

From: [Jeannel Poyaoan](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: URGENT: 6/24/2024 Public Comment
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:08:52 PM

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- Hello board of supervisors, my name is jeannel and I am a staff member of the Filipino community center in D11. As a member organization of the Workers Rights Community Collaborative, we urge you to fully fund our community organizations that have been a reliable resource in providing critical and culturally responsive services to migrant workers.
- Many Filipino migrant workers work and live in precarious conditions, especially after leaving a country where exploitation is even more severe. Despite coming here to San Francisco, a sanctuary city, to provide a “better life” for their families, many of them have continued to be neglected by this city. These cuts to the WRCC would negatively impact our organizations’ abilities to seek out and find workers who are not knowledgeable of their rights to advocate for a better condition.
- Through our workers rights program, we have provided essential workers rights education, legal assistance, and case management, which has resulted in workers’ increased consciousness and fighting spirit to assert their rights and achieve Justice not just for themselves but others as well.
- Please ensure that workers rights programs remain functioning through adequate funding and are made accessible to those who are most vulnerable and exploited.

From: [Shuangyan Li](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Crystal Van](#)
Subject: Submitting Written Public Comment for Annual Budget on June 24, 2024
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:54:21 PM

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Hi Brent,

I am submitting two remarks on behalf of two community members for today's Annual Budget Hearing.

Please see the following statements in both Chinese and English from a community member:

我是Ruby Li。我是三藩市的华人移民。我在过去几年得到了华促会的就业协助。因为我英文能力有限,这些服务对我有很大的帮助。作为申请工作的人,我们遇到了很多困难,比如怎样查就业网站、怎样写简历、怎样回答面试题。三藩市只有华促会有讲中文的员工可以免费提供这些服务,帮助我们克服这些困难。

在华促会的帮助下,我找到了清洁工作。虽然我能做雇主实际要求的工作,但是我是依靠了华促会的服务才能填写申请表格,才能做上岗所要求的手续。这些文件都需要很高的英文能力。

华促会提供了重要的就业训练并帮助我们解决了很多就业方面的语言障碍。这些服务对我这样的移民的非常重要。我希望三藩市不要减少OEWD的资金,不要减少这些服务。谢谢!

I'm Ruby Li. I'm a San Francisco Chinese immigrant. I have received CAA's employment services in the last few years. Because my English ability is limited, these services are extremely helpful for me. As someone looking for a job, you run into a lot of difficulties, like how do you check job listing websites, how do you write a resume, how do you answer interview questions. In San Francisco, only CAA has Chinese-speaking staff helping with these things free of charge, helping us overcome these barriers.

With the help from CAA, I found a custodial job. Although I am able to perform the actual work that the employer requires of me, I relied on CAA's services to fill out the job application and the onboarding forms that I had to fill out before I was allowed to start working. These documents require a high level of English ability.

CAA provided important employment training and helped us overcome many language barriers to employment. These services are extremely important to immigrants like me. I hope San Francisco does not reduce the OEWD funding, and does not reduce these services. Thank you!

我叫Chunmei Cao,我是三藩市的华人移民,英文能力有限,所以CAA的服务对我非常重

要。在过去几年,我得到了CAA的就业服务。CAA帮我写简历,帮我申请工作,帮我了解申请工作的每一个步骤。CAA服务非常贴心,他们很频繁的跟进我的就业情况并回答我所有的问题。

我们新移民的英文不够流利,申请工作时的英文表格和面试对我们来说更是很大的障碍,这些都需要华促会的帮助。华促会帮助我们填写很多上岗前的复杂英文表格。

华促会提供的服务对我们三藩市的华人移民来讲,非常重要。请市政府不要减少这些民生的服务。他们的工作需要政府拨款的大力支持,请不要减少华促会的服务预算资金。谢谢!

My name is Chunmei Cao, I am a San Francisco resident and Chinese immigrant. My English is limited so these services are important to me. I have been receiving employment support from CAA for the last few years. CAA helped me write my resume, apply for jobs, and helped me understand the job application process. CAA staff are very meticulous and responsible, they follow-up with me frequently to check on my work situation and answer my questions.

