From:	Laura Furney Hathhorn
To:	ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS)
Cc:	Fred Levin; Salle Yoo; Jay Xu; CON - Sara Lee; Pugh, Eliza (BUD); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Asian Art Museum of San Francisco re Mayor"s Budget Proposal
Date:	Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:32:43 PM
Attachments:	240605 Asian Art Commission Letter to BOS Budget.pdf
Importance:	High

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SENT ON BEHALF OF ASIAN ART COMMISSION CHAIR FRED M. LEVIN

Dear Supervisor Chan, Supervisor Mandelman, and Supervisor Melgar,

Greetings from the Asian Art Commission. Regarding FY25-26 City Funding, the commission respectfully requests that the city fully honor its obligation to adequately fund the Asian Art Museum as prescribed in Section 16.106 and Section 5.102 of the City Charter:

The Board of Supervisors shall annually appropriate to the Asian Art Commission, an amount sufficient for the purpose of maintaining, displaying, and providing for the security of the City and County's collection of Asian art.

The Recreation and Park Department shall maintain and care for the grounds of the Museums.

The attached letter and supporting documentation outline the museum's request in fuller detail.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Fred M. Levin, Chair
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June 5, 2024

Re: Asian Art Museum FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 Budget

Dear Supervisor Chan, Supervisor Mandelman, and Supervisor Melgar,

On behalf of the Asian Art Commission, the governing body responsible for oversight of the Asian Art Museum and the city's collection of Asian art, we respectfully request that the city honor Section 16.106 and Section 5.102 of the City Charter:

> *The Board of Supervisors shall annually appropriate to the Asian Art Commission, an amount sufficient for the purpose of maintaining, displaying, and providing for the security of the City and County's collection of Asian art.*
>
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Having closely reviewed the museum's budgetary needs for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, **we have determined that a minimum of $2.7 million in non-personnel support (outlined in the attached line-item breakdown of expenses) is necessary in FY 2024-25 to minimally maintain, display, and secure the Asian art collection (adjusted by 5% for FY 2025-26).** Mayor Breed's proposed budget includes $1.04 million in non-personnel support. To comply with Section 16.106 of the City Charter, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors increase AAM's budget by an additional $1.6 million to meet the necessary $2.7 million. We are currently working with the Recreation and Park Department to address Section 5.102.

We believe this figure should be significantly higher, considering:

- The needs presented by the recent privately funded expansion of the museum's facility (allowing larger audiences to experience even more displays of art).
- Our commitment to supporting the city's post-pandemic economic recovery, including the revitalization of the Civic Center/Tenderloin/Mid-Market neighborhoods.
- The all-too-real need for appropriate public safety and security measures, given that art museums have recently become uninvited platforms for protest and demonstrations, elevating the risk to public property.

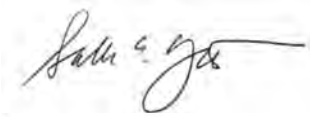
In addition to reflecting the heritage of a large component of San Francisco Bay Area's population, the city's Asian art collection is one of the world's most important collections of Asian art. It must

be adequately secured, cared for, and protected — actions which extend to the museum's building and the staff and public who use it.

We very much appreciate your thoughtful attention to this matter. In the coming days we will schedule a meeting with you to review this matter. In the meantime, please let us know if we can provide further information or answer questions.

Sincerely,





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Eliza Pugh, Budget & Legislative Analyst's Office
Brent Jalipa, Board of Supervisors Clerk

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Non-Personnel Services	FY 2025 Budget
Art Storage and Storage Supplies	140,000
Conservation	745,718
Registration	657,912
Preparation	190,620
Admin Support for City Staff (payroll, HR, labor relations, IT, cybersecurity)	299,843
UKG City Payroll Support	14,666
City Staff Computers & Software	19,220
Maintenance and Inspection of Critical Systems	184,500
HVAC, Chiller, Boiler, Refrigerant monitor	
Fire and Life safety system testing and maintenance	
Passenger and freight elevator, ADA lift, escalators	
Emergency generator	
Building Supplies	67,500
Air filters, electircal, HVAC, cooling tower, boler gas valve	
Batteries, shop and door supplies, diesel fuel for emergency generator	
R&M Security System - maint and servicing, repair locks, access cards and gate failures	45,000
R&M Building & building supplies	52,000
Civic Center Community Benefit District Assessment	135,428
CCSF Unified License Fee	6,441
City staff uniforms and safety shoes	11,325
Custodial Supplies	35,000
Trash Removal	42,000
Pest Management	3,213
Brinks admissions cash pick-up for deposit to City	3,000
Landscape Maintenance	15,120
TOTAL	**2,668,506**

From:	Francesca Gonzalez
To:	Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Natasha Dolby
Subject:	Urgent: Preventing Youth Sex Trafficking in SF
Date:	Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5:00:16 PM
Attachments:	image.png

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Dear SF Budget & Appropriations Committee members,

We urge you to understand the significant negative impact resulting from the recent funding decisions by the San Francisco Department for Children Youth and Families (DCYF) to not fund youth sex trafficking prevention or support in our city.

We represent Freedom Forward, a San Francisco nonprofit organization serving young people who are vulnerable to sex trafficking. Everyday, children and youth in San Francisco are sexually exploited and we are seeing a rapid influx of transitional aged youth (TAY), ages 14 -24, being trafficked and experiencing homelessness due to systemic and economic barriers. These youth deserve safety and support, however, the proposed funding landscape leaves this population underserved and ripe for repeated exploitation. Neither Freedom Forward nor the HART program, run by our partner Huckleberry Youth Programs, received any DCYF funds for our prevention work.

Freedom Forward's HYPE Center (Helping Young People Elevate) is San Francisco's only multi-service drop-in center serving young people 14-24, focused on preventing commercial sexual exploitation. Based in the Mission/Potrero Hill area of SF, HYPE Center co-locates a variety of services and resources from community organizations in one youth-focused space – services like mental health, legal services, housing access, showers and food – to ensure vulnerable youth have a coordinated web of support. Rather than reinventing the wheel, HYPE serves as a connection point to leverage the expertise of over 20 youth-serving partners to benefit our community of over 500* unduplicated, existing HYPE members (*and growing daily), primarily representing BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and homeless youth.

One compelling success story involves Shanté (she/they; 19) who was immediately struck by the sense of calm positivity at the Center. "Wow - this is all for us?" She shared that she'd been navigating youth shelters and homeless programs but was constantly running around the city, struggling to stay on top of her appointments and applications. She'd been homeless on and off for 2 years, resorting to sex work to earn money for food and basic essentials. Shanté told us she dreamed of a fresh start in life. Upon joining HYPE Center, Shanté first accessed our Basics, which includes access to do laundry on site, "shop" for new clothing, hygiene supplies, and beauty products, and take a private shower. "I feel like my old self!" After attending a sex trafficking education group at HYPE, Shanté realized she'd been groomed and exploited as a minor. "I always thought what happened to me wasn't ok - but I didn't know it had a name, or that it was illegal." She accessed specialized counseling at HYPE for the first time since becoming homeless and, based on what she shared, was connected to HYPE's on-site legal and housing providers. Shanté was eligible

for an SRO and moved in within two weeks, visiting HYPE to express her gratitude to our team. "HYPE has helped me turn my life around. I can bring any issues I'm dealing with and they will listen and connect me with the services I need. And it's all right here at HYPE!"

Shanté is just one of the hundreds of youth members in HYPE Center's community. Notably, 75% of our 534 unique members are either vulnerable to being, or have been sexually abused, assaulted, or exploited. Our team firmly believes that providing access to services and opportunities, addressing basic needs, and fostering a safe, inclusive space for belonging are pivotal in shielding San Francisco young people from vulnerabilities that could lead to sexual exploitation and trauma.

HYPE Center was initially launched in 2019 as part of SF SOL, a continuum of pilot models designed to target and reduce exploitation of youth in San Francisco by providing a variety of services and foster-care placement options. Spearheaded by Freedom Forward and supported by Senator Scott Wiener and Assemblymember Phil Ting, SF SOL was funded by the California Department of Social Services, bringing over $16.3 million to San Francisco between 2019-2025. We partnered with the SF Department on the Status of Women (DOSW), along with Huckleberry Youth Programs, WestCoast Children's Clinic, and other anti-trafficking experts, to design and implement SF-SOL for two 3-year pilots spanning from 2019-2025. Mayor Breed publicly supported our efforts by stating: "Any young person who is homeless or experiencing exploitation in our streets is one too many. We must do better in San Francisco. This funding will allow us to develop programs and provide services that help our most vulnerable residents and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, and prevent chronic homelessness in our City."

Unfortunately, the CDSS grant funds have been exhausted and the HYPE Center requires independent funding to sustain our programming to prevent youth trafficking. **We respectfully request an annual $875,000 investment for 2025 and 2026 via add-back dollars.** This will allow the HYPE Center to continue serving our vulnerable community through 2026, and secure a permanent funding stream. **Without these funds, HYPE Center will have no choice but to close our doors**, leaving our 534 members without a dedicated space to address their basic needs, access specialized services, and be part of a community of support.

This is a valuable opportunity for the city to invest directly in sex trafficking prevention and to protect our vulnerable children and youth. We welcome an opportunity to share more about what makes Freedom Forward's HYPE Center uniquely positioned to continue filling this gap in San Francisco's direct service landscape. Our team will happily host you and your staff for an in-person tour at the HYPE Center or gladly attend a visit to your offices.

With deep gratitude for your service and leadership,

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francesca@freedom-forward.org

Natasha Dolby
Co-Founder and Board Chair
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In Community,

Francesca Gonzalez (she/her)
Executive Director
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From:	Gabriela Jimenez
To:	Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS)
Cc:	BOS-ChanBudgetStaff; Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS); Dennis-Phillips, Sarah (ECN); Nim, Ken (ECN); Development, Workforce (ECN)
Subject:	Save Workforce Funding - Stop OEWD Budget Cuts!
Date:	Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:48:52 PM
Attachments:	JVS_Avatar_FullColor_RGB_f583e05d-1294-4022-beee-d253d7da7c88.png OEWD Sector Partner Letter_FINAL 6.6.24.pdf

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Hello Supervisor Chan and members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:
I am reaching out on behalf of grantees of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development Sector Training programs: TechSF, Hospitality and HealthCare Academy. We are community-based organizations that serve job seekers who have been systematically excluded from the workforce into careers that are in high demand and provide family-sustaining wages. The funding we receive from OEWD is vital, however, we are extremely concerned about what the proposed cuts in Mayor Breed's budget might mean for the future of these programs and the communities we serve.

Mayor Breed's budget seeks to cut over $21 million each of the next two years from OEWD, reducing its budget by 13.3% in FY 2024-2025 and 16% in FY 2025-2026, and slashing nearly $23 million from the City Grant Program next year alone. This constitutes one of the largest cuts to direct service programs of any city department and community-based organizations such as ours will bear the brunt.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed cuts to OEWD and the City Grant Program and continue investing in workforce development programs that have been proven to improve the lives of thousands of San Franciscans and their families. Please see the attached letter in advance of the June 13 hearing and reach out if you have any questions or would like further information about how these cuts may impact our organizations.

Thank you,

Gabriela Jimenez

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June 6, 2024

Supervisor Connie Chan, Chair
Budget & Appropriations Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Budget FY 24/25 and FY 25/26 - Reduction in OEWD Community Grant Funding

Dear Supervisor Chan and members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

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Many sector partners depend heavily on this grant funding to operate and these proposed funding cuts will result in devastating impacts to our organizations and the communities we serve. If these cuts are approved, it will likely cause layoffs of program staff, elimination of training programs, and a drastic decrease in the number of San Franciscans served through these programs. The consequences of these cuts will reach far beyond those directly impacted and may slow down the local economy due to a shortage of skilled workers and hinder the ecosystem of programs that are integral to the recovery of downtown.

Now more than ever, we are seeing an increase in demand for our services and the City of San Francisco must maintain its investment in workforce training programs that have a proven track record of building a diverse pipeline of highly skilled workers in the tech, hospitality, and healthcare sectors.

On behalf of OEWD Sector Partners, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors reject the proposed cuts to OEWD and the City Grant Program and continue investing in workforce development programs that have been proven to improve the lives of thousands of San Franciscans and their families.

For questions, please contact Gabriela Jimenez, JVS Government and Community Affairs Manager at gjimenez@jvs.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Countryman-Quiroz
Chief Executive Officer
JVS Bay Area

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General Manager
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Elena Fairley
Program Director
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Christina Ortega
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Anni Chung
President and Chief
Executive Officer
Self Help for the Elderly

CC:

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Members, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Sarah Dennis Phillips, Executive Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development
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Members, Workforce Investment San Francisco Board

From: janeandwilli@gmail.com
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Support for Urban Alchemy Ambassador Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 2:25:03 PM

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To: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org

File Number: 240595

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD

Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

We are writing to express support for the Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program managed by the Mid-Market Foundation.

This program funds the presence of ambassadors, staffed mostly by Urban Alchemy Practitioners, throughout the Mid-Market and Tenderloin. The program has had significant positive impact on our sidewalks, parks, and plazas while supporting meaningful employment for majority black and minority community members with extreme barriers to employment.

The Mayor's budget proposal allows the program to maintain its current level with no reduction in footprint. The program covers 100 contiguous block faces in some of the city's most fragile blocks. In the last year, the program has piloted new models of deployment by stretching its resources to support community needs in a variety of ways including overnight support in aiding the transformation of Fulton Plaza, Larkin and Polk Street commercial corridors, and theater experiences in the evening hours along Market Street.

The Urban Alchemy Ambassadors have made an enormous improvement in the feeling of safety and well being of residents in Mid Market. On my block alone, Mission between 7th & 8th, are over 2000 units of mixed income residents. We all moved here for the central location which enabled us to walk or take public transportation everywhere, bur for a few years we were prisoners in our own homes, afraid to walk on our own block. There was a killing at the corner of Stevenson & 7th, our back entrance! There were feces, vomit and passed out people everywhere and threatening people in meth-induced psychosis. As a female Senior I would never walk alone.

The conditions throughout the area are improving, but still have a long way to go. Any reduction in the current funding would result in reduction of geography which could cause a significant backslide on this progress. Please support the Mayor's Budget Proposal. The program has proven successful in ways the community has not seen before. Please support this request.

In fact, we request that the program funding be INCREASED to expand its service area!

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

Jane Weil

1160 Mission St #2108

SOMA Grand resident

HOA Board Member

Mid Market CBD Board Member

From:	Shadd Newman
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:27:23 PM
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The Program has a positive impact in our community. Residents of Trinity Place, our team members working in Mid-Market, and patrons of areas theaters parking in the area benefit from the presence of ambassadors and practitioners in the area.

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Sincerely,

Shadd Newman
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From:	Marisa Rodriguez
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Melanie Medina; Ken Rich; Dennis-Phillips, Sarah (ECN); Bintliff, Jacob (ECN); Arvanitidis, Laurel (ECN)
Subject:	Union Square Alliance Letter of Support for the Mayor"s Budget
Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 5:15:37 PM
Attachments:	image007.png image008.png UnionSqAlliance-Letter of Support-Mayor"s Budget 2024.pdf

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Dear Budget & Appropriations Committee,

Please see attached the Union Square Alliance's letter of support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts. The components of this plan are before this committee at the June 13, 2024, hearing as part of the budget proposal from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

Thank you,

UNION SQUARE ALLIANCE

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The Union Square Business Improvement District is now the Union Square Alliance.
Please make note of our new name and email address.

UNION SQUARE ALLIANCE

June 11, 2024
Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall
[By email]

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts. The components of this plan are before you at your June 13, 2024, hearing as part of the budget proposal from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development.

The Union Square and Yerba Buena neighborhoods are the absolute heart and soul of our City. They are where visitors experience the City, convention attendees congregate, and people from all over shop, dine and play. These areas contain more than half of all hotel rooms in the City and many of its most important cultural venues. All this activity brings in the essential revenue, through sales, gross receipts and property taxes, that keep our City and all its exemplary services fiscally solvent. Most importantly and far too often forgotten, the hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses in Union Square and Yerba Buena employ thousands of working class San Franciscans.

These areas of our downtown have suffered considerably during and after the Pandemic. Loss of downtown workers changed shopping habits and street conditions have combined in a perfect storm to threaten the future of what once was one of the most vital central city areas in the United States. We can turn this around, but it will require concerted investment from our City government and all of us year after year for the foreseeable future to get there.

For the last few years, the Union Square Alliance has enjoyed a productive partnership with the Mayor, Board President Peskin and various City departments in the service of hastening our downtown recovery. We have updated our zoning, put on a variety of events to bring people downtown and designed a game-changing public realm improvement proposal. The next round of investments proposed by Mayor Breed last week was developed through thoughtful dialog with many of our stakeholders. They will help lead us further down the road to recovery. The program includes increased security in key locations, continued funding for marquee events that bring people downtown, an extension of the Vacant to Vibrant program and other activations for Powell Street, marketing activities to attract new tenants, and free parking during key hours in Union Square and Yerba Buena Garages. These are the right interventions and investments to continue moving the dial.

We wholeheartedly ask for your support for this program. We know you will do the right thing for the heart of our City and thank you in advance for moving this budget item forward.

Sincerely,

Marisa Rodriguez, CEO
Union Square Alliance
Cc: Sarah Dennis Phillips, Jacob Bintliff, Laurel Arvanitidis

From:	Elise Von Hellion
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Fernando Pujals
Subject:	File Number: 240595 | Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:03:53 PM

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This program has been a support of Saluhall Market employees and customers since its opening April, 2024.

The conditions throughout the area are improving, but still have a long way to go. Any reduction in the current funding would result in reduction of geography which could cause a significant backslide on this progress. Please support the Mayor's Budget Proposal. The program has proven successful in ways the community has not seen before. Please support this request.

