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City Hall and Sacramento want to Upzone San Francisco



Scott Werner is writing tremendously long and complicated bills that are confusing to anyone who tries to decipher them. Newsom and Wiener are taking what is left of local control over how our communities are developed. Local rezoning laws are forcing density on us to meet those goals. Increasing property values and utility bills are how they expect is to pay for their growth demands. Now he wants to go to Washington to replace Pelosi.

If you are and take exception to the upzoning plan, and the anti-car legislation that comes with upzoning. There are two easy actions you may take.

Send this letter opposing this Plan: <https://secure.everyaction.com/cjXwWDhwRkumzP8DDAKTYA2>

And fill out this survey re: Upzoning online survey from Inspire SF:

https://form.jotform.com/251797165938070?utm_campaign=SF+Standard+Power+Play&utm_content=p-text&utm_medium=email&utm_source=SF+Standard

SF is sending out upzoning notices. What's really going on?

NOTICE OF POTENTIAL REZONING OF HEIGHT AND/OR DENSITY

Under San Francisco's 2022 Housing Element and state law, the City is required to expand housing affordability and availability. This proposed citywide rezoning may increase the height and/or density limits of your property or others in your neighborhood.

Learn more about the public hearing and how to submit public comment by scanning the QR Code or visit our website listed below. Information on the proposal is also available in person at the Planning Department Counter, 2nd Floor, 49 South Van Ness Avenue.

For questions or to request a meeting with the Planning Department on the Family Zoning Plan email sf.housing.choice@sfgov.org.

AVISO DE POTENCIAL REZONIFICACIÓN DE ALTURA Y/O DENSIDAD

Según el Elemento de Vivienda de San Francisco de 2022, la Ciudad debe ampliar la asequibilidad y la disponibilidad de vivienda. Esta propuesta de re zonificación para toda la ciudad podría aumentar los límites de altura y/o densidad de su propiedad o de otras en su barrio.

Obtenga más información sobre la audiencia pública y cómo enviar comentarios escaneando el código QR o visitando nuestro sitio web (que aparece a continuación). También puede obtener información sobre la propuesta en persona en el mostrador del Departamento de Planificación, 2º piso, 49 South Van Ness Avenue.

Para preguntas o para solicitar una reunión con el Departamento de Planificación sobre el plan de zonificación familiar, envíe un correo electrónico a sf.housing.choice@sfgov.org.

ABIS NG POTENSYAL NA REZONING NG TAAS AT / O DENSITY

Sa ilalim ng 2022 Housing Element ng San Francisco at batas ng lungsod, kinakailangan ng Lungsod na palawakin ang abot-kayang pabahay at kakayahang magamit. Ang iminungkahing rezoning sa buong lungsod ay maaaring tumasa ang mga limitasyon sa taas at/o density ng iyong ar-aralan o iba pa sa iyong kapitbahayan.

Magkaroon ng karagdagan kaalaman tungkol sa pampublikong pandinig at kung paano mag sumite ng komento sa publiko sa pamamagitan ng pag-scan ng QR Code o bisitahin ang aming website na nakalista sa ibaba.

Ang impormasyon tungkol sa panukala ay nakikita din nang personal sa Planning Department Counter, 2nd Floor, 49 South Van Ness Avenue.

Para sa mga katanungan o upang humiling ng pagpuulong sa Departamento ng Pagpapalano sa Zoning Plan ng Pamilya, mag-email sa sf.housing.choice@sfgov.org.

