

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Dear Board Member,

I am writing to provide you, a Member of the City and County of San Francisco ("City") Board of Supervisors ("Board") a synopsis of the City's Annual Giving Campaign as outlined in the San Francisco Administrative Code §16.93-1: Charitable Deductions and the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive. This is commonly referred to as the Combined Charities Campaign (CCC) ("Campaign"). This year marks 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the approval of §16.93-1.

San Francisco is THE City that is accepting of all people regardless of their background. San Francisco is THE City that helps those that need it. San Francisco is THE City that stands above others because of our love and support of others. These traits are exhibited by the over 3000 City and County employees who have, over the past five years<sup>1</sup>, donated over \$1 million to more than 1000 charities, with over \$400,000 going to local charities every year.

I do not know why the proposal to terminate this extremely beneficial Campaign is in front of the Board; however, I do know that terminating the Campaign will be detrimental to over 1000 charities whose recipients benefit from City employees' open hearts.

In 2022, the Office of the City Administrator paused the 2022 Campaign when concerns were raised about a couple of the charities listed in the Donor Resources Guide. Prior to the Campaign resuming, the Rules Committee (if I remember correctly), met and raised the following concerns:

1. Personnel costs to administer the Campaign
2. Ease and availability of donating online
3. The Campaign is not important to City employees

Regarding personnel costs, the Combined Charities Campaign is important to City employees and extremely important to the charities that receive our donations. Sometimes you have to spend a little to help many.

The Campaign simplifies the donation process with the online portal. It is a fast process, eliminates the need for paper forms, and has reduced the need for personnel to administer the Campaign and audit records. Use of the online portal has increased drastically since its launch in 2018, averaging more than 75% the past three years.

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<sup>1</sup> The 2022 Campaign was paused for nearly eight weeks - more than half the Campaign run time - yet raised nearly \$700,000 from nearly 1800 employees. All other metrics came in at a 50% rate or higher, predicting the Campaign likely would have reached its goal of \$1.2 million and attained the annual averages of the previous four years.

City employees donate to the Campaign via payroll deduction so that they do not have to think about donating monthly or bi-weekly through automatic payments from a bank account or credit card. Payroll deduction is a much better and easier option for many donors as many are not able to charge donations to a credit card. People manage debt differently, with many carrying balances month to month, so even a small donation, say \$50/paycheck (\$1300/year), can turn into a far higher “donation” with interest charges. With payroll deductions, charities learn in advance how much they will be receiving each quarter from the generous City employees and can forecast their budgets to align with these donations.

As for donations made by check, a bulk of those are from retirees as they no longer have a Disaster Service Worker number (DSW#), further confirming the traits of helping others after separation from City service.

Approximately 10% of City employees (3000+) donate over \$1 million every year to more than 1000 charities. This number by itself proves how important the Campaign is to City employees.

The City and County of San Francisco’s Combined Charities Campaign is one of the largest in the nation both in terms of total dollars raised (more than \$1 million/year) and number of donors (more than 3000/year). Numbers did NOT drop in the 2020 Campaign, the year the COVID-19 pandemic devastated the economy and hurt our wallets. The City’s Campaign is larger than a Southern California county that has over 100,000 employees yet raises less than \$1 million.

Below are the metrics from 2018 -2022:

Year	Total Amount	Total Amount (Payroll)	Total Amount (Check)	Donors Count	Donors Count (Electronic)	Donors Count (Paper)	Donors Leadership*
2018	\$1,412,916.74	\$1,227,084.04	\$185,832.70	4738	2076	2662	1159
2019	\$1,232,543.72	\$1,087,657.22	\$216,495.01	3843	2602	1241	970
2020	\$1,091,023.60	\$979,115.20	\$188,146.40	3092	2354	738	851
2021	\$1,093,973.35	\$984,919.35	\$200,693.25	2974	2344	630	845
2022	\$691,573.70	\$636,905.70	\$104,435.00	1768	1380	388	534

*\*Donors Leadership: These Donors are referred to as Leadership Givers. Leadership Givers donate \$500 or more and are recognized with a pin and an event, both sponsored by the Federations within the Campaign.*

The Office of the City Administrator manages [Give2SF](#), a collection of 10 funds that support causes ranging from supporting children to go to college, neighborhood beautification, the arts, animals, and disaster and recovery, such as after an earthquake, a highly probable disaster in our future. In 2022, employees and retirees donated more than \$15,000 to the City’s Give2SF funds. Retiree donations accounted for a significant amount of those donations.