Sincerely,

Elise von Hellion
Managing Director
Saluhall SF Inc

Elise von Hellion

From:	Miia Kautovaara
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
Date:	Tuesday, June 11, 2024 6:14:44 PM

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Since Ingka Centres and IKEA established presence at 945 Market Street (and 440 Stevensson Street) in 2021, Urban Alchemy Practitioners have been a great support in creating a safer area. This program enables businesses like ours, establish in the neighborhood and together with others, create more attractive neighborhood and better lives for the many people.

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Sincerely,

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From:	Xavier Dzielski
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Jennifer Bielstein
Subject:	A.C.T. Letter of Support, Mayor"s Proposed Budget Allocation
Date:	Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:47:28 AM
Attachments:	A.C.T. Letter of Support, Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for SF OEWD.pdf

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Dear Mr. Jalipa and colleagues,

Please find attached a letter of support from Jennifer Bielstein, on behalf of A.C.T., regarding Mayor Breed's proposed budget allocation funding the Mid-Market/Tenderloin neighborhood Community Based Safety Program through the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development (File Number: 240595).

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you require any additional information or wish to speak further.

All best,
Xavier Dzielski

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A.C.T. AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER

Pam MacKinnon | Artistic Director
Jennifer Bielstein | Executive Director

To: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org

File Number: 240595

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD

June 12, 2024

Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, and Walton,

On behalf of our community of audiences, artists, students, and patrons, I am reaching out to express our support for the Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program managed by the Mid-Market Foundation.

As you may know, this program funds the presence of community ambassadors—primarily staffed by Urban Alchemy Practitioners—throughout the Mid-Market and Tenderloin neighborhoods, and it has had a meaningfully positive impact on our sidewalks, parks, and plazas. The program covers 100 contiguous block faces in some of San Francisco's most fragile neighborhoods. In the last year, the program has piloted new models of deployment by stretching its resources to support community needs in a variety of ways: these include overnight support in aiding the transformation of Fulton Plaza, Larkin and Polk Street commercial corridors, and theater experiences in the evening hours along Market Street.

As a performing arts space open to the public during the daytime and evening hours, the support of these ambassadors has been absolutely critical to our operation of the Strand Theater at 1127 Market Street. Urban Alchemy Practitioners serve as guiding supports for audiences, students, faculty, artists, and crew when entering and exiting our facilities; they are present **anytime** the Strand is open for public programming, and their presence has been a huge asset to us as we have worked to rebuild audiences after COVID-19 while navigating the challenging safety climate of the Mid-Market neighborhood.

The conditions throughout the area are improving, but any reduction in funding for OEWD's operations could cause a significant backslide in this progress. Mayor Breed's proposal allows the OEWD to maintain its current level of operations in the Community Based Safety Program, and we strongly advocate for its approval.

Sincerely,

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From: Kate Robinson
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Urban Alchemy is a critical service that cannot be reduced in any way in the Tenderloin. The streets are not safe enough yet without them!

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Sincerely,

Kate Robinson
Executive Director, TLCBD

From: Rene Colorado
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Fernando Pujals
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Little Saigon has especially improved thanks to the recent deployment of safety ambassadors in the corridor further illustrating the importance of continued funding.

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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From: Kathy Curran
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
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Sincerely,

Kathy Curran
Director
The Healing WELL

From:	Adam Tetenbaum
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
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I am writing to express support for the Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program managed by the Mid-Market Foundation. As a developer of one of the new apartment buildings in the Mid-Market area (Prism at 1028 Market Street), the Mid-Market Foundation's work is critical to the ongoing activation and safety efforts in the neighborhood that are helping transform the area into a true mixed-use neighborhood for all.

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Sincerely,
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To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
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Attached letter from Tenderloin Housing Clinic

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Who is Urban Place Consulting?



Uniting art, music, and culture on SF's historic Market Street.
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Tenderloin Housing Clinic
Housing, Legal, and Supportive Services

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Our organization, the Tenderloin Housing Clinic (THC), manages almost 2,000 units of permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless adults, operates transitional housing for justice-involved adults, and provides legal services to San Francisco tenants facing eviction. Additionally, THC employs over 350 Bay Area residents who work primarily in the Tenderloin and Mid-Market neighborhoods. Tenants in our permanent housing program deserve to live in safe neighborhoods that help promote their successful exit from homelessness and our employees deserve to feel safe as they work diligently to be part of the solution to end homelessness in San Francisco.

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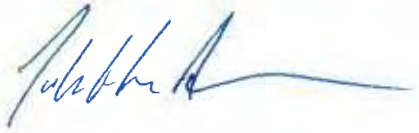

Tabitha Allen
Deputy Director
Tenderloin Housing Clinic

From: Joe Wilson
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Hospitality House Urges INCREASED Workforce Investments
Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 2:15:39 PM

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Dear Committee Members:

Hospitality House urges the Budget and Appropriations Committee to reject short-sighted cuts to workforce services. For the past six years, loss of a job has been cited as the **primary cause** of homelessness by unhoused residents. The cost of housing, and lack of income, has been cited as the **primary obstacle** to resolving homelessness.

Multiple City Departments play a significant role in San Francisco's workforce system, particularly for vulnerable/unshoused residents, including OEWD, DPH, DPW, SFPUC, a**nd HSA.**

Please reject deep cuts to workforce services. These cuts will compromise citywide efforts to address homelessness, particularly in underserved communities.

Thank you.

Joe Wilson

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To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
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I am writing on behalf of UC Law SF to express support for the Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program managed by the Mid-Market Foundation. This program funds the presence of ambassadors, staffed mostly by Urban Alchemy Practitioners, throughout the Mid-Market and Tenderloin. The program has had significant positive impact on our sidewalks, parks, and plazas while supporting meaningful employment for majority black and minority community members with extreme barriers to employment.

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UC Law SF funds sidewalk safety practitioners from Urban Alchemy via the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program surrounding our two block campus. Having the continuation of the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program adjacent to the campus and throughout San Francisco, particularly in the Tenderloin, which is the hardest hit neighborhood when it comes to open air drug dealing and stolen goods, is absolutely critical for our campus community, the small businesses throughout the area, the residents, the families, elderly, children, and visitors.

Any reduction in the current funding would result in reduction of coverage for this critical program, which would have immediate and significant effects on the neighborhoods that they serve. Please support the Mayor's Budget Proposal so that we can continue to work towards a safer and more accessible San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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From: Andrew Silverman
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Mayor"s Budget and Urban Alchemy
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I have worked directly with Mid Market and Urban Alchemy for over 2 years and they have been the single most impactful change to help improve the Tenderloin community. It is simply making a difference and is one of the key programs need to help maintain and improve our deserving neighborhoods.

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Sincerely,

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From:	Natalie Hopner
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Chan, Connie (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS)
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Hello Esteemed Supervisor Chan and Clerk Jalipa,

I would like to submit public comment on the proposed cuts to the HSA budget presented at today's Budget and Appropriations Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I am the Director of Workforce Development for Episcopal Community Services (ECS).

Episcopal Community Services, along with other HSA Homeless Employment Services (HES contract) subcontractors, are facing a 25% budget cut to their programs in FY24/25. The unhoused population in San Francisco is one of the most marginalized in the City, and ECS's enrollment numbers in this contract this year have exceeded baseline goals. This population is also majority BIPOC. The Mayor has stated that she will continue to support housing and food for the homeless, and that she wants to end homelessness, yet workforce development funding is being drastically cut in the next budget cycle. Many unhoused people do not qualify for supportive housing or meet the acuity threshold for many of the heavily impacted housing interventions in this city. This means there only exit from homelessness is through increasing their income, more often than not through working. Ending the cycle of homelessness will not be feasible without workforce development programs that serve these populations. Attaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive city will not be feasible without workforce development programs that are accessible to the most marginalized. I urge the Board of Supervisors to support maintaining flat funding for the City's workforce development programs and the crucial services they provide to our City's most at-risk populations.

Thank you,

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From:	Sunita Murden
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD
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Urban alchemy effectively safeguards theater patrons, offers guidance, and shields businesses from challenges posed by homeless individuals and drug addicts, ensuring the ongoing safety and cleanliness of the streets. This consistent commitment fosters a sense of security among customers, who appreciate the presence of dedicated personnel maintaining regular surveillance and addressing any issues promptly.

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SAMS American Eatery and Fermentation Lab

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From:	Wechter, J (SDA)
To:	ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
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Dear Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, Walton and Peskin,

I am writing as a Member and as the immediate past President of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Oversight Board (SDOB) regarding the FY 2024-2025 budget allocation for the Office of Inspector General.

Although I speak for myself and not the SDOB as a whole, I speak as someone with decades of experience as an oversight practitioner and advocate: I helped establish the Office of Citizen Complaints (now known as the Department of Police Accountability) in 1983, serving as one of its first supervisors, and later working there for almost 19 years; I worked as a supervising investigator at the Oakland Community Police Review Agency; I serve on the Board of Directors of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement and am familiar with the best practices in the field of oversight of law enforcement and jails and prisons.

The Mayor's proposed budget includes funding only for the Inspector General (Terry Wiley) and the SDOB Secretary (Dan Leung) but **not for any investigators or administrative or support staff**. Charter Section 4.137(h) states, "the OIG staff shall include no fewer than one investigator for every 100 sworn SFSD employees." The Mayor's budget completely ignores this mandate.

Under the Mayor's budget allocation, the independent OIG envisioned by Charter Section 4.137 will not become operational for one to two years!

Establishment of independent oversight of the Sheriff's Office has already been significantly delayed: the SDOB did not begin meeting until August, 2022; the recruitment, selection and hiring of the Inspector General took six months longer than necessary because the SDOB refused to follow the advice of numerous oversight practitioners who recommended hiring a professional recruitment firm (the SDOB had funding to do so, but instead had DHR – which usually hires outside recruiters to fill Department Head positions – perform the recruitment.)

On Pages 297-298 of the Mayor's Proposed Budget the described process will slow-walk and impede establishing the OIG that Charter Section 4.137 requires. The "Budget Issues & Details" described here seems to envision at least two fiscal years (until at least FY 2026-2027)

before the OIG can perform the duties mandated by the Charter. Such a delay is unacceptable! It deprives San Franciscans of the independent Sheriff's Office oversight they voted for and that they deserve!

I strongly urge you to provide funding to the OIG for the hiring of investigators and administrative and support staff.

However, the OIG's budget request includes a position of Assistant Chief Attorney (8181). This position is unnecessarily costly and an ineffective use of limited funding, especially with so many demands on the City's budget.

The individual Mr. Wiley intends to hire for this position currently earns $280,000/year, a salary in excess of the IG's approximate $225,000/year salary. Assistant Chief Attorneys typically supervise a division with dozens of employees within a Department. This sort of highly paid, upper-management position is unnecessary in a Department as small at the OIG; these duties could be fulfilled just as effectively by an 8177 – Attorney (Civil/Criminal).

The Oakland Community Police Review Agency Chief of Staff position pays $162,192 - $199,149/year (see attached position description). The Chief Assistant Inspector General for the City of Chicago pays $131,148 - $185,484/year (see attached position descriptions).

The money saved by changing the 8181 position to an 8177 position could go towards badly needed investigate staff necessary for the OIG to fulfill its important mission.

Please provide the funding the OIG needs and deserves so it can become operational in FY 2024-2025 by adding back funds for it to hire investigators and support staff.

Thank you.

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SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY

MISSION

The mission of the Office of the Inspector General is to promote honesty, integrity, and accountability within the San Francisco Sheriff's Office by conducting independent and thorough oversight. Our focus is on safeguarding the rights and well-being of all individuals in the Sheriff's custody by ensuring that the Sheriff's staff complies with all laws, regulations, and policies. We aim to enhance public trust through fair and impartial investigations. For more information about this department's services, please visit **www.sf.gov/departments/sheriffs-department-oversight-board.**

BUDGET ISSUES & DETAILS

The proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 budget of $1.4 million for the Sheriff's Department of Accountability is $0.4 million, or 20.0 percent, lower than the FY 2023-24 budget. This is primarily due to anticipated vacancies in the department as it becomes operational. The FY 2025-26 proposed budget of $1.4 million is $0.01 million, or 0.8 percent, higher than the FY 2024-25 proposed budget due to slight changes in salaries and benefits.

In November 2020, San Francisco voters passed Proposition D, establishing the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board (SDOB) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Following a year-long national search and a rigorous vetting process, the SDOB selected and appointed the Inspector General, Terry Wiley on December 20, 2023, to head the OIG. The Inspector General assumed office on January 8, 2024. Over the next two fiscal years, the OIG will continue to leverage available resources and expand operational scope to provide effective oversight.

The OIG's charter mandates include monitoring the services that the Sheriff's Office provides to incarcerated individuals. Most of the San Francisco Jails' custody population suffers from severe mental health issues, substance addiction, poverty, and housing challenges. The charter-mandated provision of oversight ensures that inmates have adequate access to effective in-custody services, treatment, and re-entry programs that address the root causes of the behavior that led the inmate to incarceration. Disrupting recidivism will enhance public safety, reduce the conduct caused by mental illness and substance abuse, and aid in stabilizing and getting the unhoused into housing.

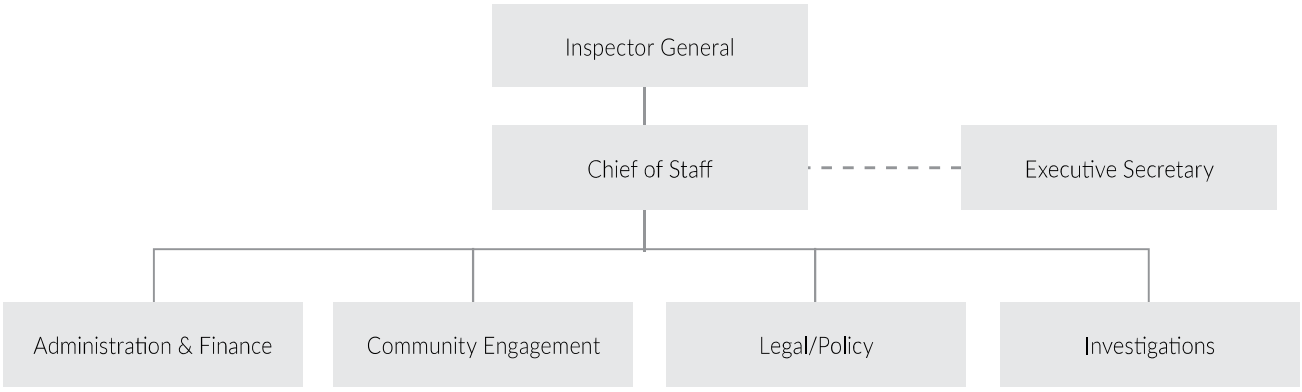
Operational Expansion and Oversight Functions

The Mayor's proposed budget includes continuing funding to leverage Department of Police Accountability (DPA) resources in achieving OIG's core functions. The OIG's core services include investigating all complaints against Sheriff

staff, investigating deaths in custody, conducting reviews, and producing public records to meet the demands of applicable state laws such as Senate Bill (SB) 1421, SB 16, SB 2, and SB 519.

In the upcoming fiscal years, the OIG will establish its policies and procedures to ensure that the department operates consistently with its charter, community values, and best practices.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: SHERIFF ACCOUNTABILITY



TOTAL BUDGET – HISTORICAL COMPARISON

FUNDED POSITIONS	2023-2024 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	CHANGE FROM 2023-2024	2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET	CHANGE FROM 2024-2025
Total Funded	4.52	1.15	(3.37)	0.74	(0.41)
Non-Operating Positions (CAP/Other)					
Net Operating Positions	**4.52**	**1.15**	**(3.37)**	**0.74**	**(0.41)**
Sources					
General Fund	1,756,728	1,405,701	(351,027)	1,417,530	11,829
Sources Total	**1,756,728**	**1,405,701**	**(351,027)**	**1,417,530**	**11,829**
Uses - Operating Expenditures					
Salaries	820,893	394,625	(426,268)	410,560	15,935
Mandatory Fringe Benefits	250,391	79,831	(170,560)	74,049	(5,782)
Non-Personnel Services	334,336	203,742	(130,594)	203,742	
Materials & Supplies	4,821	4,821		4,821	
Services Of Other Depts	346,287	722,682	376,395	724,358	1,676
Uses Total	**1,756,728**	**1,405,701**	**(351,027)**	**1,417,530**	**11,829**
Uses - By Division Description					
SDA Inspector General	1,299,777	909,372	(390,405)	908,437	(935)
SDA Sheriff Oversight	456,951	496,329	39,378	509,093	12,764
Uses by Division Total	**1,756,728**	**1,405,701**	**(351,027)**	**1,417,530**	**11,829**

ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
(Office of Inspector General)

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- Reviews intakes and supports investigations related to the Chicago Police Department and Chicago police accountability system.
- Assists in responding to Freedom of Information Act requests and discovery requests related to OIG's Public Safety oversight work.
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If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation due to disability or pregnancy to participate in the application process, please contact the OIG's Manager of Human Resources Eloise Markham at emarkham@igchicago.org. Please be prepared to provide information in support of your reasonable accommodation request.

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From:	Satavia Jones
To:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Chanelle Brown; Low, Jen (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS)
Subject:	My Public Comment on Early Childhood Education in San Francisco
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:20:20 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is SaTavia Jones writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educators Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in the Bayview District 10 neighborhood .

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Thank you for your time!

SaTavia Jones an early childhood educator and city and county of San Francisco employee

From: O"Farrell Neighbors Group
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: 240595 SF OEWD Funding Of Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 8:53:09 AM

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File Number: 240595

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program Funding through SF OEWD

Dear Honorable Supervisors Chan (Chair), Mandelman, Melgar, Walton, and Peskin,

We are writing to express support for the Mayor's Proposed Budget Allocation to the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development for the Mid-Market/Tenderloin Community Based Safety Program managed by the Mid-Market Foundation.

