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From Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, submitting the FY2010-2011 Annual Report. Copy: Each Supervisor (1)

From Office of the Controller, regarding proposed Charter amendment consolidating odd-year elections and expanding the ranked-choice voting system (revised). File No. 111329, Copy: Rules Committee Members (2)

*From Planning Department, regarding the Chinatown Transit Station Special Use District. File Nos. 111210, 111211 (3)

From Steve Armstrong, regarding Lafayette Park. (4)

From Aaron Goodman, regarding various Planning Code amendments. (5)

From SF Ocean Edge, regarding the renovation of the Beach Chalet Athletic Field. Copy: Each Supervisor (6)

From California Emergency Management Agency, regarding the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband System. File No. 120022, Copy: Each Supervisor (7)

From William Ho, submitting support for the nomination of Cindy Wu to the Planning Commission. (8)

From Nancy Cross, regarding bequest by the late Leila Boroughs. File No. 120002, Copy: Each Supervisor (9)

From Verizon Wireless, submitting notification of one cellular antenna to be installed at the following sites: 660 Brannon Street, 715 Brannon Street, 368 Fell Street, 507 Fell Street, 833 Mission Street, 66 Haight Street, 131 Oak Street. (10)

From Office of the Mayor, submitting the following appointment: Copy: Rules Committee Clerk (11)

Arts Commission

Roberto Issac Ordenana, term ending January 15, 2016

From Clerk of the Board, submitting copy of memorandum sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding the following appointment by the Mayor: (12)

Arts Commission

Roberto Issac Ordenana, term ending January 15, 2016

From Office of the Mayor, submitting the following appointment: Copy: Rules Committee Clerk (13)

Small Business Commission

Mark Dwight, term ending January 6, 2016

From Clerk of the Board, submitting copy of memorandum sent to the Board of Supervisors regarding the following appointment by the Mayor: (14)

Small Business Commission

Mark Dwight, term ending January 6, 2016

*From Department of Public Works, submitting the FY2010-2011 Annual Report. (15)

*From the First Slavic Baptist Church of San Francisco, submitting opposition to Conditional Use Authorization on property located at 601-14th Avenue. File No. 120005 (16)

From Dani Sheehan-Meyer, submitting the February 2012 Small Business Bulletin. (17)

From Karen Nemsick, regarding the America's Cup. (18)

From Patrick Monette-Shaw, regarding the Ethics Commission. (19)

From David Jinkens, regarding the Redevelopment Agency. (20)

From Ivan Pratt, regarding the Tenderloin Neighborhood. (21)

From Ted Loewenberg, regarding small businesses in San Francisco. (22)

From Dani Sheehan-Meyer, regarding a ban on plastic bags. File No. 101055 (23)

From Lily Lang, regarding the Green Connection kick-off event. (24)

*(An asterisked item represents the cover sheet to a document that exceeds 25 pages. The complete document is available at the Clerk's Office Room 244, City Hall.)

SUNSHINE ORDINANCE
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January 31, 2012

Supervisor David Chiu, Board President
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Re: Annual Report for 2010/2011

Dear President Chiu,

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force submits to the Board of Supervisors the attached Annual Report for calendar years 2010 and 2011 pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.30(c).

This report summarizes the predominant matters managed by the Task Force during 2010 and 2011, including proposed amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance, the ongoing lack of enforcement of state and local open government laws, and a continuing dialogue with the Ethics Commission regarding enforcement regulations. In addition, the Task Force is pleased to announce the creation of a new technology sub-committee established to help maximize public access to information through advanced technology.

The Task Force welcomes the opportunity to address further questions or concerns the Board may have about this report or other matters. For additional information, please contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Administrator by telephone at (415) 554-7724 or email at sotf@sfgov.org.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hope Johnson".

Hope Johnson, Chair
Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE
2010/2011 ANNUAL REPORT
to
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force submits this 2010/2011 annual report to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.30(c).

SUNSHINE ORDINANCE
San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67

The Sunshine Ordinance is San Francisco's open government law, enacted in 1993 by the Board of Supervisors and former Mayor Frank Jordan. San Francisco voters amended and approved the current version of the Ordinance in November 1999 as Proposition G.

The Ordinance is based on the California Public Records Act and the state open meetings law known as the Ralph M. Brown Act, draws additional authority and potency from Article I, Section 3 of the California Constitution, and is intended to ensure and broaden the public's access to government guaranteed by the state law. San Francisco voters enacted the law to assure public officials conduct the people's business in full view of the public and the people remain in control of their government. (See SF Admin. Code Sec. 67.1.)

SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE

The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force is established pursuant to Section 67.30 of the Sunshine Ordinance to promote transparency and accountability in City government.

Members

The Task Force consists of 11 seats for voting members and two seats for non-voting members.

Current voting members are Chair Hope Johnson, Vice Chair Bruce Wolfe, Sue Cauthen, Hanley Chan, Jay Costa, Richard Knee, Suzanne Manneh, David Snyder, Allyson Washburn, and Jackson West. James Knoebber resigned from Seat 6 in October 2011, leaving one voting position currently unfilled.

Voting members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to requirements outlined in the Sunshine Ordinance, and appointments receive Mayoral approval. Voting members serve two year terms without pay or expense reimbursement. There is no term limit for serving on the Task Force.

The two non-voting Task Force seats are designated for ex-officio members from the offices of the Mayor and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. These seats are currently vacant. The

offices of the Mayor and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors have failed for over a year to designate their respective Task Force members as required by Section 67.30(c) of the Sunshine Ordinance.

Responsibilities

The Task Force protects the public interest in open government and performs the duties outlined in the Sunshine Ordinance. It monitors the effectiveness of the Ordinance and recommends ways to improve it. The goal is to maximize public access to all City records and information, maximize public access to all City meetings, and help public officials, employees, and entities find operationally and economically efficient and effective ways to meet open government requirements.

The Task Force is responsible for determining whether a record or information, or any part of that record or information, is public and must be disclosed, for determining whether meetings of policy, advisory, and passive-meeting bodies should be open to the public, and for hearing public complaints alleging violations of the Sunshine Ordinance, California Public Records Act, or the Ralph M. Brown Act. (See SF Admin. Code Sections 67.21 and 67.30.)

Meetings and Changes to Schedule

Regularly scheduled Task Force meetings are currently held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

At the request of members of the public, the Task Force recently approved changing its regular meeting day to Wednesday to discontinue the practice of meeting at the same time as the Board of Supervisors.

Standing Committees and New Committees

The Task Force has four established committees: Complaint, Compliance & Amendments, Education, Outreach & Training, and Rules.

The Task Force recently approved the creation of a new Technology Committee. The Technology Committee will work with City departments to maximize public access to information through technology and review and make recommendations to the Task Force on matters related to record retention policies, production of public information stored electronically, video broadcasts of public meetings, development of databases for Task Force documents, and other technology-related matters.

Administrator

The Task Force is assisted full time by an Administrator from the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.31. The Administrator receives complaints related to the Sunshine Ordinance and assists the public in resolving open government issues. The number of complaints received by the Administrator is substantially

higher than the number of complaints heard by the Task Force for adjudication, primarily because the Administrator is sometimes able to resolve conflicts between parties. (See attached Administrator's Reports for 2010 and 2011.)

LONG TERM ISSUES

Amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance

The Task Force has concluded amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance are necessary to clarify sections of the ordinance, ensure broad access to the public as required by the California Public Records Act, and enable the Task Force to further its goals more effectively. The Task Force has worked over the last several years to identify the most needed amendments and will prepare a summary for the Board of Supervisors.

Because the current Sunshine Ordinance was enacted by the voters, proposed amendments to it must go on the ballot for voter approval. Only in specific and narrowly defined instances may the Board and the Mayor amend the Ordinance. The Task Force's goal is for the proposed amendments to appear on the November 2012 ballot.

Enforcement of the Sunshine Ordinance

Section 67.30(c) of the Sunshine Ordinance requires that "the Task Force shall make referrals to a municipal office with enforcement power under this ordinance or under the California Public Records Act and the Brown Act whenever it concludes that any person has violated any provisions of this ordinance or the Acts."

Municipal offices with enforcement power under the Sunshine Ordinance are the District Attorney and the Ethics Commission. The District Attorney's office has failed to respond to any referral for enforcement from the Task Force, including a failure to provide any explanation to the original complainant. The Ethics Commission has received over 30 violation referrals from the Task Force since 2006. As detailed in the recent San Francisco Civil Grand Jury report titled 'San Francisco's Ethics Commission: The Sleeping Watchdog,' the Commission has heard only one of those complaints in an open hearing, finding a violation of the Sunshine Ordinance that the Mayor has since failed to address.

Serious enforcement of the Sunshine Ordinance is essential to protecting the public's right to open government. The Sunshine Ordinance is not merely local law; it also encompasses open government rights guaranteed by state law. The Task Force recommends the Board of Supervisors take steps to improve enforcement of the Ordinance. This will decrease the growing number of complaints received by the Task Force, decrease the length of Task Force meetings, and improve relations between elected officials and the public. As evidenced by the Occupy movements, the public is becoming increasingly aware of the back room deals and secretive nature corrupting government.

In addition, enforcement of the Sunshine Ordinance may uncover in a timely manner other improper activities within a department. For example, the Task Force wrote letters to the Board of Supervisors on June 17, 2011 and July 6, 2011 documenting its increasing concern regarding repeated violations of the Sunshine Ordinance by the Arts Commission since 2010. Many of the violations at issue were related to street artists' concern over financial expenditures by the Arts Commission. By mid-July the head of that Commission was replaced amid allegations of improper financial expenditures and failure to properly track spending. These allegations were later confirmed by a City Controller's audit in November. Recognition of the Sunshine Ordinance violations by a City agency with enforcement power such as the Ethics Commission likely would have revealed the improper spending earlier.

Ethics Commission Sunshine Ordinance Regulations

The Ethics Commission has proposed a set of regulations for handling violations of the Sunshine Ordinance brought to the Commission. The Task Force provided recommendations for changes to these regulations and requested a joint hearing with the Commission to discuss the regulations.

The Task Force has long been troubled with the way the Commission handles matters referred to it by the Task Force. The Commission has erroneously placed decisions on these matters with staff when the Commission itself should be making the determinations. Commission staff has recommended 18 of the 19 referrals for willful violations of the Ordinance not be heard by the Commission itself, misleadingly characterizing those referrals as "dismissed." Neither the Ethics Commission nor its staff has authority to dismiss a Task Force finding.

In addition, the Ethics Commission would benefit from the hearing experience of the Task Force. The Commission recently changed its proposed regulations after holding its first ever hearing of a Sunshine Ordinance violation referral. Commissioners and staff came to realize their proposed regulations were inadequately drafted due to the Commission's lack of experience with Sunshine-related hearings.

The immediate past Chair of the Board of Supervisor's Government Audit and Oversight Committee had announced the committee would schedule a hearing between the Ethics Commission and the Task Force to discuss the proposed regulations. The Task Force strongly recommends the Committee hold this hearing in a timely manner.

OTHER ISSUES

Action Minutes

The office of the Clerk of the Board has overstepped its authority and demanded the Task Force use action minutes rather than detailed minutes to officially document meetings. The Task Force has attempted to negotiate a compromise by requesting the addition of details sufficient to allow review for Sunshine Ordinance precedent and previous findings, but the Clerk continues to interfere with the Task Force's own administrator's preparation of minutes as requested by Task Force members.

Action minutes are simply a listing of the vote on a motion and cannot be used for a quasi-judicial body. The Task Force does not conduct business in the same way as the Board of Supervisors and its committees. It is a quasi-judicial body that receives specific testimony and evidence from each complainant, respondent, and persons supporting either party. Such hearings also include public comment on compliance with open government by the City departments and elected officials. All of the foregoing and the resulting finding for the complainant or the respondent go into a file that is at times quite voluminous. In addition, the docket must be available for review, serving as "case law" for the Sunshine Ordinance for the public, public officials, City departments, and municipal offices with enforcement power.

Task Force members are volunteers, serving long hours without compensation. Members have the assistance of only one staff person. Action minutes require even more time from these volunteers because these minutes do not provide detail adequate enough to even distinguish one complaint hearing from another. In addition, appointed members of boards, commissions, and task forces are held responsible for the actions and work product of their respective board, commission, or task force, and it is self-evident members would know which style of minutes are useful and, therefore, should be in control of the style of minutes prepared.

Line Item Budget

The Task Force is currently funded under the City's general fund. The Task Force encourages the Board of Supervisors to research establishing a line item budget for Task Force operations. This will clarify the amount of resources needed to manage the Task Force as required by law and help to inform future decisions regarding the Task Force's annual budget.

There are other quasi-judicial City policy bodies that operate much like the Task Force, including the Rent Board, Ethics Commission, and Appeals Board, all of which have budgets and staffs far larger than those of the Task Force.

The Task Force and its staff continually seek to improve operational and economic efficiencies, both at meetings and in record keeping. At the same time, the Task Force strongly believes that maintaining staffing, equipment, supplies, and facilities is paramount to complying with the voter-mandated Sunshine Ordinance law. (See, for example, Section 67.31 requiring that "[t]he Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall provide a full-time staff person to perform administrative duties for the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force and to assist any person in gaining access to public meetings or public information. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall provide that staff person with whatever facilities and equipment are necessary to perform said duties.")

Limiting City Attorney Hours

The Task Force remains deeply concerned about the inappropriate and continual limiting of the hours of assistance from the City Attorney's Office.

Section 67.30(a) of the Sunshine Ordinance requires a deputy city attorney be assigned to "serve solely as legal advisor and advocate to the Task Force," maintaining an ethical legal wall with

any person or office that may have a conflict of interest with Task Force work. Citing budgetary constraints, the City Attorney is severely restricting the number of hours a deputy city attorney is available to work with the Task Force. The number of hours budgeted for 2009 was 350 hours per year, approximately seven hours per week. The number of hours budgeted was reduced to 280 in 2010, approximately six hours per week. In 2011, that number was reduced to 218 hours, a mere four hours per week.

This is problematic for members of the public, the Task Force, and Task Force committees as they weigh substantive and procedural matters. The Task Force strongly advises the Board of Supervisors to provide adequate funding to enable the City Attorney to comply with 67.30(a) requirements in future fiscal years. In addition, the Task Force urges the Board of Supervisors to review the City Attorney's office practice of billing time in 15 minute increments rather than six minute increments. The 15 minute billing interval allows an attorney to charge a client for 15 minutes of time for a task that requires only four or five minutes, a practice almost never allowed by private sector clients.

Televising SOTF Meetings

For over six years, the Task Force has continued to request live televising and web streaming of its meetings on SFGOVTV and the City's web site. The Task Force has proved a viable, vital resource for the public, and its activities are sufficiently instructive to be a compelling subject for regular broadcast.

The Board of Supervisor recently amended the San Francisco Campaign and Government Conduct Code to require the Ethics Commission to televise its meetings. This was an important improvement to bring open government policy to Ethics Commission procedure, and the Task Force requests the Board also require all Task Force meetings be televised. This should not be a difficult requirement to meet since the Task Force and its committees meet regularly in hearing rooms equipped with at least one video camera. Discussion of this matter has already begun at the Board's Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

In conclusion, the Task Force urges the Board and the Mayor to keep the Task Force budget at least at its current level, and recognize the Task Force's needs and requirements under the Sunshine Ordinance for full-time staff and resources that will enable it to continue providing services to the City and the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Hope Johnson, Chair
Bruce Wolfe, Vice Chair
Richard A. Knee, Immediate Past Chair

**Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Complaint Committee
2010/2011 Annual Report**

The Complaint Committee determines whether the Task Force has jurisdiction on a given complaint, helps complainants focus their complaints, monitors the complaint process and makes recommendations to the Task Force regarding how complaints should be handled.