We new immigrants aren't fluent in English, so job application forms and interviews pose a major barrier to employment, and we need CAA's help on these things. CAA also helps me fill out complicated English-language forms in order to actually start working after I find a job.

CAA's services are very important to San Francisco Chinese immigrants. I hope San Francisco does not cut these services for the people. CAA's work needs the government's OEWD funding to continue supporting immigrant communities, so please don't reduce CAA's funding. Thank you!

Thank you so much in advance for including these comments in today's records.

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From: [Nancy Buenaventura](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget Hearing - June 24, 2024
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 5:11:59 PM

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To the Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

I live and work in San Francisco, and I'd like to express my concerns about the proposed city budget that cuts funding for culturally competent workers who provide outreach and direct services to immigrants and working-class communities.

Many organizations I have worked with and whose services I have been a recipient of, such as the Filipino Community Center (FCC), PODER Youth Program, Common Roots, and Hummingbird Farm, provide critical services to the community. Budget cuts to these essential services and programs for youth and transitional-aged-youth will leave many immigrants, working-class, black, and brown communities without support.

Please fund programs that promote education, socioemotional learning, community resources, leadership development, and safe spaces to cultivate community-based solutions. Please fund services that ensure housing, food, workers rights and language services to our communities.

I urge you to approve a budget that prioritizes workers and immigrant communities.

Sincerely,
Nancy

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Nancy Buenaventura
323-203-5597

From: [Nick Gallegos](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:46:58 AM

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File Number 240622
Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding for downtown recovery including the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant and broader recovery efforts have created a tangible impact that is fostering meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco. It is also bringing needed energy and community activation to otherwise empty storefronts.

As a resident of Bayview with an office in downtown, I am personally invested in the experience of downtown as welcoming and energetic. I support innovative and inclusive programs like Vacant to Vibrant that are contributing to a vision of downtown as a vibrant and active community hub with a unique identity. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should prioritize investments in Vacant to Vibrant and programs that support small businesses. Small businesses are what give our neighborhoods their unique identities and downtown should be a place that embraces and embodies that spirit.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to a diverse, vibrant and inclusive future for downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations.

Warm regards,

Nick Gallegos
SF Born and Raised

From: [Nicole Maxali](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Urgent Request to Support Kultivate Labs in the City Budget
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:37:23 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for allocating city budget funds to support Kultivate Labs and their plan to inject activity to Westfield Mall, an initiative that holds immense potential for our community. I urge the Budget and Appropriations Committee to consider the following key points in your deliberations:

Establishing a Filipino cultural hub in Westfield Mall will enrich San Francisco's cultural landscape. This space will serve as a center for cultural exchange, celebration, and education, benefiting the entire community. It's a wonderful way to celebrate and share the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino community.

Cultural hubs draw significant foot traffic and contribute to economic vitality. By creating a destination that celebrates Filipino culture, we can attract visitors from across the Bay Area and beyond, driving economic activity and creating jobs. This initiative is a strategic investment in our city's future.

The initiative to bring Filipino businesses into the mall will support the creation of community gathering places, such as theaters, art galleries, and public open spaces. These spaces will celebrate the richness of equity communities through cultural events and exhibitions, providing affordable and accessible venues for all residents, especially low-income populations and youth.

Nurturing a thriving economic ecosystem in Downtown is vital. This initiative will support locally owned community-based businesses, fostering creativity and inclusivity. By ensuring wealth-building opportunities and living wage jobs for equity communities, we can draw consumers, increase foot traffic, and infuse economic vitality into our city.

In conclusion, supporting Kultivate Labs is not just an investment in cultural enrichment but also a strategic move to enhance economic vitality, community safety, and social cohesion. I kindly request your favorable consideration of this initiative in the city budget.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

Nicole Salaver
Program Manager
Balay Kreative
Email: Nicole@KultivateLabs.org

Phone: 914-979-2931

Set up a meeting with me:

https://calendly.com/nicole_balaykreative/45min



From: [Raquel Redondiez](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Burke, Robyn \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Fieber, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [shamman.walton@sfgov.org](#); [Gallardo, Tracy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [DeRuff, Henry \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [Dahl, Bryan \(BOS\)](#); [Owen, David \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [acabande](#); [Elaine Villasper](#); [Desi Danganan](#); [Theresa Imperial](#); [DPH-Ilistana](#); [Scott Rowitz](#); [Jill Linwood](#)
Subject: Protecting Funding for SOMA Pilipinas CHHESS Strategies
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 11:44:55 AM
Attachments: [Tunnel of Lights - Munsayac and Sayoc - 2024.pdf](#)

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Dear Budget Chair Connie Chan and Members of the Budget Committee:

Thank you for being a champion for working people of the City and your dedication in hearing from hundreds of constituents.