This program funds the presence of ambassadors, staffed mostly by Urban Alchemy Practitioners, throughout the Mid-Market and Tenderloin. The program has had significant positive impact on our sidewalks, parks, and plazas while supporting meaningful employment for majority black and minority community members with extreme barriers to employment.

The Mayor's budget proposal allows the program to maintain its current level with no reduction in footprint. The program covers 100 contiguous block faces in some of the city's most fragile blocks. In the last year, the program has piloted new models of deployment by stretching its resources to support community needs in a variety of ways including overnight support in aiding the transformation of Fulton Plaza, Larkin and Polk Street commercial corridors, and theater experiences in the evening hours along Market Street.

As a group of long term residents of the Tenderloin (both renters and homeowners) we really appreciate the work of the Ambassadors and Urban Alchemy in making these parts of our neighborhood safer.

The conditions throughout the area are improving, but still have a long way to go. Any reduction in the current funding would result in reduction of geography which could cause a significant backslide on this progress. Please support the Mayor's Budget Proposal. The program has proven successful in ways the community has not seen before. Please support this request.
Sincerely,

Austen Woods, Diana Helander and Paula Hendricks
Coordinators of the OFarrell Neighbors Group

From:	Abiba Bola
To:	ChanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Chanelle Brown
Subject:	My Public Comment on Early Childhood Education in San Francisco
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 10:09:02 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is Abiba Bola writing on behalf of the Black Early Educators Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco.

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Thank you for your time!

Abiba Bola
Early childhood educator at Congregation Emanu-El Preschool

From:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	BOS-Operations
Subject:	FW: Public Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 6/13
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:53:08 AM

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From: Silvia R <silvia@carecensf.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:18 AM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 6/13

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Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Silvia Ramos, and I'm with the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). We are a community-based organization that serves and empowers under-resourced Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

CARECEN's staff guide participants through crisis management, making referrals, advocating on their behalf and providing emotional supports that helps families advance on their path towards self-sufficiency and social integration. We respond to the needs of families facing multiple barriers or in crisis as a result of migratory status, poverty, social isolation, violence, and other social and health disparities.

CARECEN's programs emphasize participant-centered, strength-based, and culturally affirming approaches to support the families we partner with. We work closely with partner agencies to connect families to health services and academic support, job training and employment programs, food pantries, shelter and rental subsidies, arts and cultural activities among other critical resources.

I'm kindly requesting this Committee to restore the funds that support CARECEN's critical programs such as Second Chance Youth Program, Family Wellness and Health Promotion Programs. We want to continue contributing to keep the underserved community of San Francisco safe, healthy, and prospering.

We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' tireless work to ensure all San Franciscans residents to thrive and live in peace across the City. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Silvia N. Ramos, MA (She/Her/Ella)

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From:	Leshanti Smith
To:	ChanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Chanelle Brown
Subject:	My Public Comment on Early Childhood Education in San Francisco
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:20:21 PM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is Leshanti Smith writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educators Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in Bay View Hunters Point,District10.

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Thank you for your time!

Leshanti Smith
Infant and Toddler Lead Teacher
WuYee Children Services

From:	Lisa Alexander
To:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Chanelle Brown; Low, Jen (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS)
Subject:	Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:01:23 PM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is Lisa Alexander writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educators Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in district 10, in San Francisco.

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Thank you for your time!

Lisa Alexander

Owner and Operator

Sprouting Seeds Academy

From: Mary McVey Gill
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please audit the SFPUC
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:50:56 PM

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Please leverage the Board's authority in approving the SFPUC budget to include a requirement that they fund an audit. Water and sewer bills for SF are expected to triple in just 20 years, and a huge amount of debt (almost $12 billion) has been accumulated. The very conservative "Design Drought" plan is not based on reliable science. This situation cannot go on unchecked. My daughter lives in SF and has a hard time paying the rates she is being charged —she is my source of information. But I know there are many SF residents in the same situation.

Thank you,

Mary Gill
734 San Rafael Place
Stanford CA 94305

From:	Lauren Weston
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Budget approval comment
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 1:51:47 PM

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Hello, my name is Lauren Weston, I am the Executive Director of Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet (we serve 8, and sometimes 9, counties of the Bay Area). Our mission is to “bring people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet”. I also happen to have 13 years of residency in the Bayview/Hunters Point community under my belt-so for many reasons this budget is critical to my personal and professional lives.

I want to strongly suggest approval of a budget to be contingent on an independent audit of the SFPUC, and particularly to condition approval of the budget on the SFPUC paying for that audit. The current structure is not sustainable and we must find a way forward that serves both our residents and our planet. We won’t have many opportunities like this to make the hard, yet, right, decision. Demand is changing rapidly and pricing needs to keep up in an equitable and just way. This is an opportunity to make better-informed decisions.

Thank you,
Lauren

Lauren Weston (she/her)
Executive Director
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
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I respectfully acknowledge that my work takes place on the ancestral and unceded land of the Ramaytush Ohlone and/or the Yokutz. Whose land are you on?

We practice Slow Fridays. Messages received on Fridays may have a delayed response.

From:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
To:	BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides
Cc:	Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); BOS Legislation, (BOS); BOS-Operations; Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	FW: Public Comment/ Communication to the Board of Supervisors - File No. 240408
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:19:09 PM

Dear Supervisors,

Please see below from the San Francisco Parks Alliance regarding:

> File No. 240408 - Ordinance amending the Transportation Code to waive fees related to the temporary closure of streets for events organized by community-serving nonprofit arts and culture organizations, small businesses, merchant associations, neighborhood resident associations, and property and business improvement districts.

Regards,

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From: Aimee Callander <aimeec@sfparksalliance.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment/ Communication to the Board of Supervisors

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Comment on Ordinance 240408 [Transportation Code - Fee Waivers for

Qualifying Neighborhood Outdoor Events]

On behalf of the San Francisco Parks Alliance, I am submitting this comment in support of the proposed ordinance to waive fees for Qualifying Neighborhood Outdoor Events.

Providing free events for the public is central to our mission to create, sustain, and advocate for parks and public spaces that welcome and belong to everyone.
We are proud that these events, including Sundown Cinema, Park Markets at Crane Cove, and the Due South concert series, enhance community cohesion and bring economic vitality to areas across the city.
The waiving of fees to allow the temporary closure of streets for events such as these would significantly lower the financial and bureaucratic burden on non profit organizations like ourselves when creating lively, inclusive public events across the city.

Thank-you to the Mayor and Supervisors Mandelman and Melgar for advancing this legislation.

Best,
Aimee Callander
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Aimée Callander
Sr. Manager Policy and Education
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San Francisco Parks Alliance
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SF, CA 94103
sfparksalliance.org
415.513.5056

4-Day Workweek! Our team is offline on Fridays so kindly schedule meetings Monday through Thursday. To learn about the benefits of a 4-day workweek you can check out this article by Forbes.

From:	Lin Huber
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS); aaron.peskin@sfgove.org; connie.chan@sfgov.orr; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); board.supervisors@sfgov.org
Cc:	marisa@unionsquarealliance.com; Melanie Medina
Subject:	Letter of Support Action Plan
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:51:31 PM
Attachments:	scan06-13-2024-213058.pdf

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Dear Board of Supervisors Members:

Please see attached letter of support for the Mayor's action to revitalize the Union Square & Yerba Buena districts. Thank you for your effort and support.

Sincerely,

Lin Huber

Vice President, General Manager
Neiman Marcus, San Francisco

June 13, 2024
Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall
[By email]

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Lin Huber, and I am the Vice President, General Manager for Neiman Marcus San Francisco on Union Square. I'm writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

We are one of the largest tax revenue contributors in Union Square and we are in urgent need of yours and the city's support while both our clients and associates have faced many challenges in recent years.

It is my understanding that the Action Plan proposed by the Mayor includes:

- Increased security at key locations within a "hospitality zone" encompassing Union Square and Yerba Buena / Moscone Center
- Continued funding for events like Winter Walk and Bloom that have brought people back downtown
- An extension of the successful Vacant to Vibrant program tailored for Powell Street
- Marketing activities to attract new tenants
- Free parking at Union Square garages during key hours
- Daily activation activities for both Powell Street and Union Square

We also need a significant effort to counter the negative narrative constantly focused on our city on a national level.

As you know, Union Square is the absolute heart and soul of our City. It is where visitors experience the City, convention attendees congregate, and people from all over shop, dine and play. All this activity brings in the essential revenue, through sales, gross receipts and property taxes, that keep our City and all its exemplary services fiscally solvent. Most importantly and far too often forgotten, the hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses in Union Square and Yerba Buena employ thousands of working class San Franciscans.

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Sincerely,

Lin Huber

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To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Maria Luz Torre; DPH-amaykowski
Subject: Baby C interest is a hedge against inflation. Do not take $50 Million in interest from Baby C
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:08:21 PM

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To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Support for Mayor"s Action Plan for Union Square and Yerba Buena
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:51:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png Support for Mayor"s Action Plan for Union Square and Yerba Buena.pdf

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Brent / Board of Supervisors

Kindly find attached a letter of Support for Mayor's Action Plan for Union Square and Yerba Buena.

Regards

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June 13, 2024

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall

Support for Mayor's Action Plan for Union Square and Yerba Buena

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Mark Purdy, and I am the Managing Director of Asset Management for Grosvenor. We own **180 Post Street, 185 Post Street, 251 Post Street,** and **240 Stockton** in Union Square. I'm writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

As long-term owners in Union Square, we have seen firsthand the significant impact of declining foot traffic and increasing retail vacancies on our community and business environment. Revitalizing this area is essential not only for economic recovery but also for maintaining San Francisco's status as a premier destination for both locals and visitors.

It is my understanding that the Action Plan proposed by the Mayor includes:

- Increased security at key locations within a "hospitality zone" encompassing Union Square and Yerba Buena / Moscone Center
- Continued funding for events like Winter Walk and Bloom that have brought people back downtown
- An extension of the successful Vacant to Vibrant program tailored for Powell Street
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These initiatives will directly benefit businesses in Union Square, by creating a safer, more vibrant environment that encourages both shopping and leisure activities. For instance, events like the Union Square in Bloom and the Spring Fling concert have successfully drawn significant crowds and increased engagement with local businesses.

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Given the current challenges, including a retail vacancy rate that reached over 20% earlier this year, it is more critical than ever to support a cohesive and strategic plan for revitalization. We have seen promising signs of recovery, with international tourism spending rising and new high-end retailers committing to the area, but there is still so much more work ahead.

I urgently request your support for this critical set of investments.

Regards

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Managing Director, Asset Management
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From: James Clarke
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: City Budget Crisis
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 5:01:47 PM

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Dear Supervisors - I am writing to express my deep concern over issues relating to how the SFPUC has been handling the issue of water supply and related financial issues over the past many years. By way of introduction, I am a San Francisco native and live in Bernal Heights.

My concern stems from the fact that the SFPUC has been mis-managing our precious water supplies. Our wonderful Hetch-Hetchy water system has been under-maintained over many decades, leading now, to a zealous attempt to finally fix years of under investment. The main problem is that while these goals are laudable, the SFPUC is now embarking on a campaign to invest between $18 to $24 billion in very expensive alternative water supplies! Who will pay the cost of these expensive alternative water supplies? Yes, us - the ratepayers! I might be convinced of this necessity if I had faith in the SFPUC's Design Drought - which is a poorly thought out , ill-conceived draconian over-reaction to justified concerns over the impacts of climate change. A supposedly possible 8.5 year mega-drought has been used to create this doomsday scenario when the reality is that the SFPUC has always had ample water supplies even during the more recent several years of low-precipitation and snowfall that we all remember. In addition, the SFPUC uses population modeling that has not even come close to what has actually happened since the beginning of the COVID pandemic - **LOSS** of population. The SFPUC's own Finance Bureau has stated that future water sales will likely "remain flat". Despite all of these issues, the SFPUC has continued to raise rates resulting in a continuous drop in revenue! Their solution? Raise rates even higher! The SFPUC needs to take a deep and hard look at how it finances its operations in order to guarantee the long term viability of our water delivery system. Perhaps we need a basic monthly fee for every rate payer with lower usage fees that create a more sustainable and predictable budgeting process? We definitely do NOT need to keep increasing the cost of water based on water-use modeling that is completely beyond any reasonable future scenarios (eg the 8.5 year Design "mega-drought").

I firmly believe that the SFPUC needs to have an independent budget audit in order to more clearly determine future water needs, assess capital requirements and independently determine if their draconian 8.5 year mega-drought is a reasonable assumption. If this does not happen and the current practices remain in effect, I can predict a ratepayer revolt as households are faced with increased yearly rates while at the same time the SFPUC continues borrowing (and accruing debt) in order to finance its 10-year Capital Plan!

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James L Clarke
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From: Maria Luz Torre
To: Rachel and Alessandra Church; Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: DPH-amaykowski
Subject: RE: Baby C interest is a hedge against inflation. Do not take $50 Million in interest from Baby C
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 6:47:30 PM

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Just minor corrections.

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From: Rachel and Alessandra Church <firsttimemommy2016abc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:08 PM
To: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org
Cc: Maria Luz Torre <mariat@childrenscouncil.org>; Alexander Maykowski <amaykowski@childrenscouncil.org>
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Thanks,
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From:	Laura Stokes
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Fwd: Super Important Hearing
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 7:29:54 PM
Attachments:	SFPUC Budget Crisis Backgrounder.pdf

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Dear Board of Supervisors of the San Francisco Government,

It's been brought to my attention that an audit is appropriate for the SFPUC. Please see the attachment below.

For something this critical to the public's continued well-being in the Bay area, I'm certain I'm not the first to email you regarding this matter.

I urge you to seriously consider this matter and make it a requirement for the SFPUC budget to undergo an independent audit. I firmly believe that regular independent audits, especially when the public's interest is at stake, are a crucial tool in maintaining transparency and accountability. While they may not solve all issues, they certainly set clear boundaries.

Laura Stokes
Stanislaus County Resident

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From: **Peter Drekmeier** <peter@tuolumne.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 12:26 PM
Subject: Super Important Hearing
To: Peter Drekmeier <peter@tuolumne.org>

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SFPUC Budget Crisis Backgrounder

Decades of deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure has caught up with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), requiring a massive amount of capital investment over a short period of time. This has put the SFPUC in an extremely precarious financial position, requiring utility rates to skyrocket. Without intervention from the Board of Supervisors, the problem will continue to get worse. Consider these facts:

- The SFPUC budget will increase by 20% over the next two years.
- Combined water and sewer bills for San Francisco residents and businesses will increase by 8% per year. Rates will triple in just 20 years.
- The SFPUC is already carrying $8.5 billion of debt.
- Their 10-Year Capital Plan will increase by $3 billion this year alone, bringing the total to $11.8 billion, plus debt service.
- By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget.

The Crisis Could Get a Lot Worse

The SFPUC is now considering the need to invest between $17 billion and $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget), to produce water that will not be needed. Their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conservative drought planning scenario known as the "Design Drought." The Design Drought combines two of the worst droughts from the last century to manufacture an extremely severe 8.5-year mega-drought that might be expected once in 25,000 years, according to a document uncovered through a Public Records Act request.

The SFPUC also is basing potential alternative water supply investments on a large increase in water demand, despite the fact that water use has declined dramatically over the past three decades. Their own Finance Bureau projects water sales will remain flat.

As water and wastewater rates increase, people and businesses find ways to use less, but the SFPUC's fixed costs stay the same, so rates must increase even more to cover those costs. The SFPUC's "financial death spiral" will continue to build steam.

What Needs to Happen?

The Board of Supervisors must audit the SFPUC. They should leverage their authority to approve the SFPUC budget to require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, such as the Design Drought.

The alternative is that the SFPUC might face another "ratepayer revolt" that will freeze rate increases and deprive the agency of new funds needed for required infrastructure upgrades. Without intervention, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out. San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shortfall over the next two years.

Produced by Tuolumne River Trust, June 2024

From:	Virginia Smedberg
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Budget concerns, relating to SF"s city budget
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 11:17:33 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

You have a budget vote coming up. Part of that budget is the SFPUC's budget.

I live in Palo Alto, thus I drink water provided in great part by the SFPUC (with the help of the Tuolumne River). So the costs of that water affect me directly. I also care about other users of that water, human and otherwise.

Therefore I am asking you to get an independent audit done of the SFPUC's budget - which SFPUC should pay for, since it's their responsibility to keep their customers in the "light" (rather than dark) - and to not approve the budget unless SFPUC agrees to that. My concerns are especially about their "design drought" and their projections of water use, which from what I have read are not realistic. I think we need an outside perspective.

Sincerely,
Virginia Smedberg
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From:	Fabian Gutierrez
Subject:	Fw: The issues that matter most for youth experiencing homelessness.
Date:	Friday, June 14, 2024 8:39:32 AM
Attachments:	Outlook-hns4ltvg.png

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From: Fabian Gutierrez <fgutierrez@larkinstreetyouth.org>
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:36 AM
To: Brent.Jalipa@SFGov.Org
Subject: The issues that matter most for youth experiencing homelessness.

Hello, my name is Fabian Gutierrez, and I am a non-profit worker at Larkin Street Youth Services. This year, I am asking San Francisco's Board of Supervisors to please make transitional-aged youth experiencing homelessness a budget priority! I am advocating for many of my client's I have work with and those queer trans youth who have fallen due to homelessness because they need our help now more than ever with everything going on in this world, we need to keep what resources we currently have for our youth or more , and because it directly impacts unhoused youth. They are the Future. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach back out.
Si tiene alguna pregunta o duda, no dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros.

