



August 2024 News

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CSFN GA August 13, 6:30 PM - [zoom](#)



August Meetings schedules are a bit different.

Friday August 9 2024, 6:30 PM – CSFN G&E
(G&E – Review documents before the meeting)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKcOmprDIsH9TLc-EIRFFX3vw9GmCit7vE>

Tuesday August 13, 6:30 PM – CSFN GA [https://](#)

us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kcO2tqz0jGNJdQK0tFZ3xHAm6h3WbxHKc

Tuesday August 20, 6:30 PM: EXCOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpde2grz8sGdFR4a3mdxTVplUYkR8rRJUL>

CSFN is considering the pros and cons of local, district and District measure RM-4 (9 Bay Area County Bond)

Charter Amendments to be discussed:

- Inspector General in the Controller's office; Expanding Controller's Powers
- Retirement benefits for nurses and 911 operators
- Retirement Benefits for firefighters

Ordinances to be discussed:

- Permanently Closing the upper Great Highway to Private vehicles to establish a
- Public Open Recreation Space.
- First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement fund.

Please review these measures in advance. See you on Friday

All state and local measures are on the pages below with links attached.

[Department of Elections](#) may have more answers to your questions.



President Glenn Rogers Message:

GREEN COMMITTEE: named the Green Committee and would discuss all things that are good for the environment.

IMPROVED SOLAR PANELS: Most recently, researchers have synthesized a highly durable solar cell made from perovskite- a common crystal structure (in its natural form a calcium titanium oxide mineral) -in a breakthrough that could revolutionize the solar industry with longer lasting solar panels. Today, solar panels deteriorate over time and eventually need to be replaced, not so with this new material.

However, a new product by GAF Energy which produces a solar roof material that can be installed with nails and is able to withstand 130 mph winds is now also available. This new material is cost effective, being half the cost of a Tesla roof. It is reported this company is the largest producer of [solar](#) roofing.

CONCRETE BATTERIES: Another innovation that has been developed is a concrete battery. The inexpensive ingredients of this battery are carbon black, water and concrete. This new battery which is fundamentally a super capacitor can charge quickly, has a long lifespan and can discharge quickly also. This new invention will reduce dependency on lithium.

CROP LAND LOST TO SOLAR PANELS: More than 5,000 square kilometers of the world's surface was covered by solar photovoltaic (PV) panels in 2018 – 1655 times more than in 2003. In 2018, around 27% of all solar panels were installed on cropland. Therefore, the food production loss is calculated to be enough to feed 4.3 million people. By the year 2050, there could be a 16-fold increase in food production losses. Maybe we should consider another alternative.

WIND ENERGY: The east coast has less land available for solar power, therefore, it is considering the alternative of wind energy. One estimate believes wind energy could provide [11 times the projected global electricity demand](#) by the year 2040. Although, California presently has enough solar energy on a summer day to require no need for fossil fuels, the situation changes in the evening. Wind energy could provide electrical power in the evenings in California. This would be good news for the environment and California both. Let's encourage our politicians to bring this to fruition.

Keep the Great Highway a Highway: By Glenn Rogers : Because of their unique characteristics, two sections of the Great Highway should be considered separately when permanent closure is contemplated. One section is from Lincoln Way to Sloat Blvd. (Northern Section), and the other is from Sloat Blvd. to Skyline Blvd. (Southern Section).

The Southern Section of the Great Highway has been ignored year after year. As more erosion occurs, inaction will destroy this section. Is this neglect a calculated ploy designed to render it unsafe and ensure its conversion into a park is inevitable? If this section is ignored through another rainy season, it is likely to end up in the Pacific Oceans

Is the Ordinance to put the Great Highway closure on the ballot an attempt to circumvent the will of the district and make this into a City-wide issue? This is an unfair democratic process...[\(more\)](#)

QUALIFIED MEASURES:

<https://www.sf.gov/reports/november-2024/qualified-measures#school-propositions>

SCHOOLS:

[Schools Improvement and Safety Bond\(PDF\)](#)

BONDS:

[Community Health and Medical Facilities, Street Safety, Public Spaces, and Shelter to Reduce Homelessness Bond\(PDF\)](#)**CHARTER AMENDMENTS:**

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[City Commissions and Mayoral Authority \(PDF\)](#)

Opposition to City Commissions and Mayoral Authority from Don Emmons

[Police Staffing and Deferred Retirement \(PDF\)](#)

[Funding Programs Serving Children, Youth, and Families \(PDF\)](#)

[Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions \(PDF\)](#)

[Inspector General \(PDF\)](#)

[Funding Rental Subsidies for Affordable Housing Developments Serving Low Income Seniors, Families, and Persons with Disabilities \(PDF\)](#)

[Retirement Benefits for Nurses and 911 Operators \(PDF\)](#)

[Retirement Benefits for Firefighters \(PDF\)](#)

ORDINANCES:

[Changes to Business Taxes \(PDF\)](#)

[Permanently Closing the Upper Great Highway to Private Vehicles to Establish a Public Open Recreation Space \(PDF\)](#)

[Additional Business Tax on Transportation Network Companies and Autonomous Vehicle Businesses to](#)

[Supporting Reproductive Rights \(PDF\)](#)

[First Responder Student Loan and Training Reimbursement Fund \(PDF\)](#)

DISTRICT MEASURE 4:

[Regional Measure 4, Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Bond \(PDF\).](#)

Opposition to RM-4 site and arguments:

[20 Billion Reasons – to VOTE NO on RM4](#)

<https://20billionreasons.com/>

State Ballot Measures - linked to [ballotpedia](#)

Description		
BI	Proposition 2	Issue \$10 billion in bonds to fund construction and modernization of public education facilities
CISS	Proposition 32	Increase minimum wage to \$18 an hour
CISS	Proposition 33	Repeals Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act
CISS	Proposition 34	Requires health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care
CISS	Proposition 35	Permanently authorizes a tax on managed care organizations to fund Medi-Cal programs
CISS	Proposition 36	Increase drug crime and theft penalties and allow a new class of crime to be called treatment-mandated felony, which gives the offender the option to participate in drug and mental health treatment
LRCA	Proposition 3	Repeal Proposition 8 and establish a right to marry
BI	Proposition 4	Issue \$10 billion in bonds to fund state and local parks, environmental protection projects, water infrastructure projects, energy projects, and flood protection projects
LRCA	Proposition 5	Lower the vote threshold from 66.67% to 55% for local bond measures to fund housing projects and public infrastructure
LRCA	Proposition 6	Remove involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime from the state constitution

OPPOSITION Statements and Statements:

STOP SCOTT WIENER! *By Charles Head*

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Many may not know all about Up-zoning, HCD, RHENA numbers, et cetera, but we know how this problem got to where it is. Scott Wiener and his allies set California cities up to fail, and he has thrown San Francisco under the bus. We don't want him to succeed. Remember ancient history? Rome and Carthage were mortal enemies, and Hannibal invaded Italy in the Second Punic War and almost won. After it the patrician Cato the Elder, whenever he made a speech in the Senate, would always end with the phrase "Carthage must be destroyed!" It bore fruit: in the end, Rome won the third Punic War and even sowed salt in the ground around the devastated city so nothing would ever grow there again.

STOP SCOTT WIENER! We don't want him to be reelected to the state senate in Sacramento!

STOP SCOTT WIENER! We don't want him to be elected to Congress in Washington!

STOP SCOTT WIENER, Destroy Yimby Law, Developers Lobby and Wall Street Real Estate Investors!

Argument Against City Commissions and Mayoral Authority *by Don Emmons*

Commissions are the main avenue in San Francisco for public participation, oversight, and accountability. They provide checks and balances in government, citizen engagement, and transparency. Neighborhood groups actively participate in Commissions to help guide city policy on issues in their neighborhoods.

Proposition X severely limits our involvement by abolishing voter-approved commissions that are crucial to our neighborhoods such as the Library. Historic Preservation. Small Business.