Federation	Payroll	Check	Grand Total	Campaign %
Give2SF	\$9,284.08	\$8,043.00	\$17,327.08	2.51%

I do not know what the future of the Campaign will look like. Will it remain the same, administered by the Office of the City Administrator and rotated among City agencies every three years for management? Will a group within a City agency take on the task permanently? Will the City establish a committee to administer and manage the Campaign annually? If so, what needs to be considered (work order funds to those agencies to account the work being done by committee members)? Will the City establish a line item in the budget to account for the administration and management of the Combined Charities Campaign?

My recommendation to move forward as is with the Campaign and come back to this issue in January 2024 so that a fully informed decision on the future of this extremely beneficial Combined Charities Campaign can be addressed.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. Please let me know if you have any questions. I hope to be able to attend the meeting on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> either virtually or in person; however, I am on vacation and not sure what my schedule will be on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

*Raymond W Winters*

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Raymond Winters

Lieutenant

San Francisco Sheriff's Office

2021 – 2023 Combined Charities Campaign Chair

**From:** [Winters, Raymond \(SHF\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Sophia Hom \(AIR\)](#); [Wong, Eugenia \(MTA\)](#); [Michelle Clancy](#); [Michelle Clancy](#)  
**Subject:** CHC CCC Letter of Support  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 5:32:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [CHC San Francisco Heart of the City Ltr of Support 7.17.23.docx](#)

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Board Members,

Please see the attached letter from Creating Healthier Communities, a longtime Federation association with the Combined Charities Campaign.

Thank you,  
Ray

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July 17, 2023

Board of Supervisors  
City & County of San Francisco

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback about our engagement with the City of San Francisco's Heart of the City Combined Charities Campaign.

CHC: Creating Healthier Communities has been an active and integral partner in the Heart of the City Campaign for more than 10 years. Our federation has participated in monthly volunteer planning meetings, complied with required charity application processes, assisted in coordinator trainings, and provided in-person and virtual speakers to provide employees with educational information on services and programs offered by our participating charities.

For the past three years, CHC has also served as the lead federation with this campaign, helping coordinate communications, shared expenses between federations, plus managing the distribution of donor choice (write-in charity) distributions for all participating charities. This is part of an effective, collaborative approach that successfully provides significant support to ensure consistent management and financial transparency of the write-in donations made by employees and assists the campaign coordinator and team.

We believe the success of the campaign is through the inclusion and integration of participating federation partners that offer personal choice in support of charities with whom San Francisco city and county employees most resonate. This plan allows employees to access help from and provide financial support to issues that align with charities closest to their personal health and wellness, children's education, the arts, animal assistance, disaster relief, community support interests and more.

It is our hope that this partnership continues in the future through the successful model that has been in place for several years. Please let us know how we can help continue this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Torges". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light gray horizontal line.

Karen Torges  
Vice President  
Campaign Partnerships & Nonprofit Engagement

**From:** [Suzanne Saunders](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [suzanne saunders](#)  
**Subject:** K9 Armor comment before vote on 230648  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 4:04:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [K9 Armor 2022.pdf](#)

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Greetings San Francisco Board Members,

I am Suzanne Saunders, Cofounder of Charity K-9 ARMOR. We take donations to give bulletproof vests to California police dogs. It will hurt our resources if you cut your support for your Annual JointCharity Fundraising Drive through America's Best Local Charities campaign. They asked me to write and explain how your support makes a real impact before you vote on File 230648 on 7/18/2023.

You help us raise funds though the ABLC annual campaign to protect at least one police dog to get a vest every year. Each vest costs \$2000 and we rely on this campaign for a major source of funding much appreciated by the Officers who depend on their K9 partners with their lives.

We rely on donations and your support for over ten years has helped us protect 175 k9 heroes! Most departments do not budget for police officers on four legs. Even the friendly tracking search dogs who find suspects by the scent left on a shell casing means when they find the guy, he's got a gun and sometimes a knife and our vests are stab proof as well as bulletproof. Police dogs need these vests to protect them while they lay down their lives to protect us and counting on your support.

Please do not cut this vital support to charities such as ours. Here are the recipients of K9 Armor vests last year.