SOMA Pilipinas is writing in support of the People's Budget Coalition urging you to accept **all** of the BLA's recommended reductions, and **all** of the policy recommendations (excepting HRC and DCYF's CBO grant reductions). We also want to highlight the following proposed cuts that we request to be prioritized for restoration. These programs are key to our several of our CHHESS strategies:

- Bishop tenant protections and housing rights services
- Filipino Community Centers as part of Worker's Rights Community Collaborative
- Filipino Community Development Corporation's Urban Rest and Sleep Center
- SOMCAN as part of Worker's Rights Community Collaborative

There is also a modest amount of proposed funding of 200k for lighting the Yerba Buena area that we hope could support our efforts to bring Filipino cultural markers and lighting to SOMA. Please see our National Endowment for the Arts funded report: [Illuminating Yerba Buena](#) which we plan to implement in partnership with Yerba Buena Community Benefits District (YBCBD) and the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy. Attached is a sample of a lighting activation that we will bring to Mission Street this Fall. The Tunnel of Lights, which has been funded through a small grant of 20k from YBCBD, is only one of the dozen

cultural lighting projects that we plan to implement from the report with the proposed new funding.

We are also supporting [400k for Kultivate Labs Activation of Westfield 4th Floor with Filipino and BIPOC small businesses](#). While the essential services that are proposed to be cut above are our top priority, Kultivate Labs, which is the main organization working to bring back Filipino businesses in the cultural district, has been our partner in our efforts to advance [economic recovery that centers equity](#) and our cultural assets and communities. We hope you can include an OEWD appropriation for this project.

I may be reached at 415-244-9734 if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Raquel Redondiez

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Raquel R. Redondiez
SOMA Pilipinas Director
Filipino Cultural Heritage District
Filipino-American Development Foundation

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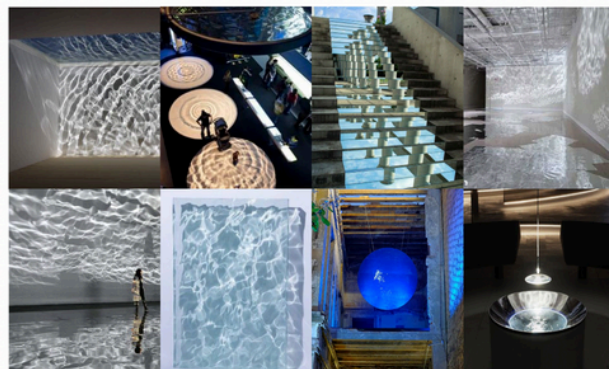
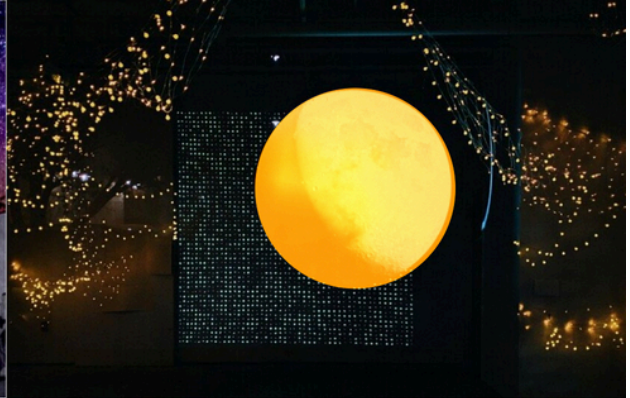


NEW ARTWORKS IN SOMA PILIPINAS

TUNNEL OF LIGHT

Concept by Julie Munsayac and Ciriaco Sayoc

SOMA Pilipinas
Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy



From: [Samoan Solutions](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 240595
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:07:46 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to ask that you restore the SDDT Healthy Community Grants. As grantees, All My Usos and Fa'atasi Youth Services provide access to culturally relevant food security and nutrition education to our Pasefika community members.