可能重新制定高度和/或密度的通知

根據三藩市 2022 年住房要素，市政府必須擴大住房的可負擔能力和可用性。此建議的全市重新劃區可能會增加您的物業或您附近其他物業的高度和/或密度限制。

掃描二維碼或訪問我們的網站，了解有關公聽會的更多信息以及如何提交公眾意見。您也可以親自前往南范內斯大道 49 號二樓的規劃部櫃檯獲取有關提案的信息。

如有任何疑問，或要求與規劃部門就家庭劃區計劃舉行會議，請發送電子郵件至 sf.housing.choice@sfgov.org。

RESOURCES LATEST REZONING PROPOSAL • MAPS • RENDERINGS

RECURSOS: ÚLTIMA PROPUESTA DE REZONIFICACIÓN • MAPAS • REPRESENTACIONES
 資源: 最新改劃提案 • 地圖 • 效果圖

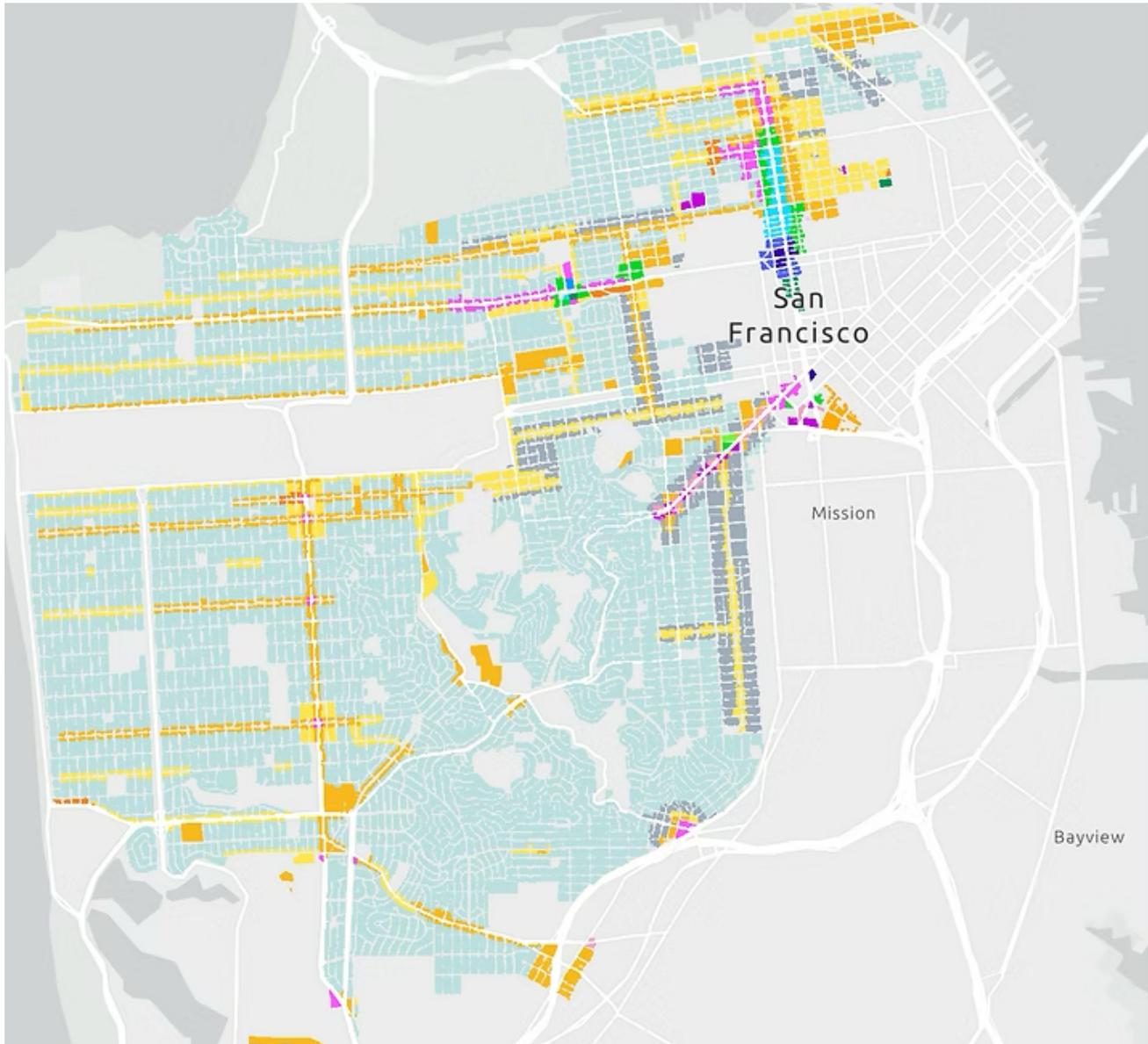
sfplanning.org/sf-family-zoning-plan

The official letters don't mention demolitions or displacement—but there are other sources of information that do... (more) from 48hills.

Residents and businesses will be impacted if demollision occurs at the rate some believe it might.

Mayor Lurie's Upzoning Map and postcard notice:

[Click the map to zoom in on neighborhoods throughout the city.](#)



SF Upzoning Map is threatening Small Businesses. The Small Business Commissioners are concerned about the lack of protection they see for businesses being displaced by demolition right of way bills. The Commissioners agreed at their meeting to take no action, pending plans to talk to neighborhood merchants and consider legislative remedies. They do not feel that any of the current Board of Supervisors are working on anything of substance yet. ([July 28, 25 meeting](#))

We are reaching out to them to see if we can book some time with the Small Business Commissioners. We suggest other neighborhood groups do the same for your neighborhood merchants.

Letter to the Mayor from Neighborhoods United SF

Dear Mayor Lurie,

On behalf of a coalition of affordable housing, small business, labor, tenant and neighborhood advocates, we respectfully request a meeting directly with you to discuss serious concerns with the proposed upzoning legislation.