Thank you for your consideration of our California canine heroes.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Saunders

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**From:** [Katherine Hogan](#)  
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**Subject:** File #230648 - Annual Joint Fundraising Drive  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 4:18:56 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Guide Dogs for the Blind (GDB) relies on donations to fund our mission-driven work. Campaigns such as the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive support our fundraising efforts and we have been grateful to the City and County of San Francisco for holding this annual employee giving opportunity. Even as technology continues to make charitable giving easier than ever, an organized employee giving campaign provides focus around charitable support that might otherwise get overlooked in these busy times. If there is an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to reconsider their legislation to eliminate the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive, GDB would be supportive and appreciative.

Sincerely,  
Guide Dogs for the Blind



**Guide Dogs for the Blind**

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**From:** [Shannon Lee-Rutherford](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Michelle Clancy](#)  
**Subject:** File # 230648 - Ending Annual Joint Fundraising Drive  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 5:16:01 PM

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Hello from Alameda County Community Food Bank,

I am reaching out today regarding an ordinance (file #230648) being voted on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to end the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive, on behalf of Alameda County Community Food Bank. We feel it would be a disservice to San Francisco government employees to lose the opportunity provided by the Drive to invest financially in their community.

Despite easy access to online donating options, studies have shown that most people simply do not donate unless they are directly asked and have an easy giving channel provided. The San Francisco Annual Joint Fundraising Drive provides exactly that opportunity for government employees, allowing employees a convenient way to invest in their own communities.

Also significant, the monthly payments from payroll deductions provide a critical and dependable source of revenue for non-profits. These Charitable Drives are a win-win for all involved!

As one of the recipients of funds from the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive, losing the Drive would not only be a financial loss for Alameda County Community Food Bank, but would have a negative impact on government employee investment in their communities, could impact employee morale, and will definitely have a negative impact on the non-profits supported by these payroll deductions.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective,

Shannon Lee-Rutherford on behalf of Alameda County Community Food Bank

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**We accept tax-deductible donations to give bulletproof spikeproof vests to California police dogs**



Richmond PD K9 Sabre 2009

**K-9 Armor has given  
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to donations to  
[www.K9Armor.com](http://www.K9Armor.com)**



Campbell PD K9 Koa 2022

# **K-9 ARMOR SPONSOR APPRECIATION PRESENTATION 2022 BY CO-FOUNDER SUZANNE SAUNDERS**



**2003 I was inspired by a show on Animal Planet when I first heard that bulletproof vests for police dogs are not automatically provided. Teaming up with members of law enforcement to form our charity, by the next year, K-9 Armor gave our first vest in 2004.**

**I Volunteered as EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) (retired) with the Medical Reserve Corps since 2007 and serve as K-9 ARMOR Secretary, Treasurer and Webdiva and Cofounder since 2003  
More information on our Board Members on our website [About Us](#) page**

# K-9 ARMOR PRESIDENT

**Marin County Sheriff K9 Deputy and Federal ATF K9 Explosives  
Detection Handler Daniel Marrett (retired)**

**With 30 years of experience and leadership we are proud to have him as our President**



**We gave our first K-9 Armor vest to ATF and Marin Sheriff K9 Verona on July 1st, 2004**

# K-9 ARMOR VICE PRESIDENT

## Riverside County Sheriff Corporal Jeffrey Hurd

K-9 ARMOR Vice President Corporal Hurd, Riverside Sheriff K9 Association former President and current Judge for Riverside and National Police K9 Trials. Featured with his partner K9 Yanik on the cover of K-9 COP magazine.

**PROTECTING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
K9 HEROES WITH K9 ARMOR SINCE 2014**



# K-9 ARMOR DIRECTOR ANAHEIM POLICE OFFICER BRETT KLEVOS



Hugs from K-9 ARMOR cofounders Suzanne and Anaheim PD Officer Klevos and K9 Leo



## K-9 ARMOR

Honorary Member Anaheim PD Officer Klevos & K9 Kylo

Your donations protect OCPCA President Officer Klevos and 60 Orange County K9 Heroes

**Proud to have Anaheim PD Officer Klevos as Director of K-9 ARMOR  
He is a member of the Anaheim Police K9 SWAT Team and Director of the OCPCA  
PROTECTING THE ORANGE COUNTY POLICE K9 HEROES WITH K9 ARMOR SINCE 2011**