Sincerely,
Fabian Gutierrez

"Best Day So Far"

- Fabian Gutierrez

In Community,
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Larkin Street Youth Services' mission is to creates a continuum of services that inspires youth to move beyond the street. We will nurture potential, promote dignity, and support bold steps by all.
We acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

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From:	Wes Tyler
To:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan
Date:	Friday, June 14, 2024 9:07:32 AM

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To: Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Wes Tyler and I am the General Manager at the family owned and operated Chancellor Hotel on Union Square. I am also the Past President of the Union Square Alliance. I am writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

I have worked at the Chancellor Hotel for over 30 years - through all the ups and downs of the hotel industry due to dot com busts, 9/11, recessions and the pandemic. We have always survived and come back…but this time is different. We are too far down to recover on our own without serious efforts by the City. Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts have thousands of hotel rooms which is a huge tax base funding vital services for the City. If the hotels do well, the City will get a return on their investment.

I urgently request your support for this critical set of investments in Union Square and Yerba Buena.

Sincerely,

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From: Natalie Hopner
To: Chan, Connie (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment - Agenda Item 2 - 6.13.24 - BOS Budget & Appropriations Committee
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 1:27:16 PM
Attachments: image001.png

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Good afternoon Esteemed Chair Chan, Supervisors Walton, Melgar, Peskin, Mandelman, and Clerk Jalipa,

I would like to submit public comment on the proposed cuts to the OEWD and other budgets presented at today's Budget and Appropriations Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. I am the Director of Workforce Development for Episcopal Community Services (ECS).

I want to start by thanking you for your commitment and advocacy at the June 13 Special Meeting in support of workforce development services.

ECS provides workforce development services, among other services and housing intervention for the unhoused and chronically single adult homeless population in San Francisco. Like my colleagues in workforce, ECS's enrollment numbers in workforce contracts this year have exceeded baseline goals. ECS offers 2 occupational skills training programs to this population: CHEFS culinary and REACH – social and human services training. As you well know, the unhoused population in San Francisco is one of the most marginalized in the City, and is majority BIPOC. I know there was talk during Wednesday's presentation from HSA of "right-sizing programs", but this is disingenuous: we are over-enrolled. And according to the PIT count, chronic homelessness has increased in San Francisco.

The Mayor has stated that ending homelessness is a priority, and will continue to support housing and food for the homeless, yet workforce development funding is not on her list of priorities. Workforce development is being drastically cut in the next budget cycle across 4 departments: OCEIA, HSA, DCYF, and OEWD. As we heard yesterday, OEWD workforce funding will receive almost $10million in cuts in 24-25; and Wednesday we heard that HSA Homeless Employment Services (HES contract) subcontractors, are facing a 25% budget cut to their programs in FY24/25. ECS actually received funding letter formalizing this cut to their HES program on Tuesday, June 11. Ambassador jobs are also being cut, even though city jobs weren't supposed to be cut and ambassadors are city employees (quite often also people who are experiencing houselessness). All this speaks to a lack of coordination among city departments and extreme short-sightedness: dismantling our workforce systems does not make sense and endangers the city's most underrepresented.

Many unhoused people do not qualify for supportive housing or meet the acuity threshold for the heavily impacted housing interventions in this city. This means their only exit from homelessness is through increasing their income, more often than not

through working. Ending the cycle of homelessness will not be feasible without workforce development programs that serve these populations. Attaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive city will not be feasible without workforce development programs that are accessible to the most marginalized. I urge the Board of Supervisors to support maintaining flat funding for the City's workforce development programs and the crucial services they provide to our City's most at-risk populations.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service.

Kind regards,

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From:	Peter Hart
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Letter of Support for the Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts
Date:	Friday, June 14, 2024 4:45:48 PM
Attachments:	Letter of Support Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.pdf

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Dear Committee Members:

Enclosed please find my letter of support for the Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

Sincerely,
Peter

Peter Hart
Complex General Manager
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June 14, 2024

Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall
[via email]

Dear Committee Members:

My name is Peter Hart, I am the General Manager for Hilton San Francisco Union Square and Parc 55 San Francisco – A Hilton Hotel.

I'm writing to express my strong support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

As the General Manager of two of the largest hotels in the city, which together account for nearly 10% of total hotel room inventory, it's imperative we create welcoming, memorable and enjoyable experiences for all downtown visitors. We employ nearly 1,500 team members who rely on guests and patrons visiting Union Square and having an exceptional San Francisco experience. This year, over 500,000 guests and meeting attendees will patronize our hotels (compared to nearly twice that number in 2019). Our guests and visitors spend money in surrounding small businesses, generating tens of millions in economic impact.

It is my understanding that the Action Plan proposed by the Mayor includes:

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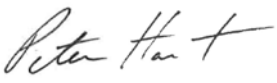
For my hotels, and my team members and families who depend on them, it's critical we have activity, activation, and vibrancy in our downtown spaces to attract guests to visit, shop, dine and stay.

I urge you to support these critical programs and investments.

Sincerely,



Peter Hart
Complex General Manager
Hilton San Francisco Union Square and Parc 55 –A Hilton Hotel

From: Steve Schramm
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Budget audit
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 10:02:40 PM

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I encourage the Supervisors to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC (including an analysis of the Design Drought and water demand projections), and to require the SFPUC to fund it.
Thank you.
SteveSchramm

From: Glenn Rogers
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Despite water Surplus SFPUC pushes drought scenario
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 7:52:00 PM
Attachments: CSFN Logo.png

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Hello Supervisors,

I would like to introduce myself as the new President of CSFN.

This Design Drought that the SFPUC Commissioners are using to curtail water release into the Tuolumne River displays poor judgement. In the article enclosed, BAWSCA claims San Franciscans are using a historical low amount of water. For example, today we use only 55 gallons of water per day which is a record low. This is despite the fact our population has grown 34% in the same time frame. In the year 2012, BAWSCA determined San Franciscans used 79.3 gallons of water per day. So the SFPUC is using imaginary figures to limit the amount of water released into the Tuolumne River. This negatively impacts our salmon population. Unfortunately, this is the second year in a row the State of California has halted salmon fishing which negatively impacts the livelihood of those at Fisherman's Wharf and the indigenous peoples. Additionally, this Alternative Water Supply Plan the SFPUC is proposing will be expensive. It is projected to cost between $17-$21 billion which will increase water rates for the customers in the SFPUC service area. This poor governance by the SFPUC needs to be curtailed by the Board of Supervisors, please.

We ask you to have the SFPUC do an audit, that they pay for, using an outside entity, that can provide honest, reliable data about water. Today, we cannot trust any figures the SFPUC provides us, in my opinion. The SFPUC has been misusing water policy for years.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Please, read the article enclosed. If you have more time, the BAWSCA presentation in the article, has data that is in contrast with the SFPUC policy. What are we to believe? Are we in a record

drought or a record water surplus!

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https://westsideobserver.com/24/5-despite-water-surplus-sfpuc-continues-designing-for-drought.php

While lakes and rivers overflow SFPUC persists

by Glenn Rogers



SFPUC: Designing for Drought

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For the second year, the SFPUC has canceled salmon fishing on the Tuolumne River and throughout California. That will cause hardship for thousands of local fishermen at Fishermen's Wharf and indigenous people. On April 23, the SFPUC met to discuss water policy. In the audience were members of the Tuolumne River Trust, the Sierra Club, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and a representative of the indigenous peoples.

DESIGN DROUGHT

The SFPUC, which curtails the amount of water released into the Tuolumne River, designed the Design Drought plan — a plan that is so far-reaching that it projects a scenario — a drought that last happened 25,000 years ago. (Discovered by research into a Public Records Act.) It unnecessarily curtails water to fishermen while releasing water to farmers at 4 of every 5 gallons. (See the crops below for excessive water-consuming offenders). SFPUC's plan for this scheme is similar to anticipating the snowfall in the Ice Age which lasted roughly 11,700 years ago. This plan is folly.

Despite a surplus of water in our reservoirs sufficient to withstand a drought for four years, the SFPUC has imposed a drought surcharge on San Francisco ratepayers! The SFPUC is myopically planning for an *increase* in water use even though the demand in San Francisco has declined in the last three decades."

MUIR WOODS IN CONTRAST

Redwood Creek in Muir Woods has Chinook Salmon. It also has a program to encourage salmon to return every year. The number of people who visit Muir Woods is limited to control traffic, and the parking lot is not overcrowded. Refuse pickup is determined by limiting overflow of trash into the creek. Safe to say, all park activities are guided by the overarching principle of fostering salmon return. Wouldn't it be ideal if the SFPUC had a similar principle for the the Tuolumne River?

WRONG CROPS IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Almonds, pistachios, walnuts, oranges and apricot trees are part of the problem of a list of crops growing in the San Joaquin Valley. These trees require year-round water; otherwise, they perish. Having the field go fallow is not a water-saving solution for these crops. Alfalfa is a crop for cattle that requires copious amounts of water.

One walnut—not the whole tree—requires 5 gallons of water, for example. These crops should not be grown there because of their intense water use. The salmon, which also require water, should win this fight for resources, in the opinion of many Californians.

WHO ARE OUR SFPUC COMMISSIONERS?

The SFPUC Commissioners are Tim Paulson, Anthony Rivera, Newsha Ajami, Kate Stacy, Dennis Herrera, Sophie Maxwell and Donna Hood. Commissioners Sophie Maxwell and Donna Hood are retiring. Both will be missed, since they voted most judiciously about the water needs for San Francisco and the Tuolumne River. Let's hope the Mayor picks good stewards of the environment as replacement Commissioners.

SFPUC HAS BLIND STEWARDSHIP

Despite a surplus of water in our reservoirs sufficient to withstand a drought for four years, the SFPUC has imposed a drought surcharge on San Francisco ratepayers! The SFPUC is myopically planning for an *increase* in water use even though the demand in San Francisco has declined in the last three decades. For example, Parkmerced has a 13% vacancy rate, and now, even worse, the business sector in San Francisco has a 36% vacancy rate! To prepare for these imagined demands for water, the SFPUC has designed a plan to pump groundwater from the west side of San Francisco's underground aquifers. All of this planning, building, extraction, pumping and distribution of underground water is expensive and unnecessary and will raise the cost of water for San Francisco residents.

WATER USE IN THE SFPUC SERVICE AREA

The State has recently asked the City of San Francisco to restrict the water it takes from the Tuolumne River. This effort is part of a larger

plan to limit the water use of thousands of long-time users. At the April 23rd meeting, several audience members requested that the SFPUC accept the new water plan rather than challenge it in court.

BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY & CONSERVATION AGENCY REPORT (BAWSCA)

In the year 2022 /2023, residents used, as an aggregate, 55 gallons of water per day—a historic low—despite a population increase of 34% during the same time frame. Only 4% of the population uses 100 gallons of water daily. The most significant offender in the water use category is Purissima Hills at over 180 gallons of water per day.

BAWSCA anticipates a new downward trend in water use. Unfortunately, this discussion did not include agricultural water savings, which uses 80% of water in the San Joaquin Valley. For example, farmers could increase drip irrigation and stop the wasteful use of flood irrigation.

We can only hope the SFPUC will manage water use honestly.

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May 2024

From:	Jones, Angela (SFOUS)
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Lewin, David (SFOUS)
Subject:	Letter of Support to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts...
Date:	Monday, June 17, 2024 6:53:40 AM
Attachments:	image001.png Enliven Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.pdf
Importance:	High

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Dear Committee Members,

Please see attached letter on behalf of David Lewin, General Manager, Grand Hyatt San Francisco Union Square.

Thank you for your attention and support for this very important matter.

Best Regards,

Angela Jones
Executive Assistant to General Manager & Director of Operations

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June 14, 2024

Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall

Dear Committee Members:

My name is David Lewin and I am the General Manager of the Grand Hyatt on Union Square.
I'm writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

In my 50 years in the hotel business in San Francisco I have never experienced a time like this. We saw a never before seen low and we are experiencing the slowest and most difficult rebound in my career. As a community we need to take action and quickly.

It is my understanding that the Action Plan proposed by the Mayor includes:

- Increased security at key locations within a "hospitality zone" encompassing Union Square and Yerba Buena / Moscone Center
- Continued funding for events like Winter Walk and Bloom that have brought people back downtown
- An extension of the successful Vacant to Vibrant program tailored for Powell Street
- Marketing activities to attract new tenants
- Free parking at Union Square garages during key hours
- Daily activation activities for both Powell Street and Union Square

These steps will help us get the drive in customer back in Union Square and that activity will help us begin to book larger conventions. We need to do much more, still, this is a bold start.

As you know, Union Square is the absolute heart and soul of our City. It is where visitors experience the City, convention attendees congregate, and people from all over shop, dine and play. All this activity brings in the essential revenue, through sales, gross receipts and property taxes, that keep our City and all its exemplary services fiscally solvent. Most importantly and far too often forgotten, the hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses in Union Square and Yerba Buena employ thousands of working class San Franciscans.

I urgently request your support for this critical set of investments.

Sincerely,

David Lewin
General Manager
Grand Hyatt San Francisco

Cc Marissa Rodriguez

From: Jason Jungreis
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: BOS should require an independent audit of SFPUC
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:55:03 AM

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Supervisors,

I am a longtime SF resident. I am concerned that the most critical government function -- not setting policy (because of course everyone has an opinion) -- but AUDITING, to ensure that government is functioning as intended, efficiently, and with oversight, is not being performed. This seems especially true of the SFPUC, a large governmental agency with many technical functions that our representatives seem loath to wade into. Without regular auditing, there is no way to know whether the SFPUC is functioning well -- and given its history of scandals, there may be special reason to be suspect.

I strongly encourage the BOS to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC, including an analysis of the Design Drought and water demand projections, and to require the SFPUC to fund it.

Thanks.

Jason Jungreis
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From: David Harrison
To: ChanStaff (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: BOMA SF Support for Welcome Ambassador Program
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 10:47:26 AM
Attachments: BOMA SF Welcome Ambssador letter 2024.pdf

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Hello,

Please find the attached letter from BOMA San Francisco supporting the SF Welcome Ambassadors Program. Thanks!

All the best,

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June 17, 2024

Supervisor Connie Chan, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: BOMA SF Support for the San Francisco Welcome Ambassador Program

Dear Chair Chan,

I am writing on behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francsico to express BOMA's strong support for the continuation of the San Francisco Welcome Ambassador Program.

Since the start of the program, I have received exceptionally positive feedback from our members and their tenants regarding this program. On several occasions, potential tenants interacted with Welcome Ambassadors during tours and noted these interactions as a positive factor in choosing to lease office space in San Francisco. We continue to receive critical support from these ambassadors in answer questions, providing information, and directory people to city services when agencies can provide medical or cleaning support.

As BOMA knows, downtown San Francisco relies not just on office workers, but on tourism and conventions as well. The Welcome Ambassador Program has played a significant role in persuading meeting planners to bring or keep their conventions, large and small, in San Francisco. It is this mix of office workers, tourists, and conventions that help downtown small businesses thrive with the foot traffic needed to sustain a vibrant downtown economy.

We must continue to invest in the Welcome Ambassador program as they are an essential part to welcoming visitors and booking and retaining meetings and conventions, all which support good jobs and our vital small businesses.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant
CEO, BOMA San Francisco

From: Anthony Barreiro
To: RonenOffice (BOS)
Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Audit the Public Utilities Commission
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 12:59:59 PM

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Dear Supervisor Ronen -- I am your constituent in District 9, a renter living on a modest pension, and a SFPUC Water Department ratepayer. I care about our environment, especially the Bay and Delta, and I am very careful to conserve water in my home. Still, my monthly water bill goes up and up every year (not to mention PG&E, rent, groceries, etc.).

The City and County of San Francisco talks big about environmental stewardship, but our Public Utilities Commission has an awful record of stubbornly resisting even the most modest, common sense reforms that would prevent permanent degradation of the Bay and Delta, extinction of aquatic species, and the collapse of the fishing and recreation economies that rely on a healthy ecosystem.

I'm a retired social worker, I'm not an expert on water policy and infrastructure engineering. But I believe that outside experts should audit the PUC, and the PUC should pay for the audit. The Board of Supervisors needs to make this happen through this year's budget. We don't have time to let things keep getting worse.

Decades of deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure has caught up with the SF PUC, requiring a massive amount of capital investment over a short period of time. This has put the SFPUC in an extremely precarious financial position, requiring utility rates to skyrocket. Without intervention from the Board of Supervisors, the problem will continue to get worse.

Consider these facts:

• The SFPUC budget will increase by 20% over the next two years.
• Combined water and sewer bills for San Francisco residents and businesses will increase by 8% per year. Rates will triple in just 20 years.
• The SFPUC is already carrying $8.5 billion of debt.
• Their 10-Year Capital Plan will increase by $3 billion this year alone, bringing the total to $11.8 billion, plus debt service.
• By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget.

The Crisis Could Get a Lot Worse

The SFPUC is now considering the need to invest between $17 billion and $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget), to produce water that will not be needed. Their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conservative drought planning scenario known as the "Design Drought." The Design Drought combines two of the worst droughts from the last century to manufacture an extremely severe 8.5-year mega-drought that might be expected once in 25,000 years, according to a document uncovered through a Public Records Act request.

The SFPUC also is basing potential alternative water supply investments on a large increase in water demand, despite the fact that water use has declined dramatically over the past three decades. Their own Finance Bureau projects water sales will remain flat. As water and wastewater rates increase, people and businesses find ways to use less, but the SFPUC's fixed costs stay the same, so rates must increase even more to cover those costs. The SFPUC's "financial death spiral" will continue to build steam.

What Needs to Happen?

