



## February 2024 News

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**Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 PM General Assembly - on ZOOM**

**Program: Elections 2024 with George Wooding**

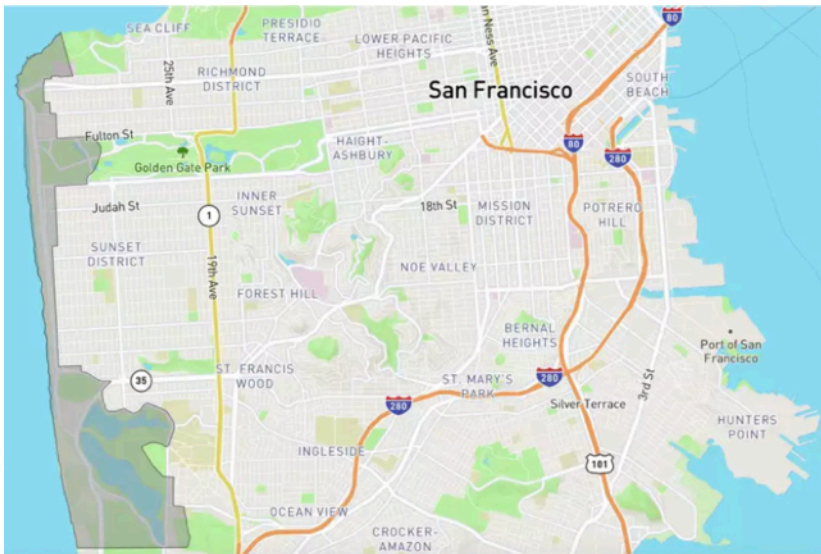
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### City Hall Heard Us This Week!



San Francisco residents can rest easy. The Board of Supervisors voted to keep the **Marin Green** as it is. Do a more thorough cleanup and maintenance job.

The Board also voted to oppose **Senator Wiener's SB 951** that would disrupt the Pacific Coast protections the public now enjoys and treasures. We still have work to do on that one. Letters to write to the state representatives to let them know how we feel. Read more about it: [California coastal protections versus housing: The battle is on](#)



**MAPPING CONFUSION:** The above map is the map that Corey Teague, The SF Zoning Administrator (ZA) presented to the Appeals Board to show where the authority of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) is paramount and where it overlaps with the authority of the city now.

According to ZA the area to the right of the green area, that is the disputed area where the Great Highway ( GW) lies,

if entirely under the purview of the (CCC), which means the final decision on the GH lies with the (CCC). After their Appeals were denied this week, the appellants attempt to re-open the GH may now appeal their case to the CCC in a final attempt to stop the weekend closures.

***This maps are of concern to those people considering the resolution on SB 951. (page 5)***

***This is the page that I was sent to for clarifying documents: [https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san\\_francisco/latest/sf\\_zoningmaps/0-0-0-450#JD\\_CoastalZoneAreaMaps](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/san_francisco/latest/sf_zoningmaps/0-0-0-450#JD_CoastalZoneAreaMaps)***

**From the Desk of the President: HELP! EMERGENCY! CALL 911!**

" Going Once!... Going Twice!...



Who hasn't been thrilled by this cry? (Spoiler alert: my grandfather was a tobacco auctioneer!) Every year we attend at least one auction, at the Richmond Neighborhood Center. You check in, look around and see tables set up for the silent auction. Other tables have food, charcuterie and sliders and such, with beverages set there and/or being passed around. You have a paddle with your number on it, which you put on the bid sheet with your name and bid. After you do, study the items being offered for the live auction, enjoy your nibbles and sips, and wait for the fun to start!

We have used the Flood Mansion for our Celebrations, and it is a lovely venue for a variety of activities. We have a couple of our members who have helped organize and run auctions, one of whom has served several times as a live auctioneer! So, we have the venue, we have the volunteers: let's have our auction this spring! Stay tuned...