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**2019 we partnered with Susan and Bill Forbes owners of K9 Tactical Gear in Rocklin, CA who make this awesome K-9 ARMOR vest out of the same Kevlar® as their human partners**



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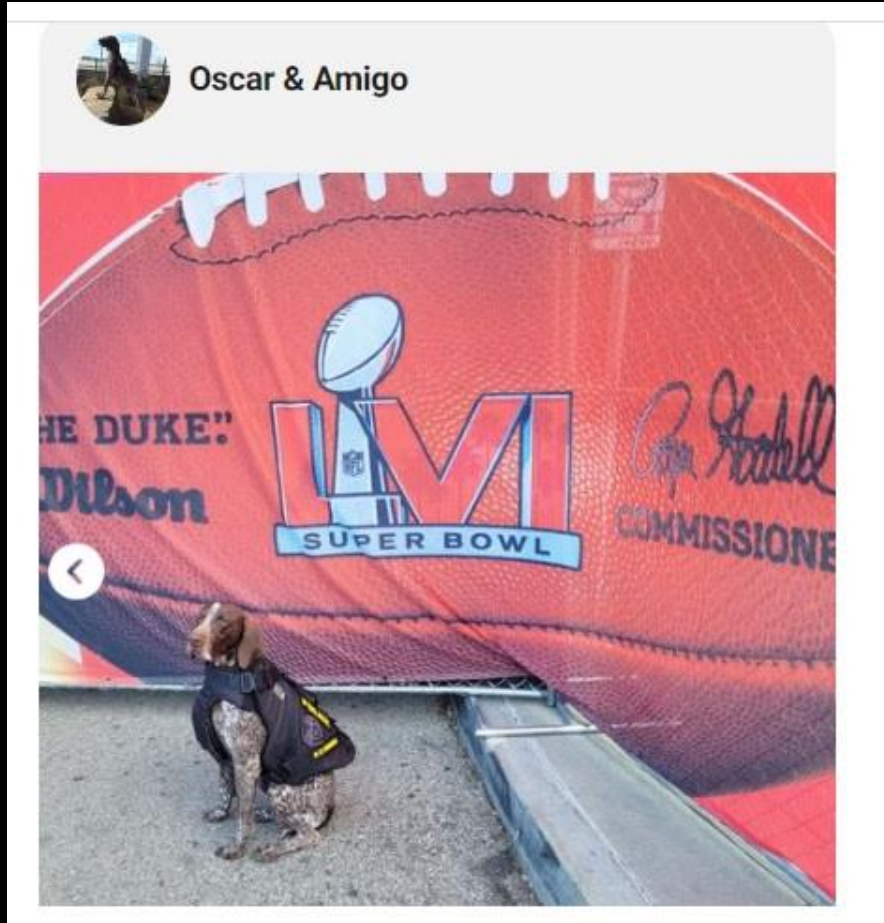
**We are proud to protect  
Riverside County Sheriff K9 Storm for  
Deputy Giallorenzo  
Riverside K9 Association President  
former US Marine  
at Adlerhorst Training Academy 2021**

**We have protected RSO K9 Heroes  
with K9 Armor vests since 2014**



**Thank you FBR Foundation from Suzanne, K9 Armor  
Riverside Sheriff Deputy Giallorenzo and K9 Storm**





## K-9 ARMOR



Honored to protect Long Beach PD K9 Amigo, Kala and Kiss  
Protectors of Long Beach Airport

Long Beach PD K9 Amigo and Kiss received their K-9 ARMOR vests January 2022  
We are proud to have given a vest to Long Beach PD K9 Kala in 2020  
Amigo was selected for special duty protecting Super Bowl 2022



**March 30, 2022 We gave a vest to Santa Ana Police Officer Guidry for K9 Rosie, joined by Kuno and Officer Shifflett. We were honored by a K9 Demo at the Santa Ana Police station and Rosie and Kuno gave k9 kisses**



K9 kisses from DSH Metro PD K9 Diesel  
Thank you Robert Aragon for  
sponsoring Diesel & one more k9 hero

March 31, 2022 We protected CA State Hospital Patton PD Officer Jessup and K9 Nico  
Nico is our second State Hospital Police K9, we protected K9 Diesel for Officer John Bell, Metro PD in 2021

