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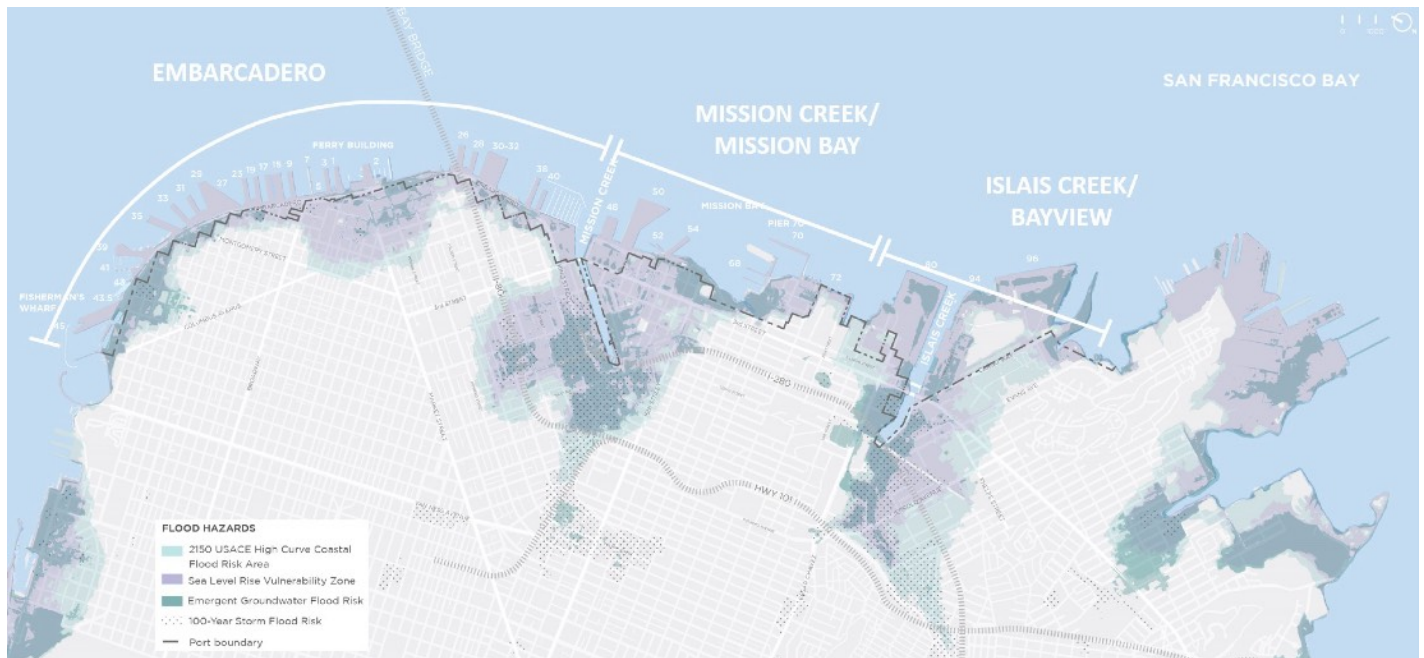
Tuesday, November 21, 6:30 PM General Assembly

Program: Waterfront Resilience, Luiz Barata, Sr. Planner / Urban Designer, Port of San Francisco

Register for zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZIsf-iqrjgtGNBxRByflhdKPh58MjR959n1>

Waterfront Resilience Program – Draft Adaptation Strategies update



Presentation to Coalition of SF Neighborhoods 11/21/2023 meeting debrief

The Port is working with City partner agencies and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to defend the city and its waterfront from flooding through the San Francisco Waterfront Coastal Flood Study (Flood Study). Through the Flood Study, the Port, City, and USACE are developing a Draft Waterfront Adaptation Plan (Draft Plan) to defend the 7.5 miles of waterfront from flood risks from Heron's Head Park to Aquatic Park. The San Francisco Waterfront Coastal Flood Study is one of the several coordinated waterfront resilience activities being undertaken in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies to plan for anticipated seismic activity, flooding, and sea level rise.

The Flood Study team developed seven Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies (Draft Strategies), based on over five years of public engagement. Port staff presented the Draft Strategies at the October 11, 2022, Port Commission hearing, followed by three months of robust and inclusive public

outreach and engagement on the Draft Strategies. From the Draft Strategies, the Flood Study team is working to recommend a Draft Plan. The Plan will be ready for public review in early 2024.

The presentation will provide an update on the Flood Study, review the Draft Strategies, summarize public outreach and engagement efforts and public feedback on the Draft Strategies, describe the technical evaluation process through the Flood Study, and outline the next steps to reach a Draft Plan. *For more information please visit: [Draft Waterfront Adaptation Strategies I SF Port](#) Request copies of Coastal Commission maps of west coast if you would like to see them. Questions may be sent ahead of the meeting to Charles Head : charleshead@hotmail.com*



Letter from the President: Tis the Season!

