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Welcome to Our Newsletter

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President's Message



by [Deborah Murphy](#)

Our April 21 zoom panel will feature Inspector General Alex Shepard and Controller Greg Wagner. Come learn about the newly created position of Inspector General. There will be time for questions.

Pre-registration required – use the link below.

[Register for 4/21 Inspector General Discussion](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

There are two arguments against Prop A in this newsletter written by [George Wooding](#) and Eileen Boken. Both of these will be in the voter information pamphlet. CSFN is opposing Prop A the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response because we want equal fire protection for all neighborhoods.

[Read George Wooding's Argument](#)[Read Eileen Boken's Argument](#)

We need to vote no on A and tell the city that we aren't going to stand for this anymore. No more bond money until Equal Fire Protection for All!

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 keep attending as many meetings as possible and continue learning about the issues in our city neighborhoods.

If your organization hasn't paid dues for 2026 yet you now have the option of paying by zelle using our email address - treasurer@csfn.net or mail a check made out to CSFN to Greg Scott, 637 Noe Street, SF CA 94114

Missed Our ESER Discussion?



Click above to see the video recap of our March discussion on the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Response (ESER) Bond.

“San Francisco Names New Top Watchdog”

**John Crabtree on
Inspector General Alexandra Shepard
in his “Boondoggle Chronicles”**



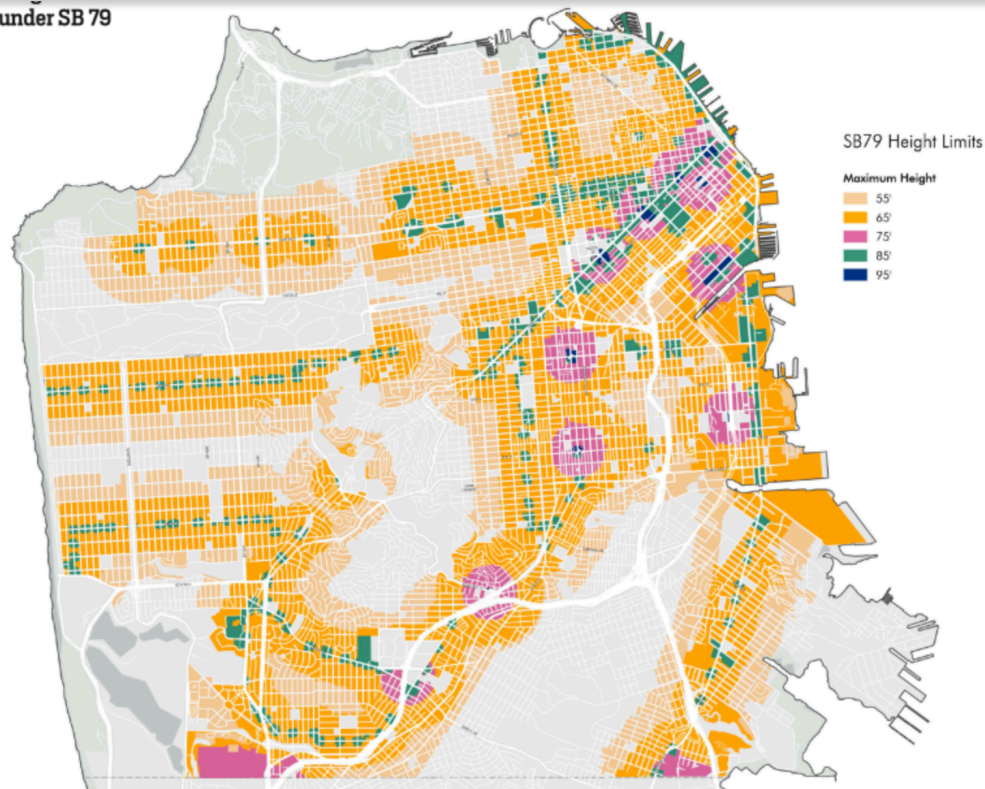
by John Crabtree

“....The [Office of the Inspector General] has teeth, powerful tools to pursue corrupt officials, weed out nefarious financial relationships and uncover fraudulent acts that occur within the conduct of public functions and the expenditure of public monies, including the power to seek subpoenas and search warrants....”

[Read John's Full Article](#)

Upzoning Never Ends

under SB 79



by Mari Eliza

The map that adds heights and density where it was already added and plans were drawn up to stabilize the gentrified neighborhoods that were designed by the community to protect what needed protecting: (A scable pdf from SFPlanning)

“Scott Wiener’s SB 79 added base height limits in 2025. SF reacted by re-drawing the zoning map that densified the rest of the city.