# K-9 ARMOR



Smiles from Campbell PD Koa  
[www.k9armor.com](http://www.k9armor.com)

May 12, 2022 Thank you Freda B Runyon Foundation for over a dozen K9 Heroes protected including Koa

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June 13, 2022 LA Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau K9 Bomb Squad K9 Perla and Bear were vested  
Thank you Jeff and Sara Amend for 5 vests including 3 Riverside Sheriff and SEBLASD Perla and Bear



Photo by Steve Georges for Behind The Badge

**June 22, 2022 Happy Retirement Party at City Hall for Westminster PD K9 Peko  
Proud to have given Peko a K9 Armor vest to Officer Hartman in 2014**



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July 16, 2022 we protected Los Angeles Airport Police K9 Ciga for Officer Norwood at the Los Angeles County Police K9 Show in Redondo Beach

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Donate on [www.k9armor.com](http://www.k9armor.com)

Hugs from LAPD Airport Police K9 Kobe with Officer Orlanes and K9 ARMOR cofounder Suzanne

July 16, 2022 Kobe won 2nd Place as the Toughest Dog at the LACPCA K9 Show





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November 1st, 2022 presentation ceremony for Anaheim PD K9 Zax, Rebel, Leo and Valor  
Special thank you sponsors Mike and Meghan LaFirst of Harbor Construction for sponsoring four vests

Thank you Chief Cisneros, Assistant Chief Armendariz, Sgt Schmidt and his amazing K9 SWAT team  
for the honor of protecting your K9 HEROES since 2011



Congratulations OCPCA for 30 years and over 15 vests thanks to donations by Mike and Krista Pennington to K9Armor.com  
We are proud to protect OCPCA President, Anaheim PD Officer Klevos and partner K9 Leo and the OCPCA K9 Heroes

**Thank you sponsors over 10 years protecting the Anaheim Police K9 Team Mike & Krista Pennington  
Lori Diaz & her 6th grade class, Pat Solvik, and Jennifer Perez and Catholic women's group YLI #188 Corpus Christi**



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K9 kisses from Riverside Sheriff K9 Sweet Caroline in February 2020 when we promised her a vest



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November 5, 2022 Hugs from Riverside Sheriff K9 Sweet Caroline and Deputy Kurylowicz at the Riverside K9 Trials  
Thank you Carolyn Cornejo for donating to protect Sweet Caroline in 2022 and 2 RSO K9 Heroes in 2019



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**THANK YOU ANGELS  
WHO DONATED TO PROTECT  
UNION CITY PD K9 FRANCO IN 2020  
AND HIS TEAMMATE K9 TURBO IN 2022**





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December 13, 2022 Union City PD Officer Canjura and K9 Turbo came to K9 Tactical Gear for a vest in exchange for k9 kisses

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**AND NOW ... FOR THE POLICE DOGS FACING  
BULLETS AND BOMBS  
BUT WITHOUT A BULLETPROOF VEST**



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Donate on [www.k9armor.com](http://www.k9armor.com) to protect 21 LA Airport Police K9 Heroes



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Donate to protect LAPD Bomb Squad  
K9 Heroes Max (pictured) and Morte, Leslie and King



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## Kisses from LAPD Bomb Squad K9 King





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Hugs from LAPD GND K9 Piper  
and Officer Joe Cirrito  
Donate on [www.k9armor.com](http://www.k9armor.com)