The Complaint Committee comprises three members: Chair Richard A. Knee, Sue Cauthen and Allyson M. Washburn.

The Complaint Committee has normally met on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. As this Annual Report is being drafted, the Task Force is considering suspending the Complaint Committee because (1) the Task Force wants to create a Technology Committee, and this would overburden members and staff if the Complaint Committee were kept active; and (2) the full Task Force could easily handle the issues that go before the Complaint Committee.

In fiscal year 2010-11, the Complaint Committee heard 23 complaints. It should be noted that the full Task Force held hearings on many more complaints than these. This is because the complaint underlying a particular hearing may not necessarily come before the Complaint Committee. This happens if jurisdiction is not contested. The following matters came before the Complaint Committee in FY 2010-11:

July 2010

- Case #10026, Ray Hartz vs. City Attorney, public-record complaint.
- Case #10030, Michael Wright vs. Human Services Agency, public-meeting complaint.
- Case #10034, Nick Pasquariello vs. Department of Technology, public-record complaint.

August 2010

- Case #10036, Tomas Picarello vs. Single Room Occupancy Hotel Safety & Stabilization Task Force, public-meeting complaint.

September 2010

- Case #10041, William and Robert Clark vs. Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Arts Commission, complaint regarding Commission fee-setting authority legislation.
- Case #10045, Randall Evans vs. Mo' Magic, public-record complaint.
- Case #10046, Joseph Victor Lagana vs. Police Department, public-record complaint.

October 2010

- Case #10035, Nick Pasquariello vs. Bay Area Video Coalition, public-record complaint.
- Case #10047, Kellee Lanza vs. District Attorney, public-record complaint.

November 2010

- Case #10052, Kai Wilson vs. North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District, public-record complaint.

December 2010

- Case #10057, Rita O'Flynn vs. Controller's Whistleblower Program, public-record complaint.
- Case #10060, Charles Pitts vs. Local Homeless Coordinating Board, public-meeting complaint.
- Case #10061, William and Robert Clark vs. City Attorney, complaint on fee charged to Arts Commission to discuss public-record requests.

January 2011

- Case #10065, Debra Benedict vs. San Francisco Bar Association, public-meeting complaint.
- Case #10071, Jason Grant Garza vs. Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, public-record complaint.

February 2011

- Case #10067, Charles Pitts vs. Local Homeless Coordinating Board, public-information complaint.

March 2011

- Case #11003, Matt Smith vs. District Attorney, public-record complaint.

April 2011

- Case #11009, Jason Grant Garza vs. San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, public-record complaint.

May 2011

- Case #11027, Cynthia Carter vs. Municipal Transportation Agency, public-record complaint.
- Case #11034, Frank McDowell vs. Municipal Transportation Agency, public-record complaint.

June 2011

- Case #11035, Marlon Crump vs. Police Commission, public-meeting and public-record complaints.
- Case #11038, Anonymous vs. Taxi Advisory Council, public-meeting complaint.
- Case #11041, Christine Harris vs. Police Department, civil-, constitutional and human-rights complaint.

The Complaint Committee would be aided immeasurably by the presence of a Deputy City Attorney at our meetings. Economy moves within the City Attorney's office have eliminated our ability to rely on a legal voice to assist Committee members, City departments, and members of the public as we deliberate.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard A. Knee, Chair

**Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Compliance & Amendments Committee
2010/2011 Annual Report**

The Compliance & Amendments Committee (CAC) takes the lead in monitoring the effectiveness of the Sunshine Ordinance and in proposing revisions thereto. In addition, the CAC follows up on Orders of Determination that the Task Force issues when finding violations of the Ordinance, investigating whether the Orders have been met and recommending when necessary that the Task Force refer cases of willful failure to comply with the Orders to entities empowered to impose penalties.

The CAC comprises five members: Chair Allyson Washburn, Hope Johnson, Richard Knee, David Snyder, and Bruce Wolfe. The composition is unchanged from our last annual report.

The CAC normally meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.

Hearings on Orders of Determination

From July 2010 to June 2011, the CAC followed up on 11 Orders of Determination that the Task Force issued after finding violations of the Sunshine Ordinance:

July 2010

- Case #10018, Svetlana Ptashnaya v the Dept. of Adult and Aging Services
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the Task Force for violation of Sections 67.21(c) and 67.24(c)(7) as well as possible referral to an enforcement agency such as the Ethics Commission, The State Attorney General, the District Attorney and/or the Board of Supervisors.
- Case #10022, Suzanne Dumont v the Recreation and Parks Department
Finding of compliance with Order of Determination

August 2010

- Case #10013, Nick Pasquariello v the Department of Technology
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the Ethics Commission because of willful failure to comply with Order of Determination
- Case #10025, Ray Hartz v the Police Commission
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the full Task Force to provide another opportunity for the Police Commission to demonstrate that the Police Commission's Index of Records enables members of the public to learn the types of information and documents maintained by and for the Commission per Section 67.29 and if the Police Commission does not satisfy then to refer to an enforcement agency for willful failure to comply.

September 2010

- Case #10030, Michael Wright v. the Human Services Agency
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; matter referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the Ethics Commission for enforcement

November 2010

- Case #10047, Kellee Lanza v the District Attorney's Office
Matter referred back to the full Task Force to determine compliance with Order of Determination

February 2011

- Case #10052, Kai Wilson v. North of Market/Tenderloin Community Benefit District
Finding of compliance with Order of Determination
- Case #10059, Dorian Maxwell v. SF Municipal Transportation Agency
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; matter continued to March 2011 CAC meeting because the Order of Determination had not yet been met.
- Case #10063, Debra Benedict v. Mayor's Office of Economic & Workforce Development
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the Ethics Commission for disciplinary action because of inaction on the Order of Determination
- Case #10069, William and Robert Clark v. Arts Commission
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation that it be forwarded to the Ethics Commission for disciplinary action because the Order of Determination was not met within the prescribed period

March 2011

- Case #10059, Dorian Maxwell v. SF Municipal Transportation Agency
Continued hearing on the status of the Order of Determination; finding of noncompliance with the Order; matter referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation that SF Municipal Transportation Agency Executive Director and CEO Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr. be found in violation of Section 67.33 for failure to instruct MTA employees on Sunshine requirements and the matter be forwarded to the Ethics Commission.
- Case #10074, William J Clark and Robert J Clark v. Arts Commission
Finding of noncompliance with Order of Determination; referred back to the full Task Force with a recommendation for referral to the Ethics Commission for non-compliance with the Order of Determination

Review of Ethics Commission's Proposed Regulations Changes

The Compliance and Amendments Committee completed a thorough review of the Ethics Commission staff's August 17, 2010 draft "Regulations for Complaints Alleging Violations of the Sunshine Ordinance" (Staff's Draft) in May 2011. Suggested changes, many of

which reflected extensive public input at seven meetings of the Committee when the matter was heard, were forwarded to the Commission in June 2011.

The CAC would be aided immeasurably by the presence of a Deputy City Attorney at our meetings. Economy moves within the City Attorney's office have eliminated our ability to rely on a legal voice to assist CAC members, City departments, and members of the public as we deliberate.

Respectfully submitted,
Allyson Washburn, Chair

**Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Education, Outreach & Training Committee
2010/2011 Annual Report**

The Education, Outreach & Training Committee (EOTC) is responsible for educating City agencies and the general public about the provisions of open government laid forth by the Sunshine Ordinance. It also makes recommendations to the Task Force about matters of outreach and publicity surrounding the Sunshine Ordinance. The committee holds its meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

The EOTC is comprised of three members: Jay Costa (Chair), Suzanne Manneh, and Jackson West. Over the past year, Hope Johnson, Hanley Chan, Sue Cauthen, and Marjorie Ann Williams also served on the committee, each of them demonstrating great dedication to upholding and promoting Sunshine in the City of San Francisco.

This year, the EOTC has continued to work with entities that the Task Force has determined to be in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance. Specifically, the EOTC ensures that these entities fully understand why the Task Force has found them to be in violation, thereby clarifying how violations can be avoided in the future. Some of the Orders of Determination on which the EOTC has followed up include those on complaints filed by Barry Taranto against the MTA Board of Directors, Nick Pasquariello against the Department of Technology, Thomas Picarello against the SRO Task Force, Ray Hartz against the Library Commission, William Clark against the City Attorney's Office, Charles Pitts against the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, and Jason Grant Garza against the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic.

The outcome of these hearings has generally been quite successful, with most respondents expressing a clear understanding of why they were found to be in violation and making a commitment to changing their procedures so as to be compliant with the Sunshine Ordinance going forward. Two notable examples of this were the hearings concerning the Department of Technology and the SRO Task Force.

In an effort to spread public awareness about the Sunshine Ordinance, the EOTC has also continued to offer educational presentations about the Ordinance to a diverse array of groups, such as the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, the Department of Children and Families, and the San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board.

This year, the EOTC has also undertaken several additional efforts to further raise public awareness regarding the Sunshine Ordinance. For example, the committee devoted a great deal of discussion to the possibility of creating a Sunshine Award, which the Task Force would bestow annually upon City agencies outstanding in their compliance with the Sunshine Ordinance. The EOTC also discussed the idea of building a social media presence for the Task Force – for example, creating a Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Facebook page. The extensive preparatory debate and research by the EOTC on each of the aforementioned leaves both ideas in a state of readiness for consideration by the full Task Force. The EOTC has also contacted a variety of San Francisco media outlets, including many ethnic newspapers, in an attempt to garner publicity for the Sunshine Ordinance and the topic of open government in San Francisco.

The EOTC has encountered several problems over the past year that are worthy of note. First, we continue to be hampered when a knowledgeable representative from the respondent City agency or other group does not attend our meetings, as is required under Section 67.21(e) of the Sunshine Ordinance. The absence of such a representative makes it impossible to pursue voluntary compliance with Task Force Orders of Determination.

Second, as stated previously, the EOTC would be aided immeasurably by the presence of a Deputy City Attorney at our meetings. The Deputy City Attorney assigned to the Task Force does not currently attend committee meetings as a result of cutbacks by the City Attorney's Office. The presence of the Deputy City Attorney at our meetings would allow the EOTC, City departments, and members of the public to benefit from legal advice during its deliberations.

Finally, the EOTC has encountered several instances wherein a City agency has refused to comply with an Order of Determination by the Task Force on the grounds that the City Attorney's office – or the City Attorney's office by proxy of its Good Government Guide – was the entity that originally advised the agency to proceed in the manner that the Task Force ultimately found to be in violation of the Sunshine Ordinance (for example, Ray Hartz against the Library Commission). It is troubling that there have been instances in which the City Attorney has given advice that, from the view of the Task Force, runs counter to the Sunshine Ordinance. It is even more troubling that some of this advice comes in the form of a widely consulted publication such as the Good Government Guide. Going forward, it is essential that discrepancies between reference materials such as the Good Government Guide and the Sunshine Ordinance are rooted out and eliminated, and that the Ordinance be upheld as the ultimate source of authority on issues of open government in the City of San Francisco.

Despite these problems, the EOTC is encouraged by its many successes and greatly looks forward the opportunity to continuing to work for a more open government in our City in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Costa, Chair

**Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Rules Committee
2010/2011 Annual Report**

The Rules Committee reviews matters related to amendments to the Task Force by-laws and procedures for Task Force meetings and shall assist the Chair of the Task Force to ensure that all annual objectives enumerated in the Sunshine Ordinance are met by the Task Force. The Rules Committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Committee members are Bruce Wolfe (Chair), Hope Johnson, and Allyson Washburn.

Actions Taken

March 2011 (*underline=amended, strike-through=removed*)

1. Bylaws amended on quorum to approve an action
 - a. **Article IV, Section 7 of the By-Laws to read:** The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Task Force present (~~six votes~~) shall be required for the approval of all substantive matters.

2. Bylaws amended regarding attendance of Task Force members
 - a. **Article VII was amended to read:** Members of the Task Force shall notify the Task Force Administrator if she or he is unable to attend a regular or special meeting of the Task Force. The Administrator of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall notify any member who misses two meetings in any twelve month period of time that if the third absence occurs, the Task Force shall~~may~~ notify the Board of Supervisors of the member's lack of attendance. If a member of the Task Force misses more than three regular meetings in any twelve-month period of time, the Task Force shall~~may~~ notify the Board of Supervisors and request that action be taken to remove the member from the Task Force. ~~The Administrator of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force shall notify any member who misses two meetings in any twelve month period of time that if the third absence occurs, the Task Force may notify the Board of Supervisors of the member's lack of attendance.~~
 - b. **Second sentence in Article VI, Section 1, was amended to read:** Unless specified otherwise by the Task Force, the Chair of the Task Force shall appoint or remove the Chair and members of the Standing Committees~~name the Chair of the Standing Committees and its members.~~

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce M. Wolfe, M.S.W., Chair

Complaints 2010

Date Received	Complainant	Department/Respondent	Status
1/12/2010	Nick Pasquarello 10001	General Services Agency	Task Force 02/23/2010, No jurisdiction
1/22/2010	Nancy Cross 10002	Law Library	Task Force 02/23/2010, No jurisdiction
1/22/2010	Nancy Cross 10003	ECS Sanctuary	Task Force 02/23/2010, No violation
1/22/2010	Rita O'Flynn 10004	City Attorney's Office	Task Force 02/23/2010, Withdrawn
2/2/2010	Emil Lawrence 10005	MTA	Complaint 03/09/10, Task Force 3/23/2010, No violation
2/4/2010	Paula Datesh 10006	Arts Commission	Complaint 03/09/10, No jurisdiction
2/22/2010	Chris Daly 10007	Mayor's Office	Complaint 03/09/10, Task Force 3/23/2010, violated 67.21(b), 67.21(e), 67.25(b), Task Force 04/27/10, referred to EC and BOS
3/3/2010	Sandra Brotherton 10008	Dept. of Emergency Management	Complaint 04/27/10, Task Force 4/27/2010, No further action
3/10/2010	Majeid Crawford 10009	City Attorney's Office	Complaint 5/11/10, TF 5/25/2010, violated 67.26, 67.27, TF 6/22/10, referred to EC
3/26/2010	Paula Datesh 10010	Arts Commission	Complaint 5/11/10, TF 5/25/2010, TF 6/22/10, 07/27/2010, 08/24/2010, Tabled
3/26/2010	Juan De Anda 10011	Public Health	Task Force 04/27/10, contd 05/25/10, Tabled
3/29/2010	Ellen Tsang 10012	Planning Department	Task Force 04/27/10, (violated 67.21(e), 67.25), TF 6/22/10, no further action
4/5/2010	Nick Pasquarello 10013	Dept. of Technology	Task Force 05/25/10, (violated 67.21(b), 67.26), TF 6/22/10, CAC 8/10/10, TF 08/24/2010, referred to EC
4/9/2010	Michael Robinson 10014	Rent Board	Complaint 5/11/10, no jurisdiction
4/14/2010	Ellen Tsang 10015	Planning Department	Task Force 05/25/10, violated 67.21, 67.25, 67.26 and 67.27, TF 6/22/10, referred to EC
4/10/2010	Ray Hartz 10016	Rent Board	Complaint 5/11/10, TF 5/25/2010, violated 67.24c(1)(i) and (ii), TF 6/22/10, matter concluded
4/10/2010	Ray Hartz 10017	Rent Board	Complaint 5/11/10, TF 5/25/2010, No further action
5/18/2010	Svetlana Ptashnaya 10018	Aging and Adult Services	Complaint 6/8/2010, TF 6/22/10, violated 67.21(c), 67.21(e) 67.24(c)(7) & 67.27, CAC 07/13/2010, TF 7/27/2010, referred to EC
5/21/2010	Alvin Xex 10019	First 5 (San Francisco)	Complaint 6/22/10, Tabled
4/26/2010	Kenneth Kinnard 10020	Human Rights Commission	Complaint 5/11/10, no jurisdiction
4/28/2010	Anonymous 10021	Recreation and Parks Department	Task Force 5/25/10, withdrawn 5/24/10
5/3/2010	Suzanne Dumont 10022	Recreation and Parks Department	Complaint 6/8/2010, TF 6/22/10, violated 67.27, CAC 07/13/2010, Matter concluded

