

From: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [De Asis, Edward \(BOS\)](#); [Entezari, Mehran \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Strongly SUPPORTING Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211
Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 2:51:07 PM

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the below communication regarding File No. 241211.

File No. 241211 - Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions.

Thank you,

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From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 6, 2025 1:20 PM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>; BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative_aides@sfgov.org>
Subject: Strongly SUPPORTING Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211

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TO: Rules Committee members and full Board of Supervisors

FROM: Eileen Boken,
State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

*For identification purposes only.

RE: Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211

Position: Strongly SUPPORTING

In the interest of good governance and best practices, I'm strongly supporting this legislation to close a potential loophole.

This potential loophole could mean that a 501(c)(3) organization could receive City funding and then potentially transfer all or part of that funding to a related 501(c)(4) for advocacy.

This could mean that City funds could potentially circle back and be used to advocate with the City for specific issues.

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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Christina Shih](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Strongly SUPPORTING Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211
Date: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:13:16 PM

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Please include me in the public comment as fully supportive of stopping this abuse of public funds to support the lobbying of the SF Bicycle Coalition. Why should the city fund lobbying, particularly since the decisions pushed by the SFBC harm the general population of SF?

Vision Zero statistics have not budged.

Numbers of people that use bicycles as the primary mode of transportation is not really budged (at least not in D4 per the last modes of transportation study).

Slow Streets are mostly not used (I am thinking of Cabrillo and 23rd Avenue with which I am most familiar).

I know this is late but I hope my voice will still be heard.

Begin forwarded message:

From: zrants <zrants@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Strongly SUPPORTING Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211
Date: July 6, 2025 at 11:43:40 PM PDT
To: Greg Giachino <neighborhoods-united-sf@googlegroups.com>

This just in: Sorry for the late notice but, what many have been waiting for is happening tomorrow!

A separation of funds flowing between 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) that allows use of city funds to pay for political gains. Read the details.

Rules Committee

Supervisors Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Clerk: Victor Young

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Monday at 10:00 a.m. weekly

Agendas & Minutes

AGenda for July 7, 10 AM

https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/rls070725_agenda.pdf

5. 241211 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions]

Sponsor: Chan

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from providing City funds or resources to any organization established under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code ("501(c)(4) organization");

to prohibit any organization established under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("501(c)(3) organization") that contracts or subcontracts with the City from providing funds or resources obtained from the City, or anything of value, including personal contact information, obtained using such City funds or resources, to any 501(c)(4) organization; and to require City Departments that provide City funds or resources to, or co-sponsor a community event with, a 501(c)(3) organization to obtain an attestation from the 501(c)(3) organization that it shall not provide City funds or resources, or any personal contact information obtained in connection with the event or with the use of City funds or resources, to any 501(c)(4) organization.

12/17/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to the Rules Committee.

1/13/25; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

ACTION ITEM

Subject: FW: Strongly SUPPORTING Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211

Date: July 6, 2025 at 1:26:01 PM PDT

Hi all,

This is based on allegations that the Bike Coalition receives City funds through its 501(c)(3) then transfers all or part of it to the Bike Coalition's 501(c)(4) to use to advocate at the BOS and City Boards/Commissions to support its issues.

I would urge CSFN and Save MUNI to also send letters of support or speak in-person at Rules Committee.

I'm sending a support letter but will not be able to speak at the Rules Committee in-person.

Best,

Eileen

From: [Jean Barish](#)
To: [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [SherrillStaff](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SF BoS Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 – Agenda Item 5, File #241211
Date: Sunday, July 6, 2025 9:59:52 PM

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Dear Supervisors Walton, Mandelman, Sherrill:

I am writing to support the proposed Amendment to the Administrative Code, sponsored by Supervisor Chan, that would regulate the ability of organizations established under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (“501(c)(4) organization”) to either directly or indirectly receive funds or resources from the City.

This legislation is important to assure that monies and resources given to a 501(c)(3) organization for programs and services will not be reallocated to a 501(c)(4) organization that engages in political lobbying, often to the same City agency that made the original donation. Such sham transactions to support lobbying must not be permitted. This proposed legislation will prevent this.

Your support for this important Amendment is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jean

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From: [Judi Gorski](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Sherrill, Stephen \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment in Strong SUPPORT of Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025 Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211
Date: Sunday, July 6, 2025 6:57:00 PM

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To:
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Rafael.Mandelman
Victor Young, Clerk Victor.Young@sfgov.org

CC: Supervisor Connie Chan
Connie.Chan@sfgov.org

From: Judi Gorski, D4 Resident
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Re: Public Comment in Strong SUPPORT of Rules Committee Meeting July 7, 2025, 10:00 am, Agenda Item #5 [Administrative Code - Section 501(c)(4) Organization Prohibitions] File #241211

Date: July 6, 2025

Dear Clerk Young and Committee Members,

This is my public comment strongly urging you to support the ordinance amending the Administrative Code to prohibit the City from providing City funds or resources to non-profits to prevent them from receiving City monies that could then be spent by them to lobby for causes in Sacramento that may not be supported by, or in the best interests of, the majority of San Franciscans. Please support this ordinance, file #241211, Agenda Item #5, sponsored by Supervisor Connie Chan.

Thank you for considering my comment and request. Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Respectfully,
Judi Gorski, D4 Resident