I'm writing this on Halloween; tomorrow is Dia de las Muertas. Octoberfest is winding down; Thanksgiving is soon to come... can Christmas be far behind? Not to mention Hannukah, Kwanza and other holidays.

What do we wish for? More members from our organizations to attend meetings and especially our 50 Plus One celebration on Dec. 6 at the Flood Mansion at 6:30! Since we want to have more member organizations too, the deal is this: each CSFN group donates \$40 or more to support the celebration, and members of that group can come for hors d'oeuvres, live music and a choice of wines or waters! Each group should invite a guest from a non-CSFN organization, and if that organization joins CSFN in the new year, that group gets a rebate on their donation! (We hope for more re-ups, plus new groups providing fresh officers, committees and outlooks!)

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CSFN GA NOVEMBER 21, 2003

1. Call to order
2. Spotlight: New Members
3. Program: Waterfront Resilience, Luiz Barata, Sr. Planner / Urban Designer, Port of San Francisco
4. Officers Reports
5. Committee Reports
6. Approval of Draft Minutes
7. Unfinished Business: Newsletter format
8. New Business: Letters or Resolution on the Marina Green
9. For the Good of the Order - *Whom will we honor in 2023?*
10. Adjournment



Retiring City Controller Ben Rosenfeld

Will be our guest of honor at CSFN

50 Plus 1 Celebration December 6!

[SF' Top Four Finance Officers](#) (Ben Rosenfeld at CSFN)



CSFN met Assemblymember Phil Ting on Lobby Day organized by Catalysts for Local Control.

He suggested we send some positive ideas for legislation we would like to see. We are working on a response. Stay tuned for the details.

More actions on catalystsca.org

Join Catalysts Town Hall - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 - 5 PM with Marc Vercille speaking on: "The Housing Supply Crisis: A False Narrative That Supports Investor Profits."

Left to right: Deborah Murphy, Charles Head, Mari Eliza, Eileen Boken, and Robert Ho



– Frank Noto, Stop Crime SF. A version of this article will appear in the [Westside Observer](#).

Some Good News... For October 2023, San Francisco's crime rate is down a whopping 33% compared to October of last year. This comes after a similar 34% decrease in September from the previous September. Could this be the start of a trend?

For this October, larcenies, motor vehicle thefts and burglaries are all down, among other crimes. Perhaps the combined efforts of the Mayor and SFPD to increase drug arrests (and the District Attorney to prosecute drug dealing) are having some impact, augmented by help from the Sheriff's Department, CHP, National Guard and the federal Department of Justice...

And Some Not so Good News... Diversion Programs For Criminals Are A Disaster...Drug Dealer Released after Arrest with Half a Kilo of Drugs...[\(more\)](#)

[Backed by tough-on-crime group, attorney plans 2024 challenge to S.F. judge.](#) It appears someone is listening to those concerns. One of the targeted judges has been moved from Criminal Court to Care Court. Information we have seen leads us to believe that as of this date eight people have been singled out for that Care Court.

Government and Elections Committee Report, George Wooding

Legislation Introduced 231166 [Authorizing the Issuance of Special Tax Bonds - Improvement Area No. 2 of the City and County of San Francisco Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Treasure Island) - Not to Exceed Aggregate Principal Amount of \$17,000,000] sponsored by Mayor and Dosey - Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of Special Tax Bonds for City and County of San Francisco Community Facilities District No. 2016-1 (Treasure Island) with respect to its Improvement Area No. 2 in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 approving related documents, including an Official Statement, First Supplement to Fiscal Agent Agreement, Bond Purchase Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Undertaking; and determining other matters in connection therewith, as defined herein. Received and Assigned to Budget and Finance Committee.

A 300M General Obligation Bond will also be introduced for Affordable Housing.

Last month Supervisor Matt Dorsey presented his plans to increase funding for police recruits to the CSFN Government and Elections Committee.



There was some support for the bill among those present, and the matter was to come before the General Assembly this month for consideration, however, that legislation appears to be DOA. Instead of supporting Dorsey's hiring proposal, the Supervisors voted unanimously to increase foot and bike patrols as the first step in providing safety on our streets and piled on a few amendments. Since the Feds and police state are working on drug intervention now, more of the SF Police are free to work on crime prevention. The foot patrols could make a difference.

S.F.'s hiring process is broken. And it's dumping your tax dollars in a bonfire: *By Chronicle Editorial Board* – Would you wait a year to get hired for a job? If you want to become a San Francisco sheriff's deputy, that's exactly what the city expects you to do.