Once again. Here is our process for nominating and electing officers:

1. The Executive Committee shall recommend candidates for the Nomination Committee at its January meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the **February general meeting**, at which time three representatives shall be elected by those representatives present by plurality vote.
2. The Executive Committee shall receive and consider nominations from member organizations. The report... shall be published in the **April Newsletter**. Additional nominations may be made from the floor... and a list of all nominees shall be published in the **May newsletter**.
3. Voting shall be by ballot at the **May meeting**. A majority vote shall elect. The ballot may be dispensed with if there is only one candidate for an office.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CSFN GA ON ZOOM FEBRUARY 20, 2004**

1. Call to order, approval of agenda
2. Spotlight: New Westside Member Organization
3. Program: Program: Presentation and discussion of March 5 SF Ballot Measures. George Wooding, Government and Elections Committee Chair.
4. Officers Reports
5. Committee Reports
6. Approval of Draft Minutes for Jan.16 General Assembly
7. Unfinished Business: Neighbors United SF Support. Nominations Committee members and timeline of CSFN election calendar
8. New Business: Resolutions - Earthquake Shack Resolution, SB 951, emergencies
9. For the Good of the Order: Discussion of Possible Benefit Auction
10. Adjournment

## DRAFT MINUTES FOR CSFN GA JANUARY 16, 2004 MEETING

1. Call to Order at 6:40. We welcomed special guest Aaron Peskin, President of the SF BOS
2. Spotlight: Rescue SF. Carolyn Kenady gave a brief report on the homeless progress in our community
3. Program: Upzoning, Height Limits and Density Bonuses Ruining SF Neighborhoods. Lori Brooke (CHA) went over the concerns of Neighbors United SF and answered our questions
4. Officers Reports: **President Head** (SHARP) reported a good Celebration event in December, honoring retiring City Controller Ben Rosenfield and stated the timeline for our elections. **Vice President Rogers** (PMAC) reported on problems and illegal events at Park Merced that he had written about. **The Corresponding Secretary** was absent due to his THD board meeting; **Treasurer Scott** (PHRA) stated we were in sound financial condition bolstered by a \$7K contribution. **Legislative Representative Boken** (SPEAK) gave a report on the Coastal Commission calling out our State Senator for his inaccurate statements. **Records and IT Secretary** Mari Eliza asked for help.
5. Committee Reports: **Ex Comm** Chair Rogers attended Muni's meeting and mentioned possible tax funding. **G&E** Chair Wooding (MTHA) announced a Feb. 2 forum on ballot measures; **Land Use** Chair Mari Eliza is going to have a Task Force on Landlord/Tenant Issues. There was no **Bylaws** presenter, **Open Space** Chair Rogers spoke of the Library issues.
6. Approval of the Minutes of the Jan. 16 meeting was done.
7. Unfinished Business: The Marina Green Project letter previously posted was reviewed
8. New Business: Donations of \$500 apiece to Livable Ca. and Catalysts for Local Control were approved. Support for the work of Neighbors United SF was declared.
9. For the Good of the Order: A possible Benefits Auction will be discussed; Dues should be paid on time; Candidates should prepare to run for Ex Comm this spring.
10. Adjournment was declared at 8:40

### Additional Stories:

[UN Plaza drug crackdown intensifies as dealers chased through streets](#)

[Bay Area big city mayors enter their defensive eras](#)

[An initiative promised 20,000 homes for mentally ill Californians. It delivered far less](#)

[What's happened since California cut home solar payments? Demand has plunged 80%](#)

**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](mailto:csfninfo@gmail.com)

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# Rincon Point Neighbors Association

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## **CSFN resolution calling on the City and County of San Francisco To SAVE THE VALLEY STREET EARTHQUAKE SHACK COTTAGE**

Whereas the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly supports the preservation of the historical legacy of our City, and in particular of the community's efforts to persevere in the face of the devastation wrought by the earthquake and fire of 1906;

Whereas there are few remaining Earthquake Cottages that were an integral part of this legacy;

Whereas the Earthquake Shack Cottage at 369 Valley Street is one of the prime remaining and easily visible examples of this legacy;

Whereas the integrity of the Earthquake Shack Cottage at 369 Valley Street is threatened by the plans of a real estate speculator and developer who has shown inadequate understanding of the need to preserve this historic home;

Whereas there is an alternative building plan supported by SF Heritage and many others;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods supports the alternative building plan.

Be it further resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods will communicate its support for the alternative building plan to the SF Planning Commission, the Zoning Administrator and the community at large.