The Board of Supervisors must audit the SFPUC. They should leverage their authority to approve the SFPUC budget to require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, such as the Design Drought. The alternative is that the SFPUC might face another "ratepayer revolt" that will freeze rate increases and deprive the agency of new funds needed for required infrastructure upgrades. Without intervention, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out. San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shortfall over the next two years.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important concern, and thank you for your service to the people of District 9 and San Francisco.

With sincere best wishes,

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May all beings be happy, peaceful, and free.

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From: Marc Silverman
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Budget & The Tuolome River
Date: Monday, June 17, 2024 1:07:53 PM

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As a California resident and annual visitor to Yosemite National Park for the past 20 years, Ive become a lover of the Tuolome River and the Heche Hechy basin. Ive learned that the San Francisco Public Utilities Commision is currently considering the need to invest $17 - $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget) coming from these water sources, to produce water that is not proven to be needed as their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conserva/ve drought planning scenario. As water and wastewater rates increase, people and businesses find ways to use less, but the SFPUC's fixed costs stay the same, so rates must increase even more to cover those costs. The SFPUC's "financial death spiral" will continue to build steam.

I urge that the Board of Supervisors must audit the SFPUC and leverage their authority to approve the SFPUC budget to require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, such as the Design Drought. The alternative is that the SFPUC might face another "ratepayer revolt" that will freeze rate increases and deprive the agency of new funds needed for required infrastructure upgrades. Without intervention, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out. San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shor^all over the next two years.

Thank you for your time.
-Marc Silverman

From:	Samuel Butler
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC budget
Date:	Monday, June 17, 2024 1:47:53 PM

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I am writing to express my concerns at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's water policies and how these are damaging our natural water systems in northern California. At a time of climate crisis, hotter temperatures and degrading natural water systems, it is vital that we do all we can to protect and recover these eco-systems. Instead, the SFPUC's policies seem designed to cause more harm than good.

Therefore, I am calling for an independent audit of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, including an analysis of water demand projections and the Design Drought measure. This will likely demonstrate that the Design Drought is causing harm to the Tuolumne River and San Francisco Bay Delta, and also to Hetch Hetchy ratepayers. I also request that you make the approval of the budget contingent on the SFPUC paying for the audit.

Thank you.

Sam Butler
San Francisco, CA

From: Francesca Gonzalez
To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Hsieh, Frances (BOS); Yu, Angelina (BOS); Burke, Robyn (BOS); Lee, Tiff (BOS); Thongsavat, Adam (BOS); Ho, Calvin (BOS); DeRuff, Henry (BOS); Fieber, Jennifer (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Farrah, Michael (BOS); Heiken, Emma (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Burch, Percy (BOS); Gallardo, Tracy (BOS); Gee, Natalie (BOS); Lopez-Weaver, Lindsey (BOS); WaltonStaff (BOS); Angulo, Sunny (BOS); Yan, Calvin (BOS); Souza, Sarah (BOS); Horrell, Nate (BOS)
Cc: Camille Bailey
Subject: Urgent: Preventing Youth Sex Trafficking in SF
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:57:58 PM
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HYPE Data (3).pdf

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Dear Budget & Appropriations Committee Members,

I hope you are all doing well during this busy time.

We were just informed that there will not be add-back dollars for the FY 24-25 city budget and that this committee will be engaging in a legislative process for reserve appropriations in July. Given this shift in procedures, it is imperative that sex trafficking prevention be a **priority in the current budget negotiations.**

We run the HYPE Center (Helping Young People Elevate), San Francisco's only multi-service drop-in center serving young people 14-24, focused on preventing commercial sexual exploitation. Sex trafficking prevention is a city wide issue and HYPE Center supports 545+ young people hailing from all 11 districts. If we are not able to secure a **minimum of $350k for FY 24-25**, HYPE Center will have no choice but to close our doors in February.

Supervisors Mandelman and Walton - we had very positive conversations with aides from each of your offices and are so appreciative of your support.

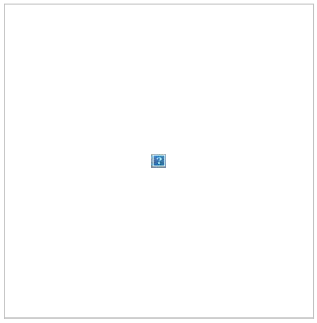
Chair Chan, Supervisor Peskin and Supervisor Melgar - if you or your staff could **please give us 15 minutes**, we are eager for the opportunity to share more about HYPE Center and why it is imperative that we are funded to continue filling this gap in San Francisco's direct service landscape.

Below you will find key demographic data, as well as youth testimonials and accolades from our community partners. I have also attached the same information for printing convenience.

HYPE MEMBERS BY DISTRICT
District 1: 19 members
District 2: 41 members
District 3: 60 members
District 4: 10 members
District 5: 78 members
District 6: 169 members
District 7: 53 members
District 8: 156 members
District 9: 197 members
District 10: 56 members
District 11: 64 members

OTHER KEY DATA
37% Navigating Homelessness
52% LGBTQ+
44% Trans/NonBinary/Gender-Non-Conforming
20% System Involved
72% Access BASICS regularly (food, laundry, shower & clothing/hygiene)

HYPE MEMBERS RACE = 81% BIPOC



FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

IF HYPE DIDN'T EXIST I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO EAT CONSISTENTLY BECAUSE I DON'T QUALIFY FOR FOOD STAMPS. THEIR FOOD SHOP PROVIDES ME WITH FREE GROCERIES WEEKLY. I WOULDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BECAUSE I HAVE HAD THOSE SERVICES DENIED BEFORE SOLELY DUE TO XENOPHOBIA AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. I WOULDN'T HAVE A SAFE SPACE WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO CONSTANTLY BE SCARED OF BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IF HYPE DIDN'T EXIST.

I LIKE THAT WE CAN ACCESS FOOD AND LAUNDRY AND TALK TO TRUSTING PEOPLE.

I LIKE THAT EVERYONE IS HELPFUL AND ALWAYS NICE.

FREE RESOURCES, COOL SPACE, AMAZING STAFF.

I LOVE THE WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT AND THE VARIETY OF RESOURCES THAT ARE OFFERED.

I LIKE THE CULTURE OF RESPECT, LIKE SHARING RESOURCES AND THE SPACE. I ALSO APPRECIATE IT AS A SPACE TO RELAX AND FEEL SAFE.

LEARNING TO HAVE AGENCY, IT'S HARD NOT TO CONTINUOUSLY ASK IF I CAN TAKE SOMETHING OR USE SOMETHING BUT HYPE REALLY ENCOURAGES THAT CONFIDENCE. IT REALLY MAKES IT FEEL LIKE "MY" SPACE.

THE ACCESS TO VALUABLE SERVICES AS WELL AS QUALITY DONATIONS THAT I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO AFFORD WITHOUT IT. ALSO THE NON-JUDGMENTAL VIBE.

HYPE CENTER IS A PLACE WHERE I CAN GO FOR QUIET PLACE TO SLEEP OR NEED ON ASSISTANCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH. THIS PLACE PROVIDES ME A SAFE SPACE WHERE THERE BE ALL THE RESOURCES I NEED.

I LIKE THAT IT PROVIDES THINGS THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO PURCHASE. HYPE CENTER IS HELPFUL WITH THAT.

THERE IS ALWAYS GOOD AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND DRINKS, IT IS A VERY SAFE SPACE TO CHILL. THE PROGRAMS OFFERED ARE SO USEFUL AND HEALING, AND I CAN APPROACH ANY OF THE STAFF FOR ANY KIND OF SUPPORT OR QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME.

PRIOR TO FINDING HYPE I WOULD HAVE TO HOPE THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS I WAS GOING TO WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE MY NEEDS SERIOUSLY AND I WOULD BE SCARED OF OPENLY COMMUNICATING WITH THE STAFF BECAUSE OF THEIR DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIOR. BUT WITH HYPE, I'VE ALWAYS WITNESSED THE STAFF DOING THEIR JOB DILIGENTLY AND I HAVE ALWAYS FELT SUPPORTED.

HYPE ACTUALLY TAKES OUR FEEDBACK INTO ACCOUNT AND PRIORITIZES MAKING THINGS EASIER FOR US. ALL OF THE STAFF I'VE WORKED WITH AT HYPE HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND HELPFUL.

FROM OUR PARTNERS

I WAS VISITING THE ASSESSMENT CENTER (ALAMEDA COUNTY) AND YOUTH WERE TALKING ABOUT HYPE! ONE ASKED "WHAT'S HYPE?" AND ANOTHER YOUTH GOT UP AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW PRESENTATION FOR EVERYONE!

BEING CO-LOCATED AT HYPE HAS GIVEN US ACCESS TO SO MANY MORE RESOURCES, IT'S LITERALLY TURNED AROUND OUR PROGRAM.

IN THIS "POST-COVID" WORLD, HYPE'S COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IS MY ONLY IN-PERSON MEETING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PROVIDERS, AND THIS MEETING FEELS DIFFERENT - WE ARE CENTERING YOUTH!

I'VE NEVER BEEN AROUND SO MANY FOLKS WHO GENUINELY CARE

I'VE BEEN A PART OF HYPE'S JOURNEY FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND IT'S AWESOME TO SEE THE EVOLUTION.

THANK YOU TO FREEDOM FORWARD FOR BRINGING ALL THIS TOGETHER: IT'S TRULY A WARM, WELCOMING, AND RESOURCED SPACE.



Thank you for your time, consideration and leadership.

Best

FG

In Community,

Francesca Gonzalez (she/her)
Executive Director
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On Wed, Jun 5, 2024 at 4:59 PM Francesca Gonzalez <francesca@freedom-forward.org> wrote:

Dear SF Budget & Appropriations Committee members,

We urge you to understand the significant negative impact resulting from the recent funding decisions by the San Francisco Department for Children Youth and Families (DCYF) to not fund youth sex trafficking prevention or support in our city.

We represent Freedom Forward, a San Francisco nonprofit organization serving young people who are vulnerable to sex trafficking. Everyday, children and youth in San Francisco are sexually exploited and we are seeing a rapid influx of transitional aged youth (TAY), ages 14 -24, being trafficked and experiencing homelessness due to systemic and economic barriers. These youth deserve safety and support, however, the proposed funding landscape leaves this population underserved and ripe for repeated exploitation. Neither Freedom Forward nor the HART program, run by our partner Huckleberry Youth Programs, received any DCYF funds for our prevention work.

Freedom Forward's HYPE Center (Helping Young People Elevate) is San Francisco's only multi-service drop-in center serving young people 14-24, focused on preventing commercial sexual exploitation. Based in the Mission/Potrero Hill area of SF, HYPE Center co-locates a variety of services and resources from community organizations in one youth-focused space – services like mental health, legal services, housing access, showers and food – to ensure vulnerable youth have a coordinated web of support. Rather than reinventing the wheel, HYPE serves as a connection point to leverage the expertise of over 20 youth-serving partners to benefit our community of over 500* unduplicated, existing HYPE members (*and growing daily), primarily representing BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and homeless youth.

One compelling success story involves Shanté (she/they; 19) who was immediately struck by the sense of calm positivity at the Center. "Wow - this is all for us?" She shared that she'd been navigating youth shelters and homeless programs but was constantly running around the city, struggling to stay on top of her appointments and applications. She'd been homeless on and off for 2 years, resorting to sex work to earn money for food and basic essentials. Shanté told us she dreamed of a fresh start in life. Upon joining HYPE Center, Shanté first accessed our Basics, which includes access to do laundry on site, "shop" for new clothing, hygiene supplies, and beauty products, and take a private shower. "I feel like my old self!" After attending a sex trafficking education group at HYPE, Shanté realized she'd been groomed and exploited as a minor. "I always thought what happened to me wasn't ok - but I didn't know it had a name, or that it was illegal." She accessed specialized counseling at HYPE for the first time since becoming homeless and, based on what she shared, was connected to HYPE's on-site legal and housing providers. Shanté was eligible for an SRO and moved in within two weeks, visiting HYPE to express her gratitude to our team. "HYPE has helped me turn my life around. I can bring any issues I'm dealing with and they will listen and connect me with the services I need. And it's all right here at HYPE!"

Shanté is just one of the hundreds of youth members in HYPE Center's community. Notably, 75% of our 534 unique members are either vulnerable to being, or have been sexually abused, assaulted, or exploited. Our team firmly believes that providing access to services and opportunities, addressing basic needs, and fostering a safe, inclusive space for belonging are pivotal in shielding San Francisco young people from vulnerabilities that could lead to sexual exploitation and trauma.

HYPE Center was initially launched in 2019 as part of SF SOL, a continuum of pilot models designed to target and reduce exploitation of youth in San Francisco by providing a variety of services and foster-care placement options. Spearheaded by Freedom Forward and supported by Senator Scott Wiener and Assemblymember Phil Ting, SF SOL was funded by the California Department of Social Services, bringing over $16.3 million to San Francisco between 2019-2025. We partnered with the SF Department on the Status of Women (DOSW), along with Huckleberry Youth Programs, WestCoast Children's Clinic, and other anti-trafficking experts, to design and implement SF-SOL for two 3-year pilots spanning from 2019-2025. Mayor Breed publicly supported our efforts by stating: "Any young person who is homeless or experiencing exploitation in our streets is one too many. We must do better in San Francisco. This funding will allow us to develop programs and provide services that help our most vulnerable residents and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, and prevent chronic homelessness in our City."

Unfortunately, the CDSS grant funds have been exhausted and the HYPE Center requires independent funding to sustain our programming to prevent youth trafficking. **We respectfully request an annual $875,000 investment for 2025 and 2026 via add-back dollars.** This will allow the HYPE Center to continue serving our vulnerable community through 2026, and secure a permanent funding stream. **Without these funds, HYPE Center will have no choice but to close our doors**, leaving our 534 members without a dedicated space to address their basic needs, access specialized services, and be part of a community of support.

This is a valuable opportunity for the city to invest directly in sex trafficking prevention and to protect our vulnerable children and youth. We welcome an opportunity to share more about what makes Freedom Forward's HYPE Center uniquely positioned to continue filling this gap in San Francisco's direct service landscape. Our team will happily host you and your staff for an in-person tour at the HYPE Center or gladly attend a visit to your offices.

With deep gratitude for your service and leadership,



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In Community,



From:	Jacob Bindman
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Simon Bertrang
Subject:	Letters of Support for Continued Investment in Downtown Revitalization through OEWD
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:27:12 PM
Attachments:	Anand Upender_York Streek Cafepdf.pdf Intersection for the Arts.pdf Julius Cordero_Educating Barbers.pdf Lauro Gonzalez-Arias_ArtyHood.pdf Lucia Fernandez-Palacios_Juma-Steep .pdf Nafy Flatley_Teranga .pdf Bee_Betwee.pdf Matthew Bernstein_GGC.pdf OshaThai_Storefront Opportunity Grant Recipient - Letter of Support.pdf Victor Gonzalez_GCS.pdf Signed Support Letter for Vacant to Vibrant Program - Mike Grisso.pdf

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

Dear Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

Attached please find letters of support for Vacant to Vibrant, the Storefront Opportunity Grant Program, and OEWD's broad investment in small businesses. Through these efforts, OEWD is leading the transformation of downtown into a diverse, inclusive and vibrant community that embodies the spirit of San Francisco.

Vacant to Vibrant is catalyzing a transformation downtown, and building bridges for communities citywide to be a part of San Francisco's next chapter.

Best,
Jacob

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco. I had the opportunity of participating in their first cohort last year with my coffee & community concept, York Street Cafe. The technical support and grant I received helped me live a dream I've had for years, create a weekly set of regulars in Embarcadero Center, and test out what a full time business downtown would look like.

As a small business owner and resident of District 8, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring York Street Cafe downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As an artist and resident of Chinatown, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of activating a space and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,



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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in the Castro District, and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Ismael De Luna
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to implore you to continue to fund and support SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program. Vacant to Vibrant has been incredibly successful in revitalizing downtown San Francisco by creating a pathway to jumpstart small businesses and arts entrepreneurs amidst the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic.

San Francisco's sustained economic health depends on the health of each neighborhood. An investment in downtown is an investment in San Francisco. By continuing to support Vacant to Vibrant, the City is committing to strengthening a resilient foundation that actively supports our diverse communities as they drive San Francisco to economic recovery.

At Intersection for the Arts, we believe that arts and culture are necessary elements of well-being, both individually and collectively. We stand by Vacant to Vibrant in their efforts to support artists and small businesses in creating a thriving and dynamic downtown. The immense interest in the program speaks to the need for programs such as this to continue to exist.

Thank you for your continued dedication to sustaining a San Francisco that represents the diversity, inclusivity, and vibrancy we all desire.

Warm regards,



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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in Excelsior/Outer Mission, and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist and grow.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Julius Cordero
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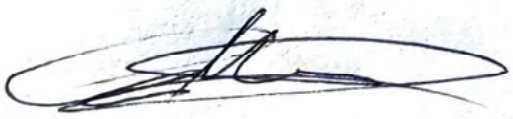

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear members of San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the sustained city funding and backing of SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program. In the face of the challenges posed by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has undeniably made a substantial impact, providing invaluable opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to spearhead the revitalization of downtown San Francisco.

The investment in downtown's success is tantamount to an investment in the entirety of San Francisco, as the well-being of our neighborhoods and the resurgence of downtown are intrinsically linked. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the city is forging the path for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's ongoing economic recovery.

As an advocate for small businesses, the arts, and cultural organizations in San Francisco, and as a resident of this district, witnessing the launch of the Vacant to Vibrant program has been immensely gratifying. The overwhelming interest in the program underscores the compelling need for initiatives like Vacant to Vibrant to persist, infusing the spirit of our neighborhoods into the heart of downtown.

