution on Tree Removal passed by 100%.
 - B. The Save SF: Sue the State HCD passed by 100%

For the Good of the Order: the Conversation Continues. Welcome to our two new members!

- IX. Adjournment was at 8:50

Charles Head, CSFN PRESIDENT



TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CSFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY MARCH 21, 2023

I. Call to Order

2. Spotlight: New Members.

- A. Corbett Heights Neighbors
- B. La Playa Park Village Coalition
- C. Mid Sunset Neighborhood Association

3. Program: Together SF Action: "Declare an Emergency, Act with Urgency!" by Kanishka Cheng.

4. Officer's Reports

5. Committee Reports

6. Approval of Feb. 21 GA minutes

7. Unfinished Business: SHARP resolution on Police Commission , Bylaws Committee

8. New Business: Resolution on Homeless, Rincon Resolution on Skyscrapers

The Conversation Continues (For the Good of the Order)

9. Adjournment

Charles Head, President CSFN



CSFN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 5:30 PM / By ZOOM

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

Call to Order/Quorum.Met ZOOM host Glenn Rogers, Agenda approved.

I Officers Reports 5:38 PM

- A. President, Reviewed proposed GA Agenda for March.
- B. Vice President, Attended TogetherSF meeting last night, answered email and phoned resident from Parkmerced
- C. Recording Secretary:working on draft Minutes
- D. Corresponding Secretary, sent our Resolutions
- E. Treasurer, sent financial details by email, more neighborhood groups are joining.

II Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee, Report on the Bylaws Special Order will occur till they are approved, Committees require no 2nd.for a motion.
- B. Land Use and Transportation, Red Light district have street barriers, we need to speak to firefighters.
- C. Government and Elections, no report
- D. Bylaws, 3 month limit for Bylaws moratorium.
- E. Open Space, received a request for information email including Mohammad Nuru opposed the Oceanview Library and land was purchased from DPW by Library Commission.

III Unfinished Business

Resolutions to be added to NL

IV New Business

- A. Speaker to be from TogetherSF, Kanishka Cheng.
- B. Next article by Carolyn Kenady, after that Dave Osgood's article.

V For the Good of the Order

CA Catalyst to work on Supervisors to ask questions and to visit each one. Supervisors do not want to accept Public Comment write to Supervisors and Mayor and protest this new behavior.

Adjourn

Glenn Rogers, Vice President



OPEN SPACE REPORT

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 7:30 PM / By ZOOM

Glenn Rogers, Charles Head, George Wooding and Dave Osgood

- A. Architectural Improvements of San Francisco’s Skyscrapers
 - 1. Dave Osgood requested another Speaker other than Dennis Richards.
 - 2. The Chair believes the statement of 90% failure rate of buildings after an earthquake should be eliminated or the number be increased to include weld failure, liquefaction or not reaching bedrock and retrofitting of buildings due to old age.
 - 3. Wooding offered in a large earthquake the windows would be popping out and landing in the street at a time when workers would be fleeing the building.
 - 4. Each member is to explore possible Speakers for the GA meeting April 18, 2023.

Glenn Rogers, Chair Open Space

Executive Committee: How to Get in Touch with Us

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Rincon Point Neighbors Association RINCON POINT EARTHQUAKE SAFETY RESOLUTION

Whereas 114 named tall buildings in San Francisco are on soil with a “very high” liquefaction potential, and “most” of these buildings do not rest on bedrock, according to city documents,

Whereas the city has not set a deadline for retrofitting the 39 specific tall buildings known for nearly 30 years to have weak steel framework welds nor checked to see if they were damaged in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake,

Whereas the City continues to arbitrarily maintain weaker earthquake standards for large buildings under 240-feet high,

Whereas San Francisco officials require only a 90% chance that tall buildings remain standing after a large earthquake, and therefore the collapse of 10%—or approximately 16 tall buildings, possibly fully occupied, and even without liquefaction—appears acceptable to them,

Whereas many tall buildings in San Francisco are older, were designed using outdated seismic standards, and have not been retrofitted,

Whereas City officials are aware of the risks facing tall buildings because of the problems with the Millennium Tower and the five *New York Times* articles titled “San Francisco’s Big Seismic Gamble” but have failed to act promptly and comprehensively,

Whereas the city’s lack of preparation for these known problems will likely contribute to the biggest disaster to hit San Francisco this century,

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods calls on City officials and unbiased experts to address all relevant earthquake factors—liquefaction, weak welds, building age, inconsistent requirements, etc.—regardless of building height and to not cherry pick which issues to mitigate.