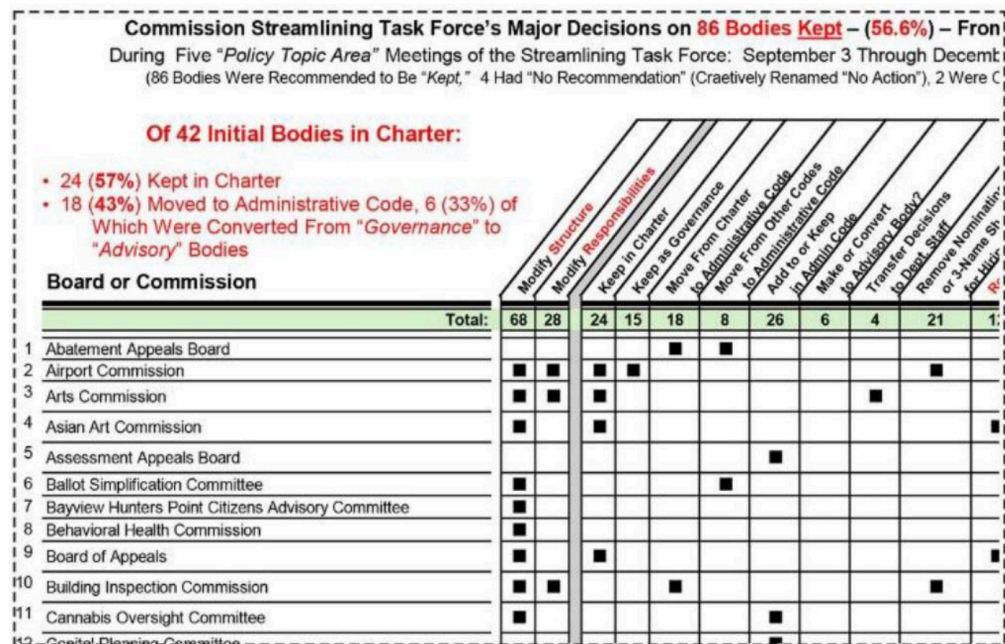
Going after the Eastern Neighborhoods again, after they were spared will take away any hope Scott had of dividing and conquering the city. He has now touched every district in SF with his density bills and anti-CEQA actions. Base heights starting at 95’ going down to 85’ around the BART stations and trains and for some reason around General Hospital? 85’ and on the piers?

west side of San Francisco. We will be cut off into our little sectors they created for the 15 minute city concept that no one signed on for. 2019 cranes were everywhere. There are very few today..."

[Read Mari Eliza's Full Article](#)

[Read Adam Brinklow's Article in "The Frisc"](#)

Commission Streamlining Task Force Final Report



The Commission Streamlining Task Force made over 800 decisions regarding San Francisco's 152 boards and commissions. Of the 86 bodies the Task Force recommended be kept, a matrix shows 429 of the decisions, made across 20 different categories of changes.

[THE ABOVE GRAPH IS PROVIDED BY THE WESTSIDE OBSERVER](#)

“In San Francisco, the **Commission Streamlining Task Force** (CSTF) is a temporary body created by **Proposition E**, which voters approved in November 2024. Its mission is to audit the City's system of boards and commissions—which reached 152 distinct bodies—and recommend ways to eliminate, consolidate, or modify them to make local government more efficient and accountable.

The task force recommends cutting over 40% of the City's 152 boards and commissions, reducing the total to 86. They also suggested cutting the number of commission seats from approximately 1,500 to 900 and increasing the Mayor's authority in appointing and removing commissioners and department heads...”

[Read the Full Article by Glenn Rogers](#)[Read the Full Article in the Westside Observer](#)[Read the Commission's Report](#)

Watch the Debate:
Candidates Vie to Succeed Nancy Pelosi
in Congress



Last week, CSFN SF co-sponsored a landmark debate featuring the candidates running to succeed Nancy Pelosi and represent San Francisco's Congressional District 11. Watch the full discussion above, or copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<https://vimeo.com/1180203764?share=copy&fl=cl&fe=ci>

Candidates including State Senator Scott Wiener, Supervisor Connie Chan, community advocacy leader Marie Hurabiell, and former Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez staffer Saikat Chakrabarti expressed their views on national issues. This debate was hosted by SHARP, with Stop Crime SF and other community groups co-sponsoring along with CSFN.

Despite what some pundits suggested, these candidates differ sharply on major issues -- ranging from the economy and public safety to national security. Upwards of 200 San Francisco voters attended our debate, which was covered by television station KTVU.

This free public forum, held in Golden Gate Park, was the first debate on the Westside ahead of the election, now less than two months away.

Mark Your Calendar – Judge Debate



Stop Crime SF will co-host a debate with San Francisco Superior Court judge candidates Phoebe Maffei (above left) and Alexandra Pray (right) on April 30 at 7 PM at the San Francisco County Fair Building, 1199-9th Avenue. This is a free public forum....

...Both candidates bring significant courtroom experience but approach criminal-justice issues from opposite sides of the aisle, making their judicial race a clearer choice for voters on how justice should be balanced. Come see what they have to say, and ask questions.

Please join us! Click below to register now for this public forum:

[Read the Full Article](#)[Register for Judges' Debate](#)

Minutes from CSFN Meetings

Join Us at Our Monthly Meetings

CSFN holds monthly meetings and everyone is welcome.

[CSFN 2026 Meeting Schedule](#)

We'd love to have you join us in our work to improve our city. If you're a San Francisco neighborhood organization with 35 members or more check out what CSFN has to offer you. Annual dues are just \$45.

[Membership Application](#)

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In our efforts to protect our neighborhoods, CSFN has formed alliances with other groups and individuals who have been invaluable in helping us obtain the resources and information that has helped us in our efforts to inform the public about the issues we care about. Please send us your suggestions for other groups to consider as well as publications, and social media sites of interest: <https://csfn.net/affiliates/>





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