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5/21/2010	Alvin Xex 10023	First 5 (San Francisco)	Complaint 07/13/10, Tabled
5/25/2010	Ray Hartz 10024	San Francisco Police Dept	Complaint TF 6/22/10 Contd 07/27/2010, no further action
5/25/2010	Ray Hartz 10025	San Francisco Police Commission	TF 6/22/10 (violated 67.29, 67.29, 67.21e), CAC 07/13/2010, 08/10/2010, TF 08/24/2010, Matter concluded
5/25/2010	Ray Hartz 10026	City Attorney's Office	TF 6/22/10, Contd. 07/27/2010, 07/27/2010, Withdrawn 07/27/2010
6/1/2010	Barry Taranto 10027	MTA Board of Directors	Task Force 7/27/10, vio 67.7, EOTC 08/12/2010, 09/08/2010, 10/14/2010, 1/13/2011, 2/10/2011
6/1/2010	Charles Pitts 10028	Local Homeless Coordinating Board	Task Force 7/27/10, Matter concluded
6/1/2010	Charles Pitts 10029	Local Homeless Coordinating Board	Task Force 7/27/10, Matter concluded
6/4/2010	Michael Wright 10030	SF Human Services Agency	Complaint 7/13/10, 07/27/2010, 08/24/2010, (vio 67.4) referred to EC, CAC 09/14/2010, Task Force 9/28/2010, referred to EC, Task Force 10/26/2010, Referred to EC
6/23/12010	Charles Pitts 10031	Local Homeless Coordinating Board	Task Force 7/27/10, 08/24/2010 (vio 67.13, 67.21e, EOTC 10/14/08/10, 11/11/2010
6/23/2010	Mike Addario 10032	Human Rights Commission	Complaint 7/13/10, Closed 06/28/2010, False Claim
6/23/2010	Milindha Morahela 10033	Arts Commission	Complaint 7/13/10, Withdrawn 7/13/2010
6/28/2010	Nick Pasquariello 10034	Department of Technology	Complaint 7/13/10, 07/27/2010, 08/24/2010 (vio 67.25)+D14, EOTC 10/14/2010, 11/11/2010, 1/13/2011, Concluded
7/2/2010	Nick Pasquariello 10035	Bay Area Video Coalition	Task Force 08/24/2010, Complaint 09/14/2010, 10/12/2010, Withdrawn 10/09/2010
7/1/2010	Tomas Picarello 10036	SRO Task Force	Complaint 08/10/2010, Task Force 08/24/2010, (vio 67.3b, 67.5, 67.15b) EOTC 1/13/2011, 2/10/2011, TF 3/22/2010, Ecd
7/7/2010	Suzanne Dumont 10037	Recreation and Parks Department	Task Force 08/24/10, Withdrawn
7/9/2010	Jason Grant Garza 10038	Dept. of Public Health	Task Force 08/24/2010, referred to EC & Task Force tabled 09/28/2010, Reheard 11/30/2010, Tabled
7/27/2010	Suzanne Dumont 10039	Recreation and Parks Department	Task Force 09/14/2010, withdrawn
7/28/2010	Ellen Tsang 10040	Planning Department	Task Force 09/28/2010, Contd 10/26/2010, 11/18/2010, 01/04/2011 (67.21c), Concluded
7/28/2010	William & Robert Clark 10041	Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors, Arts Commission	Complaint 09/14/2010, Task Force 9/28/2010, 10/26/2010
8/2/2010	Cal Tilden 10042	Recreation and Parks Department	Task Force 09/28/2010, Contd 10/26/2010, 11/18/2010, 01/04/2011 (67.24e1, motion failed, no violation, failed), Concluded
8/9/2010	Brandon Combs 10043	Sheriff's Department	Task Force 09/28/2010, Tabled
8/17/2010	Rita O'Flynn 10044	Mayor's Office of Housing	Withdrawn 09/07/2010
8/19/2010	Randall Evans 10045	Mo' Magic (Public Defender)	Complaint 09/14/2010, Task Force 9/28/2010, Matter concluded

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8/27/2010	Joseph Victor Lagana 10046	Police Department	Complaint 9/14/2010, Task Force 9/28/2010, Matter concluded
9/22/2010	Kellee Lanza 10047	District Attorney	Complaint 10/12/2010, Task Force 10/26/2010 (vio 67.21b, 67.21e, 67.25d, 67.26, 67.29-5), CAC 11/09/2010, Task Force 11/18/2010, EC
9/23/2010	Stephen Williams 10048	Historic Preservation Commission	Task Force 11/30/2010, EOTC 2/10/2011
9/23/2010	Stephen Williams 10049	Planning Department	Task Force 11/30/2010, EOTC 2/10/2011
9/27/2010	Ray Hartz 10050	Police Commission (Mazzucco)	Task Force 10/26/2010, 11/30/2010, 01/04/2011, Contd 1/20/2011 (67.15d), EOTC 09/08/2011, Concluded
9/27/2010	Ray Hartz 10051	Police Commission (Marshall)	Task Force 10/26/2010, Contd 11/18/2010, Concluded
10/7/2010	Kai Wilson 10052	North of Market/Tenderloin CBD	Complaint 11/09/2010, Task Force 11/30/2010 vio 67.21, 67.21k, 67.25 67.27, cpra 6253a, 6253b, 6253c, 6253d), CAC 02/8/2011, Concluded
10/12/2010	Jim Flannery 10053	Dept. of Public Health	Task Force 11/30/2010, Contd 1/4/2011, Tabled
10/14/2010	Ray Hartz 10054	Library Commission	Task Force 11/30/2010, 01/04/2011, Contd 1/20/2011, 1/25/2011 (67.15, 67.16, 67.21e), 3/22/2011 (EC motion failed), EOTC 4/14/2011, TF 6/28/2011, EC, TF 09/27/2011
10/14/2010	Ray Hartz 10055	Police Commission	Task Force 11/30/2010, Contd 1/4/2011 (67.15), EOTC 7/14/2011
10/26/2010	Peter Witt 10056	Municipal Transportation Agency	Task Force 01/04/2011, Contd, 1/20/2011, motion made, no second. Concluded
10/27/2010	Rita O'Flynn 10057	Controller's Office	Complaint Committee 12/14/2011, Contd 1/4/2011, 1/20/2011, Withdrawn 1/14/2011
10/27/2010	Sean McGuire 10058	SF Unified School District	Complaint Committee 12/14/2010, Withdrawn, 12/13/2010
11/1/2010	Dorian Maxwell 10059	Municipal Transportation Agency	Task Force 1/4/2011, Contd, 1/20/2011, 1/25/2011 (vio 67.25, 67.26, 67.27 6254c), CAC 3/8/2011, Contd 3/22/2011, TF 3/22/2010, 4/26/2011, BOS & EC
11/9/2010	Charles Pitts 10060	Local Homeless Coordinating Board	Complaint Committee 12/14/2011, TF 1/4/11 67.21e), Contd 1/25/2011 67.21e, 67.34, EOTC 3/10/2011
11/9/2010	William & Robert Clark 10061	City Attorney's Office	Complaint Committee 12/14/2011, TF 1/4/11, No violation
11/16/2010	Tomas Picarello 10062	North of Market/Tenderloin CBD	Complaint Committee 12/14/2011, Withdrawn, 12/13/2010
11/16/2010	Debra Benedict 10063	Mayor's Office of Economic & Workforce Development (MOEWD)	Task Force 1/4/2011, Contd, 1/20/2011, 1/25/2011 (67.21b, 67.21c, 67.25a), CAC 2/8/2011, TF 2/22/2011, referred to Ecd
11/16/2010	Anonymous Tenants 10064	City Attorney's Office	Task Force 1/4/2011, Contd, 1/20/2011-67.22b, 67.27, Matter concluded
11/19/2010	Debra Benedict 10065	SF Bar Association	Complaint 1/11/2011, Task Force 1/25/2011, No motion, Concluded
11/29/2010	Dorian Maxwell 10066	SFMTA	Task Force 1/25/2011, 67.21b, 67.27, EOTC 3/10/2011
11/22/2010	Charles Pitts 10067	Local Homeless Coordinating Board	Complaint 2/8/2011, Task Force 2/22/2011 (67.25a, 67.21e, 67.16), EOTC 6/9/2011, Concluded
11/22/2010	Nick Pasquariello 10068	SFMTA	Task Force 1/25/2011, Cont'd 2/22/2011, Withdrawn 2/19/2011

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12/17/2010	William & Robert Clark 10069	Arts Commission	Task Force 1/25/2011 (67.21b, 67.21c, 67.26), CAC 2/8/2011, Task Force 2/22/2011, referred to Ecn
12/8/2010	Anonymous 10070	Human Resources	Task Force 1/25/2011
12/17/2010	Jason Grant Garza 10071	Haight Ashbury Free Clinics	Complaint1/11/2011, Task Force 1/25/2011, Tabled
12/15/2010	Bruce McLellan 10072	Recreation & Park Department	Task Force 1/25/2011, No motion, Concluded
12/21/2010	Debra Benedict 10073	Baker Places	Task Force 2/22/2011 12L4a1, EOTC
12/22/2010	William & Robert Clark 10074	Arts Commission	Task Force 2/22/2011 (67.27a, 67.21e, 67.21c, 67.22), CAC 3/8/2011, TF 3/22/2010, 67.21e), Ecn
12/24/2010	Anonymous 10075	Recreation & Park Department	Task Force 2/22/2011, Tabled

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Date Received	Complainant	Department/Respondent	Status
1/11/2011	William & Robert Clark 11001	City Attorney's Office	Task Force 2/22/2011 (67.26, 67.21b), EOTC, TF 6/28/2010, EC
1/11/2011	William & Robert Clark 11002	City Attorney's Office	Task Force 2/22/2011 (67.21i, 67.21e), EOTC, Tabled
2/14/2011	Matt Smith 11003	District Attorney's Office	Complaint 3/8/2011, TF 3/22/2011, 4/26/2011, No motion, Concluded
2/17/2011	Tomas Picarello 11004	Dept. of Human Services	Complaint 3/8/2011, Withdrawn 3/8/2011
3/2/2011	Mary Miles 11005	Planning Commission	TF 3/22/2011 (vio 67.16, 67.25a, 67.21e), EOTC
3/2/2011	Mary Miles 11006	Municipal Transportation Agency	TF 3/22/2011, EC, AG, DA, BOSn
2/28/2011	William Clark 11007	Arts Commission	TF 3/22/2011 (67.16, 67.25, 67.21e); Ecn
2/28/2011	William Clark 11008	Arts Commission	TF 3/22/2011, 4/26/2011 (67.21b; 67.21e), CAC 7/12/2011, 10/8/2011, TF 12/14/2011, 1/3/2012, 1/24/2012
3/2/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11009	SF Community Clinic Consortium	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/26/2011, No jurisdiction
3/2/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11010	Haight Ashbury Free Clinic	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/21/2011 (vio 67.25), EOTC 6/9/2011, Concluded
3/2/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11011	Haight Ashbury Free Clinic	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/21/2011, EOTCC 6/9/2011, Concluded
3/2/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11012	Haight Ashbury Free Clinic	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/21/2011, EOTC 6/9/2011, Concluded
3/6/2011	Patrick Monette-Shaw 11013	Controller, Ethics Commission	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/21/2011 (vio 67.25, 67.26, 67.27), CAC 7/12/2011, DA, EC
3/6/2011	Patrick Monette-Shaw 11014	Ethics Commission	Complaint 4/12/2011, TF 4/21/2011 (vio 6253, 67.26), CAC 6/14/2011, 7/12/2011, DA, EC
3/9/2011	Larry Littlejohn 11015	Municipal Transportation Agency	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (vio cpra 6254f1, 67.21b, 67.21e, CAC 06/14/2011, 7/12/2011, Concluded
3/9/2011	Andrew Sisneros 11016	Municipal Transportation Agency	TF 4/26/2011, 5/19/2011 (vio 67.21c, 67.21b), CAC 06/14/2011, 7/12/2011, EC
3/10/2011	Tomas Picarello 11017	Supervisor Carmen Chu	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (vio 67.7, 67.8, 67.10d), EOTC 07/14/2011, Concluded
3/11/2011	Charlotte Laughon 11018	Board of Supervisors	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (67.21b, no second), Concluded
3/9/2011	William Clark 11019	Arts Commission	TF 4/26/2011, Withdrawn
3/11/2011	Charlotte Laughon 11020	Film Commission	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (no motion), Concluded
3/15/2011	Debra Benedict 11021	Tides Center	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011, 5/24/2011 (vio 12L4c), EOTC 7/14/2011, TF 09/27/2011, 10/25/2011, CAC 12/13/2011, Concluded
3/15/2011	Debra Benedict 11022	Lutheran Social Service	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (12Ld1, no second), Concluded

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3/16/2011	William Clark 11023	Arts Commission	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011 (67.24c6, 67.21e) Mayor, BOS, AC, CAC 7/12/2011, DA, BOS
3/17/2011	William Clark 11024	Arts Commission	Withdrawn 3/29/2010
3/22/2011	Suzanne Dumont 11025	City Attorney's Office	TF 4/26/2011, 5/18/2011, Tabled
3/26/2011	Michael Petrelis 11026	Police Department	TF 4/26/2011, 5/24/2011 (no motion), Concluded
3/26/2011	Cynthia Carter 11027	Municipal Transportation Agency	CC 5/10/2011, TF 5/24/2011, No jurisdiction
3/25/2011	Charles Pitts 11028	Supervisor Jane Kim	TF 5/24/2011 (67.25a, 67.21b, 67.27, 67.26), CAC 6/14/2011, 7/12/2011, BOS
3/29/2011	Suzanne Dumont 11029	Rec and Park	TF 5/24/2011, Tabled
4/5/2011	Charles Pitts 11030	Supervisor Mark Farrell	TF 5/24/2011 (67.25a, 67.21b, 67.27, 67.26), CAC 6/14/2011, 7/12/2011, BOS
4/5/2011	Charles Pitts 11031	Supervisor Sean Elsbernd	TF 5/24/2011, TF 6/28/2011, Concluded
4/14/2011	Tomas Picarello 11032	Clerk of the Board	TF 5/24/2011 (67.16, motion failed), Concluded
4/21/2011	William Clark 11033	Arts Commission	TF 5/24/2011 (67.21b, 67.22a, 67.34, 67.21e, 67.26, 67.27 6253d, 6254c) BOS
4/19/2011	Frank McDowell 11034	Municipal Transportation Agency	CC 5/10/2011, TF 5/24/2011 (67.21b), EOTC 7/14/2011, Concluded, Petitioned, TF 09/27/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/8/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2012, dismissed
4/27/2011	Marlon Crump 11035	Police Commission	CC 6/14/2011, TF 6/28/2011, 7/26/2010, Concluded
4/27/2011	Michael Petrelis 11036	Public Works	TF 6/28/2011, Concluded
5/8/2011	William Clark 11037	Arts Commission	TF 6/28/2011, EC
5/9/2011	Anonymous 11038	Taxi Advisory Council	CC 6/14/2011, TF 6/28/2011, EOTC 8/11/2011
5/9/2011	Steve Lawrence 11039	Public Works	Withdrawn 06/08/2011
5/11/2011	William & Robert Clark 11040	Arts Commission	TF 6/28/2011, EOTC 8/11/2011
5/20/2011	Christine Harris 11041	Police Department	CC 6/14/2011, TF 6/28/2011, No jurisdiction
5/31/2011	Cynthia Carter 11042	SFMTA	CC 7/12/2011, TF 7/26/2011, 8/23/2011, CAC 9/13/2011; 10/13/2011, TF 10/25/2011, EC
5/31/2011	Alicia Gamez 11043	Dept. of Public Health	TF 6/28/2011, 7/26/2011, CAC 8/9/2011, TF 8/23/2011, Concluded
6/14/2011	Allen Grossman 11044	Office of Assessor-Recorder	TF 7/26/2011, Withdrawn
6/14/2011	William Clark 11045	Arts Commission	TF 7/26/2011, 8/23/2011, EC