## LAPD Gang and Narcotic K9s Pearl, Piper, Rylee and Sam

## K-9 ARMOR



Hugs from LAPD GND K9 Pearl



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Donate to protect LAPD Paco



K9 Chase

DPO Jose Ochoa  
& K9 Penny

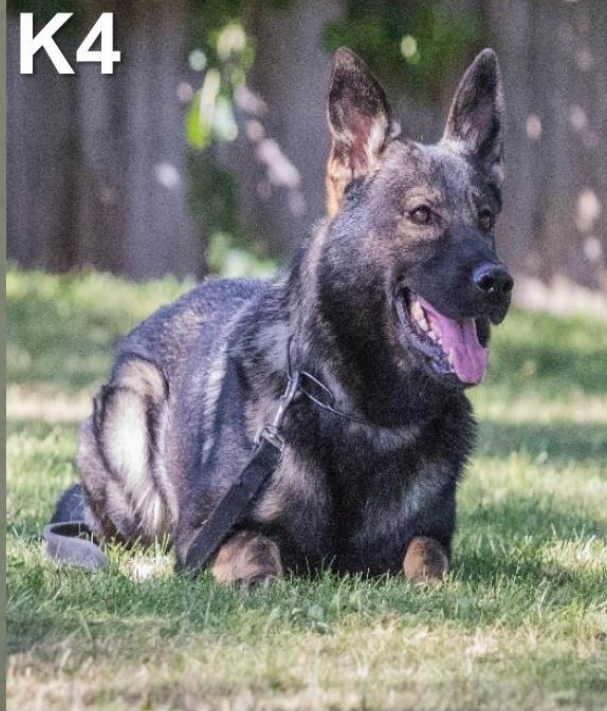


**LAPD Probation Department K9 Paco, Chase, Chloe and Penny**

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TORRO  
MIKE DOHMANN

**Anaheim PD K9 Torro for Officer Dohmann**

**WE PROMISED A VEST TO THEIR NEW K9 WHEN TORRO RETIRES**



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WE PROMISED A VEST TO CHINO POLICE OFFICER CORTES  
FOR K9 HALINA



Photos of Halina by [K9 HERO Photography](#)

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OFFICER CORTES AND K9 HALINA AT RSO K9 TRIALS 2022

Photos of Halina by [K9 HERO Photography](#)





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**Gardena PD K9 Maxo**

**DONATE TO PROTECT MAXO AS HE PATROLS THE STREETS OF GARDENA  
WHERE LA SHERIFF K9 JACK WAS KILLED 12-22-2022**



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**LA Sheriff Special Enforcement Bureau K9 Bomb Squad K9 Lasi & Deputy Whiteside  
DONATE FOR LASI IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER TEAMMATE K9 JACK EOW 12-22-22**



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Memorial by Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) LA Sheriff's Dept

"K9 Jack was a devoted member of the SEB K9 Detail for the past 4 years.

K9 Jack was tragically shot and killed by a violent armed suspect during a tactical operation in Gardena. K9 Jack's actions saved the lives of numerous members of the Bureau during the operation."



Los Angeles County  
**Sheriff's Department**

End of Watch 12/22/2022

K-9 Deputy

Jack



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Rest In Peace, K9 JACK....we Honor your Dedicated Service and we Pray for the comfort of your Handler while he deals with your sudden loss!



“K9 Jack was shot and killed while attempting an apprehension during a barricade in the 1800 block of West 145th Street in Gardena.

The barricade started the previous morning after a man shot at a neighbor's car during a dispute. The man then remained barricaded inside his condo as negotiators attempted to communicate with him. K9 Jack was shot by the man as the agency's SWAT team entered the condo in an attempt to take him into custody. The man was shot and killed when deputies returned fire.

K9 Jack had served with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for four years and had previously served as a military working dog, assigned to the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.” - Officer Down Memorial 12-22-2022




**K9 JACK**

**EDW-12/22/22**

**-SOME GAVE ALL-**



Rose Borisow GraFX

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PROTECT HIS FELLOW K9 HEROES  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK**

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Richmond PD K9 Sabre 2009



Campbell PD K9 Koa 2022

**From:** [Meg Davidson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance to Eliminate Annual Joint Fundraising Drive - Opposition  
**Date:** Monday, July 17, 2023 11:54:42 AM

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Esteemed Members of the Board,

On behalf of the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to eliminate the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive (File # 230648).

Our organization has been a beneficiary of this critical fundraising effort for many years. Last year, we received over \$10,000 in donations from City employees through the Fundraising Drive, the equivalent of over **20,000 meals** for our neighbors in need in San Francisco. The rationale listed in the ordinance, that reduced barriers and increased access to direct donations have eliminated the need for this city-run drive, does not align with the reality of what we know about charitable giving. The more friction a donor faces in making a donation, the less likely they are to consistently donate. The City's Fundraising Drive eliminated that friction by offering a direct monthly donation option for employees, which most are unlikely to set up independently without this valuable administrative nudge.

Terminating this program will have the impact of eliminating a valuable monthly donation stream for the Food Bank and further reduce the City's direct and indirect support for its food insecure residents. We rely on consistent monthly donations like those provided via the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive to continue to provide an essential service to tens of thousands of San Franciscans via our range of food security programs, which operate in every single district in the City. We implore you to oppose this proposed Ordinance and continue to support City employees in donating to the Food Bank and our fellow non-profit organizations.