In Northern California, Native Hawaiian Pacific Islanders (NHPIs) have among the highest diagnoses for chronic diseases such as diabetes (highest with 34.5%), coronary heart disease (highest with 9%), hypertension (53%; 3rd highest after black and Filipinos) and obesity (43%; 3rd highest after Blacks and Latinos) (*BMC Public Health* 19, 1551 (2019)). And yet, our overall NHPI population in San Francisco City and County is less than 1%. For NHPI community members living with these diseases, daily symptom management affects their quality of life, and they experience acute health problems and complications that can shorten their life expectancy.

The services provided by All My Uso's and Fa'atasi Youth Services are needed because the focus areas of health, healing and physical fitness that each agency provides is not currently being offered in San Francisco by service providers with a culturally relevant approach and relatable background to the service population of district 10. Both of these agencies were part of conducting a needs assessment among 365 NHPI community members from San Francisco in 2022 and have since been making strides to implement the recommendations based on the findings of the study which include addressing mental health and wellness. Additionally, All My Uso's and Fa'atasi Youth Services each have relatable life experiences tied to their current program offerings including grief and loss support as well as preventative health care and physical fitness.

It is very important that the steps they have already taken to recruit professionals in community health leadership are carried out with essential services for the target population i.e. food security, nutrition classes, etc. and they can only do that if the SDDT grant funding continues. As a long-time partner and ally of All My Uso's and Fa'atasi Youth Services in community work, I urge you to reconsider budget cuts that directly affect non-profit organizations that are carrying out this critical work and restore their SDDT grant funding. The NHPI community of San Francisco, no matter how small, deserves to have access to these services and to be healthy and thriving residents within this great city and county of San Francisco.

Sincerely,
Faga Misa
Executive Board Vice President
Samoan Solutions
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From: [Scott Rowitz](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Raquel Redondiez](#); [Desi Danganan](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [CatherineStaff@sfgov.org](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Jill Linwood](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [Dahl, Bryan \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [Burke, Robyn \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Fieber, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#); [Low, Jen \(BOS\)](#); [shamman.walton@sfgov.org](#); [Gallardo, Tracy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [DeRuff, Henry \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Constance Cavallas](#); [Tam, Madison \(BOS\)](#); [Dahl, Bryan \(BOS\)](#); [Owen, David \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Yerba Buena Community Benefit District - Board of Supervisors Budget Letter
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:48:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[06.25.24 Yerba Buena - SF Board of Supervisors Budget Letter.pdf](#)

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Dear Budget Chair Chan and Supervisors,

I am writing to convey our strong support of the **Downtown Recovery Investments within the Office of Economic and Workforce Development Budget** and provide you details about the **Yerba Buena / SOMA Pilipinas** portions included in that overall budget request.

The 20 block **Yerba Buena neighborhood** is situated within the larger footprint of the **Filipino Cultural Heritage District** and is home to the **Moscone Center** – as well as renowned museums, a public garden, educational institutions, small business, dining, hotels, shopping, and local entertainment venues. Yerba Buena also has 12,000 residents living in senior housing, apartments, lofts, family homes, and condominiums.

The elements within the **OEWD budget for Yerba Buena/SOMA Pilipinas** include:

- \$1,125,000 per budget year investment in **Yerba Buena Safety Ambassadors**. This investment is to support requests from the Filipino community, the Yerba Buena business community, and our SF visitors to create additional Yerba Buena Safety Ambassadors focused on the area encompassing Mission from 3rd to 5th Streets and 4th from Market to Howard Streets and connects Union Square to Yerba Buena via the San Francisco Centre and Moscone Center.
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- \$200,000 investment in cultural street-level lighting for on 4th, 5th and Mission streets. The **SOMA Pilipinas**-designed artistic lights serve as placemaking markers, and provide additional security and vibrancy for this significant and currently neglected cultural corridor.
- Continuation of the successful **Welcome Ambassadors Program** which helps both visitors and residents by answering questions, providing information, and diffusing street incidents.