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6/15/2011	Charles Pitts 11046	Shelter Monitoring Committee	TF 7/26/2011, 8/23/2011, 9/27/2011, 10/25/2011, EOTC 11/10/2011, 12/8/2011, Concluded
6/17/2011	Dorian Maxwell 11047	Municipal Transportation Agency	TF 7/26/2011, 8/23/2011, 9/27/2011, CAC 11/8/2011, 12/13/2011, Concluded
6/21/2011	Pastor Gavin 11048	Supervisors Chui, Mar, Wiener, Cohen	TF 7/26/2011, 8/23/2011, 9/27/2011, EC & DA
6/22/2011	George Wooding 11049	Recreation & Park Department	TF 7/26/2011, TF 09/27/2011, CAC 10/11/2011, TF 10/25/2011, EC
6/23/2011	Barbara Thomson 11050	Board of Appeals	TF 7/26/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
6/27/2011	SF Urban Forest Coalition 10051	Office of Assessor-Recorder	TF 7/26/2011, Withdrawn
7/7/2011	Christopher Roberts 10052	Mayor's Office	TF 8/23/2011, Withdrawn
7/18/2011	Christine Harris 11053	Sheriff's Office	TF 8/23/2011, Withdrawn
7/26/2011	Ray Hartz 11054	Public Library	TF 8/23/2011, CAC 9/13/2011, TF 09/27/2011, EC & DA
7/26/2011	Ray Hartz 11055	Public Library	TF 8/23/2011, Concluded
8/8/2011	Allen Grossman 11056	Dennis Herrera, Jack Song, CAO	TF 8/23/2011, 9/27/2011, 10/25/2011, CAC 12/13/2011, 1/10/2012
8/8/2011	Anonymous 11057	John Rahaim, Planning Department	TF 8/23/2011, Withdrawn
8/16/2011	Nick Pasquariello 11058	Film Commission	TF 09/27/2011, 10/25/2011, 11/29/2011, CAC 12/13/2011, 1/10/2012
8/18/2011	Terry Rex Spray 11059	Public Health	Closed
9/9/2011	Lars Nyman 11060	Public Works	TF 10/25/2011, 11/29/2011, Dismissed
9/10/2011	Micki Jones 11061	Fire Department	Withdrawn
9/14/2011	Michael Petrelis 11062	News Rack Advisory Committee	Withdrawn
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11063	John Rahaim, Planning Department	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/3/2012, no action
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11064	Michael Yarne, OEWD	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/24/2012
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11065	Jennifer Matz, OEWD	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/24/2012
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11066	Charles Sullivan, City Attorney's Office	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/24/2012, withdrawn 1/30/2012
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11067	Cheryl Adams, City Attorney's Office	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/24/2012, withdrawn 1/30/2012
9/21/2011	Anonymous 11068	Planning Department	TF 11/08/2011, 11/8/2011, 1/3/2012, CAC 2/14/12

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9/22/2011	Ging M Louie 11069	SFMTA	Withdrawn
9/26/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11070	Public Health	TF 10/25/2011, 11/29/2011, Closed
10/4/2011	Ray Hartz 11071	Dennis Herrera, City Attorney's Office	TF 10/25/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, CAC 2/14/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11072	Supervisor Sean Elsbernd	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, Closed
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11073	Supervisor Malia Cohen	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11074	Supervisor Carmen Chu	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, Closed
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11075	Supervisor Scott Wiener	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/3/2012, 1/24/2012, 2/28/2012, withdrawn 1/30/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11076	Supervisor Mark Farrell	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11077	Supervisor David Chiu	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11078	John Rahaim, Planning Department	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/3/2012, no action
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11079	Cheryl Adams, City Attorney's Office	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
10/4/2011	Anonymous 11080	Charles Sullivan, City Attorney's Office	TF 11/08/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/24/2012
10/6/2011	Jason Grant Garza 11081	Public Health	TF 11/22/2011, CAC 12/13/2011, 1/10/2012, 2/14/2012
10/19/2011	Anonymous 11082	Caroline Celaya, SFMTA	TF 11/22/2011, 12/14/2011, 1/3/2012, 1/24/2012, 2/28/2012, withdrawn 1/30/2012
10/11/2011	Ray Hartz 11083	Luis Herrera, Public Library	TF 11/22/2011, 12/14/2011, CAC 2/14/2012
10/14/2011	Library Users Association 11084	Arts Commission	TF 11/22/2011, 12/14/2011, EOTC 2/14/2012
10/14/2011	Library Users Association 11085	Arts Commission	TF 11/22/2011, 11/29/2011, 12/14/2011 EOTC 2/14/2012
10/17/2011	Che Hashim 11086	Jarvis Murray, SFMTA	TF 11/22/2011, withdrawn 1/3/2012
10/19/2011	Lars Nyman 11087	Public Works	TF 11/22/2011, 1/3/2012, CAC 2/14/2012
10/20/2011	Ray Hartz 11088	John St. Croix, Ethics Commission	TF 11/22/2011, 1/3/2012, 1/24/2012, 2/28/2012
11/1/2011	Robb Birkhead 11089	City Attorney's Office	TF 11/22/2011, 1/3/2012, 1/24/2012, 2/28/2012
10/20/2011	Patrick Monette-Shaw 11090	Controller's Office	1/24/2012, 2/28/2012
11/4/2011	Nick Pasquariello 11091	Supervisor Chiu	1/3/2012, 1/24/2012, 2/28/2012



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RE: File 111329 – Charter amendment consolidating odd year elections and expanding the ranked-choice voting system (revised)

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would decrease to the cost of government by approximately \$1.0 million on an annual basis through consolidating the elections for City Attorney and Treasurer with those for other City offices. The amendment also specifies that when the City acquires a new voting system it seek to allow for processing more than the current three candidates under the ranked choice system. In and of itself this provision does not affect the cost of government. However, depending on how the City implements the provision, there would be costs which are not known at this time but are certainly significant.

Under the proposed amendment there would be an estimated savings of approximately \$4.2 million every four years achieved by eliminating the local municipal election for the offices of City Attorney and Treasurer. The City would consolidate these offices with the election for Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney beginning in 2015 and not conduct a separate municipal election beginning in 2017. Savings would begin in fiscal year 2017-2018 and, spread over the four year election cycle, result in approximately \$1.0 million on an annual basis.

When the City seeks to acquire a new voting system, there would be costs incurred should the system expand the ranked-choice voting system. An expanded system would require new voting materials, increased voter education, software, systems, equipment, testing and certification processes and these costs are unknown at this time but would be significant.

Please note that this is a preliminary cost estimate which may change as the proposal is reviewed and amended.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Ben Rosefield
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

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**Re: Transmittal of Planning Case Number 2011.1202TZ
BF No.'s 11-1210, 11-1211: Chinatown Transit Station SUD**

**Recommendation: Approval with Modifications of File No. 11-1210 (PC Text Amendment)
Approval of File No. 11-1211 (PC Map Amendment)**

Dear Supervisor Chiu and Ms. Calvillo,

On January 26, 2012, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearings at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinances under Board of Supervisors File Numbers 11-1210 and 11-1211.

At the January 26th Hearing, the Commission voted 4-0 (Commissioner Sugaya was recused and Commissioner Fong was absent) to recommend approval with modifications of the proposed Planning Code Text Amendment Ordinance and approval of the proposed Planning Code Map Amendment Ordinance, which together would create the Chinatown Transit Station Special Use District. The Department's recommended modifications were technical in nature and did not include any substantive amendments.

Supervisor, please advise the City Attorney at your earliest convenience if you wish to incorporate the changes recommended by the Commission. The attached resolution and exhibits provide more detail about the Commission's action. If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

AnMarie Rodgers
Manager of Legislative Affairs

Cc: City Attorney Audrey Pearson

Attachments (one copy of the following):
Planning Commission Resolution No. 18526
Draft Ordinances (including modifications)
Department Executive Summary
Department Exhibits

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Subject: Comment for the Capital Committee Feb. 1, 2012

Dear Sirs:

I see that Item 6 on the Feb 1, 2012 agenda involves discussion and possible action to recommend the the Board of Supervisors that they accept a gift of...\$195,017.53 from The SF Parks Alliance for the renovation of the children's play area in Lafayette Park.

I suggest that this gift be rejected. The "alliance" was formed just four months ago. How it has almost \$200,000 to donate in such a short period of time is quite dubious. But more to a larger point about Lafayette Park: the entire park is a dog park, period. NOTHING should be spent renovating a dog park. In fact, if you want to see off-leash dogs tearing up the turf and causing a major ruckus, all you have to do is go to the children's area of the park! That's where the "citizens" of that neighborhood have unilaterally decided their off-leash dogs WILL congregate. Just within the last 10 days, SF Parks and Rec. Dept. had to expend badly needed funds to erect several CLEARLY VISIBLE signs stating that off-leash dogs are not allowed in those sections of the park. Those signs, as of Jan. 31, 2012, 6pm, and being abjectly ignored.

Furthermore, Lafayette Park contains one of the approx. 25 or so SANCTIONED off-leash dogs runs in the entire city. But, if you go down to Lafayette Park at ANY TIME OF DAY (but most especially btwn. 4pm and 7pm), you will see off-leash dogs in every corner of the park EXCEPT THE OFF-LEASH AREA! The residents of the immediate neighborhood have literally hijacked the entire park for their selfish, specific and personal uses.

The residents of the immediately adjacent buildings and neighborhood need to be taught a lesson. Hopefully, the erecting of the signage recently is only a first step in a larger enforcement effort by SF Parks and Rec. Dept. to FINALLY begin the enforcement of park rules. I understand that there probably is a 30-90 day grace period for the nearby residents to "get it" and to adjust their behaviors to conform to the law. After that period, I hope the dept. will begin daily sweeps of this park and begin fining these selfish scofflaws.

Citizens such as myself are UNABLE TO USE AND ENJOY this beautiful park because of the current non-enforcement of the law. The Capital Committee should NOT reward these scofflaws with improvements to their dog park, and therefore, should NOT accept the proposed, very specific gift of funds to renovate an area of the park overrun by off-leash dogs and their entitled owners. Children, actually, are unable to safely enter the fenced-in area because of all the loose dogs running around the entrance gate!

I have complained to SF Parks and Rec. Dept. at least 30 times over the last three years, and only now are signs being posted to state a decades-old law. If there are no funds for enforcement, there should be no funds for improvements. And if the renter-denizens of the immediate area refuse to obey the law, then perhaps the Dept. should consider the cost-saving measure of removing Lafayette Park from its funded-maintenance schedule, and also consider closing the park and selling the property to real-estate developers. Boy, imagine the tax-base that could be had from THAT primo land!

But if that idea doesn't sit well, then I suggest a "blockade" of ALL funding for that park, including maintenance, until such time as the privileged renters in the area understand that THEY are the ones destroying the grass, THEY are the ones bringing the barking ruckus to every corner of the otherwise quiet park, and that THEY will not benefit or profit from their scofflaw activities.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Stephen Armstrong
1732 Washington St #3 (three blocks away!)
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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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Subject: "Why the Most Environmental Building is the Building We've Already Built" - Articles 10&11
Ammendments Hearing

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San Francisco Planning Commissioners, and San Francisco Supervisors;

I write to you as I am unable to attend the meetings on Articles 10 & 11 on the revisions to the preservation sections of the planning code. I strongly support the Historic Preservation Commission's recommended revisions to Articles 10 and 11, and recognized standards for historic resources.

I strongly oppose amendments that impose unique procedural hurdles on the designation of historic districts, contrary to national standards/statutes and best practices.

In order to protect cultural, historical and architectural resources like Chinatown, odd local things like signs or community marquees like districts and incongruous spread zones requiring protection based on cultural or community important ideas, we need to maintain conventional zoning procedures for historic districts---like many other ethnic and cultural neighborhoods throughout the United States. This includes protection for housing, rental housing, social housing, and experimental housing that shaped the urban fabric of our neighborhoods currently. Air photos easily show patterns, change, and planning over time, and it is very concerning how Supervisor Wiener proposes ammendments that not only circumvent but eliminate public opinion on the importance of our cities cultural heritage. Should we allow a corporation or private land owner the right to tear down the golden gate bridge since they own over 60%? Do we consider allowing home-owners the right to destroy our architectural heritage without due process just because they bought into the city and ignore the proper process for applying for change? Why should Universities, Corporations, or private land-owners be allowed to circumvent adequate analysis and review in regards to the public impact they create, and the changes/impacts visually to our city? I see every day visually positive and negative changes to the streetscape in SF, yet we have laws, and those laws are meant to protect the PUBLIC's best interests ALWAYS first and foremost.

In regards to "green-sustainable" and environmental design in San Francisco, it is critical that you seriously consider the ALTERNATIVES to demolition of sound housing THROUGHOUT San Francisco.

The lack of affordable rental units, (note: most average working families cannot afford \$2700 per month nor \$800,000.00 for a new condo recently built and priced per market rate unit) the impacts of demolition on existing communities (ex: the fillmore, and proposal @ parkmerced currently) and the real issues of who is behind these projects and the reasons why they have lobbied so hard to garner your support. Planning commissioner Antonini noted in the examiner recently how a project adjacent in the mission should be allowed or are we "biasing" other groups such as wealthy home-owners or buyers. This is ridiculous as the majority of projects being pushed by the planning department refuse to acknowledge the lack of rental units being built at initial rates that do not gobble up over 30% of ones income. Current rents eat up close to 50% or more of the median incomes locally. Its like the

youtube recent attack on the muppets by fox news. Mr. Antonini, is proorting that we build more of what we already see built and stating we need more. If that is the case why are we not seeing increases in families finding rental housing and flexibility in the housing market, a reminder that families are a protected class in terms of housing in SF?

The demonization of preservation in no way solves the critical issue of how to best protect the public, the environment, and the future best solutions to planning in san francisco. Open space is just as critical in areas where density is planned, and thus infill, or ways to promote projects or designs that improve density, while protecting open areas are more needed in ALL areas of the city. This means inventive solutions, building above roadways, removing parking areas building new transit, and protecting existing open-space and existing buildings.

A drive out on the excelsior easily you can spot sites where developers are targeting infill, rather than planning new parks or parkettes to promote new open-green space in dense urban areas, and building up on low-scale single story sites, through more inventive designs and competition that promotes new solutions. This is happening throughout the city, as illegal units, additional cars, and a lack or real public foresight into how to control and develop adequately housing for the communities of our future city. How should such demolition projects be touted when they really just impact the city negatively, why should we not densify West Portal, Stonestown Mall, and St. Francis Woods simultaneously when you propose demolishing sound housing @ parkmerced? There are better solutions but they require more adequate comprehensive effort to develop SOUND solutions INCLUSIVE of preservation.

Its about time that some of you as representatives of our local government stand up on the issue of the need to preserve and protect essential rental housing, and adequate CEQA investigation of proposals that PROMOTE infill and densification through preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, and rennovation. You need not accept the initial submittal by developers as "the only solution" and should require more promising solutions through ensuring open-competition on designs, and adequate investigation of the solutions proposed in terms of green carbon footprint emissions.