Respectfully,

**Meg Davidson**

Director, Policy & Advocacy

Pronouns: she/her/hers

San Francisco-Marin Food Bank

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**From:** [Lynette Ertel](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: File #230648  
**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:00:19 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

It has come to our attention that the City and County of San Francisco is proposing to eliminate its Annual Joint Fundraising Drive. This will put an incredible strain on already-stressed charities that provide services important to the residents, business-owners and property owners of San Francisco. We at First Responder Support Network provide critical mental health services for the brave men and women who work in law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical services and dispatching. Every day these heroes do their best to maintain quality of life in the City and County thanks to their timely response to crime, accidents, natural disasters, fires and other impactful events. In many cases they risk their own well-being. In the course of duty, first responders are often traumatized by what they experience. Public response is "that's part of the job", but these are human beings without whom we would live in a constant state of fear and stress. PLEASE do not take away one of the avenues we have for funding scholarships and peer support to these deserving workers. Doing so will add to workforce reductions, family fragmentation and suicide... not what a proud city like San Francisco wants to be known for.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance in voting DOWN this proposed action. We non-profit organizations deserve better, as do those whose lives we improve.

Lynette Ertel

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Lynette Ertel, Development Director  
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**From:** [Mike Kady](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Eliminating of the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive  
**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 3:25:42 PM

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Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors is voting to eliminate the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive.

I have to raise the question, "Why?"

Why eliminate a fundraising source that has raised over \$15 million for non-profits over the last 25 years? Why eliminate the source of funds that help a wide range of individuals in San Francisco and the surrounding Bay Area with services that will be cut or canceled? Why eliminate a program where people can give freely without compulsion to a worthy cause to help those in their local community?

More than ever, the services of Bay Area non-profits are needed and critical for those who receive them. Consider the lives of those who need these services that will be affected if this legislation passes.

**Please vote "NO" on this legislation.**

In Christ,

*Mike Kady*



"10 so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing to him: **bearing fruit in every good work** and **increasing in the knowledge of God**; 11 **being strengthened with all power**, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance and patience with joy**; 12 **giving thanks to the Father**, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." Colossians 1:10-12 (ESV)

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**From:** [Rosalyn Simon](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Combined Charities Drive Ordinance  
**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:47:06 PM

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Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

Our organization has benefited from the generosity of the Combined Charities Drive and would like to see it continue. Our organization relies solely on donations from the public, we receive no government funding. Workplace giving such as this fundraising drive is a large percentage of our funding. Without the generosity of this funding we will not be able to save as many deserving dogs, cats, kittens and puppies from our local shelter as we do which would devastate our animal community and other Non-Profit organizations that rely on this donor funding.

We respectfully ask that you please reconsider your position to discontinue this fundraising drive.

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**From:** [Nicole Leventhal](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** In regards to File #230648  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 8:41:39 AM

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The termination of this very important charitable fundraising drive would be detrimental to our organization, the East Bay SPCA, the work we do, and the Bay Area as a whole.

Thank you,

Nicole Leventhal  
East Bay SPCA Database Administrator

**From:** [Joanna Reilly](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Lillian Samuel](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for File #230648 from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 10:54:18 AM

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To the Honorable San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area, the youth, families and volunteer mentors who we serve and support, we are writing comments to implore you to not terminate the Annual Joint Fundraising Drive (AKA Combined Charities Drive).

With charitable donations from individual donors on the decline, dwindling opportunities for government funds and limited foundation grants, small to mid sized organizations like ours are struggling to identify the revenue needed to meet the significant demand for services in San Francisco.

We currently have 30 San Francisco youth and families waiting to be matched with a Mentor through our agency. With an evidence-based program model recommended by OJJDP and the World Bank and with significant demand from families, it is essential to keep 1:1 mentorship free and accessible for San Francisco youth and families.

Last year, we received \$6,554 through this program, which for an organization our size is a meaningful amount of revenue toward our program operations and will be a loss we feel if the program is eliminated.

Please reconsider eliminating yet another reliable source of funding for the nonprofit community in San Francisco.

Respectfully,  
Joanna Reilly, VP of Development  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area

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