This proposed funding is a sound investment to enhance the street-level experience through a combination of beautification, safety, and community programs. This investment shores up the incredible array of arts, cultural, tourism and commercial attractions that extend from Yerba Buena to Union Square and will help revitalize downtown. With these programs in place, we are best positioned to create vibrant hubs that engage workers, residents, and visitors, and help attract new and strengthen existing businesses.

Thank you for your hard work on the City's budget and the work that you do for our community every day.

Sincerely,

Scott Rowitz

Executive Director
Yerba Buena Community Benefit District





June 25, 2024

*Supervisor Connie Chan, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee, City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689*

Copy: Members of the Board of Supervisors and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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The elements within the **OEWD budget for Yerba Buena/SOMA Pilipinas** include:

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Thank you for your hard work on the City's budget and the work that you do for our community every day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Rowitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Rowitz
Executive Director

From: [RICHARD HARGENS](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Health care
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 2:31:14 PM

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Myself and all the other retirees put in years of our lives working for San Francisco. We deserve to have decent benefits. Your attempt to save money by taking away our present great health system is unacceptable. We should always come first before the undocumented immigrants in our once great City. This is a disgrace what you have done to our City.

I stand with all retirees to keep United Healthcare.

Richard Hargens retired SFPD
Sent from my iPad

From: [Nerrisa Gasu](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: PI Community Hearing
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 2:35:59 PM

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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

The quote is exactly what the leaders and staff of programs SCDC, All My USOs, Pasifika by Design, and Faatasi Youth Services have been doing for the PI Community. Creating a space for our people to become better as a community and individually. These programs have had such a huge impact in a positive way on our PI community, especially the youth. As they learn and grow in these programs, they themselves will go out and do better. They are able to go out and effect change for the better, in their community and in their homes. Cutting funding will not only affect the individuals, the community, but also generations to come.

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From: [Bry Eck](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SFPUC Budget Vote!
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:11:13 PM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

As an interested party to the upcoming SFPUC hearing, I would like to express my concern regarding the upcoming SFPUC budget request.

Though I am no longer a San Francisco resident, as an owner of two apartment buildings in San Francisco, I pay significant water bills and property taxes amounting to many 10's of thousands of dollars annually. I am writing this letter, not only on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of my tenants, future tenants, and other SFPUC rate payers who will be affected by the decisions the board makes on this matter.

My understanding is that San Francisco has the highest municipal water rates of any major US city (https://url.avanan.click/v2/___https://www.statista.com/statistics/1232861/tap-water-prices-in-selected-us-cities/%23:~:text=One___,YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bo5NTNjMzVmNDliMzg3MjI2ZjUxMzYyNzI2ZjdhYTc2Zjo2OjE3ZjQ6NDFlZTRhNzUyY2JkNDVhNDI0MzhjM2FiNTJhZDcwMWMyMzg4NTIxOGM1ZGIxMWNjMzFhZDc0ZmZiNzZiZjY3YTp0OkY6Tg of the most expensive, U.S. dollars per cubic meter.). As we all know, the cost of living in San Francisco is extremely high and is a major factor in our ever worsening homeless situation. Even though rents have not recovered to pre-Covid levels in San Francisco, they remain very high as do all other costs to residents (and property owners) in San Francisco. Water and Sewage rates ultimately get paid by tenants/residents either indirectly (via eventual rent increases) or directly (sub metering). All these costs contribute to the terrible housing crisis that we face here in San Francisco.

My concern is that, since the SFPUC is not comprised of elected officials, there has been a lack of accountability with regard to the financial and infrastructure health of the City's water system.

Unfortunately, poor management and policy decisions by the SFPUC over many decades has created an untenable financial situation with serious deferred maintenance expenses. The SFPUC is now trying to railroad through a rate increase without sufficient oversight. Specifically, the Alternative Water Supply Plan that is being proposed may require a massive additional debt of \$17-\$25 billion dollars. This would result in massive rate increases to rate payers (two-fold, by some estimates!).

I question the assumptions used in the Alternative Water Supply Plan, specifically, with regard to the hypothetical mega drought (8.5 years!?) and projected future demand. **Given the extraordinarily high projected rate hikes resulting from this SFPUC proposal, I believe it is incumbent on the Board of Supervisors to require an independent audit funded by the SFPUC to specifically examine their policy decisions that affect rate hikes. In particular, the projected water demand and the reasonableness of using such extreme**

drought scenarios in their modeling for the Alternative Water Supply Plan needs to be much more closely assessed and evaluated.