Support your local preservation organizations in the correct and MOST environmental choice when you look at projects and stop pandering only to the private interests of big developers/banks/and corporate interests. The people are the ones you hurt the most the PUBLIC, and it is YOUR jobs to protect the publics BEST INTERESTS.

therefore please read the link attached below in regards to Parkmerced and the concept of environmentally based preservation solutions, and the improper solutions being approved/proposed currently on many projects in SF. Support Architectural Heritage and many preservation groups opposed to Wiener's ammendments. I support the comments by preservation organizations, the SF Preservation Consortium, CSFN, SF Tommorrow, and others who will undoubtedly stand against the changes proposed by Supervisor Wiener, the most troubling being the lack of voice by renter's who should not be nixed from assisting in documenting and proposing be they non-contiguous as Parkmerced, or the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries, of the tenants who get pushed out for nefarious demolition purposes as we have also seen time and time again in the motive of profiteering such as the little house on Lombard st, and the method in which ownership dictates the right to bypass common good, health, and the general betterment of our society.

Sincerely

Aaron Goodman
(a concerned citizen in district 11)

Why the Most Environmental Building is the Building We've Already Built

- [Emily Badger](#)
- Jan 24, 2012
- 9 Comments



Reuters

Reusing an old building pretty much always has less of an impact on the environment than tearing it down, trashing the debris, clearing the site, crafting new materials and putting up a replacement from scratch. This makes some basic sense, even without looking at the numbers.

But what if the new building is super energy-efficient? How do the two alternatives compare over a lifetime, across generations of use?

"We often come up against this argument that, 'Oh well, the existing building could never compete with the new building in terms of energy efficiency,'" says Patrice Frey, the director of sustainability for the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#). "We wanted to model that."

[Preservation Green Lab](#), the Trust's sustainability think tank, has published a [new study today](#) examining this that puts big numbers behind the finding that the greenest buildings aren't in fact state-of-the-art ones; they're the ones we already have.

Retrofit an existing building to make it 30 percent more efficient, the study found, and it will essentially always remain a better bet for the environment than a new building built tomorrow with the same efficiencies. Take that new, more efficient building, though, and compare its life cycle to an average existing structure with *no* retrofitting, and it could still take up to 80 years for the new one to make up for the environmental impact of its initial construction.

The study looked at six types of buildings set in cities from four different climates: Phoenix, Chicago, Atlanta and Portland, Oregon. The building typologies modeled were commercial offices, warehouse conversions, urban village mixed-use buildings, elementary schools, single-family homes and multi-family residences. From every single one of these categories, in every climate, retrofitting the existing building produces less of an

environmental impact than constructing a new one on the same plot of land. The lone exception was warehouses conversions to multi-family residences, a more intensive form of reuse. The most interesting data lies in how new buildings compare to existing ones if we don't even bother to retrofit them. This chart from the report shows how much time it would take for a new building that's 30 percent more efficient to overcome – through all that efficiency – the impact of its construction (much of which lies in the use of all that new material).

Building Type	Chicago	Portland
Urban Village Mixed Use	42 years	80 years
Single Family Residential	38 years	50 years
Commercial Office	25 years	42 years
Warehouse to Office Conversion*	12 years	19 years
Multifamily Residential	16 years	20 years
Elementary School	10 years	16 years
Warehouse to Residential Conversion	Never	Never

This means that you could put up a new mixed-use building in Portland that's 30 percent more efficient than an otherwise identical one across the street that already exists. It would still take 80 years for that new building to have – over its entire life cycle – the better environmental impact. That conclusion contradicts the common perception that we may innovate our way out of climate change with ever more efficient new stuff.

"This is a strategy that most policy-makers aren't thinking about," Frey says. "Everyone wants a monument, a shiny new thing to put their name on, to make their mark. And I think some of it is just a cultural preference for new. We have a real estate industry that really – at least before the Great Recession – wasn't particularly well attuned to dealing with existing buildings. The model was demolish the site, clear the site and build from scratch. That was the calculus they were used to."

Some older estimates suggest that we have been demolishing and replacing about 1 billion square feet of buildings in the U.S. each year (OK, probably not during the economic downturn). And the Brookings Institution has projected that we could turn over as much as a quarter of all of our building stock by 2030.

In this context, Preservation Green Lab's study suggests the city of Portland, for example, could meet 15 percent of its emissions-reduction goals over the next decade just by reusing the 1 percent of its buildings the city expects to demolish over that time. That's not to say the most decrepit house must be saved (although that would make for a good Portlandia episode).

"We're not coming out and saying 'all buildings have to be reused,' and 'all new construction is bad,'" Frey says. "What we're advocating for is a shift in thinking, where at a minimum, we're considering the environmental impacts associated with demolishing places before we tear them down and build something new."

Oh, and doing this would also give a bunch of us jobs!

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February 2, 2012
Golden Gate Park - Beach Chalet Soccer Fields Project

Bulletin #12: *"The project, as proposed, will result in a substantial adverse impact and potentially affect the significance of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. We ask that you seriously analyze alternatives that would not negatively affect the integrity of Golden Gate Park."*
The Cultural Landscape Foundation

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The Cultural Landscape Foundation submitted the attached letter of concern about the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project. The letter was written by the founder and president of the Cultural Landscape Foundation, Charles Birnbaum.

Mr. Birnbaum is the author of the National Park Service's "The Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes" and other NPS publications on our parks. In his letter, he encourages the city "to select only alternatives that are consistent with the National Park Service's Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Property."

"The Cultural Landscape Foundation (TCLF) is the only not-for-profit (501c3) foundation in America dedicated to increasing the public's awareness and understanding of the importance and irreplaceable legacy of its cultural landscapes. Through education, technical assistance, and outreach, we broaden awareness of and support for historic landscapes nationwide in hopes of saving this diverse and priceless heritage for future generations. Cultural Landscapes provide a sense of place and identity; they map our relationship with the land over time; and they are part of our national heritage and each of our lives." (TCLF)

SF Ocean Edge supports youth soccer. There is a Compromise Alternative that provides more playing hours for youth while protecting the historic integrity of Golden Gate Park and preserving the beauty of the park and of Ocean Beach for youth today and for future generations:

We ask that the EIR consider the Compromise Alternative as follows:

- ❖ Renovate the Beach Chalet fields with natural grass and NO night lighting;
- ❖ Renovate the West Sunset Playground or other playing fields in San Francisco with improved playing surfaces and lighting for youth soccer.

For more information, contact: Katherine Howard, Member, Steering Committee, SF Ocean Edge, 415-710-2402

Our Mission Statement

- SF Ocean Edge supports active recreation and parkland with a win-win solution:
- Renovation of the existing Beach Chalet grass playing fields with natural grass, better field construction, and better maintenance;
 - Use of the remainder of the \$12 million funding for other playing fields and parks, providing recreation opportunities for youth all over San Francisco;
 - Preserving Golden Gate Park's woodland and meadows as wildlife habitat and as a parkland heritage for future generations.

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December 8, 2011

Mr. Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: CASE NO. 2010.0016E
Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation
Comment on Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Wycko,

The Cultural Landscape Foundation would like to take this opportunity to submit a letter regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields project.

Golden Gate Park—the first large urban park built West of the Mississippi River—is an important historic designed landscape; listed on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (Design) at the national level of significance in the area of landscape architecture and under Criterion A (Event) at the regional level of significance in the area of recreation and social history.

The DEIR states:

Impact CP-1: The proposed project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5, including those resources listed in Article 10 or Article 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code. (Significant and Unavoidable) (page IV.C-20)

The Beach Chalet Athletic Fields Renovation Project would materially impair in an adverse manner many of the character defining features of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields, a contributor to the Golden Gate Park National Historic District. (page IV.C-27)

We agree with and strongly support the above statements.

We also encourage the City of San Francisco and the Department of Recreation and Parks to select only alternatives that are consistent with the National Park Service's *Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* (Secretary's Standards), *Preservation Brief 36: Protecting Cultural Landscapes* (NPS, 1994), and *The Guidelines for the Treatment of Cultural Landscapes* (NPS, 1996), the latter two of which were authored by myself. Specifically:

1. The existing historic design of the park encourages passive, informal uses in this area, as suggested by the naturalistic edges and open space. Alternatives that change the character of this section of the park significantly by establishing it as a heavy use, structured sports area would not be consistent with the historic design.



2. The removal of over 28,000 square feet from the existing planted area impacts the historic tree and shrub edge, significantly altering the historic naturalistic setting.
3. In addition to significant alterations to existing vegetation, the historic grading will also be significantly altered by the proposed project.
4. The proposed structures, including the entry plaza, light standards, fencing and maintenance shed, are out of scale with the existing surroundings, including the historic vegetation and would significantly compromise historic visual and spatial relationships.
5. The proposed new rectilinear pathways do not reflect the Picturesque character of the historic curvilinear roads and pathways.

The project, as proposed, will result in a substantial adverse impact and potentially affect the significance of the Beach Chalet Athletic Fields. We ask that you seriously analyze alternatives that would not negatively affect the integrity of Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Charles A. Birnbaum, FASLA, FAAR
Founder + President, The Cultural Landscape Foundation

Cc: Don Lewis, Major Environmental Analysis, San Francisco Planning Department

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January 30, 2012

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As Acting Secretary of the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), one of the cornerstones of emergency management is ensuring that our first responders are appropriately and adequately equipped to communicate during a disaster and I believe that the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband System (BayWEB) is one of the mechanisms towards ensuring that.

As you may know, the Build-Own-Operate-Management agreement was approved on January 19, 2011, by the Bay Area Regional Interoperable Communication Systems Joint Powers Authority (JPA), which is the entity that governs the BayWEB, and is a critical agreement describing the project's specifications. However, Bay Area counties must now proceed with approving Site Access and Use Agreements that will allow for the installation of equipment on project sites. In fact, the counties of Alameda, San Mateo, Contra Costa, and Sonoma have already passed their Site Use Agreements. Therefore, I urge you to approve the Site Access and Use Agreement currently pending before the Board in order to advance the BayWEB project.

If the next major disaster in California proves to be a regional event, first responders from throughout the region and the state will need to quickly and reliably communicate in order to coordinate response efforts. I look forward to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passing the Site Use and Access Agreement and joining the network.

Sincerely,

Mike Dayton
Acting Secretary

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV,
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Honorable Supervisor Weiner and Clerk of the Board Calvillo:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Cindy Wu to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

I am a resident of District 8, a community activist and a member of San Francisco's LGBTQ community. I have worked in the San Francisco affordable housing field for nearly four years and have known Ms. Wu for close to seven years. Ms. Wu is a person of incredible integrity and vision. Her professional work at the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) has been nothing short of inspiring and invaluable to creating the San Francisco that we all know and love.

Ms. Wu is civically engaged with the diverse communities that make up this great City and clearly understands the needs of its residents. Whether it is marching in the Pride Parade or organizing a Chinatown/North Beach noodle festival Ms. Wu is actively engaged with all the varied people of this city and has an amazing sense of pride in its inhabitants and its diversity. We need a voice like Ms. Wu's on the Planning Commission to ensure that the unique aspects of our city are never lost. I am confident that if given the opportunity Ms. Wu would be an amazing servant to all San Franciscans and a tremendous addition to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Attached is a letter which was submitted to the Rules Committee today. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

William Ho
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Meeting at City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
February 1, 2012, 1:00 p.m., Agenda Item 1, #12002
**Lila Boroughs Gift of Apartment at
1805 Pine Street, S. F. 1 of 37 Units.**

Dear Budget and Finance Committee and Members Carmen Chu, John Avalos, & Jane Kim:

I ask you that you retain this apartment to retain this gift as city owned real property for highest value to the declared donor's specific intent, and for your full information and deliberation thereon to continue the item in committee for more information from me and other people's contributions to the determination. I became informed of your agenda item less than two hours ago, and cannot provide to you the substantive information and rationale in writing or in two minutes appearance.

In haste, sincerely yours,

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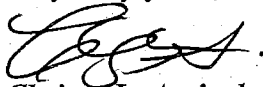
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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Civic Center DAS Node 1** GTE Mobilnet of California
Limited Partnership (U-3002-C), of San Francisco - Oakland, CA MSA

This is to provide the Commission with notice according to the provisions of General Order No. 159.A of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California ("CPUC") for the project described in Attachment A.

A copy of this notification letter is also being provided to the appropriate local government agency for its information. Should there be any questions regarding this project, or if you disagree with any of the information contained herein, please contact Chrissy Agricola of Verizon Wireless at (770) 797-1076.

Very truly yours,



Chrissy L. Agricola
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MTS Network Compliance

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Attachment A

CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

PROJECT LOCATION: SF Civic Center DAS Node 1 - IB

SITE NAME: SF Civic Center DAS Node 1
SITE ADDRESS: 507 Fell Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94103
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 37° 46' 31.42"/122° 25' 34.09" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes the construction, installation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of one (1) pole top antenna and associated node equipment to existing PGE pole.

ANTENNAS: One (1) Pole top panel antenna
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole in ROW
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 53.3'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

Notification Letter

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

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3. BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type: Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued: 11/23/2011
Effective: Current
Agency: Department of Public Works
Permit No.: 11WR-0015
Resolution No.: N/A



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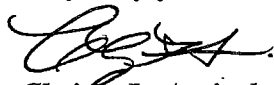
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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Brannan Street DAS (Node 1)** GTE Mobilnet of California
Limited Partnership (U-3002-C), of San Francisco - Oakland, CA MSA

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Very truly yours,



Chrissy L. Agricola
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Attachment A

CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

PROJECT LOCATION: SF Brannan Street DAS (Node 1) - IB

SITE NAME: SF Brannan Street DAS (Node 1)
SITE ADDRESS: 660 Brannon Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94107
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 37° 46' 33.28"/122° 23' 59.11" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes the construction, installation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of two (2) panel antennas and associated node equipment to existing PGE streetlight pole.

ANTENNAS: Two (2) Panel antennas
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 38.9'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

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3. BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type:	Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued:	10/28/2011
Effective:	Current
Agency:	Department of Public Works
Permit No.:	11WR-0018
Resolution No.:	N/A

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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Brannan & 5th DAS (Node 2)** GTE Mobilnet of California
Limited Partnership (U-3002-C), of San Francisco - Oakland, CA MSA

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CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

PROJECT LOCATION: SF Brannan & 5th DAS (Node 2) - NB

SITE NAME: SF Brannan & 5th DAS (Node 2)
SITE ADDRESS: 715 Brannon Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94103
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 36° 27' 27.75"/122° 24' 04.96" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes the construction, installation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of two (2) panel antennas and associated node equipment to existing PGE streetlight pole.

ANTENNAS: Two (2) Panel antennas
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 60.4'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

3. BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type: Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued: 10/19/2011
Effective: Current
Agency: Department of Public Works
Permit No.: 11WR-0019
Resolution No.: N/A

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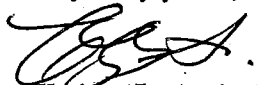
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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Civic Center DAS Node 2** GTE Mobilnet of California
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Chrissy L. Agricola
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Attachment A

CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

PROJECT LOCATION: SF Civic Center DAS Node 2 - IB

SITE NAME: SF Civic Center DAS Node 2
SITE ADDRESS: 368 Fell Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94103
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 37° 46' 34.52"/122° 25' 26.19" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes the construction, installation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of one (1) panel antenna and associated node equipment to existing PGE streetlight pole.

ANTENNAS: One (1) Panel antenna
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole in ROW
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 39.8'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

Notification Letter

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type: Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued: 10/20/2011
Effective: Current
Agency: Department of Public Works
Permit No.: 11WR-0016
Resolution No.: N/A



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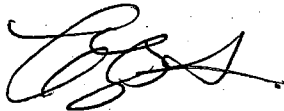
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Re: Notification Letter for **Convention Center** of GTE Mobilnet of California Limited
Partnership (U-3002-C) of San Francisco-Oakland, CA MSA

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Attachment A

CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

1. PROJECT LOCATION: Convention Center - MOD

SITE NAME: Convention Center
SITE ADDRESS: 833 Mission Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94103
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: 3724-067
COORDINATES: 37° 47' 0.74"/122° 24' 12.89" (NAD83)

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes to add Six (6) new panel antennas to existing rooftop penthouse and remove and replace one existing panel antenna in the Beta sector.