1. SF Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, is on record as saying their problem is not money it is the broken hiring process we are all so familiar with. The questions is, who is going to fix that problem? Do we need a new HR Department head that knows how to process applications faster, or can figure out how to fix whatever rules are hindering the hiring process to speed things up.
2. Miyamoto announced the re-opening of a prison outside of the city, for holding the mentally unstable and substance abusers. I believe they opened more in the city and have been holding more people rather than releasing them.
3. The Sheriff mentioned the need for more social workers and mental health and medical personnel to staff the new facilities. No mention of the need for more sheriff deputies that I am aware of.
4. There is a story documenting the use of Care Court, but I haven't had a chance to read it. I just saw a headline that mentioned 8 (I think) people have been sent to Care Court so far.

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/san-francisco-sheriff-deputy-18465101.php>

Traffic and Land Use: Oakland set up a pilot social media program, encouraging the public to use social media to report crimes in progress by sending videos and photos with the address instead of calling 911. A picture is often the best evidence and keeps any confusion over who on the scene they are looking for.

Oakland had good results and faster responses. Perhaps San Francisco may want to try something like that. **Catalytic converter thefts are declining** possibly due to the lower value being placed on them and the fact that some of the major purchasers have been taken down.

Car protection legislation: Several state legislators are pushing out bills to stop car break-ins since they figured out the criminals are using a lot of stolen cars to commit their crimes, so we may get a break in car those crimes. We might ask Phil Ting and our other representatives to support this.

<https://csfn.net/wp/index.php/2023/11/02/lurie-at-mannys-with-joe-eskenazi/>
[SF Opening Hundreds Of Homeless Shelter Beds As Winter, Apec Approach](#)
[Preserve the Promenade at Gas House Cove in the Marina : Bait and Switch on the Bay](#)

Apec is Coming. What will it mean to you? <https://www.apec2023sf.org/>

APEC San Francisco: Everything To Know About Security, Traffic and Transit in 10 Maps
<https://sfstandard.com/2023/11/07/san-francisco-apec-security-maps-transit-traffic/>

Draft Minutes For CSFN General Assembly Tuesday October 15, 2023

1. Call to order 6:40.
2. Spotlight: Corresponding Secretary Al Fontes introduced two new delegates from THD, Peter Stevens and Greta Alexander
3. Program: Evelyn Graham, Bill Clarke and Chrissy Kaplan spoke about the Marina Green Controversy and answered our questions.
4. Officers' Reports: President Head monitored BOS meetings and lead a Lobby Day delegation to Assemblyman's Phil Ting's Office about housing. Vice President Glenn Rogers attended a Save Muni meeting. Treasurer Greg Scott commented on financials and his report in the NL about receipts for reimbursement. No other reports.
5. Committee Reports: Ex Comm report in NL, Bylaws were absent, Government and Election in NL and about areas of legislation upcoming, Land Use previewed sign ons about Marina Green and City College, and Open Space was about 201 Gellert notification and legislation to eliminate rent control in renovations.
6. Draft Minutes: the Sept. GA ones were approved by general consent.
7. Unfinished Business: the vote for the Newsletter Format was seven in favor of the New, two in favor of the Old, and two abstentions.
8. New Business: the Land Use Coalition Letter was discussed, various members signed on to it, and it will be published in the Nov. NL and voted on in the GA. The Frieda Kaylo Quick Build Project around City College was discussed and a vote to support the intent of the Heat letter opposing it passed by a 2/3 majority.
9. The Conversation Continues: THD invited members to two public events this week, MH and FH invited members to two Halloween Events
10. Adjournment at 8:20.

Letters sent:

[Marina Green Letter](#)

[Mayoral Approval Letter](#)

[Frida Kahlo Quick-Build Project](#)

[Peskin ask for our support to stop SFMTA's plans to extend parking meter hours](#)

CSFN Meetings: The public is always invited to our General Assemblies on the third Tuesday of each month, and to attend committee meetings and town halls. In addition to the members of our organizations we have many Friends of CSFN that contribute! We are transparent and cast a wide net to attract all those interested in improving San Francisco and all of its neighborhoods.

Send articles and other materials you want to share to: csfninfo@gmail.com

Please send us photos from the 50th Celebration if you have any: csfninfo@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 we shall celebrate our Fifty Plus One.

Web site Links:

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San Francisco City Controller Ben Rosenfield is a great city Controller.



Ben Rosenfield is the cornerstone of what good city governance is all about. He is kind, honest, trustworthy, industrious and intelligent. These are rare Qualities in San Francisco city hall. He is respected by both the public and city workers.

Ben's retirement will end a long tenure working for the city that spans 27 years and five mayoral administrations. He's served as controller since 2008...and started working for the city when he was only 23 years old. We will not see his like again. – George Wooding

According to a San Francisco Standard interview, Ben is quoted as saying,

“ I'm proud to have worked on not just preparing but also helping mayors, boards, and budget directors prepare annual budgets. That's the kind of routine thing we have to do every year, but also to really work above and beyond that, rewriting a lot of the financial planning rules that the city operates under.