I sincerely hope you will consider my suggestion during your upcoming hearing on the matter.

Sincerely,

Bryan Eckert

(SF Property owner of
122 Guerrero Street
772-778 Oak Street)

From: [Navi Uhatafe](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File no.240595
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:25:57 PM

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Hi my name is Navi and i go to the program Samoan community develop center known as SCDC. I am emailing this because someone “smart” decided to take away our funding and we really need the funding because theres only 1 percent of PI(Pacific islanders) and we make these programs to help the PI people know what there culture is and provide them with anything they need to be happy. So give us our funding back please and thank you

From: [Samantha Tinoifili](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No.240595
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:27:10 PM

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Hello my Name is Samantha Shul-Cassidy.

I was born and raised in San Francisco. I'm a mother of 3 which they also were born and raised in San Francisco. I'm writing because someone "smart" wants to take away funds from programs that been helping me and my whole family like AMU (All My Usos) and SCDC (Samoan Community Development Center)

Us Polynesian are 1% in San Francisco, we DON'T deserve to be forgotten!

We already don't have many programs for our 1% of people but now you want to take what we do have? How does that work? PLEASE DON'T TAKE THE FUNDING AWAY FROM (All My Uso) Please

From: [Pearlulu Tinoifili](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 240595
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 6:12:20 PM

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Hello,

My name is Pearl Tinoifili and I've been a resident here in San Francisco for 2 years now. Although my history here has been longstanding. Considering I went to elementary school out here and have siblings that graduated high school this year.

I am writing in regards of a decision being made by London Breed to cut funding for our programs such as SCDC, Fa'atasi Youth Services, All my USOs, the list goes on. These "budget cuts" will highly affect families in our community as a whole in the Bay Area.

It also will take a huge impact on my family considering we rely on these programs. Programs such as SCDC provide mental health services, food security services, financial services, whilst also holding a place for the youth with their summer program PIYA (Pacific Islander Youth Alliance).

PIYA allows these children to explore their Polynesian heritage along with learning the values and traditions that comes with being Pacific Islander. My siblings, cousins, benefit from this program. Cutting the funding, takes away this safe space for these children.

Moving into more about food security and nutrition education, Fa'atasi Youth Services and All my USO's provide education for not only our youth but our whole community. Polynesians suffer from many diseases from Diabetes to cancer. These programs educate us on how to properly take care of our bodies and this opportunity is given FREELY. No charge ! I have a long line of family members on my father's side and mothers side who suffer from these diseases.

It's these exact programs that keep families, including my own, educated, heard, alive physically and mentally. Taking away the funding from these programs, you are taking away an entire communities home, existence.

Please take to time to reconsider your decision. Our communities have worked long and hard to get to where we are. We will continue fighting for our existence, our place at our own table.

Best wishes,
Pearl Tinoifili

From: [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Christina Fong](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT - BOS Table the Motion to Call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:11:55 AM
Attachments: [Chan Letter \(MEA\)_062624 \(CR revsd\).pdf](#)
[Memo to A.Calvillo \(BOS\) 6.26.24.docx.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Clerk of the Board I am distributing the attached letters from the Municipal Executives Association.

Thank you,

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From: Christina Fong <christina@sfmea.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 11:03 AM
To: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>
Cc: Criss Romero <criss@sfmea.com>; Gregg Adam <gregg@majlabor.com>; Amit Pendyal <amit@sfmea.com>
Subject: Re: URGENT - BOS Table the Motion to Call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries

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Hi Angela,

Attached, for distribution, is a revised letter to Supervisor Chan from Criss Romero; the 2nd page has updated names of the Board of Supervisors. I have also reattached the earlier memo requesting that the BOS table Supervisor Chan's motion to call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries.

Thank you,

Christina

Christina Fong

Deputy Director

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On Wed, Jun 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM Christina Fong <christina@sfmea.com> wrote:

Good Morning Angela,

Please see and distribute to the Board of Supervisors the attached memo and letter to Supervisor Chan from Criss Romero, MEA Executive Director.