ANTENNAS: Seven (7) Panel Antennas
TOWER DESIGN: N/A
TOWER APPEARANCE: N/A
TOWER HEIGHT: N/A
BUILDING SIZE: 81 ft AGL
OTHER: Antennas installed on Existing Penthouse

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type: Conditional Use Permit
Issued: 09/08/2011
Effective: 10/08/2011
Agency: Planning
Permit No.: 2011.077CR
Resolution No.: 18429


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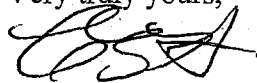
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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Civic Center DAS Node 4** GTE Mobilnet of California
Limited Partnership (U-3002-C), of San Francisco - Oakland, CA MSA

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CPUC CELL SITE REPORT GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C)

PROJECT LOCATION: SF Civic Center DAS Node 4 - IB

SITE NAME: SF Civic Center DAS Node 4
SITE ADDRESS: 66 Haight Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94102
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 37° 46' 24.38"/122° 25' 24.16" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

GTE Mobilnet of California Limited Partnership (U-3002-C) proposes the construction, installation and maintenance of a new unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of one (1) panel antenna and associated node equipment to existing PGE streetlight pole.

ANTENNAS: One (1) Panel antenna
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole in ROW
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 40.1'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

3. BUSINESS ADDRESSES OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type:	Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued:	10/19/2011
Effective:	Current
Agency:	Department of Public Works
Permit No.:	11WR-0017
Resolution No.:	N/A

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Re: Notification Letter for **SF Civic Center DAS Node 3** GTE Mobilnet of California
Limited Partnership (U-3002-C), of San Francisco - Oakland, CA MSA

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PROJECT LOCATION: SF Civic Center DAS Node 3 - IB

SITE NAME: SF Civic Center DAS Node 3
SITE ADDRESS: 131 Oak Street
LOCATION: San Francisco, CA 94103
COUNTY: San Francisco
APN: N/A
COORDINATES: 37° 46' 32.27"/122° 25' 15.91" (NAD83)

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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ANTENNAS: One (1) Panel antenna
TOWER DESIGN: Utility Pole in ROW
TOWER APPEARANCE: Wood Utility Pole
TOWER HEIGHT: 40.5'
BUILDING SIZE: N/A
OTHER: Associated node equipment

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4. LAND USE APPROVALS:

Type:	Personal Wireless Box Permit
Issued:	10/27/2011
Effective:	Current
Agency:	Department of Public Works
Permit No.:	11WR-0014
Resolution No.:	N/A

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Notice of Appointment

February 2, 2012

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Pursuant to Section 3.100 (18) of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, I hereby make the following appointment:

Roberto Isaac Ordeñana to the Arts Commission, assuming the seat formerly held by Lorraine Garcia-Nakata, for a term ending January 15, 2016.

I am confident that Mr. Ordeñana will serve our community well as an at-large member of the Arts Commission. Attached are his qualifications to serve, which demonstrate how this appointment represents the communities of interest, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City and County of San Francisco.

Should you have any questions related to this appointment, please contact my Director of Appointments, Nicole Wheaton at (415) 554-7940.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor

Roberto Isaac Ordeñana - BIO

Born and raised in San Francisco, Roberto has worked in social justice and community-building for close to 15 years. Currently the Director of Development at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center, Roberto spent nearly a decade heading many of the organization's innovative services and cultural programs. As Director of Community Development Programs, he led the arts and culture programs; children, youth and family services; and community development and policy initiatives. Prior to that, Roberto managed peer-led HIV prevention programs for gay and bisexual youth at the STOP AIDS Project in San Francisco. Over the years he has also served on the LGBT Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and as president of the board of directors of BAY Positives (Bay Area Young Positives).

Throughout his work, Roberto has strived to increase the visibility of emerging lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender visual artists. At STOP AIDS Project, he created HIV prevention programs using the arts as a critical tool for healthy behavior change. Recently, at The Center, Roberto directed groundbreaking programs teaching LGBT history and culture to area youth, in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District. Roberto's personal engagement in the performing arts played a critical role in his personal development, helping him both cope with and overcome homophobic bullying and harassment early on in life.

Roberto holds a B.A. in Social Sciences with an emphasis in Human Sexuality Studies from San Francisco State University. He is 34 years old, of Nicaraguan descent and resides in San Francisco's Mission District, the same neighborhood he was born and raised in.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 3, 2012
To: Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors
From: *AC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Subject: APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor has submitted an appointment to the following body:

- Roberto Isaac Ordenana, Arts Commission, term ending January 15, 2016

Under the Board's Rules of Order Section 2.24, a Supervisor can request a hearing on an appointment by notifying the Clerk in writing.

Upon receipt of such notice, the Clerk shall refer the appointment to the Rules Committee so that the Board may consider the appointment and act within thirty days of the appointment as provided in Section 3.100(18) of the Charter.

Please notify me in writing by **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2012**, if you would like to request a hearing on this appointment.

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January 27, 2012

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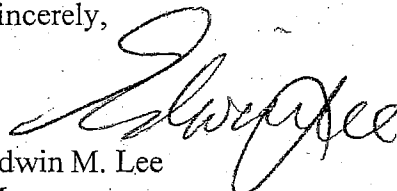
Pursuant to Section 3.100 (18) of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, I hereby make the following appointment:

Mark Dwight to the Small Business Commission, assuming the seat formerly held by Jamie Kasselmann, for a term ending January 6, 2016.

I am confident that Mr. Dwight will serve our community well. Attached are his qualifications to serve, which demonstrate how this appointment represents the communities of interest, neighborhoods and diverse populations of the City and County of San Francisco.

Should you have any questions related to this appointment, please contact my Director of Appointments, Nicole Wheaton at (415) 554-7940.

Sincerely,


Edwin M. Lee
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Mark Dwight

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Before he started designing and making bags, Mark spent 18 years working in various Silicon Valley technology companies, including Cisco Systems (1997-2001). Prior to founding SFMade, Mark served on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce (2004-2011). Mark also served on the Backstreets Business Advisory Board (2005-2007), sponsored by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, which produced a report with policy and land use recommendations for the City of San Francisco relating to businesses in the production, distribution and repair (PDR) sectors.

Mark was born in Palo Alto, and raised in Los Altos. Mark has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (1982) and an MBA (1989), both from Stanford University. Mark lives in the SOMA neighborhood, and has been a San Francisco resident since 2002. Mark is 50 years old.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 30, 2012
To: Honorable Members, Board of Supervisors
From: *AC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Subject: APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR

The Mayor has submitted an appointment to the following body:

- Mark Dwight, Small Business Commission, term ending January 6, 2016

Under the Board's Rules of Order Section 2.24, a Supervisor can request a hearing on an appointment by notifying the Clerk in writing.

Upon receipt of such notice, the Clerk shall refer the appointment to the Rules Committee so that the Board may consider the appointment and act within thirty days of the appointment as provided in Section 3.100(18) of the Charter.

Please notify me in writing by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 2, 2012, if you would like to request a hearing on this appointment.

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Appeal of Conditional Use for AT&T Wireless System

Project Address: 601 14 Ave.
Planning Case #: 2011.0198C

SUMMARY:

The First Slavic Baptist of Church of San Francisco is appealing the Planning Commission's approval of AT&T Mobility's application for Conditional Use Authorization to install a wireless communications facility consisting of up to four panel antennas at 601-14th Avenue.

According to Planning Code Section 303, "A Conditional Use is a use that is not principally permitted in a particular Zoning District. Conditional Uses require a Planning Commission hearing in order to determine if the proposed use is necessary or desirable for, and compatible with, the neighborhood and whether it may potentially have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, and whether the use complies with the San Francisco General Plan."

The Planning Commission approved AT&T's Conditional Use application on December 8, 2011. The appeal is based on the fact that AT&T has not demonstrated that the proposed installation is either necessary or desirable for or is the compatible with the community.

The subject site is zoned RM-1 (Mixed Low Density)

It is worth noting is that a structure exists to evaluate the siting of such antennae, which ranks various preference categories as 1 to 7. Residential neighborhoods are, for good reason, a Preference Category 7 location. However, AT&T has found a loophole in the system. It merely selects a "public" building, such as a Bureau of Jewish Education (BJE) in this instance, and claims a Preference Category 1, even though the surrounding buildings are 100% residential, and the equipment will be located less than 90 feet from residential properties on all sides. Under the WTS (Wireless Telecommunication Services) Facilities Guidelines, the project is a location Preference Number 1 as it is a preferred location for a publicly used structure (educational building). Furthermore, the Commission has misinterpreted the Siting Guidelines by inappropriately considering the proposed project to be situated on a "publicly used structure" preferred location site when, in point of fact, the project site is a private library that excludes the use by the general public. Indeed, the project site is located within a RM-1 (Mixed, Low Density) residential zoning district, which is specifically identified in the Siting Guidelines as a disfavored location site - a fact which the Commission doesn't even mention in their decision approving the proposed conditional use.

As is their wont, AT&T has consistently manipulated the ruse of locating their proposed wireless telecommunications facilities on a dubiously identified "publicly used structure" so as to cloak their project with "preferred location site" status in order to infiltrate residential neighborhoods that are otherwise specifically identified as disfavored location sites under the Siting Guidelines. The time has long since passed to put an end to this unsavory impropriety.

The Burden of Proof is on AT&T and it was not met.

For a Conditional Use Permit, it was AT&T's obligation to prove that the new facility is either necessary or desirable, and is not against the community interest. AT&T did none of these,

**Document is available
at the Clerk's Office
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Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update BOS File No. 101055 [Environment Code

Dani Sheehan-Meyer

to:

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Dear Mayor, and Board of Supervisors:

RE: Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update BOS File No. 101055 -Environment Code

This is a hideous example of over-regulation. We are a new business, retail gift shop, Cliche' Noe, in Noe Valley, and we will not pay this tax. I will ask other merchants in our association, the Noe Valley Merchants Association, not to comply as well. The tax is intended to reduce bag usage, great. Gifting of a gift bag is my business! Where would this money presumably go? To related services in my community? No. We will stand against this as unenforceable as well. How shall you handle civil objections? The city has yet another regulatory commission funded on the backs of retailers. Big retailers like Safeway, will make millions of dollars over time, and then will the cost of groceries be reduced? How can we stand outside this issue and rethink its feasibility? The effect of monitoring and related time and attention we would need to comply is also, unacceptable in a time when you ask us to create jobs? How about taxing my wrapping paper? If this is a new trend in politics then what is next?

Thank you,

Dani Sheehan-Meyer

Fred Meyer



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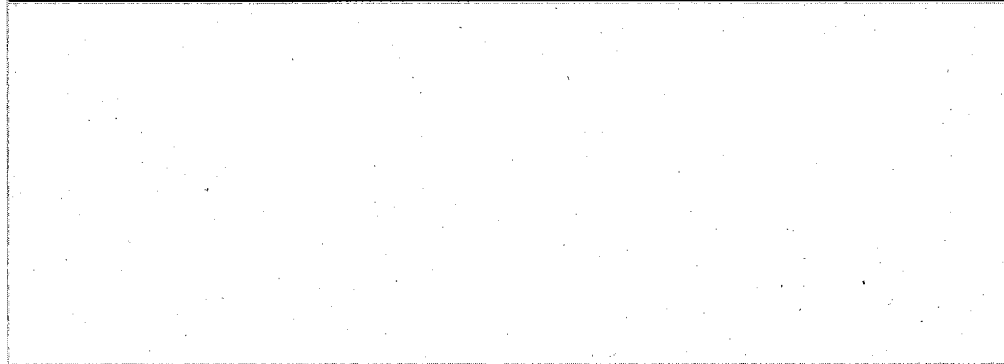
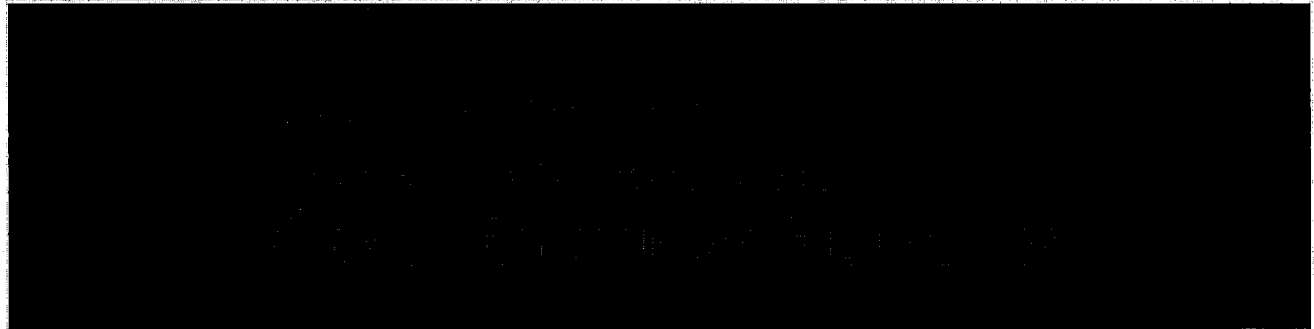
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FEBRUARY, 2012

Dear Dani,

Mayor Edwin M. Lee's priority since taking office has been job creation, and a large part of creating jobs in San Francisco comes from the success of our small businesses. His recent announcement of making \$1.5 million dollars immediately available to small businesses in San Francisco through the City's successful Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) will greatly support business expansion and job creation. Find out more in the [News and Announcements](#) section below.

Please note that all businesses with taxable SF payroll expenses greater than \$150,000.00 and operating for any portion of time in 2011 must file their Payroll Tax Expense form by February 29, 2012. Only businesses with payroll greater than \$250,000.00 will have to pay 1.5% in payroll taxes. [Click here for details regarding the SF Payroll Expense Tax.](#)

Sincerely,

Regina Dick-Endrizzi,
Executive Director, Office of Small Business

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Mayor Edwin M. Lee recently announced that he will make \$1.5 million dollars immediately available to small businesses in San Francisco through the City's successful Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to support business expansion and job creation.

The Mayor's \$1 million budget supplemental leverages Wells Fargo's contribution of \$430,000 to the RLF combined with an additional \$247,000 from small business loan repayments and the SOMA Stabilization Fund. Wells Fargo funding will be specifically targeted to businesses in low- and moderate-income commercial districts in the Southeast Sector of the City.

Mayor Lee made the announcement at Brenda's French Soul Food at 652 Polk Street. Brenda's is a recipient of a Working Solutions small business loan, and benefited from the City's SF Shines Facade Improvement Program, which provides small grants to businesses in a number of low- and moderate-income neighborhood commercial districts. With funding from Opportunity Fund and Wells Fargo, Brenda's opened on Polk Street in August 2007.

Her business was an instant success, often bursting at the seams with people waiting for a table. With financial assistance from the Revolving Loan Fund and assistance from the Office of Small Business, Brenda's expanded to the vacant Laundromat next door, doubling the space and capacity of the business in 2011. The Office of Small Business worked with Brenda's to apply for financing and secure the necessary permits and licenses.

The City's Revolving Loan Fund, managed by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and administered by TMC Working Solution, was launched in July of 2009 with the intention of creating jobs and increasing access to capital. To date, OEWD and TMC have successfully administered the entire \$670,000 loan fund, and have supported 27 San Francisco small businesses and have generated 73 jobs. [Click here for more information on the RLF.](#)

• **Mayor Lee Appoints New Small Business Commissioner, Mark Dwight**

Mayor Lee recently appointed Mark Dwight to the San Francisco Small Business Commission.