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

Sincerely,

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June 14th, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Place
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small business operator and resident of the San Francisco Financial district, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring Steep, Boba for Good downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.
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,



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June 17, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express the Gateway's enthusiastic support for continued city funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Vacant to Vibrant has helped revitalize downtown San Francisco and has created a positive impact for small businesses, artists and creative organizations.

We need to City to help support the investment in downtown and guide the recovery of downtown. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

Since the onset of the pandemic, commercial vacancies have increased dramatically in San Francisco. As a property owner, Vacant to Vibrant has provided a meaningful resource to support us as we've worked to bring three new tenants into our buildings.

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,

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small business owner and resident of Richmond District, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring Teranga downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in Downtown Financial District and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

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June 17th, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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SUPPORT THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF VACANT TO VIBRANT

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued city funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Since the onset of the pandemic, commercial vacancies have increased dramatically in San Francisco. As a property owner, Vacant to Vibrant has provided a meaningful resource to support us as we've worked to bring employees back into our buildings.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to a diverse, vibrant, and inclusive future for downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations. We look forward to future partnerships with SF New Deal and Vacant to Vibrant.

Sincerely,

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June 18, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and well-being of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small business owner and resident of Jackson Square, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring GCS Agency downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization while generating tens of thousands of dollars for local artists. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic and blazes a new path into the future, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to a diverse, vibrant and inclusive future for downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations which are pivotal to a healthy city and society.

Warm regards,

Victor Gonzalez
Founder
GCS Agency



From: Steve Shearer
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:47:02 PM

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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 [neighborhood or district number] [[who works downtown]] (if applicable), 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,

[Name]
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

From: Jesse Bie
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:49:57 PM

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Warm regards,

Jesselito Bie Title Director of Artist Relations
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Director of Artist Relations

From: Mason Jones
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:50:03 PM

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As a resident of the Outer Richmond who has lived and worked in SF for over 30 years, I feel strongly about making downtown as welcoming and energetic as possible. 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,

Mason Jones

From: Solange BL
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:54:10 PM

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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 let you know how thankful I am 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 also brings needed energy and community activation to otherwise empty storefronts.

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

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Warm regards,

Solange Bonilla-Leahy
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From: Susan Eslick
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:54:34 PM

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

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Please use this email as my 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 also brings needed energy and community activation to otherwise empty storefronts.

As a resident of Dogpatch who visits downtown for work and pleasure, I am personally invested in the experience of downtown as welcoming and energetic. I support innovative and inclusive programs like Vacant to Vibrant that contribute to a vision of downtown as a vibrant and active community hub with a unique identity. As the city works to recover from the pandemic, the Board should prioritize investments in Vacant to Vibrant and programs supporting small businesses. Small businesses 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 downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations.

Warm regards,

Susan Eslick
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Dogpatch resident and business owner

From: heatherjain@sbcglobal.net
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:56:44 PM

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As a resident of [neighborhood or district number] [[who works downtown]] (if applicable), 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,
Heather Jain

From: ELAS BELLA
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Nisan Design; ELAS BELLA
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:05:47 PM

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As a resident of the financial district , 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,

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From: David Vel
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 & FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:06:12 PM

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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 initiatives, including the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's Vacant to Vibrant program. Amidst the challenges presented by the pandemic and the current economy, programs like Vacant to Vibrant have been instrumental in revitalizing downtown San Francisco, providing vital opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations.

As a resident and someone who is directly involved with downtown activities through our most recent lease at 332 Pine St, where we have hosted a number of shows and art exhibits, I am deeply invested in seeing our downtown area thrive as a welcoming, energetic hub for SF neighbors. The Vacant to Vibrant program not only revitalizes empty storefronts but also contributes significantly to the cultural and economic vitality of our city.

It is crucial, especially as we continue to recover from the pandemic, that the Board prioritizes and expands investment in such innovative and inclusive programs. Small businesses, which are the backbone of our local economy, give our neighborhoods their unique character now more than ever before. Support is essential to maintaining the diverse and vibrant spirit of downtown SF.

Thank you for your continued commitment to fostering a diverse, vibrant, and inclusive future for our downtown that uplifts small businesses, artists, and residents.

Warm regards,

David Velasco

President
The Mellow SF

From: Andrew Lu
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:06:13 PM

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Warm regards, Andrew

From: Mikhel Davé
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:07:42 PM

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Mikhel Davé

From: madawaska2@aol.com
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:12:17 PM

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As a resident of District 8, near Dolores Park, I am personally invested in the experience of downtown as welcoming and energetic.
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Thank you for your consideration,

Bob Gordon

From:	Eero Kelly
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:13:47 PM

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Hey Dean! <3

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From: Ian Hunter
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:23:33 PM

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Warm regards,

Ian Hunter
Castro Resident

From: Ramona Pedersen
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:25:04 PM

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As a San Francisco native, resident of district 8, and with two kids and and a partner who go to school/work downtown, I am personally invested in the success of small independent business succeeding in San Francisco, and that we work to make downtown 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, one not dominated by corporate landlords and chain businesses.

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With warm regards,
Ramona Lugo Pedersen

From: Kate Lehman
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:32:27 PM

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As a resident of Twin Peaks, and who works at 2nd and Mission (where I choose to go to my office 3-4 days per week), 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.

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Warm regards,

Kate Lehman
(downtown employee who actually goes to the office and loves the Vacant to Vibrant pop ups!!!!)

From: Kate Connally
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:10:00 PM

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Kate Connally
164 Dolores St, San Francisco, CA 94103

From: Raymond Buscemi
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:22:20 PM

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From: Briana Ottoboni
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:25:09 PM

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Warm regards,

Briana Ottoboni
Owner & Founder
Fractal Studio

From: jade jaeckle
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:29:00 PM

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As a resident of Potrero Hill, 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.

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Kindest regards,
Jade Jaeckle

From: Tiersa Nureyev
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
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Warm regards,
Tiersa Nureyev
www.tiersanureyev.com

From: jennifer.m.porter@gmail.com
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:42:11 PM

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As a longtime resident of North Beach who walks to work 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. The last set of pop ups was a huge success and it was so great to see many of the vacant spaces filled up again. Each of the mayoral candidates have mentioned downtown revitalization as a number one priority. They are listening to their citizens!

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Best regards,

Jennifer Porter

Sent from my iPhone

From: claire priestley
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:11:05 PM

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Warm regards, Claire

Claire Priestley
650.798.7182
clairefpriestley@gmail.com

From: Tracy Swedlow
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:43:24 PM

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Warm regards,

Tracy Swedlow
CEO, Exec Producer
TV of Tomorrow Show (TVOT)
Tracyswedlow@gmail.com
415-608-4766

From: Hilary Passman
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:02:21 PM

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As a resident of the Sunset who is a grateful and enthusiastic part of the V2V community, 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.

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Hilary Passman
owner, Devil's Teeth

From:	Phillip Mitchell
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:09:23 PM

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[Name]
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

Phillip Mitchell
Owner/Operator
R&R Hospitality Group

From: Jheel D
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 9:24:48 PM

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Warm regards,
Jheel

Jheel Doshi
https://www.linkedin.com/in/jheeldoshi/

From: Robin Laybourn
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:01:39 PM

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Robin Laybourn, PHR | Director, People Operations | Launch Inc.
c: 661.343.8037 | e: rlaybourn@launchinc.com

From: Nisha Gulati
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:17:17 PM

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. I love both seeing small businesses get a chance to succeed in this the harsh economic climate and seeing
downtown become revitalized which felt empty otherwise.

As a Mission resident and BART commuter, I want downtown to feel as vibrant and active as it did pre-pandemic but even more unique and inclusive by featuring more small businesses.

I hope the Board prioritizes investments in Vacant to Vibrant and programs that support small businesses.

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

Sincerely,
Nisha Gulati

From:	Jacob Bindman
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Simon Bertrang
Subject:	Re: Letters of Support for Continued Investment in Downtown Revitalization through OEWD
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:29:02 PM
Attachments:	Public Glass_Letter of Support.pdf Vacant To Vibrant Support - Matthew Kosoy Rosalind Bakery.pdf

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Please see some additional letters attached.

Best,
Jacob



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On Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 5:22 PM Jacob Bindman <jacob@sfnewdeal.org> wrote:

> File Number: 240622
> Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small non-profit located in the Bayview, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given us the opportunity to bring Public Glass downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as we navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,

Marti Gorski
Public Glass

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Vacant to Vibrant program administered by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. This initiative plays a crucial role in revitalizing our city's neighborhoods by bringing empty storefronts back to life. A vibrant commercial landscape fosters economic growth, creates jobs, and strengthens the overall character of our communities.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to continue providing necessary funding and resources to ensure the Vacant to Vibrant program's success. This program is a valuable asset to San Francisco, and I commend the Office of Economic and Workforce Development for its efforts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kosoy % Rosalind Bakery

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June 18, 2024

From:	Lillian B. Archer
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:40:13 PM

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Warm regards,

[Name]
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

Lillian

From:	Mindy
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:21:48 PM

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Warm regards,

Mindy Phillips

From:	Juliette Schlesinger
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:33:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Juliette Schlesinger
SF Resident since 1980 and heartbroken over the state of our once vibrant Downtown

From: Renee Brown
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:44:33 AM

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Warm regards,

Renee Brown
Vice President
Weaver's Coffees & Tea / Wild Card Roasters

Renee Brown
Sent from my groovy iPhone

From:	Martin Gothberg
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Audit and Budget
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:38:53 AM

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Supervisors,

I frequently participate at SFPUC hearings as an advocate for the Tuolumne river and the need to restore flow so that we can return to a healthy salmon-based ecosystem.

I am concerned about the Alternative Water Supply Plan and the overly conservative assumptions that will drive significant capital cost and potentially skyrocketing rates to water users. The AWSP contains many assumptions on future water usage along with an arbitrary and hugely conservative 'design drought' that has been shown to be unlikely to occur.

There needs to be an audit of the SFPUC, to include their decision making process and assumptions used in their planning. PLEASE MAKE APPROVAL OF THE SFPUC BUDGET CONDITIONAL ON THIS AUDIT/SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS AND INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR BUDGET. Doing so will likely save significant CAPEX and rate increases while still providing the necessary infrastructure to meet future Bay Area water needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martin J Gothberg

From:	david lewbin
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:28:19 AM

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As a lon time resident of NOPA, 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.

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Best,

David.

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From: MaryMar Keenan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:42:35 AM

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Warm regards,

MaryMar Keenan

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To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Simon Bertrang
Subject:	Re: Letters of Support for Continued Investment in Downtown Revitalization through OEWD
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 7:53:09 AM
Attachments:	Vacant to Vibrant Letters Of Support Program Participant (1).pdf Marco Polo Italian Ice Cream.pdf The Pawffice.pdf

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Best,
Jacob

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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As a small business owner and resident of **Bayview & EastCut,** Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring **Hungry Crumbs** downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

Our venture Hungry Crumbs, a local bakery, has been a direct beneficiary of the Vacant to Vibrant program, which played a pivotal role in securing its first storefront. This opportunity was not just about physical space; it was a gateway to realizing a long-held dream of becoming a cornerstone in the community. The program provided the essential support needed to navigate the complexities of setting up a small business in San Francisco, from lease negotiations to local regulations. This support significantly lowered the barriers to entry that many small entrepreneurs face. Without the Vacant to Vibrant initiative, the journey to opening a storefront in such a competitive market would have been markedly more challenging for Hungry Crumbs. Preserving funding for such programs is crucial, as they are lifelines for small businesses, fostering economic growth and enriching the community fabric.

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,

Mohamed Abdelmeguid

Mohamed Ali
Founder
Hungry Kitchens – Hungry Crumbs – Hungry Cafe

Storefront Opportunity Grant Recipient

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in [neighborhood/district], and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

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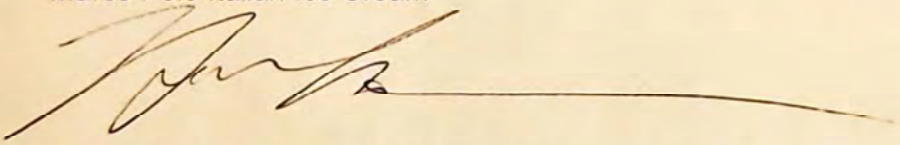
Thank you!

Warm regards,

Heman Chow
Owner
Marco Polo Italian Ice Cream



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Tuesday, June 18,2024

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From:	Mark Moulton
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	City Budget: needs independent audit of the SFPUC, condition of approval SFPUC pays for the audit
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:11:46 AM

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors members,

I am a resident of the San Francisco peninsula and because my water comes from the Hetch Hetchy system I pay close attention to the management of water by the SFPUC. I sit on several Board of Directors of companies that develop affordable housing on the peninsula as well. Fresh water is a crucial factor in our ability to build new housing and the cost of that water is very important to the families we serve.

In my opinion, it is now critical that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors exercise their oversight of the SFPUC. Such oversight would begin with the Board requiring an audit of the SFPUC, paid for by the agency and presented to the Supervisors by the auditors. Such an audit must include discussion of SFPUC policies that impact rates to its customers.

Until the Supervisors have a clear picture of the financial activities, the policies that drive those financials and a presentation of the planned actions the SFPUC intends to take, customers will have no ally in protecting their interests. We all need to know now if SFPUC past and planned actions meet the scrutiny of outside evaluation for fiscal reasonableness. Tens of thousands of customers are counting on you.

Thank you,

Mark Moulton

Mark Moulton | 650.670.4069 cell/text

From: Jack Eidson
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:34:44 AM

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Warm regards,

Jack (94103)

From: Eva Galanes-Rosenbaum
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:48:05 AM

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Warm regards,
Eva Galanes-Rosenbaum, District 8

From: Justin Lokitz
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 10:52:35 AM

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Warm regards,
Justin Lokitz

From:	Taylor, Julie
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Action plan Union Square and Yerba Buena
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:06:00 AM
Attachments:	image001.png Letter of Support Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts_06192024_1.pdf
Importance:	High

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Dear Brett Jalipa,

Please see my letter in support of the Mayor's Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts.

Best,

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June 19, 2024

Subject: Action Plan Union Square & Yerba Buena

Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall
Via email: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org

Dear Committee Members:

I'm writing to urge your support for Mayor Breed's recently announced Action Plan to Enliven the Union Square and Yerba Buena Districts. Jobs are at stake and we desperately need this program.

My name is Julie Taylor, and I am a real estate broker trying to lease the 110 spaces that are vacant across our 27 block Union Square district. (That's 110 spaces available out of 268 storefronts, 41%)

Some blocks have only one store left open on the entire stretch.

I am Sisyphus trying to roll a boulder uphill and the task is getting harder and harder. Last year 5 long term leases and 3 pop ups were signed in the Union Square district. Three of the new stores with long term leases are still not open. It takes 12-24 months to get a new store opened. Meanwhile, in 2023 THIRTEEN street front stores closed….so the Boulder absolutely crushed us. (If we count the mall, then 26 closed last year). Each store closed, means fewer entry level jobs for San Franciscans.

Thus far, halfway thru 2024, four leases have been signed. One store has opened, the three others will open in 2025. However, in 2024 six more stores have closed across the 27 blocks of Union Square. The Boulder crushed us again. More jobs lost than gained. More foot traffic lost than gained.

In 2025 store closures will again surpass store openings…because there are not enough deals in the pipeline. I personally do not have a single lease in negotiation, and I have 17 spaces I am trying to lease. There is no demand, we have just a few tire kickers who occasionally come see the market and then leave shaking their heads, saying "maybe in a few years"… and "it looks cleaner and safer but there are no people on the streets".

Asking rent is NOT the issue. I know several landlords on Powell willing to lease their spaces for $3.00 a foot a month and they STILL cannot find anyone. To put this in perspective, $3.00 a foot is lower than the rent charged in any other San Francisco neighborhood. And 3.00 psf is 90% less than rent used to be on this corridor. I know of one landlord who calls retailers and offers to give his space away for two years for FREE and still no one will take it. And this location is on one of the best blocks, that used to be so vibrant.

Retailers need foot traffic to survive and thrive. The functionality of the district is tied directly to foot traffic. Our foot traffic has plummeted and continues to fall because more and more stores close.

I had a tour yesterday with a prospective tenant that has five other locations in the US. Walking down Powell we saw very few people, there were only 10 visitors in line at the cable car, and this is during our peak summer period.

Vacancy will continue to grow, and more and more entry level retail and hospitality jobs will be lost unless the city invests in bringing people back to Union Square.

We need to enliven the streets because without increased foot traffic our remaining retailers and restaurants will close. The vacancy situation has been getting worse and worse for the last two years. A program to stimulate foot traffic will enable Union Square to recover.

We must enliven the streets because today our foot traffic is so thin that even "free rent" is not enough to give tenants confidence to open stores on Market, Powell and Stockton Streets south of Union Square.

It is my understanding that the Action Plan proposed by the Mayor includes:

- Increased security at key locations within a "hospitality zone" encompassing Union Square and Yerba Buena / Moscone Center This *is desperately needed, it's a war zone in front of Old Navy, Levis and Walgreens on the 800 block of Market. Just last week I saw someone trying to pawn stolen watches and another guy, seated, with a crowd around him was conducting a shell game. Meanwhile at 6pm a really terrible band blasts at an ungodly volume in front of the closed Deisel. It's very very unsavory.*
- Continued funding for events like Winter Walk and Bloom that have brought people back downtown. *Winter Walk needs to be amped up with more offerings and a longer period, people want a reason to come downtown. The ice rink should be extended for a month longer people love it, and then transition to a roller rink!*
- An extension of the successful Vacant to Vibrant program tailored for Powell Street
- Marketing activities to attract new tenants *All the prospective tenants need to see is lots of foot traffic. Retailers open where they see customers on the street.*
- Free parking at Union Square garages during key hours *Yes please! And widely advertised!*
- Daily activation activities for both Powell Street and Union Square. *This is critical and will be most effective.*

Union Square is the absolute heart and soul of our City. It's where I bought my wedding gown. It's where my husband and I bought our wedding rings. Union Square is where I still go for hair and beauty services. Union Square is where my friends and I go to dine before we go to see a play or musical. And Union Square is where I go to shop, but it is harder and harder to find things I like because half the stores are gone and frankly it is depressing to shop in a district with so many closed storefronts. When I travel to New York I come home with an extra suitcase full of new clothes. It used to be this way for visitors in San Francisco (which is why Rimowa has a store here and why when we had a Marshalls the first floor was full of suitcases). We need to bring back our stores and the only way to do this is by activating Union Square.