Dave Osgood, Delegate Rincon Point Neighbors



Proposed Resolution: Moratorium on Removal of Trees Subject to City Jurisdiction

Whereas, in 2014, the City of San Francisco adopted an Urban Forest Plan which acknowledged serious deficiencies in our City’s urban canopy and urban canopy management. *Inter alia*, this plan recognized that San Francisco has the smallest urban canopy of any major city in the United States, and called for the the planting of 50,000 (net) new street trees by 2034; and

Whereas, in 2019, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a Resolution declaring that our City is in a Climate Emergency, and the primary consequence of this Resolution was to catalyze the creation of a new San Francisco Climate Action Plan; and

Whereas, in 2021, after two years of intensive research, study, and community outreach, the City’s Department of the Environment unveiled a new Climate Action Plan, and this plan recommended, *inter alia*: “by 2023, create a policy to require preservation of mature trees during development or infrastructure modifications and for planting of basal area equivalent of mature trees whose removal is unavoidable”; and

Whereas, in 2021, the City’s Office of Budget and Legislative Analyst released a report concluding that “the City’s 10-year average of 2,154 street trees planted annually is less than half of the 5,000 of street trees that need to be planted annually to ensure that the City’s street tree population does not shrink”; and

Whereas, in February 2022, the City’s Public Works Code Article 16 was updated by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and, among other updates, required that trees removed by City Departments be replaced within 120 days; and

Whereas, in July 2022, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved a City budget that included no money for the planting or replacement of Street Trees; and

Whereas, in January 2023, the City lost hundreds of trees due to winter storms and flooding; and

Whereas, as of January 2023, the City of San Francisco: is now behind by thousands of trees as called for in the Urban Forest Plan; has no policy around tree preservation and replacement as called for in the Climate Action Plan; and lacks the apparent budgetary and personnel resources to achieve the mandates called for in both of those plans.

Be it resolved, that there shall be a moratorium on the removal of any additional trees that are subject to City jurisdiction that do not pose a threat or hazard to human safety.



**Proposed Resolution: Supporting the Purchase of Parkmerced by
the City of San Francisco**

Whereas Parkmerced was designed in conjunction with Thomas Church, San Francisco's famous landscape architect in the Modern style and should be considered a Historical Monument and protected and preserved, which numerous preservation groups have endorsed, and,

Whereas ironically, the present day Parkmerced is one of the densest areas in San Francisco today. With more development in Parkmerced, Highway 280 and 19th Avenue could become so impacted with post construction traffic that San Francisco could no longer be a destination from the Peninsula by automobile, truck or bus, and,

Whereas, in April 2020, Maximus, that manages this property was aid to have requested forbearance on their \$1billion loan, and,

Whereas Parkmerced has high vacancy rates of 25%. Despite this, Parkmerced is unwilling to lower the rent of their units. Today, (February 20 ,2023) Rent Specials are available reducing rent 10% but this is still too high to encourage renters to avoid downtown and prefer Parkmerced, and,

Whereas according to a Parkmerced employee, after the the pandemic, as many as 25% of the residents were unable to pay their rent, and,

Whereas at least 8-11 squatters have moved into Parkmerced and the police, without the help of the City Attorney, are unable to remove them, and,

Whereas these squatters could greatly increase the number of crimes crimes in Parkmerced making a bad situation worse, and,

Whereas with the passage of Proposition M, a vacancy tax should make the owners of Parkmerced interested in selling their property to avoid tax penalties of \$2,500 for each vacant unit or \$49,215,000 a year. ($\$2,500 \times 1/2$ of 3,281 Pm residents \times 12 months = \$49,215,000), and,

Whereas income from the mortgages from 3,281 residents at \$600 a month could be \$23,623,200 annually if part of a Mitchell-Lama style program. (3,281 number of PM residents \times \$600 \times 12 months);