Together, our coalition represents thousands of San Franciscans—workers, renters, small business owners, and residents—who will be directly affected by the scope and pace of the current plan. While we support the goal of increasing affordable housing opportunities, we are deeply concerned that the proposed approach prioritizes deregulation and developer incentives over meaningful affordability, anti-displacement protections, and thoughtful neighborhood planning.

We believe it is essential for you to hear directly from those most impacted before final decisions are made. A meeting would allow us to share our perspectives, raise key questions, and offer constructive solutions that better reflect the needs of the broader San Francisco community.

Please let us know your availability in the coming weeks. We request that you personally join this meeting, along with members of your Planning and Housing teams as appropriate, and would prefer it be held in person if possible.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to a productive and solutions-focused discussion.

Sincerely,

Lori Brooke
Co-Founder, Neighborhoods United SF

<https://www.neighborhoodsunitedsf.org/>

Homelessness in San Francisco 2020 - 2025: progress but still many challenges for Mayor Lurie *By Carolyn Kenady, Rescue SF*

In February 2020, neighborhood leaders started RescueSF to address the perceived and real increase in homelessness and related issues. In 2019 SF's homelessness count documented a nearly 180% increase in people living on our streets and public spaces over the past ten years.¹ It's been a long five years since 2020 with new programs (with varying levels of success), fentanyl becoming the leading cause of ODs and deaths, and some significant shifts in policy and strategy.



First, during the Covid era, federal and state emergency Covid funds enabled San Francisco to bring many people indoors and even place many in housing after the pandemic. At that time the prevailing strategy was “housing first”. And the advocates for the “Our City, Our Homes” tax promised to fund housing for the chronically homeless and treatment for drug/behavioral health issues. However, San Francisco couldn't build its way out of homelessness. And the City didn't effectively address the continuing issue of street homelessness. The ready supply and low cost of fentanyl and other highly addictive drugs attracted users - especially to the Tenderloin and South of Market. And the Public Health Department's “harm reduction” approach to drug use didn't prioritize getting people into recovery programs. From 2020 - 2023, drug OD deaths exceeded 60 monthly.

RescueSF along with the recovery community and other advocacy groups spoke out for more effective drug treatment and behavioral health placements. There was growing agreement that more targeted interventions (vs. housing first) were needed for chronically homeless people who were substance users and often mentally ill.

Post-Covid, residents wanted change -- especially improved street conditions. In response, in 2022 the Board of Supervisors finally passed “A Place for All” setting a “shelter for all” policy. And the Breed administration added more teams and services but lagged on more shelter. And, the City still wasn't addressing the visible signs of street homelessness – with one exception. The Healthy Streets Operations Center resolved encampments on a daily and

¹ [SF Grand Jury Report - Hitting the Bullseye](#), Chart - “Point in Time Counts”, page 4

weekly basis. Then in December 2022 the 9th Circuit court’s injunction banned these encampment resolutions. Frustrated neighbors and small business owners rallied at the federal courthouse in August 2023, demanding that the 9th Circuit overturn the injunction. The Supreme Court’s June 2024 ruling in the Grants Pass case allowed cities to ban camping even without shelter availability. And San Francisco’s HSOC resumed its resolutions. Its June 2025 count reported only 165 tents on our streets (down from 609 in July 2023.)² Note: the HSOC teams always offer shelter or housing to campers when it enforces SF’s “no camping” law.

In 2024 voters picked Lurie over Breed to lead the City. How has Lurie delivered so far? Is he on track to reduce homelessness? He’s pivoted away from his campaign promise of standing up 1500 more shelter beds by June 2025. Instead, he argued that abstinence-based recovery beds and transitional housing to treat addicts are the greater need. And in May 2025 his office announced \$27.6 million in state mental health funds for 73 locked treatment beds for the most severely mentally ill³. He also established a Triage Center on Stevenson & 6th Streets to process arrested drug dealers and serve as an entry point for treatment. These are promising programs, but is the administration executing with enough scale to turn the tide? How will he address and measure the impact on the distinct segments of the homeless population – those that are at risk, those that fall into homelessness but get re-housed within months, and those that are chronically homeless for over a year – often with multiple disabling health conditions? And how does San Francisco leverage its existing funds and obtain more funds (including private donations) to pay for the interventions for each group?