Proposition X gives the Mayor unchecked power over every aspect of city government and policy-such as rezoning- in our neighborhoods without meaningful involvement of the public in the Commission structure.

Please vote NO on Proposition X and preserve the rights of neighborhood citizens to participate in the policies affecting our neighborhoods.



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BALLOT ARGUMENT AGAINST REGIONAL MEASURE 4

VOTE NO on Regional Measure 4 (RM4)! It imposes new taxes of almost \$50 billion (\$48,281,750,400.00) on only our nine Bay Area counties for 53 years! That's more than the entire budget of 35 U.S. states!

- RM4 will put us in debt, and it's THE LARGEST debt of its kind in U.S. history! 11
- Whether you rent or own, the new taxes to repay this debt for subsidized housing will make your housing LESS affordable!
- Your personal share of this tax may total \$30,000 or more! There are no exemptions for seniors, disabled, or low-income.

Only about 40% of the money comes back to our nine counties. Most goes to investors, lawyers, underwriters, consultants, and "planning and administration" by an unelected government agency with no experience providing housing.

Projects won't necessarily go to low bidders, but instead to politically-connected developers whose "builder's remedy" overrides neighborhood zoning codes. Some "affordable" housing projects already cost over \$1 million per unit!

The so-called "oversight committee" members will be ineffective political appointees with no staff, subpoena, budget approval, or enforcement power, just counting dollars long after they're spent.

The Agency promises subsidized housing projects, but has no plans or money for the schools, roads, fire, police, transit or water/sewer infrastructure that this population increase requires. Nor for operating and maintaining these projects after construction.

That'll be your next tax!

Although our State Constitution gives local voters a voice over where to locate subsidized projects, the Agency says RM4 overrules local voters!

Promised "tenant protections" can't legally be funded with bonds. Accordingly, RM4 admits "allocation(s) for Tenant Protections may be...redistributed" elsewhere.

RM4 is a monstrous tax increase that hurts renters and owners, families and seniors, and burdens our grandchildren with five decades of crushing debt

VOTE NO ON RM4! Learn more at: [20BillionReasons.com](https://20billionreasons.com/)

The Taking Never Stops until we Stop It.

[Santana Row to start charging for parking - YouTube](#)

[New Parking Limits near State Force RV Owners to move](#)

What have these stories got in common? What are they are describing? How the government controls people. They are cut us off from one spot at a time. First they control our parking. Next the control where we park and how we live. Some of us are more lucky than others. Some of us do a better job of maneuvering around the traps and the barriers. But, we see it all. And we cannot deny what is happening. You are either a part of the fence or you are on it.

But sometimes the natives get restless as they are in Chinatown.

[San Francisco scraps Chinatown bike lane amid criticism from community leaders...](#) “Meanwhile, bicycle advocates said they are not happy. They point out that San Francisco has set a goal to reduce vehicle traffic and increase protected bike lanes in the city.”...

The city is watching. If Chinatown gets a break, the Mission, Geary, West Portal, Taraval, Sloat, Folsom, Taraval, and the rest of us want a break too.

This goal “to increase protected bike lanes” was set years ago. Plenty of bike lanes have been installed since then, and many cyclists don’t even use them. Traffic lanes and parking have been eliminated and the public has not responded by taking up bikes.

We have lost a lot of our workers who rely on motor vehicles and trucks to work. Downtown is devoid of traffic and parking and people because people need to drive. Pretending otherwise is not working any more.

It is time to end the expansion of bike lanes and anti-car programs. We need new leadership who will rewrite the goals to change the focus from expansion of bike lanes .

Big Changes coming Stay tuned for Protests: Watch the [events page](#).



CSFN Business:

General Assembly Agenda for August 13, 2024:

- Program: Ballot measures for Nov. 5 2024 Election (Report by Government and Elections Committee Chair George Wooding)
- Draft Minutes for July 16 General Assembly
- Reports by Officers and Committee ?
- Unfinished Business: Bylaws Amendments?
- New Business: Vote on Ballot Measures Presented For the Good of the Order
- Adjournment

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.

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