Be it resolved that the City of San Francisco enter into a public /private partnership in the purchase of Parkmerced to add to its affordable housing stock and the Mitchell Lama Program, which is a cooperative pioneered by New York City, be a guide to the purchase and governance of Parkmerced. (See footnotes 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Footnotes

1. <https://www.localize.city/blog/affordable-housing-a-primer-on-mitchell-lama-apartments/>
2. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/mitchell-lama-program.page>
3. <https://hcr.ny.gov/ml>
4. <https://hcr.ny.gov/ml>

Charles Head, President of CSFN

February 21, 2023



Save San Francisco, Sue California State Department of Housing and Community Development

Whereas, the state over the last three years has gradually usurped jurisdiction over one of the key powers always previously held by locally elected officials and putting these in the hands of the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and

Whereas, HCD has the power to approve the housing elements for every locality, and if it does not, developers can target it with virtually no limits, and

Whereas, the HCD has incorrectly calculated the housing needs of the Bay Area, lacking in substantially evidentiary support, in violation of procedures mandated by state law, and

Whereas, the City and County of San Francisco has so many extant vacancies and projects in the pipeline that the new Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers suggested are ridiculous, and

Whereas, the economic climate is such that there is not enough investment capital, nor labor for construction, nor public support for such a drastic upheaval;

Therefore, be it resolved, that CSFN urges that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors should reject the new RHNA numbers.

Further be it resolved, that the City and County of San Francisco will join the proposed lawsuit by multiple cities being coordinated by Aleshire and Widner against HCD regarding HCD'S RHNA determination for the region.should reject the new RHNA numbers.

Charles Head, President of CSFN

February 21, 2023

BYLAWS SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Electronic Meetings: Additional rules for running electronic meetings may be found in the The Unit, the Executive Board, and its Committees may meet electronically. A meeting's presiding officer decides whether and how to allow electronic participation, make motions, raise a point of order, and vote consistent with the rules and principles of the parliamentary authority. If electronic participation is allowed, then the right to participate electronically extends equally to all members.

- A. All Members must be able to be viewed equally. Exceptions for those participating by phone must be considered.
- B. Those wishing to gain the Floor must electronically raise their hand by using the "raise hand feature" present at the bottom of the ZOOM screen. This will also show the correct order of the next person seeking Floor recognition. Those using a phone will need to make their intentions to gain the Floor by waiting for the correct time to speak, without interrupting the present speaker, as best as possible..
- C. After having conducted electronic meetings for over three consecutive meetings, the President or Vice President must receive in writing from every Board Member the wish to return to in person meetings. If the Board has announced an interest in "In-Person meetings" in the previous Board Meeting, a 2/3 vote can return the Board to In-person Meetings.
- D. Every Member of the Unit shall be emailed or sent by Text, the invitation with the correct URL, day of the week, time and date.
- E. Each individual Member is responsible for their own internet connection. Any Member unable to hear or announce an Amendment or Resolution because of poor internet connectivity is solely responsible for this failing.
- F. Should meetings be conducted by the Board by Telephone by the President or Vice President this is allowed, if these officers have written permission by every Board Member. Also, this is allowed with a previous Notice in the last meeting announcing a meeting by Telephone. When a previous announcement has occurred, only a 2/3 vote of Members is required.
1. Should a meeting occur by phone, it is recommended the meeting begin 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
 2. It is recommended a speakerphone be attached 5 minutes before the scheduled meeting is planned to begin.
 3. A forced disconnect by the host is allowed at any time and is undebatable. This forced disconnection can be Appealed by any Member and the disconnect must be part of the Minutes.