Union Square is where visitors experience the City, convention attendees congregate, and people from all over shop, dine and play. All this activity brings in the essential revenue, through sales, gross receipts and property taxes, that keep our City and all its exemplary services fiscally solvent.

As downtown San Francisco has lost its retailers, retail sales have been climbing in the suburbs. Retail sales in Walnut Creek, Emeryville, Burlingame, Palo Alto are 50% higher than they were in 2019 because they've taken San Francisco's market share. People in the suburbs used to come downtown for all their important shopping. The suburban crowd will come back when there are more stores open, and the stores will sign leases in Union Square when they see more foot traffic – activation is key!

Most importantly and far too often forgotten, the hotels, restaurants, shops and other businesses in Union Square and Yerba Buena employ thousands of working-class San Franciscans, who are often people of color. A retail job is truly a gateway to opportunity. An entry level retail job provides access to benefits, job training, and a ladder to management.

I urgently request your support for this critical set of investments.

Sincerely,



Julie Taylor
Colliers International
Lic. #00998839

From: Elisabeth Warren
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:19:39 AM

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File Number 240622
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As a resident of Bernal Heights district 9 who spends lots of time downtown for work, 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.

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Warm regards,

Elisabeth Warren (94110)

Sent from my mobile device. Please excuse typos.

From:	Terry Horrigan
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:20:10 AM

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From: Neil Dave
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:34:50 AM

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Neil Dave

From: Nicole Cernok
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:43:01 AM

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Regards,
Nicole Cernok

From:	Charlene Woodcock
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Budget Audit
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 2:40:39 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

As a native Californian, I have long taken very seriously the health of the San Francisco Bay and the great Delta, as well as our northern California water sources.

It has been deeply concerning to see the SFPUC appear to be governed more by the interests of Central Valley industrial agriculture than those of the residents and wildlife of the Bay Area. It was especially concerning to learn that the SFPUC joined a lawsuit against the state to block a plan to restore the Tuolumne and other rivers. Failure of that lawsuit represents a significant financial loss and no benefit except to delay work on a solution for San Francisco water planning.

It has become very clear that we need to continue the impressive efforts to conserve water that we've demonstrated in the past and that changes are likely needed away from extremely water-needy crops like Stuart Resnick's miles of almond orchards, grown on marginal lands and dependent on significant irrigation.

It's apparent that the 10-year Capital Plan and the extremely conservative drought planning measures taken by the SFPUC will cause rates as well as debt to increase unsustainably in the coming years. Instead of assuming and planning on huge increased use of water, the SFPUC needs to plan for and educate people to focus on conservation and greater efficiency of water use.

I very strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to require the SFPUC to commit to an independent audit that will rigorously examine the consequences of SFPUC planning on customer rates. The investor-owned monopoly public utilities commissions all over the country are close to provoking customer backlash by their disregard for the damage to ratepayers of ever-increasing rates.

Sincerely,

Charlene M. Woodcock

From: Kelly Moran
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:02:24 PM

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[Name]
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

From: Chrissy Shively
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:11:37 PM

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Chrissy Shively

From: Arlene Singer
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:50:45 PM

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Warm Regards,

Arlene Singer
435 China Basin St, San Francisco, CA 94158

From: Shelley Costantini
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:08:56 PM

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[Name]
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

From: Saint Victoria
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 6:19:24 PM

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Victoria
Title if applicable
Business/Org if applicable

From:	Bernard Chen
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC"s water model
Date:	Wednesday, June 19, 2024 11:36:29 PM

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Hello SF Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to request that you initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC in regards to the SFPUC's drought model, specifically the assumption that San Francisco needs enough storage capacity to withstand a 8.5-year mega drought - a once in a 25,000 year event.

I'm a fisherman and hiker of the eastern Sierras and would like to see more water available for the steelhead and salmon that live south of Hetch Hetchy.

The SFPUC's current water model is too conservative. I'm sympathetic to the challenge of building long-range models, but the result of the SFPUC's 25,000-year model is an increased cost to taxpayers and a decrease in the amount of water released from Hetch Hetchy to support wildlife and the natural environment that make that watershed so distinct. Please consider models with a shorter time frame in order to leave more water for the natural environment.

Thank you,

Bernard Chen

From: Katie Hazard
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:44:08 AM

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Warm regards,

Katie Hazard
Director of Art
Burning Man Project

From: Priyanka Patel
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:42:19 AM

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Priyanka Patel

From: Graham Todd
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:41:51 AM

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Warm regards,

Graham Todd
Artistic Director
Litquake Foundation

From:	BreAnn Weaver
To:	ChanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Chanelle Brown
Subject:	My Public Comment on Early Childhood Education in San Francisco (6/20)
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:42:35 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is BreAnn Weaver writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educator Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in district 10.

In this budget season, it's critical to uplift and center the needs of Black children and our Black early educators to support the aspirations of our children and their villages, and to produce equitable outcomes for our state and nation's future.

We deeply appreciate the amendments proposed to this ordinance that will save over $30 million in Baby Prop C funding for our children and families, and preserve dedicated funds for the purpose it was intended. I ask it be sent to the full Board with a positive recommendation.

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Thank you for your time!

BreAnn Weaver

From: melva bosley
To: MelgarStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Chanelle Brown; Jalipa, Brent (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS)
Subject: Long time D11 resident's PUBLIC COMMENT on ECE in SF
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 7:58:57 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Happy First day of Summer. My name is Melva Bosley. I am writing you on behalf of the Black Early Educator Policy Council, a group that advocates on behalf of Black early educators and children in San Francisco, convened by Children's Council of San Francisco. I'm a constituent in D11 and have been for the last 40 years.

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Respectfully,
Melva Bosley

From: Stella Kim
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Letter of support for keeping downtown revitalization investments in budget
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:21:14 AM
Attachments: 240618_SITELAB Support Letter for Downtown.pdf

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Hello,

SITELAB urban studio would like to submit a letter of support for continued city funding and support for the many downtown revitalization efforts led by our local civic organizations, such as SF New Deal and our downtown community benefit districts (CBDs). We understand the current OEWD $15 million funding for downtown revitalization efforts is an item of discussion for the Board of Supervisors today. Please see the attached letter signed by our co-founder and principal, Laura Crescimano.

Thank you,
Stella Kim
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Stella Kim
Associate
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From:	Rush Rehm
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Require SFPUC fund an independent audit before approving its budget, please.
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:24:03 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I write as a long time San Francisco and Bay Area resident, concerned as most of us are about water rates, water usage, and efforts to maintain safe drinking water while maximizing efficiency and protecting the environment. A tall order I know. But here's something you can do to help.

From my work on the issue, I have come to the conclusion that the SFPUC should fund an independent audit, and that audit should take a *very* close look at policies that will affect water rates, specifically the "Design Drought." Given your authority to approve the SFPUC's budget, you could require this of the Commission. Why should you do this? Because the Design Drought is over the top, adopting a worst-case scenario with a "once in 25,000 years" prospect of occurring, assuming an eight-plus year meg-drought. The knock-on effects of these assumptions make no sense - massive spending on alternative water investments, even as conservation measures and population changes have shown water usage declining over the past several decades. And what will amount to a massive increase for rate payers, many of whom struggle to live in the area to begin with, given the price of property rental and home ownership.

Please use your authority over SFPUC budget approval to require the Commission fund an *independent* audit that reviews these policies, which will have a direct impact on rate payers, and on conservationists committed to effective and clearly reasoned water management policies.

Sincerely,

Rush Rehm
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Artistic Director, Stanford Repertory Theater (SRT) http://stanfordreptheater.com/

From: Jacob Bindman
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Simon Bertrang
Subject: Re: Letters of Support for Continued Investment in Downtown Revitalization through OEWD
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 9:36:16 AM
Attachments: 240618_SITELAB Support Letter for Downtown.pdf
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Thank you!

Warm regards,



Charles Trapolin
Owner
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From:	A Yang
To:	Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS)
Subject:	Public Comment 6/20: Early Childhood Education in San Francisco
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 11:45:21 AM

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Good afternoon Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

My name is Amy Yang, writing you as a constituent in District - Pacific Heights.

In this budget season, it's critical to uplift and center the needs of Black children and our Black early educators to support the aspirations of our children and their villages, and to produce equitable outcomes for our state and nation's future.

We deeply appreciate the amendments proposed to this ordinance that will save over $30 million in Baby Prop C funding for our children and families, and preserve dedicated funds for the purpose it was intended. I ask it be sent to the full Board with a positive recommendation.

It is imperative that our children are educated by culturally competent adults, but our Black early educators need more economic supports so they can thrive and continue to give our children quality care. In San Francisco, Prop C dollars can help close the gap in economic disparities for Black family child care centers to serve more children. Our children deserve to be affirmed, supported and nurtured by culturally diverse educators that look like them. It helps with their self-esteem and self-efficacy, and can help instill in them that they are capable and valued in this world.

Baby Prop C funding means the world to our children, families and providers. It offers the opportunity to expand critical services that allow parents to work, children to have a brighter future, specialized services for all of our children and families who need them, our providers to do their critical work with a dignified wage and our city to thrive. Please help us save these funds.

With investment by the San Francisco Department of Early Childhood, the Office of Economic & Workforce Development and Children's Council of San Francisco, we are being the change we wish to see by advocating for policy solutions and system changes to provide Black families with quality child care. We implore the city to continue to make Black early educators and Black children a priority, by prioritizing them in the City budget.

Thank you for your time!

Amy Yang

From: Gazelle Samizay
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:39:30 PM

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

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As a resident of Noe Valley, 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.

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Warm regards,

Gazelle Samizay
Artist and Curator

From:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
To:	BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides
Cc:	BOS-Operations; Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Entezari, Mehran (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Subject:	4 Letters Regarding File No. 240622
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:50:20 PM
Attachments:	4 Letters Regarding File No. 240622.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached 4 letters regarding **File No. 240622:**

Hearing to consider the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Departments of the City and County of San Francisco for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Regards,

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Subject:	Re: Letters of Support for Continued Investment in Downtown Revitalization through OEWD
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Attachments:	240618_SITELAB Support Letter for Downtown.pdf Document_2024-06-19_130350.pdf

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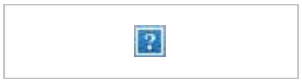
> 
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Our venture Hungry Crumbs, a local bakery, has been a direct beneficiary of the Vacant to Vibrant program, which played a pivotal role in securing its first storefront. This opportunity was not just about physical space; it was a gateway to realizing a long-held dream of becoming a cornerstone in the community. The program provided the essential support needed to navigate the complexities of setting up a small business in San Francisco, from lease negotiations to local regulations. This support significantly lowered the barriers to entry that many small entrepreneurs face. Without the Vacant to Vibrant initiative, the journey to opening a storefront in such a competitive market would have been markedly more challenging for Hungry Crumbs. Preserving funding for such programs is crucial, as they are lifelines for small businesses, fostering economic growth and enriching the community fabric.

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Mohamed Abdelmeguid

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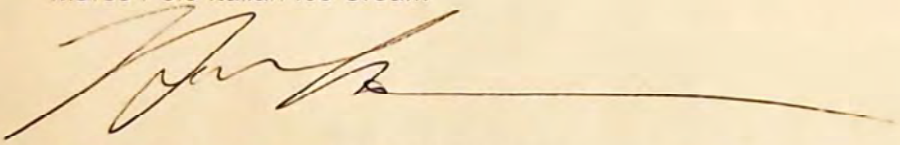

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As a small non-profit located in the Bayview, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given us the opportunity to bring Public Glass downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as we navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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Warm regards,

Marti Gorski
Public Glass

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Vacant to Vibrant program administered by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. This initiative plays a crucial role in revitalizing our city's neighborhoods by bringing empty storefronts back to life. A vibrant commercial landscape fosters economic growth, creates jobs, and strengthens the overall character of our communities.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to continue providing necessary funding and resources to ensure the Vacant to Vibrant program's success. This program is a valuable asset to San Francisco, and I commend the Office of Economic and Workforce Development for its efforts.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

Attached please find letters of support for Vacant to Vibrant, the Storefront Opportunity Grant Program, and OEWD's broad investment in small businesses. Through these efforts, OEWD is leading the transformation of downtown into a diverse, inclusive and vibrant community that embodies the spirit of San Francisco.

Vacant to Vibrant is catalyzing a transformation downtown, and building bridges for communities citywide to be a part of San Francisco's next chapter.

Best,
Jacob

Jacob Bindman
SF New Deal | Co-Founder and Chief Program Officer
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June 17th, 2024

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SUPPORT THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF VACANT TO VIBRANT

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued city funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Since the onset of the pandemic, commercial vacancies have increased dramatically in San Francisco. As a property owner, Vacant to Vibrant has provided a meaningful resource to support us as we've worked to bring employees back into our buildings.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to a diverse, vibrant, and inclusive future for downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations. We look forward to future partnerships with SF New Deal and Vacant to Vibrant.

Sincerely,

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco. I had the opportunity of participating in their first cohort last year with my coffee & community concept, York Street Cafe. The technical support and grant I received helped me live a dream I've had for years, create a weekly set of regulars in Embarcadero Center, and test out what a full time business downtown would look like.

As a small business owner and resident of District 8, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring York Street Cafe downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,

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I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As an artist and resident of Chinatown, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of activating a space and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,



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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in the Castro District), and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to implore you to continue to fund and support SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program. Vacant to Vibrant has been incredibly successful in revitalizing downtown San Francisco by creating a pathway to jumpstart small businesses and arts entrepreneurs amidst the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic.

San Francisco's sustained economic health depends on the health of each neighborhood. An investment in downtown is an investment in San Francisco. By continuing to support Vacant to Vibrant, the City is committing to strengthening a resilient foundation that actively supports our diverse communities as they drive San Francisco to economic recovery.

At Intersection for the Arts, we believe that arts and culture are necessary elements of well-being, both individually and collectively. We stand by Vacant to Vibrant in their efforts to support artists and small businesses in creating a thriving and dynamic downtown. The immense interest in the program speaks to the need for programs such as this to continue to exist.

Thank you for your continued dedication to sustaining a San Francisco that represents the diversity, inclusivity, and vibrancy we all desire.

Warm regards,



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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in Excelsior/Outer Mission, and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist and grow.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Julius Cordero
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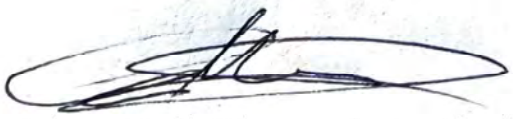

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June 16 , 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear members of San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the sustained city funding and backing of SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program. In the face of the challenges posed by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has undeniably made a substantial impact, providing invaluable opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to spearhead the revitalization of downtown San Francisco.

The investment in downtown's success is tantamount to an investment in the entirety of San Francisco, as the well-being of our neighborhoods and the resurgence of downtown are intrinsically linked. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the city is forging the path for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's ongoing economic recovery.

As an advocate for small businesses, the arts, and cultural organizations in San Francisco, and as a resident of this district, witnessing the launch of the Vacant to Vibrant program has been immensely gratifying. The overwhelming interest in the program underscores the compelling need for initiatives like Vacant to Vibrant to persist, infusing the spirit of our neighborhoods into the heart of downtown.

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

Sincerely,

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small business operator and resident of the San Francisco Financial district, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring Steep, Boba for Good downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.
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,



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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

Investing in the success of downtown is an investment in the entirety of San Francisco as the health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods and the recovery of downtown are one in the same. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

As a small business owner and resident of Richmond District, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring Teranga downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

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,

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June 17, 2024

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express the Gateway's enthusiastic support for continued city funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Vacant to Vibrant has helped revitalize downtown San Francisco and has created a positive impact for small businesses, artists and creative organizations.

We need to City to help support the investment in downtown and guide the recovery of downtown. Through Vacant to Vibrant, the City is laying the foundation for a resilient and diverse downtown that will drive San Francisco's continued economic recovery.

Since the onset of the pandemic, commercial vacancies have increased dramatically in San Francisco. As a property owner, Vacant to Vibrant has provided a meaningful resource to support us as we've worked to bring three new tenants into our buildings.

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,

Matthew Bernstein

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm a small business owner in Downtown Financial District and I'm writing to voice my support for continued funding of the Storefront Opportunity Grants Program. This program has enabled businesses like mine to exist.

As San Francisco recovers from the pandemic, please keep prioritizing this vital program. Your ongoing support means that small businesses like mine can stay open and bring vibrancy and opportunities to our communities as we work to continue building a thriving, diverse city.

The Storefront Opportunity Grants Program has enabled small businesses like mine to exist.

Thank you!

Warm regards,

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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for continued funding and support for SF New Deal and the Vacant to Vibrant program through the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Amidst uncertainty and challenges presented by the pandemic, Vacant to Vibrant has created a tangible impact that is creating meaningful opportunities for small businesses, artists, and creative organizations to be at the forefront of revitalizing downtown San Francisco.