Mark Dwight is the founder and CEO of Rickshaw Bagworks, a San Francisco-based manufacturer of messenger bags, computer carrying cases, bicycle packs, and urban lifestyle luggage. Rickshaw manufactures its own products in its own factory in the Dogpatch neighborhood of San Francisco. Since its founding in 2007, Rickshaw has grown to 22 full-time employees. Mark is also the founder and Chairman of [SFMade.org](#), an organization supporting San Francisco-based manufacturers and promoting job growth in the local manufacturing sector. Prior to founding Rickshaw, Mark was the CEO of Timbuk2 Designs (2002-2006), also a San Francisco-based luggage manufacturer. Before he started designing and making bags, Mark spent 18 years working in various Silicon Valley technology companies, including Cisco Systems (1997-2001).

Prior to founding SFMade, Mark served on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce (2004-2011). Mark also served on the Backstreets Business Advisory Board (2005-2007), sponsored by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, which produced a report with policy and land use recommendations for the City of San Francisco relating to businesses in the production, distribution and repair (PDR) sectors. Mark was born in Palo Alto, and raised in Los Altos. Mark has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (1982) and an MBA (1989), both from Stanford University. Mark lives in the SOMA neighborhood, and has been a San Francisco resident since 2002.

The Small Business Commission (SBC) oversees the Office of Small Business, which is the City's central point of information and referral for entrepreneurs and small businesses located in the City & County of San Francisco. By championing "business-friendly" policies, marketing the contributions of the small business sector, and developing appropriate assistance programs, the SBC and Office of Small Business work to support and enhance an environment where small businesses can succeed and flourish. The SBC reviews pertinent small business legislation and policy matters and makes recommendations to the sponsor of the legislation, including the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, or other City Agencies.

• **SF Energy Watch Neighborhood Campaign in District 8 and 11**

Be on the lookout for SF Environment representatives, who will be visiting The Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park, The Excelsior, Outer Mission, OMI, and Upper Market starting in February to help businesses cut energy costs through the SF Energy Watch program. Thousands of businesses have already reduced costs through this program. To read about different energy efficiency projects implemented by various local businesses and organizations visit www.sfenergywatch.org.

To schedule a free assessment and learn how you can save energy and money, call the SF Energy Watch hotline at (415) 355-3769. SF Energy Watch is a partnership between PG&E and the City of San Francisco funded by the California ratepayers.

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• **Important: SF Payroll Expense Tax Filings and Payments Due 2/29/12**

All businesses with taxable SF payroll expenses greater than \$150,000.00 and operating for any portion of time in 2011 must file. [Click here for details.](#)

- If your payroll expense in the last fiscal year was less than or equal to \$150,000.00 and your business received a filing notification in the mail, you do not have to file anything unless you are claiming an exclusion or credit.
- If your payroll expense in the last fiscal year was greater than \$150,000.00 but less than or equal to \$250,000.00, you are required to file. However, you qualify for the Small Business Exemption, which means you will owe nothing if you FILE ON TIME. Late filings are subject to penalties, interest and fees.
- If your payroll expense in the last fiscal year was greater than \$250,000.00, you must [file here](#) and pay 1.5% of your total SF payroll.

Please note the following:

- Statements must be filed online and transmitted before midnight 02/29/2012
- Payments must be received or postmarked on or before 02/29/2012
- Penalties, interest, and fees will be imposed after 02/29/2012

• **Changes to Regulatory Requirements for Massage Establishments**

Beginning January 1, 2012, massage establishments who employ **only** state certified practitioners are exempt from SF Department of Public Health's Massage Establishment Permit requirements. Operators of exempt establishments must fill out the [Declaration of Exemption from Massage Permit Requirements Form](#) and provide copies of the state certification for all practitioners. State certified massage practitioners are exempt from San Francisco practitioner license requirements. [Click here for details.](#)

• **New CA Pregnancy Disability Leave Law (SB 299) Affects Employers with 5 or More Employees**

SB 299 requires all employers with five or more employees to continue to maintain and pay for health coverage under a group health plan for an eligible female employee who takes pregnancy disability leave up to four months in a 12-month period. The benefits are at the same level and conditions as if the employee had continued working during the leave. [Click here for details.](#)

• **How to File W-2s, 1099 Forms, and More**

Did your small business hire employees for the first time in 2011? Did you use the services of an independent contractor? Or do you simply need a refresher on the ins and outs of wage reporting season? [Here's what you need to know about your annual employer reporting obligations.](#)

- **Small Business Assistance Center Regular Office Hours**

Services are available by phone, walk-in, and by appointment, M-Th, 8am-5pm, and by appointment only on Fridays.

- **Small Business Financing Resources**

Please click [HERE](#) for a list of nonprofit small business lenders.

- **Small Business Resources & Workshops**

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- **Disability Access Improvement Legislation to Help Small Businesses Comply with ADA Laws**

Introduced by President Chiu, Board of Supervisors File No. 111047 [Administrative, Planning, and Campaign and Governmental Conduct Codes - Disability Access Improvements for Small Businesses and Landlord Obligations] amends various codes to 1) bring ground floor entrances to, and exits from, the building into compliance with applicable state and federal disability access laws; 2) inform small business tenants of the potential legal and financial liabilities for failure to comply with those laws; 3) include in any new or amended leases a provision addressing the respective obligations of the landlord and small business tenant to bring the leased premises into compliance with those access laws; 4) require the City to give priority to building permit applications for work to bring space leased to small business tenants into compliance with those access laws; 5) allow small self-service restaurants and retail coffee stores to exclude the square footage of floor area required for disabled access from the calculation of maximum allowable square footage.

This ordinance is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the Commissions February 13, 2012 meeting. Please call the Commission Secretary at 415.554.6408 for more details.

- **Licensing of Dog Walkers**

The ordinance proposing professional dog walker regulations, introduced by Supervisor Wiener, was passed 11-0 by the Board of Supervisors at their January 31, 2012 meeting. This new law will license and regulate commercial dog walkers while on park property. Significant debate took place over the number of permitted dogs would be allowed to be walked and the SBC is pleased to announce that Supervisors agreed with the Commission and voted to allow a limit of 8 dogs. These working class, typically self employed jobs, require business owners to pay their own taxes, operating expenses, vehicle and gas fees (which are among the highest in the country,) taxes, insurance, health care and other costs. Furthermore, by accepting the limit of 8 dogs, the Board of Supervisors prevented a further 15-30% reduction in come that would have resulted from a limit of 6 or 7 dogs. The Supervisors are to be commended for their votes. In particular, we would like to thank Supervisor Wiener, the legislation sponsor for his hard work and thoughtful process in developing the ordinance.

Under the regulations, in order to become licensed, commercial dog walkers who are new to the business or have been registered with the City for less than three years must undertake

20 hours of classroom and hands-on training or complete 40 hours of practical experience working with another dog walker. Licensed dog walkers must carry \$1 million of liability insurance and additional applicability requirements will apply, including a permit fee not to exceed \$250 and an annual license fee not to exceed \$100.

Once permitted, a number of regulations will apply, including:

- A permittee can not walk more than 8 dogs at one time;
- A permittee will need to have a leash for each dog, and follow all applicable on-leash rules;
- A permittee will need to clean up after any dogs he or she is walking;
- Once a year, a permittee will need to distribute to his or her current clients informational materials on dog licensing;
- A permittee will need to carry his or her permit on their person and produce the permit for inspection upon request by any enforcement officer
- A permittee will need to either carry dog walking safety equipment, such as canine first aid supplies, or have equipment at a nearby location; and,
- A permittee will need to either carry sufficient drinking water for the dogs, or have drinking water available at a nearby location.

These rules and regulations will take effect on January 1, 2013. Criminal charges or administrative fines may apply for violation of the code. Additionally, Animal Care and Control will maintain, on its website, a list of all persons who had violated the ordinance three or more times during the last 12 months.

• **Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update**

BOS File No. 101055 [Environment Code - Checkout Bags and Checkout Bag Charge] will ban the use of plastic bags at retail and eating establishment and require a fee to be charged for compliant bags, which include paper and compostable products. The new proposed requirements include:

- Beginning October 1, 2012, no store shall provide plastic bags. No store shall provide a recyclable paper bag or reusable bag to a customer at the point of sale unless the store charges a checkout bag charge of at least 10 cents.
- Beginning October 1, 2013 the above regulations shall apply to all food establishments (restaurants) and will include a 10 cent fee on compostable bags in addition to paper bags.
- Detailed specifications apply for paper bags, composted bags, and reusable bags.

Earlier versions of the ordinance included a provision that the fee for compliant bags would be raised to 25 cents in 2014. The SBC recommended approval of this ordinance at our November 14, 2011 meeting with a recommendation that the effectiveness of the 10 cent fee be analyzed to determine if the 25 cent charge was necessary. The 25 cent fee increase has since been eliminated. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Department on the Environment to conduct additional business outreach before the Board takes action. Action is currently scheduled to be taken at the Board's February 7, 2012 meeting. The SBC has requested that the Department of the Environment also conduct consumer outreach so that businesses are not placed with the sole burden of educating consumers. Also, please note that the Commission has confirmed that the fees charged for paper checkout bags are not taxable. The Commission is currently requesting a determination on compostable bags. [Click here](#) for the special notice of determination provided by the State Board of Equalization. For more information on the proposed ordinance or to request a presentation, contact the Department of the Environment at 415.355.3700.

• **Permitting a Five Feet Ground Floor Height Increase in Selected Zoning Districts**

This proposed ordinance, BOS File No. 111247, is sponsored by Supervisor Eric Mar and will provide for an extra 5 feet for ground floor uses in various zoning districts. This height exception will allow the permitted height of buildings to be raised an additional 5 feet for projects that have ground floor retail or other active uses, as defined in the planning code, that are oriented to public access and primarily to walk-up pedestrian activities. The purpose of this height exception is to encourage generous ground floor ceiling heights for commercial and other active uses, encourage additional light and air into ground floor spaces, allow for walk-up ground floor residential uses to be raised slightly from sidewalk level for privacy and usability of front stoops, and to create better building frontage on the public street.

• **Formula Retail - Including Financial Services within Definition of Formula Retail**

BOS File No. 120047, also introduced by Supervisor Mar, will include banks and other financial institutions in the list of business types that are subject to the City's formula retail controls. Currently these types of businesses are excluded from the requirements. By adding banks and other financial institutions to the City's formula retail controls, a conditional use authorization will be required for these types of businesses to locate to Neighborhood Commercial Districts and other selected parts of the City. This ordinance is tentatively scheduled to be heard at our March 12, 2012 Small Business Commission meeting.

• **Ordinance Requiring Security Plans for Commercial Parking Garages and Lots**

BOS File No. 111077, introduced by Supervisors Chiu and Wiener, would require a commercial parking permit applicant to include as part of the application a security plan for the parking garage or parking lot. The plan would need to meet minimum requirements set in the ordinance or by the Chief of Police in rules promulgated (rules that the Chief adopts) after a public hearing, and be reasonably calculated to protect individuals and vehicles in the parking garage or parking lot and within 25 feet of any pedestrian or vehicular entrance or exit to the parking garage or parking lot.

If any entrance to or exit from the parking garage or parking lot was within 1000 feet of any entrance to or exit from a business operating under a Place of Entertainment or an Extended Hours Premises permit issued by the Entertainment Commission, the security plan must provide for an attendant, security guard or other individual to remain at the garage or lot until 3:00 a.m. This requirement will not apply if the entrances and exits to the lot can be closed and secured so that vehicles may not enter or exit the garage or lot.

Other examples of components in the security plan may include; additional lighting, security cameras, emergency call boxes or phones, mirrors, barriers and other physical improvements.

This ordinance was heard at our January 9, 2012 Commission meeting. The Commissioners continued the matter to our February 13 meeting in order to receive more information from the legislative sponsor. For more information, contact the Commission Secretary at 415.554.6408.

For more information on *ALL* of the above ordinances, including legislative digests and the text of each ordinance, go to our [Legislation for Small Business Commission Review Page](#). We appreciate your comments.

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Small Business Commission Corner

- **Next Small Business Commission Meeting (2/13/12, Room 400)**

The Small Business Commission will meet on Monday, February 13, at 5:30PM in Room 400. Agendas will be available on the [Commission website](#) by the Wednesday prior to the meeting.

- **Steve Adams Unanimously Elected Small Business Commission President**

The Office of Small Business congratulates Small Business Commissioner, Stephen Adams, for his unanimous selection by the Commission to serve as President of the Small Business Commission in 2012. Commissioner Adams, appointed in 2010 by Mayor Gavin Newsom, previously served as Commission Vice-President.

Commissioner Adams manages the San Francisco branch network for Sterling Bank & Trust, and is known for his accomplishments and advocacy in community organizations throughout the City. As Board President of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro since 2007, Commissioner Adams worked for years to improve the business climate in the Upper Market and Castro Neighborhoods. He has also served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Project Open Hand, and was on the board of the Golden Gate Business Association for several years.

- **Small Business Commission and Small Business California Invite You to Learn About Benefit Corporations**

Have you heard the news about a new type of corporation in California that makes positive social and environmental impacts while looking out for their bottom line? The Small Business Commission and Small Business California would like to invite you to an event that discusses B Corporation, benefit corporation, and resources available in San Francisco. Food will be provide by La Cocina.

Where: The Hub SF (901 Mission St., 94103 at 5th and Mission)

When: February 27, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

[Click here to register.](#)

- **Proposed Small Business Commission Charter Amendment Update**

At the request of the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors continued the proposed Charter Amendment that "Analyzes Legislation that Creates Net Job Loss" to the call of the chair. Supervisors stated that they continue to support the Mayor in his goals to create jobs and limit job losses. The Commission looks forward to further discussions with both the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on how to accomplish these goals.

*Please contact Chris Schulman, Small Business Commission Secretary by email at chris.schulman@sfgov.org, or by phone at 415.554.6408 with questions, comments, or feedback regarding legislations and how they affect your small business.

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• **NEW! Concession Opportunities at San Francisco International Airport: Rental Car Cafe Lease**

San Francisco International Airport is preparing to conduct the competitive selection processes through a Request for Proposal for a Food and Beverage Lease at the Rental Car Center. Staff invites you to attend the informational conference scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., International Terminal – G Side Pre-Security Administration 5th Floor – Conference Room 28R at San Francisco International Airport.

This is a time when staff discusses the desired concepts, minimum qualification requirements and addresses any questions relating to the food and beverage lease. Written comments and recommendations will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2012.

Please visit our website at <http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/about/b2b/conces/>. For additional information, please call Sharon Perez, Principal Property Manager, Revenue Development and Management, at (650) 821-4500. [Click here for details.](#)

• **SFPUC Contracts and Bids: Various Opportunities with the SF Public Utilities Commission**

[Click here for details.](#)

• **Learn How To Do Business with the City of SF! Free Weekly Workshops Presented by the SF Human Rights Commission**

The workshops are FREE and held EACH WEDNESDAY of the month at 1485 Bayshore Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94124. Reservations are not required, but highly recommended. [Click here for details.](#)

• **City and County of San Francisco Contracting Opportunities**

Visit www.sfgov.org/oca and click on Bids and Contracts Database and Required Vendor Forms.

• **City and County of San Francisco Surety Bond & Finance Program**

For more information, contact: Nancy Owens, Merriwether & Williams Insurance Services, 417 Montgomery Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94104. Phone: 415 986-3999 www.imwis.com

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Upcoming Events

• **MON. 2/13 - Small Business Commission Meeting**

5:30 PM, City Hall, Room 400. [Click here for the Meeting Agenda](#)

• **THU. 2/2 - Urban Solutions Black History Month Celebration**

6-8 p.m.

