

From: [Sara Greenwald](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [350SF Coordinating Committee](#)
Subject: Fwd: Oppose File 230986, Charter Amendment
Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 5:01:14 PM
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To: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Please include the attached letter (also below for your convenience) in the packet for the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

Thank you,

Sara Greenwald

350 San Francisco

Re: Oppose File [230986](#), Charter Amendment

Dear Supervisors,

Please vote against placing on the ballot the Charter amendment introduced by Supervisor Safai, that would require mayoral approval of SFMTA budgets that

- Increase the hours or days of parking meter operation
- Increase the maximum meter fee rate that can be charged
- Change Muni fares in any way, up or down

The amendment undercuts the political independence created by 1999 Prop E, which guards against serious service disruptions caused by budgetary interventions by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Since it does not require the Mayor to make any statement, much less suggestions about alternative ways SFMTA might raise revenue, it also does not succeed in holding the Mayor accountable for its result.

Sponsors Safai and Peskin have say their goal is to increase mayoral accountability for the SFMTA budget, but their proposal requires a Mayoral statement only if the budget includes a change to fares, parking rates or parking hours. There is no accountability if SFMTA cuts Muni service or downfunds some lines to preserve others. Returning the budget to SFMTA would force only the removal of the change to fares, parking rates or hours - not make the Mayor accountable beyond that. Clean, safe, reliable, safe Muni service should be a priority, but the proposed amendment makes it an afterthought.

San Francisco is failing to meet its environmental goals. SFMTA's most recent proposed Climate Roadmap projects the city is two decades behind on reducing greenhouse emissions from vehicles (Climate Roadmap for a Healthier San Francisco; <https://www.sfmta.com/projects/climate-roadmap-healthier-san-francisco>; pages 14, 48-49. Note that the original goal, 80% of trips by carbon-neutral modes, is not projected to be hit until after 2050, over two-decades late.) The percentage of the city's greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles – largely private cars – has gone up from 33% in 1990 to 47% in 2019, the last

year with published comparable data (San Francisco's Carbon Footprint; <https://sfenvironment.org/carbonfootprint>). The city's goal of 80% sustainable trips has been weakened to 80% "low-carbon" trips, and yet we sit at under 50% of that goal, having backslid over the last 3 years (Climate Roadmap for a Healthier San Francisco; page 15.)

One reason the city is not inducing drivers to switch to Muni for even some of their trips within the city because we subsidize parking. It is estimated that charging the real cost of parking would reduce emissions by 2040 more than four times more than any other change studied by SFMTA (Climate Roadmap for a Healthier San Francisco; page 30-31, 36-41).

The city needs to be focused on sustainable transportation, and that means properly funding SFMTA and Muni. It is vital that we build a transit system that gets most of us where we need to go without the need to drive.

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 4:11:07 PM

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Message to the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent: Philip Bowles , cottonboll@gmail.com

Message: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.

Dear Supervisors,

I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment for the March 5, 2024 election that would require the Mayor of San Francisco to approve any proposed increases to SFMTA fares, parking meter maximum rates, and hours or days of operation.

No single unelected city department head should have the sole authority to increase our parking or fare rates. To correct this, the proposed Charter Amendment requires the Mayor to approve any fare, parking, or MUNI rate increases put into the SFMTA budget, placing the authority back on elected leaders. Transportation fees significantly impact the lives of residents, and businesses, particularly those in lower-income areas, and when fees need to be changed, this decision should be made by our mayor, who can take all factors and constituents into consideration.

Please vote to support this Charter Amendment.

From: [Michelle Cody](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.
Date: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 1:45:09 PM

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Message to the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent: Michelle Cody, wise8689@yahoo.com

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