Thanks in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or cell 415-971-7716.

Christina

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VIA EMAIL ONLY – Angela.Calvillo@sfgov.org

MEMO

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Criss Romero
Executive Director

DATE: June 26, 2024

RE: BOS Table the Call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries

MEA is responding to the June 21, 2024, Budget Appropriations Committee, whereby Supervisor Connie Chan made a motion that Department Heads place 10% of their salaries on reserve.

MEA is requesting that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors table this motion at today's meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 971-7701, or Criss@sfmea.com

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Cc: Christina Fong, MEA Deputy Director
Gregg Adam, Messing, Adam & Jasmine, LLP



June 26, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY – CONNIE.CHAN@SFGOV.ORG



Connie Chan
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Re: Call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries

Dear Supervisor Chan:

On June 18, 2024, your colleagues and you passed the Ordinance adopting and implementing the decision and award of the Arbitration Board under Charter, Section A8.409-4, as you were required to do by law. This action established the successor Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of San Francisco (“The City”) and the Municipal Executives’ Association (“MEA”), to be effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

MEA reviewed your comments at the June 21, 2024, Budget Appropriations Committee. As committee chair, you should be aware that Supervisors do not set City Employee wages. However, you made a motion that Department Heads place 10% of their salaries on reserve after approving those same salaries only three (3) days earlier. The motion you submitted also revisits an issue that was legal and binding on both the City and MEA represented employees.

MEA is not interested in reopening this Agreement at this time. Your actions undermine the trust established between MEA and the City during bargaining, suggests that the City was not bargaining in good faith, and is plainly an unfair labor practice. We ask that you withdraw this motion immediately. Placing 10% of management salaries on reserve does not significantly address City Budget concerns, and it is also unfair to City employees who have dedicated a significant part of their lives and professional skills for the betterment of San Francisco constituents.

We are also contacting the Board of Supervisors to ask them to table this motion in the interest of continued partnership with the City. MEA hopes that the Board takes this opportunity to reset its relationship with the City’s managers. The Association stands ready to collaborate with you towards that worthy goal.



Connie Chan, Supervisor
Re: **Call for 10% Budget Reserve from City Employee Salaries**
June 26, 2024

If you have any questions, please contact me at (415) 971-7701, or criss@sfmea.com.-

Sincerely,

Criss Romero

CRISS ROMERO
Executive Director

cc: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Catherine Stefani, District 2
Aaron Peskin, District 3
Joel Engardio, District 4
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Christine Fong, MEA Deputy Director
Gregg Adam, Messing, Adam & Jasmine, LLP
City Department Heads

From: [Grace Malabanan](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for The Urban Rest & Sleep Center
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 12:32:41 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Grace Malabanan and I am with the Filipino Community Development Corporation. We are writing to express our full support for the \$350,000 funding that the 2023-2024 Board approved for the URSC Project. Despite this approval, the funding was not included in this year's budget, which was submitted last week by the mayor to the Board of Supervisors.

We, the community of service providers, community partners, small businesses, institutional partners, and residents, request and demand that the Board of Supervisors revisit its commitment to include the \$350,000 in the 2024-2025 budget for the URSC Project.

The URSC (Urban Rest and Sleep Center) Project is a 24-hour integrated community center aimed at helping end homelessness in San Francisco, particularly in the Tenderloin and SOMA districts. Key aspects of the URSC include:

- Serving both housed and unhoused Tenderloin residents
- Focusing on preventing recently unhoused individuals from becoming chronically homeless
- Operating 24 hours a day, year-round
- Offering four primary programs during the daytime and a safe sleeping place at night

URSC is a crucial service that will benefit the neighborhood population by addressing gaps in the City's various approaches to prevent homelessness. The project:

- Integrates a holistic approach to solving homelessness
- Implements preemptive measures for drug overdose cases
- Enhances community safety through housing and case management
- Aligns with City priorities and has been identified by community members
- Was a top candidate in the TCAP participatory budgeting process and is strongly supported by the community
- Can serve highly vulnerable populations in the Tenderloin and make housing referrals citywide

We respectfully request your attention to the proposal to allocate the URSC's sanctioned \$350,000

funding into the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

Sincerely,
Grace Malabanan
415- 534-0341