Shots from the CBS News story re: homeless in Hayes Valley

RELATED:

[California’s stubborn poverty crisis will hamper Newsom’s national climb](#)
[San Francisco homeless persons displaced from their locations are moving into Hayes Valley](#)

² [Healthy Streets Data and Information](#) - dashboard - June 2025

³ [Mayor Lurie to Add 73 Treatment Beds ...](#), May 12, 2025
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JULY GUEST SPEAKERS



Ildiko Polony is Executive Director of [Sutro Stewards](#) and co-chair of the community partner, Network Advisory Committee (NAC). NAC is trying to help other groups, formerly fiscally sponsored by San Francisco Parks Alliance (SFPA). Over 100 nonprofits that have been adversely affected since San Francisco Parks Alliance folded officially on June 3rd after news of the latest financial scandal came out. Sutro Stewards needed to find a new fiscal sponsor in order to functioning they have managed to do that.

Missing Money: So far the money that was held for the non-profits is missing and numerous investigations are underway. Jackie Fielder called for a an audit of the Rec. and Park Department. Shamann Walter held a hearing and the DA and City Attorney are launching investigations.

Fiscal Sponsors Needed: Sutro Stewards was able to sign up with another fiscal sponsor, but hundreds of non-profits are searching for help now.

Videos of the GA July speakers are here: <https://csfn.net/media/>

Some fiscal sponsor links are on the bottom of this page: <https://csfn.net/membership>

Christopher Guterra and David ??? From the Community Ambassador Program (CAP) shared their concerns over the Mayor's plans to move them from most of the neighborhoods and station them in the Tenderloin, SOMA, Mission and the Bay View only. Since the meeting some new information has come forward that some of the supervisors are pushing the Mayor to keep them in their current locals. Stay tuned for the final decision.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



I'm grateful to all our hard-working volunteers who donate their time and energy. I'm starting my third month as CSFN President and I'm constantly learning from my fellow members. Our goal is to educate both our members and the public about issues affecting San Francisco neighborhoods. Information is power – we must pay attention to what is happening in our city. I've started attending neighborhood meetings and want to hear from you.

Please email me at president@csfn.net or bridgelady@earthlink.net and let me know when and where your neighborhood organization is meeting. I want to attend as many meetings as possible and learn about your concerns. Also please contact me if you would like to donate your time and get more involved in CSFN. We can always use more volunteers.

Deborah Murphy

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LAND USE

Land Use and Transportation Report: *By Mari Eliza*

There is a growing national anti-upzoning campaign that is sweeping the nation and posted some posters from around the country here: <https://votersrevenge.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/anti-upzoning.pdf>

SB 79 is still on the table and there are some actions to take

August 3 Amendments were made August 3, 2025 to win some legislators into accepting the bill. We need to dispel this idea and especially keep the no votes we got in the Senate. We have some time to send letters and speak directly to our state representatives to attempt to stop the passage of SB79. Please take this time to write and take actions against the bill. Livable California sent out a notice with detailed instructions. If you did not get it, let us know.

Here are some SB 79 talking points for your letters and calls:

Consider joining Livable California or one of the other groups fighting these bills or just go to the web site for a listing of letters and details about the bills and for details on actions your may take.

- SB 79 still does not provide for enough affordable housing.
- SB 79 will reduce affordable housing by allowing older, naturally affordable buildings to be replaced by largely market-rate buildings.
- Local control of affordable inclusionary housing in SB 79 projects is a red herring -
- HCD severely limits this "option". Local inclusionary built under SB 79 should override any limitations by state administrative agencies.
- SB 79 is a major state override of local control. - overrides the state approved housing element and mandates unneeded density in inappropriate places.
- The bill is misleading by offering local control through allowing alternate plans by localities. - Any such plan still requires inappropriate density, overrides the state approved housing element, and requires approval of HCD.
- Bus routes are an inappropriate basis for rezoning property. Routes can change or be manipulated in weeks. The housing built under SB 79 will be permanent.
- SB 79 is unnecessary for cities that already have approved plans to meet their state-mandated housing requirements.
- SB 79 needs a 5 year sunset clause.

CSFN AGENDA

General Assembly Agenda for August 19, 2025:

- Call to Order
- Spotlight: Spotlight: Carol Kenady, Rescue SF
- Program: Supervisor Connie Chan
Send questions for Supervisor Chan to Deborah Murphy president@csfn.net
- Brief Recess
- Officers Reports; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretaries
- Committee Reports: EXCOM, Bylaws, Government & Election, Land Use, Liaison
- Approve Minutes:
- Unfinished Business:
- New Business: Plans for Celebration 2025
- For the Good of the Order
- Adjournment

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And send us your dates for the events page.

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: secretary@csfn.net

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ARTICLES

California Supreme Court Hands Victory to Rooftop Solar Panel Owners

The state Legislature just made it easier for Trump to deport immigrants

Small Business Commission rejects (for now) Lurie's upzoning plan

Recalls now 'a thing we live with,' political insiders say at Mission Local event

The Highline Effect

OUR AFFILIATES

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San Francisco and Our Neighborhoods**