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4. When interrupting a Speaker, the Member wishing to gain the Floor must wait a reasonable amount of time to interrupt the Speaker to make an Amendment or a Resolution.
 5. The Amendment or Resolution shall be posted in writing, before or after, the presentation to the Unit to the Secretary.
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6. Voting with any Board Member present by Telephone is best by Roll Call. When this is done, the Minutes shall announce only the number of votes on each side and the number of members present. Names of participants is not allowed.
- G. Those wishing to present a Motion or Resolution to a Hybrid in-person meeting by phone shall present their Amendment or Resolution in writing with enough copies for all present in the in-person meeting to read.
1. Voting in this style meeting shall be by Roll Call.
 2. When the Meeting Room connection is disrupted, the whole meeting is null and void.
 3. Each individual is responsible for their connectivity. Therefore, no excuse is provided any Member with a bad connection.
4. The Chair can disconnect any Member causing interference in the meeting or with a bad connection. This disconnection is undebatable and can be appealed by any member. The disconnection must be included in the Minutes.
- H. Telephone Conference calls are allowed when the President or the Vice President have consent from the majority of the Board Members or in Special Meetings.
1. The Chair of the Meeting shall email all Members involved.
 2. The members will arrive 15 minutes ahead of time the start time.
 3. Each member will announce their arrival and departure without interfering with anyone speaking at the time.
 4. In order to gain the Floor, any member will state their name to the Chair.
 5. Motions, Amendments and Resolutions are allowed to be made verbally if they are sent the Corresponding Secretary, to be distributed to all in attendance



LUTC Report dated March 6, 2023

Something amazing is happening in San Francisco. The citizens are waking up, not smelling the roses, and uniting to demand changes. As Peskin mentioned at our meeting last month, everyone wants clean safe streets. What happened to peace and civility and how do we get back to where we once were?

The Sunset is uniting. And now it is the Mission's turn. Last month Mission residents came together in a public demonstration for the first time in years to demand actions by SF officials to deal with the conditions on the streets. And there was no opposition.

Some Details:

PRESS RELEASE from CANA, *Contact: Roberto Hernandez*

**Mission District Crisis At An All Time High,
Elder Teacher Assaulted with Major Injuries
COMMUNITY DECLARES A STATE of EMERGENCY
COMMUNITY DEMANDS!**

- Daily SAFE streets by Community Ambassadors, BART, SFPD
- Effective street cleaning, trash pickup & power washing
- BART stations at 24th & 16th Street maintenance
- End to prostitution, human recruitment & trafficking
- End all open narcotics sales & use
- Create Detox Centers throughout San Francisco
- Absolutely no Red-light District anywhere in the Mission
- Address encampments in a safe humane way for all
- Vandalism/graffiti prevention and enforcement
- Mental Health training program track/cohort for teachers and mental health workers
- Fund painting of murals on businesses that have been vandalized
- Culturally relevant Safe Signs.

A number of organizations signed the document and more are being added to the list. So far no one we know of disagrees.

The evening following the Mission rally, East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA) held a meeting with some of the other neighborhood groups to discuss the issues to see if we are in agreement on most of them. We are.

Almost immediately after the rally, barriers went up on Capp St. and police started patrolling the area. Arrests were made and some neighbors were happy, but, firefighters were not, and their opposition to the street closures made a big splash on national media.

Two days after we asked Peskin what might be done to give emergency responders a voice on road closures, an attorney cited federal and state statutes that give emergency responders priority where health and safety matters are concerned. We may not need a city Ordinance or Charter Amendment after all. We may just need to enforce existing laws or get out of the way of them. We shall see. *Anyone who wants to work on this let me know.*

Switching to the 2023 state housing and transportation bills. If we are to have any effect on this year's new batch of laws we must do something soon. A few of the least palatable bills were discussed at the Livable California meeting and Rick suggested the most effective actions we can take now are to write letters and post them on the portal. *If anyone wants to help with this or learn how to do it, let me know. It is not hard and once you learn the process you can post them fairly easily. Letters to the editor or any social media actions or comments are also good. Cartoons, songs and videos.*

We need more people joining us. Please send General Assembly invitations to your members. Invite people who care about the issues and want to know what they can do about them.

We need a new Secretary who can handle the web and zoom meetings.

Mari Eliza, Land Use and Transportation Chair



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION _____

Mailing Address _____ SF 941 _____ Email _____

CURRENT OFFICERS:

President	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone

Secretary	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone

Other Officer	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone

CSFN DELEGATE:

Name	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone

If your organization has alternate CSFN delegate(s):

Name	Address, City, ZIP	Email	Phone

Name	Address (with ZIP)	Email	Phone

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