I oversaw the development of the city's first 10-year capital plan. I participated with [Mayor Ed Lee] and supervisors on a ballot measure that shifted the city to a two-year budget. I'm glad they brought forward reserve policies that change how we plan for our finances. I worked with many people, like [former Supervisor Tom Ammiano] on the rainy day reserve, [former Supervisor and City Attorney David Chiu], and others on shifting to a two-year budget cycle.”

Video of a CSFN General Assembly meeting with Ben and three other top finance officers:

[SF' Top Four Finance Officers](#)



**Coalition for SF Neighborhoods
Celebrates Fifty-Plus One Years
Of supporting the SF Neighborhoods**

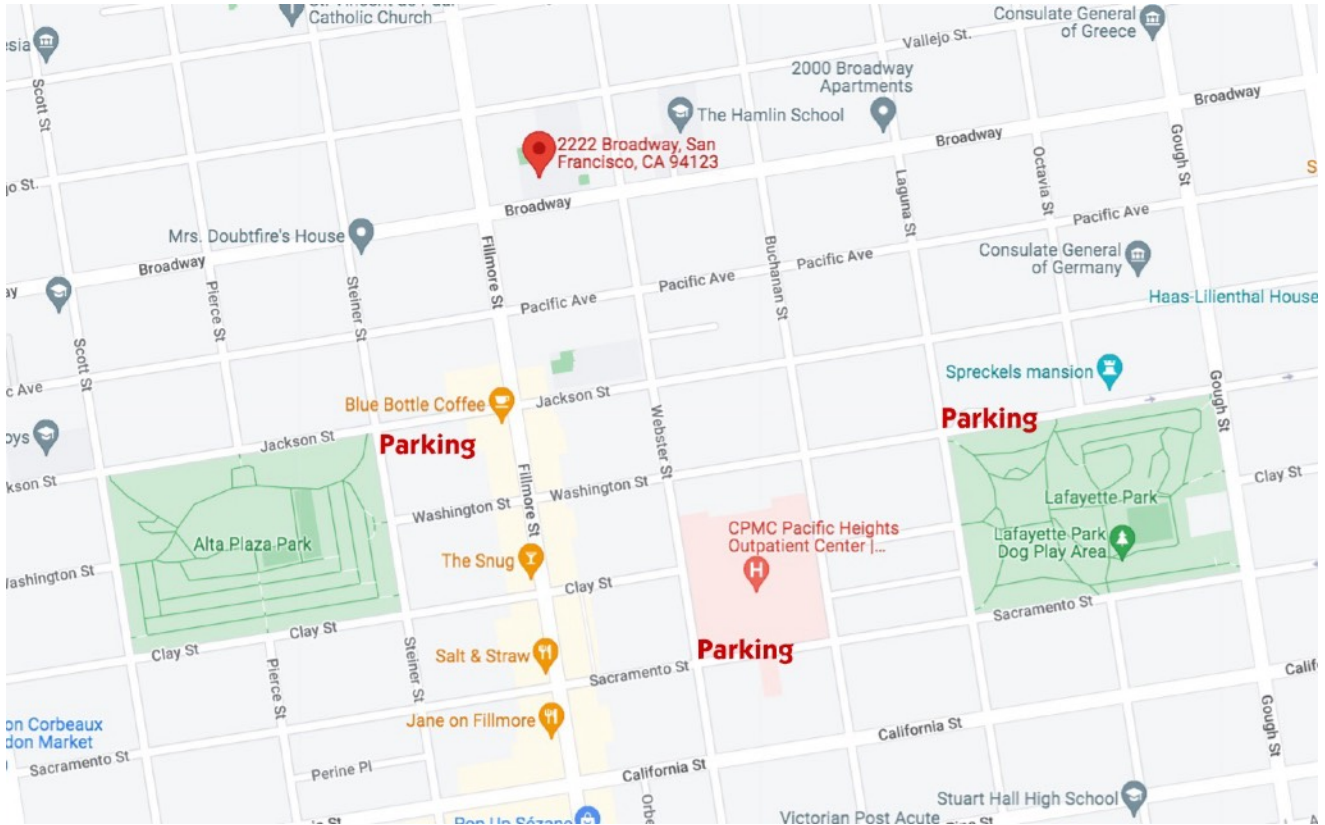
Wednesday December 6, 2023, 6:30 -9:00 pm
At The Flood Mansion 2222 Broadway & Webster

Help us honor the heroes who helped us.

Hors d'oeuvres with choice of Wines or Waters
Live Music by Date Nights

\$40 for CSFN Neighborhood Groups (Register guests: charlesnhead@hotmail.com)
(Checks payable to CSFN) Mailed to Greg Scott, 637 Noe, SF CA 94114

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