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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 6, 2023

To: Carmen Chu, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Ben Rosenfield, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Jeffrey Tumlin, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Dennis Herrera, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Ivar Satero, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Carla Short, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Rich Hillis, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Phil Ginsburg, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Shamann Walton, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Anna Duning, Member, Capital Planning Committee  
Elaine Forbes, Member, Capital Planning Committee

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Urging the Inclusion of Climate Action Plan Funding Priorities in the General Obligation Bond Schedule (File No. 221208)

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On December 6, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 527-22 sponsored by Supervisor Gordon Mar (File No. 221208, Urging the Inclusion of Climate Action Plan Funding Priorities in the General Obligation Bond Schedule); enacted on December 16, 2022.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

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- c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Gordon Mar and Myrna Melgar  
Tom Paulino, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors  
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director  
Susanna Conine-Nakano, Mayor's Office

1 [Urging the Inclusion of Climate Action Plan Funding Priorities in the General Obligation Bond  
2 Schedule]

3 **Resolution urging the Capital Planning Committee to include Climate Action Plan (CAP)**  
4 **funding priorities recommended by the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment**  
5 **(CLEE) Report, entitled “Funding San Francisco Climate Action: Strategies for**  
6 **Revenue, Implementation, and Equity,” in the proposed General Obligation (GO) Bond**  
7 **schedule.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Paris Climate Agreement committed national governments to  
10 pursue efforts to limit temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a  
12 special report on the impacts of global warming and the need to significantly reduce global  
13 greenhouse gas emissions well before 2030 to reduce the most detrimental impacts to  
14 ecosystems and to human health; and

15 WHEREAS, Transportation is the highest source of greenhouse gas emissions in San  
16 Francisco, and improving transit and active transportation access will increase connectivity  
17 and economic opportunity, and increasing electric vehicle (EV) use will improve air quality for  
18 San Franciscans; and

19 WHEREAS, SFMTA and other City leaders have developed comprehensive, multi-  
20 decade capital plans encompassing a range of investments in transportation infrastructure,  
21 outlining over \$30 billion in capital needs through 2040; and

22 WHEREAS, Buildings are the second-highest source of greenhouse gas emissions in  
23 San Francisco, and energy efficiency improvements in buildings will result in immediate  
24 quality-of-life benefits for residents; and

1           WHEREAS, On July 27 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted new climate action  
2 goals, including complete building decarbonization by 2040, on file with the Clerk of the Board  
3 of Supervisors in File No. 210563, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as  
4 if set forth fully herein; and

5           WHEREAS, The 2021 San Francisco Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes policy  
6 strategies to drive retrofits of existing buildings, with a focus on lower-income residents  
7 including requirements to electrify at various transfer or renovation points; and

8           WHEREAS, San Francisco's Department of the Environment contracted UC Berkeley's  
9 Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE) to assess options for funding the equitable  
10 implementation of San Francisco's CAP; and

11           WHEREAS, To develop the recommendations in this report, CLEE conducted over 50  
12 expert interviews with community leaders, City departments, municipal finance and  
13 environmental policy experts and other stakeholders, facilitated two expert and stakeholder  
14 workshops to discuss revenue generation options, and convened a Technical Advisory  
15 Committee that provided guidance on opportunities and barriers to each potential strategy;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, The CLEE Report, "Funding San Francisco Climate Action: Strategies for  
18 Revenue, Implementation, and Equity" was released in November 2022; and

19           WHEREAS, The priority recommendations in this report include ensuring CAP funding  
20 priorities are reflected in the City's General Obligation (GO) Bond schedule; and

21           WHEREAS, A large-scale GO bond can both kick-start efficiency and electrification  
22 investment in high-priority communities and establish permanent programs that can marshal  
23 the billions of dollars of private capital required for CAP building decarbonization efforts; and  
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1           WHEREAS, A large-scale GO bond is needed to kick-start investment in high-priority,  
2 high-profile decarbonized transit projects while meeting the financial scale of major  
3 transportation capital infrastructure; and

4           WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends a dedicated \$300-500 million building  
5 decarbonization GO bond to fund efficiency and electrification retrofits for existing residential  
6 buildings; and

7           WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends increasing the size of the upcoming  
8 affordable housing GO bond by \$50-100 million to fund the San Francisco Housing  
9 Accelerator Fund for CAP-aligned housing investment; and

10           WHEREAS, The CLEE Report recommends a dedicated \$300-500 million  
11 transportation GO Bond to fund public transit, active transportation, and electric vehicle  
12 charging infrastructure; and

13           WHEREAS, While the CLEE report presents three separate GO bond proposals, in  
14 practice, the nuances of the public approval process and benefits of simplicity could call  
15 instead for a single, comprehensive GO bond for building decarbonization, housing, and  
16 transportation investments; and

17           WHEREAS, The City's proposed GO bond schedule will be updated by the Capital  
18 Planning Committee and presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption as part of the 10-  
19 Year Capital Plan update in 2023; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Capital Planning Committee to  
21 include CAP funding priorities recommended by the CLEE Report in the proposed GO Bond  
22 schedule; and, be it

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That those recommendations include (a) a dedicated \$300-  
24 500 million building decarbonization GO bond to fund efficiency and electrification retrofits for  
25 existing residential buildings, (b) increasing the size of the upcoming affordable housing GO

1 bond by \$50-100 million to fund the San Francisco Housing Accelerator Fund for CAP-aligned  
2 housing investment, (c) a dedicated \$300-500 million transportation GO Bo to fund public  
3 transit, active transportation, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, or (d) a single,  
4 comprehensive GO bond for building decarbonization, housing, and transportation  
5 investments; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall transmit copies of this  
7 Resolution to the members of the San Francisco Capital Planning Committee.



City and County of San Francisco  
Tails  
Resolution

City Hall  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 221208

Date Passed: December 06, 2022

Resolution urging the Capital Planning Committee to include Climate Action Plan (CAP) funding priorities recommended by the Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE) Report, entitled "Funding San Francisco Climate Action: Strategies for Revenue, Implementation, and Equity," in the proposed General Obligation (GO) Bond schedule.

December 06, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 221208

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/6/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed  
Mayor

12/16/2022

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

12/16/2022

Date