KPIX/KBCW Studios, 855 Battery St.

Network with and pitch your stories to the CBS 5 news team and staff from "Bay Sunday",

"Eye on the Bay", "Black Renaissance", and "Bay Area Focus." Reporter Christin Ayers emcees this special event. Food and drink will be provided. This is a FREE event. [RSVP is required.](#)

• **MON. 2/6 - Renaissance Center Presents: Kickstart Your Small Business**

This workshop helps prepare attendees to embark on the journey of entrepreneurship. Covered are topics like 5 common misconceptions about small business owners, the 7 keys to success, local resources and the services Renaissance provides to help your business get going and growing.

Sign up: [Renaissance Center](#)

When: Monday, February 6th, 6pm to 7:30pm

Where: Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, 275 5th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Cost: FREE

• **TUE. 2/14 - Taxes and Your Business, How to Prepare Schedule C**

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, 455 Market Street, Suite 600, SF

Review what the IRS wants to know from you and how to report it on the Schedule C for your business. This is a class for business owners who need a basic understanding of their 1040 Schedule C tax forms. We'll also talk about what to do with the numbers once you have them. We don't guarantee you won't get audited, but this class will make it less likely.

[Click here to register.](#)

• **THU. 2/16 - Maximize Your Web Site Traffic and Sales**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM, 455 Market Street, Suite 600, SF

In this class, learn to ensure the highest placement on search engines; how to use Web analytics to keep your customers on your site; and how to convert site visitors into paying customers. Presented by the SF SBDC. Registration fee \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.

[Click here to register.](#)

• **WED. 2/22 - Free Legal Help for Small Businesses (Assistance in English and Chinese) 免費小商業法律諮詢服務**

Legal assistance in English and Chinese available for any business related matter except litigation and bankruptcy. 4th Wednesday of every month, 5:30 pm to 7:30pm. SF Small Business Development Center, 300 Montgomery Street, Suite 789, San Francisco, CA 94104. For appointments, please contact Lawrence Liu, lliu_sfsbdc@yahoo.com, 415-841-4056 or 650-296-0480.

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For Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7

I would like to submit the attached letter regarding the America's Cup Agreement to the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,

Karen Nemsick



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February 5, 2012

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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For consideration in finalizing America's Cup Agreement:

The SF Board of Supervisors must review the America's Cup Agreement this week with a keen eye on the financial implications of this race.

Initially, the America's Cup Event Authority, Gavin Newsom and Larry Ellison told you that this event would bring international visibility and \$1 billion dollars to the City, and it would provide the Port of San Francisco with critical repairs to aging Piers. You were also told that the race would attract up to 17 teams paying a \$1,000,000 entrance fee. Since that initial prediction things have changed.

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How does the Event Authority plan to make up this significant revenue deficit from entrance fees and will this deficit impact investments in improving Port properties? What is the economic impact of this reduction in racing teams and spectators for local businesses that are counting on a windfall from this event? Is \$1 billion dollars in local economic benefits still realistic?

The Port will displace 70 tenants from waterfront properties as part of the Agreement this year. Many of these tenants will move out of Port properties completely, leaving the Port with an immediate reduction in rental revenue. If the America's Cup does not exercise its option to invest \$55 million in upgrades to those Port properties, not only will the Port permanently lose the revenue from those tenants, but it will still be left responsible for significant repairs to those

buildings after 2013. How will this deficit to the Port's budget be compensated for if repairs are not covered by the Event?

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Karen Nemsick
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San Francisco Examiner Letter-to-the-Editor: Ethics Commission needs an overhaul (Monette-Shaw)

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02/05/2012 01:56 PM

In Sunday's hardcopy of the *San Francisco Examiner* ; please forward to interested people:

Ethics Commission needs an overhaul

Ralph Stone's letter "(Mayor issues fall off radar," Jan. 26) correctly noted the public has a right to know the status of Mayor Ed Lee's alleged campaign violations submitted to the San Francisco Ethics Commission.

The Civil Grand Jury's June 14 report "San Francisco's Ethics Commission: The Sleeping Watchdog" noted the commission held no public hearings on Sunshine Ordinance complaints referred to it over an eight-year period. An analysis of 35 cases against city officials referred by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force to the commission alleging official misconduct shows five cases were pending, but the commission "dismissed" all 29 of the remaining cases, holding just one public hearing — last July!

The Ethics Commission also dismissed every complaint during the past 17 years alleging retaliation for filing whistleblower complaints. This will likely continue until voters demand removal of the commission's executive director, John St. Croix, who's paid \$137,897 annually to bury the public's right-to-know investigations.

Patrick Monette-Shaw
San Francisco

The letter is not available on-line yet, but should be posted on the *Examiner's* Opinion | Letters to the Editor web page over the next couple of days at:
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/opinion/letters-editor>

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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Subject: LET'S TAKE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE PEOPLE

From: "David Jinkens" <djinkens@comcast.net>
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Date: 02/05/2012 05:17 PM
Subject: LET'S TAKE REDEVELOPMENT TO THE PEOPLE

February 5, 2012

Dear Members of the Boards of Supervisors:

South Lake Tahoe Council Member Bruce Grego is a public policy fighter. He, like many of you, know that sometimes the system doesn't work. He mentioned to me today to quit pleading with the Legislature and Governor and take the matter of redevelopment to the people of California. As I have respectfully suggested to you in the past, **I agree**. Redevelopment has been a part of California law and an essential component of community and economic improvement for over 60 years. We should not let one Governor (who as a former Mayor should know better) and one Legislature dissolve what we know to be an essential community improvement and economic development tool for those places in our State that are not wealthy, and in a State government that has no economic prosperity and job creation plan

I urge elected local government leaders, the League of California Cities and the California Redevelopment Association to rise up and take up the challenge of restoring redevelopment to California through the initiative process. Why is it important to do so? Because the people you serve, the economy of the State, and future of cities are at stake. Cities are losing billions and heading for litigation because of the action of the Governor and Legislature. It is certainly worth the effort. The future of our cities and our State are in our hands. The Governor and Legislature needs to learn as well that they work for the people, not the other way around. They need to invest more time listening to locally elected leaders rather than playing the role of a distant Colonial government ruling by fiat over us all. Legislators and the Governor seem to look at locally elected leaders and officials as their illegitimate children. Locally elected leaders are the future of our State if we are to craft successful economic development policies and programs and create a fiscally responsible California.

Let us begin anew this fight to preserve our communities and make them prosper . We only fail if we do nothing.

Best wishes to you all. You are the best for California's future.

David

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Subject: Gentrifying The Tenderloin Area

CRITICISING THE PROGRAM NEXTDOOR TENDERLOIN February 5 2012

Nextdoor Tenderloin is a private website for Tenderloin residents. The website makes it easy for you and your neighbors to communicate with one another and help each other out. By joining and helping to grow the community you'll be able to use Nextdoor Tenderloin to do things like:

Because an idea or ideology sounds good, does that mean it's a good thing to participate in as a means and way. For many people in the 1930's, the Fascist Nazi Party sounded good, as a matter of fact the Nazi Party in Germany contained some very highly educated people and capable people as operatives in its political policy machine, but where social psychological efficacious result of the Nazi Party is concerned, history speaks for itself. In the twenty first century, in the United States of America, there are many Evangelico political factions, using the improvised and interpreted teachings of Jesus Christ to create efficacious political policy, but the Civil Rights contradictions that exist in these religious political factions in relation to constitutional law is highly controversial and down right abusive to the United States Civil Rights Law already in place as government policy in the court jurist systems - California's Constitutional Amendment recently passed against same sex marriage was/is highly influenced by religious political factionalism, and mandate and control whole communities of gentrified social psychological policy as a way and means that finds itself in the electoral ballot box. It is so easy to extrapolate a faction in its appearances in representing democracy, but in truth create hegemonic community gentrification --which is a fancy way of saying social bigotry and maybe even racial prejudice in the name of some religious political ethic.

Gentrification (gentrify), verb, renovate or improve a house or district so that it is in keeping with middle class taste.

The Castro District in San Francisco is a gentrified homosexual (Gay)

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community, but it is a largely gentrified neighborhood due to discrimination against homosexual people in the state of California, judging from the point of view that California Constitutional Amendments recently elected into policy denial of homosexual marital couples to be legally married. Will/is the Tenderloin District in San Francisco also becoming a gentrified neighborhood that largely contain the poor, old, disabled, and people receiving government assistance financially; that is also segregated against by the balance of San Francisco's society who have financially prosperous life styles - and so now we create programs like 'Tenderloin Neighbor' to give the residence of the Tenderloin District Six special inculcated instructions on accepted social behavior toward ones neighbor?! And if in truth we in San Francisco are so concerned about creating neighbor reciprocation, we must realize that other district in contrast proximity to each other are also neighbors we in the Tenderloin should communicate with, since San Francisco as a city is an entire community just like the community of the Tenderloin.

By insisting that the Tenderloin Community is a singular faction, totally locked into it's own and singular policy of acceptance, we are declaring that the Tenderloin Area has some sought of unique eclecticism - it's almost like insisting that the world is flat after all, and anyone who declares the world round, should be excommunicated for being a heretic - hence should we in the Tenderloin give in to gentrified hegemonic policy by building social psychological walls around ourselves in contrast to the total San Francisco and Bay Area Community, that create such gentrification of social psychology simply because we are called the Tenderloin Area? I once had a friend tell me (avoiding naming this person), that he was glad that California was letting prisoners out of prison, due to economic and the financial burden of maintaining prison institutions, his remark was, "in this way, the Tenderloin Area can become sexy again", believing of course that the only place these displaced prison inmates released from prison can live is neighborhoods like the Tenderloin - this is the kind of gentrification that the Tenderloin, or any district in San Francisco want to truly avoid, benevolent social segregation.

The website makes it easy for you and your neighbors to communicate with one another and help each other out.

If I should place a very long list of college matriculations on the 'Tenderloin Nextdoor', these colleges are outside of the Tenderloin Area - if this kind of participation were not acceptable to the 'Tenderloin Nextdoor', would this defeat the purpose of 'Tenderloin Nextdoor', since it is more than obvious that an educated person living in the Tenderloin Area would be a great benefit to the activities of the Tenderloin - even if this person had to leave the Tenderloin Area and matriculate on the Davis University Campus to achieve educated goals for the sake of supporting Tenderloin goal endeavors.

I like the idea that the 'Tenderloin Nextdoor' endeavors for neighbors to be concerned over baby sitters, free bikes, missing dogs, garages sales, car break ins etc. etc.; but there are many people who are residence in the Tenderloin Area, both youthful and senior citizens, who endeavor to achieve a higher education and may look on the internet 'Tenderloin Neighbor' to find some sought of lead in achieving a personal higher educational pursuit - Oooooopppppps, can't do that, this information is outside of the Tenderloin, can't help you neighbor - and while we're on the subject, there will be no information concerning the 'Insurance Medicare Rip Off Created by

Government Factions' stealing from senior citizens, because it's just outside of our 'Tenderloin Neighbor' ideology of gentrified concept. Also they'll be no information on the presidential election, because Washington District of Columbia is way outside of the Tenderloin policy of helping ones neighbor.

By joining and helping to grow the community you'll be able to use Nextdoor Tenderloin to do things like:

Like, as far as I can see, stay within the socially segregated and extrapolated policy, accepted gentrification of 'Tenderloin Nextdoor' as an accepted social bigotry, due to the social psychology outside of the Tenderloin District that segregates residence of the Tenderloin in some mythological social concept, because such people living in the Tenderloin are not financially prosperous, but are disabled, or are considered losers by some peoples criticism of people living in the Tenderloin. And so we living in the Tenderloin should perpetuate that social mythology of segregated attitude outside of the Tenderloin by creating internet websites like 'Tenderloin Nextdoor' - which would certainly be like pouring gasoline on the already existing forest fire of the already existent social problems in the District Six Tenderloin Area in San Francisco.

The Tenderloin Nextdoor Program:

Website: <http://tenderloin.nextdoor.com/join>

JANE KIM DISTRICT SIX SUPERVISOR OF SAN FRANCISCO February 3 2012

Jane Kim, district six supervisor of San Francisco,

WebPage: <http://www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=11324>

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Subject: Reform Needed for Small Businesses - NOW

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Subject: Reform Needed for Small Businesses - NOW

Supervisors,

Today's New York Times contains a column by award winning columnist Scott James about the saga of the Ice Cream Bar. It is summary of the long slog that a new business owner must go through to open a small business. Reform of the ENTIRE process is perhaps the MOST URGENT thing that you need to accomplish if you expect the primary economic and job creating engine of San Francisco, small businesses, to hasten the economic recovery of our city. The process needs to be predictable, efficient, significantly risk free and rapid. The Ice Cream Bar case proves the City process is none of these. With other small businesses looming to enter the market, you must act NOW to make sure they do not face the same long, expensive and highly risky experience. It is time to walk the walk of dramatically reforming the regulation of small business ventures in San Francisco.

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/02/03/business/smallbusiness/before-ice-cream-shop-can-open-citys-slow-churn.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=scott%20james&st=cse

Peace,
Ted Loewenberg

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"It's got to come from the heart, if you want it to work."

File 101055

To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Gail Johnson/BOS/SFGOV,
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Subject: Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update BOS File No. 101055 [Environment Code]

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Subject: Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update BOS File No. 101055 [Environment Code]

Dear Mayor, and Board of Supervisors:

RE: Plastic Bag Ban and Checkout Bag Charge Update BOS File No. 101055 -Environment Code

This is a hideous example of over-regulation. We are a new business, retail gift shop, Cliche' Noe, in Noe Valley, and we will not pay this tax. I will ask other merchants in our association, the Noe Valley Merchants Association, not to comply as well. The tax is intended to reduce bag usage, great. Gifting of a gift bag is my business! Where would this money presumably go? To related services in my community? No. We will stand against this as unenforceable as well. How shall you handle civil objections? The city has yet another regulatory commission funded on the backs of retailers. Big retailers like Safeway, will make millions of dollars over time, and then will the cost of groceries be reduced? How can we stand outside this issue and rethink its feasibility? The effect of monitoring and related time and attention we would need to comply is also, unacceptable in a time when you ask us to create jobs? How about taxing my wrapping paper? If this is a new trend in politics then what is next?

Thank you,
Dani Sheehan-Meyer
Fred Meyer

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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Subject: Green Connections Kick Off Event: Improving streets and paths to the City's parks!

From: GreenConnections/CTYPLN/SFGOV
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Date: 02/03/2012 10:08 AM
Subject: Green Connections Kick Off Event: Improving streets and paths to the City's parks!
Sent by: Lily Langlois

Dear Supervisors -

The Planning Department, in collaboration with other City agencies and nonprofit partners, is launching the Green Connections project on Wednesday, Feb 15 - a citywide project about improving the City's streets and routes that lead to our City's parks, waterfront and open spaces. Please join us for the kick-off event.

Have a nice weekend!

The Green Connections Team



Connecting
pedestrians, bicyclists,
and wheelers to the City's
green spaces.

Join us for the Green Connections kick-off event to help improve the paths to the City's parks!

When & Where:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

5:30 to 7:30 PM

**@ the LGBTCommunity Center, Rainbow Room
1800 Market Street, San Francisco.**

Green Connections will increase pedestrian and bicycle access to parks, open space and the waterfront, by re-envisioning City streets and paths as 'green connectors' that can be built over time. In the first year of the project, the focus will be to map a citywide network. The second year will build on this framework to design green connections in the following six neighborhoods: Bayview-Hunters Point, Chinatown, Potrero Hill, Tenderloin, Visitacion Valley and Western Addition.

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Get involved! We will host many public events to engage communities in developing Green Connections. Visit the project web site below for project information, events and meetings. Also, sign up for the Green Connections mailing list to keep receiving future e-mail announcements.

<http://greenconnections.sfplanning.org>

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