January 20, 2024  
Charles Head,  
President, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods

Download details: <https://csfn.net/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/SavetheShack.pdf>



**Support Supervisor Aaron Peskin Resolution # 240065**

**Oppose to Senator Wiener SB 951**

Presented by CSFN Land Use and Transportation Committee

Whereas, Senator Wiener has sponsored and passed state housing bills taking away local control over land use;

Whereas, Senator Wiener singled out SF with a late amendment to SB 423 requiring annual reviews on our progress toward meeting the HCD RHNA housing goals, while the rest of the state has 4 year reviews. This could lead to untimely penalizing of San Francisco;

Whereas, Senator Wiener is now attempting to override the California Coastal Commission's authority in San Francisco by writing SB 951;

Whereas, the SB 951 redefines the boundaries where the Coastal Act applies in San Francisco;

Whereas, The California Coastal Commission Act was established by the California voters through a ballot initiative to protect the fragile coastal environment;

Whereas, the Senator appears to be prepared to override the wishes of the voters to protect the California coastline by overriding the authority of the California Coastal Commission in San Francisco;

Whereas, President Peskin's Resolution # 240065 in opposition to SB 951 has been passed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors;

Be it resolved, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods joins the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and many other neighborhood groups in support of Resolution # 240065 and opposition to SB 951.

Charles Head, President CSFN

If approved we will post a letter of opposition to SB 951 on the legislative portal and encourage our members to generate more letters from their members and neighbors.

See more details here:

<https://csfn.net/wp/index.php/2024/02/07/sfs-latest-housing-battle-goes-coastal/>

## **Legislative Agenda – What We Want from our State Representative in 2024**

**Restore local land use and zoning authority** – Cities must have the final say on where housing and parking are located. The public must be informed and involved.

**Statewide RHNA must be updated when changes in population, economic conditions and other unforeseen events alter the data upon which the plans were based.**

- Requests by cities should trigger a review.
- The statewide RHNA process and distribution by COGS must be objective, stable, transparent, and accurate. All underlying data and formulas must be published and open to challenge by cities.
- Cities must be allowed to balance RHNA requirements within the COG if they choose.

**HCD must cooperate with cities in developing their Housing Element.**

**Housing element approval criteria must be objective, stable, and transparent.**

**All criteria must be published and open to challenge by cities. The same criteria, including review periods must apply to all cities.**

- City housing elements will be deemed “approved as submitted” 90 days after 1st submittal.
- Once approved cities should be protected from state threats and “builders remed.”

**No more unfunded mandates.** New housing bills must match affordable housing numbers in the RHNA requirement, and the affordable component must be subsidized by the state.

- The state must cover all necessary subsidies to produce the affordable housing and infrastructure required by state housing demands.
- The state must stop trying to provide affordable housing through market-rate trickle-down and bonuses to speculators.

**New housing bills must be geographically equitable.**

- Reduce the focus on building in existing dense high-cost cities.
- Provide incentives for building in lower cost locations.
- Incentivize employers to create jobs in less costly locations.

**Support and expand first time and middle-class home ownership** - Protect and sustain existing and new affordable housing through low equity, rent-to-own, and sweat equity programs. Rent Control needs to be a local decision.

**Protect trailer park residents.** Trailer parks should be protected as affordable housing communities. They are one of the least expensive forms of community housing.

**Large corporations should cover employees housing needs as they expand.**

**New housing laws must consider the environment and climate change.**

- Minimize construction in high-risk areas - fire and flood zones, toxic land, superfund sites and unhealthy and seismically unstable areas.
- Require cities to preserve green space and protect open space to minimize “heat islands”.
- Avoid areas projected to be impacted by sea level rise.

**Reinforce the Coastal Act and Coastal Commission to protect the waterfront.**

- Coastal Commission must have final say over all development with no exceptions.

## Government and Elections Meeting - with George Wooding

### City Propositions

Prop A: Money for Affordable Housing

Prop B: More Tax Money for Cops

Prop C: Tax Breaks for Downtown Developers

Prop D: Tighten City Ethics Rules

Prop E: More Police Surveillance and Car Chases with Less Oversight

Prop F: Forced Drug Screening for the Poor

Prop G: Make Algebra Great Again

A meeting was held at the Northern Police Station where pro and con arguments were heard from the following proponent and opponents of the city ballot initiatives.

*A vote on whether CSFN will take a position on these ballot initiatives will be considered at the General Assembly Meeting on February 20.*