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As a small business owner and resident of Jackson Square, Vacant to Vibrant and the support from the City of San Francisco has given me the opportunity to bring GCS Agency downtown and be a part of the city's revitalization while generating tens of thousands of dollars for local artists. The resources and support made available through Vacant to Vibrant were of immense benefit as I navigated the process of opening a new storefront and serving a new community downtown. As the city works to continue its recovery from the pandemic and blazes a new path into the future, the Board should continue to prioritize investments in the program.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication to a diverse, vibrant and inclusive future for downtown that supports small businesses, artists, and cultural organizations which are pivotal to a healthy city and society.

Warm regards,

Victor Gonzalez
Founder
GCS Agency



From:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
To:	BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides
Cc:	BOS-Operations; Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Calvillo, Angela (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Entezari, Mehran (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS)
Subject:	18 Letters Regarding File Nos. 240595, 240596
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:59:31 PM
Attachments:	18 Letters Regarding File No. 240595.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached 18 letters regarding **File Nos. 240595:**

Hearing to consider the Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Departments of the City and County of San Francisco for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Regards,

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From: Maria Tomasa Bulux
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restoring COB"s Funding
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 12:03:36 PM

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Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Maria Tomasa Bulux, and I'm with the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). We are a community-based organization that serves and empowers Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

We are very concerned about the budget cuts for important services to our community such as Oral Health, which is a very expensive service for the communities that don't have health insurance, education for the community and youth services. The Soda Tax initially was designated for CBO's to do health education. Unfortunately, the recommendations of the Soda Tax Committee have not been respected.

I'm kindly requesting that you restore funding for CARECEN's Second Chance Youth and Tattoo Removal program, and to follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's budget recommendations, including restoring funding for the community-based grants and $450,000 for the Bayview, Chinatown, and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Forces who have been provided unique services to the communities. Thank you.

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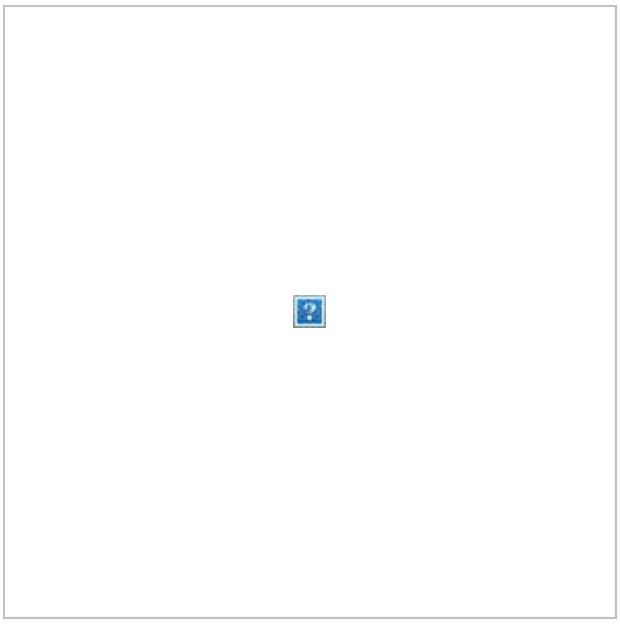

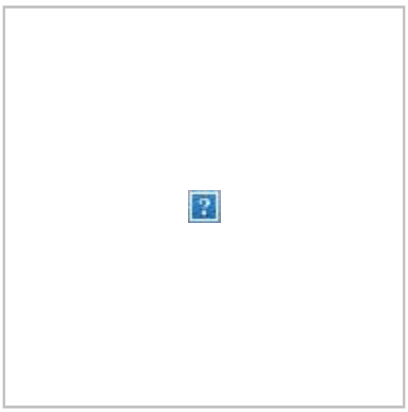

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From:	Fiorella Bernal
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Public Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 6/13
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:04:19 PM

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Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Fiorella and I'm with the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). We are a community-based organization that serves and empowers Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

Cuts to our program will significantly diminish our ability to impact our communities' adoption of healthier lifestyles. This will lead to a reduction in oral health awareness and exacerbate the prevalence of chronic diseases like diabetes, linked to the consumption of sugary drinks. Our program not only educates the community about the harmful effects of sugary drinks but also promotes the benefits of choosing water. Without these programs, many of our monolingual Spanish-speaking families will continue to experience detrimental health outcomes.

I'm requesting that you restore funding for CARECEN's Second Chance Youth and Tattoo Removal program, and to follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's budget recommendations, including restoring funding for the community-based grants and $450,000 for the Bayview, Chinatown, and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Forces. Thank you.

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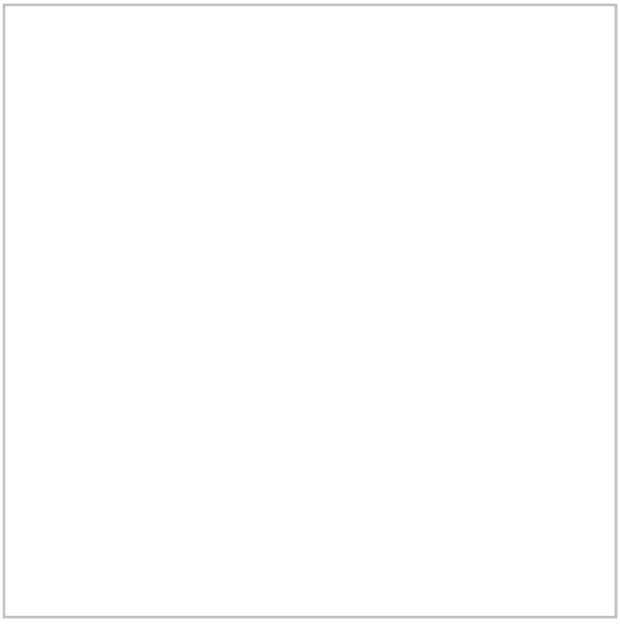

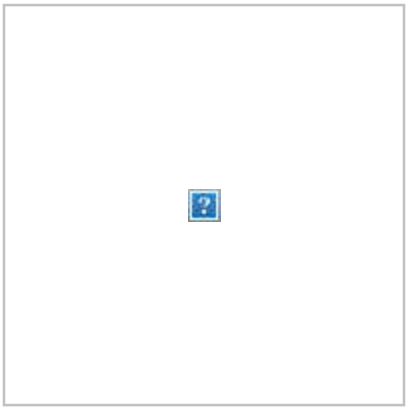

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From: Andrea Iraheta
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment Supporting CARECEN"s Second Chance Program
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 2:13:20 PM

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Good morning,

My name is Andrea Rivas Iraheta and I am a Case Manager at CARECEN's Second Chance Program and Tattoo Removal Clinic. In my time at CARECEN, I've seen the importance of our program and others in the community in supporting youth and their families and ensuring they have the resources needed to not only survive, but thrive. Our programs provide critical spaces for safety, stability, care and community. Without funding for these programs, our youth are at immediate risk as they lack spaces that support their development, well-being, safety and growth, and that provide structured activities outside of school. If you're invested in the wellbeing of our communities and our youth, you cannot remove the funding from community programs that have proven to work.

I kindly ask the city and county of San Francisco, and the Board of Supervisors to restore DCYF funding to Second Chance and Family Wellness programs at CARECEN.

Thank you,
Andrea

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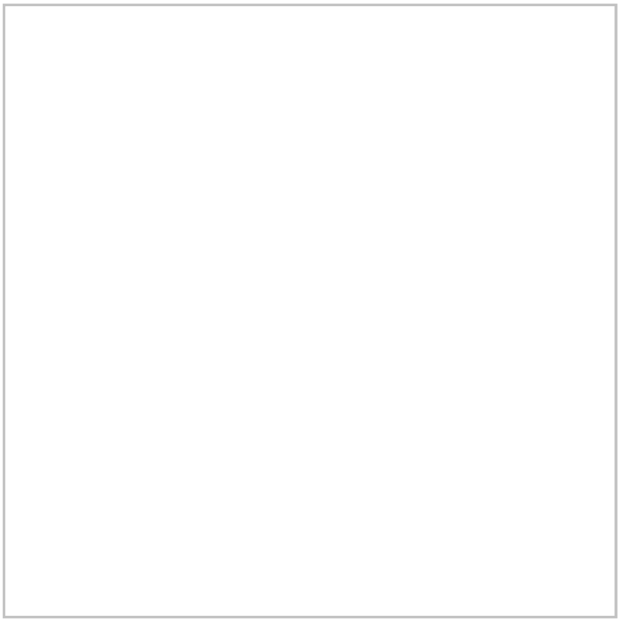

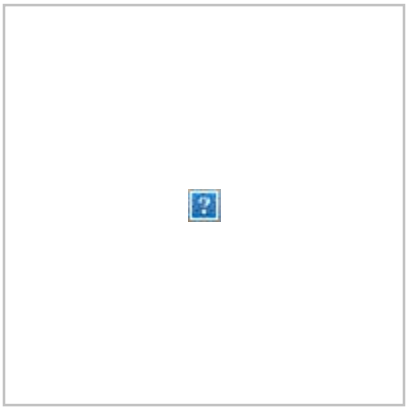

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From: Eli Gualip Yes
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 6/13
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:18:38 PM

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Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Eli Gualip Yes and I'm with the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). Our community-based organization serves and empowers Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

As an immigrant that migrated from Guatemala in 1988 and raised in the mission district. My mother lend on community programming for support for her family and for her children. Our family were one of the first members of PODER and continue to be members for over 20+ years. So I can say community raised me.

With that being said, I truly know the positive impact that youth programming has on a young person. Our second Chance youth program provides direct services with our case management (giving youth opportunities to address any barriers), youth groups that allow participants to build community and it gives a safe space.

I'm kindly requesting that you restore funding for CARECEN's Second Chance Youth and Tattoo Removal program, and follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's budget recommendations, including restoring funding for the community-based grants and $450,000 for the Bayview, Chinatown, and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Forces.

Thank you.

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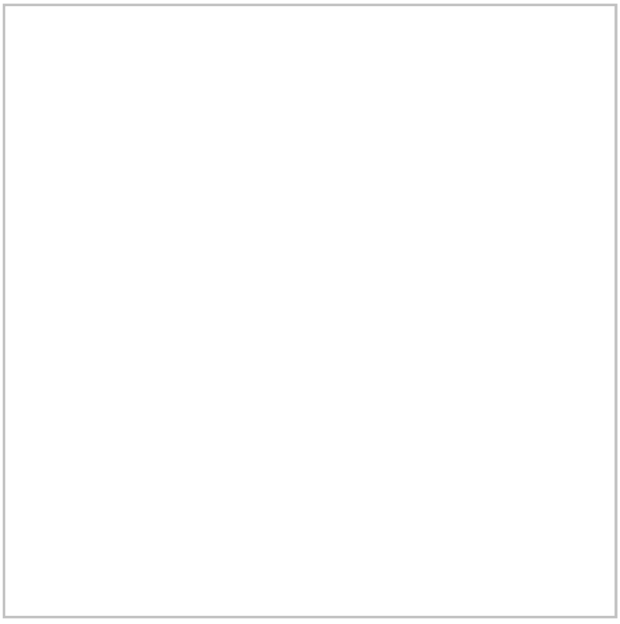

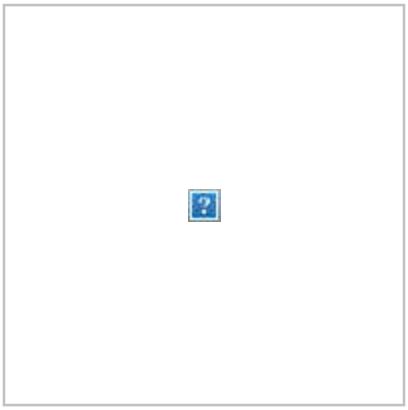

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From: Caden Deguzman
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment for Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing 6/13
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:32:09 PM

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Afternoon,

Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee, My name is Caden De Guzman and I'm with the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). We are a community-based organization that serves and empowers Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

The recent decisions regarding budget cuts through the DCYF, not only has a direct impact on the various non-profit organizations in San Francisco to provide necessary resources for established Latinx families and also new migrant families, but also on the next generations of youth that will become the forefront leaders when we are no longer around. I understand that our work, not only at CARECEN SF but also all non-profit organizations that strive to promote and provide youth empowerment, may be seen as unconventional. However, I believe, and can be vouched for through the evidence in San Francisco through its generations that are still with us and those that are no longer, and the sacrifices they made, that unconventional is necessary.

I'm kindly requesting that you restore funding for CARECEN's Second Chance Youth and Tattoo Removal program, and to follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's budget recommendations, including restoring funding for the community-based grants and $450,000 for the Bayview, Chinatown, and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Forces.

Thank you.

Best,

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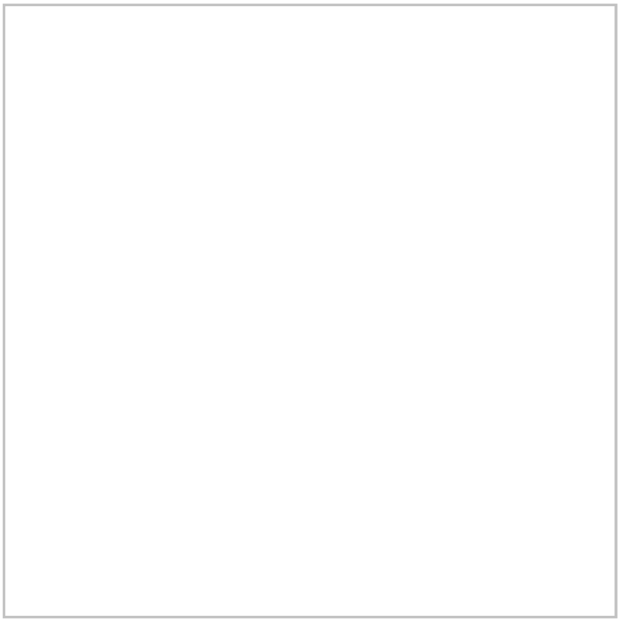

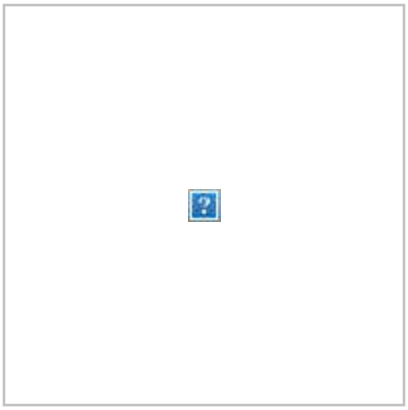

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From: Vanessa Bohm
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment June 13th budget and appropriations
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 3:47:17 PM

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Good morning/afternoon Budget & Appropriations Committee,

My name is Vanessa Bohm and I am the Director of CARECEN's Family Wellness and Health Promotions Programs.

CARECEN is an immigrant rights, advocacy and direct service organization serving Latinx, immigrant and low-income residents of San Francisco. We are also the organizational lead of the Mission Children's Oral Health Task Force, one of three task forces that work to improve children's oral health in the Latinx, African American and Chinese communities – communities that disproportionately experience childhood cavities and tooth decay at alarming levels. These task forces are funded by San Francisco's Soda Tax and the Mayor's budget completely defunds these task forces and the capacity they have built over six years directly serving our communities.

The task forces not only provide outreach in the communities they serve, but oral health education that is culturally relevant and responsive both at local schools and in other community spaces that are safe and inviting and a place for communities to build networks of support among each other; they create and develop media campaigns that more effectively reach those we serve and also provide navigation support, dental screenings and linkage to oral health services to connect those we serve with essential oral health services. They provide the free distribution of tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss and other hyenine supplies that are important for the thousands of families we serve collectively, particularly when the majority of them are still trying to recover from the impacts of the pandemic.

This last year we worked closely with SFUSD to increase the effectiveness of the oral health sealant program, which was funded by the mayor – because Latinx, African American and Chinese communities have low consent rate or this program. With our help we were able to increase consent rates for our communities.

Defunding these task forces will mean fewer families signing consent forms, an increase in tooth decay for our children, pain and stress for our families, more missed days of school, and poor overall health.

We ask this committee and the city to prioritize the health of low-income

families and those who are disproportionately burdened by chronic disease by restoring funding to the oral health task forces and all community-based grants funded by soda tax revenue. Our communities have suffered deeply during the pandemic, this is not a time to make cuts to programs that are critical for their health, wellbeing and survival.

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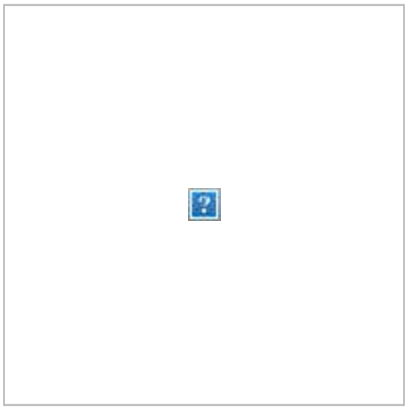

From: Stephanie Chiquillo
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Re: Public Comment for Budget and Appropriation Meeting
Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:01:58 PM

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Hello Budget and Appropriations Committee,

'm Dr. Stephanie Chiquillo and I'm a Psychological Associate at the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF). Our community-based organization serves and empowers Latinx and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

I want to express my outrage at the DCYF, DEC, and Soda Tax budget cuts to crucial services to the Latinx immigrant community. Families come to us when they are unable to access services due to language barriers, immigration issues, and cultural dissonance. Losing this funding will place Latinx families at risk for food, housing, and health insecurity, increasing the already large disparities we see in the health, education, financial, and criminal justice outcomes (to name a few) for the San Francisco Latinx community.

I am requesting that you restore funding for CARECEN's Second Chance Youth and Tattoo Removal program, and follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's budget recommendations, including restoring funding for the community-based grants and $450,000 for the Bayview, Chinatown, and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Forces. Thank you.

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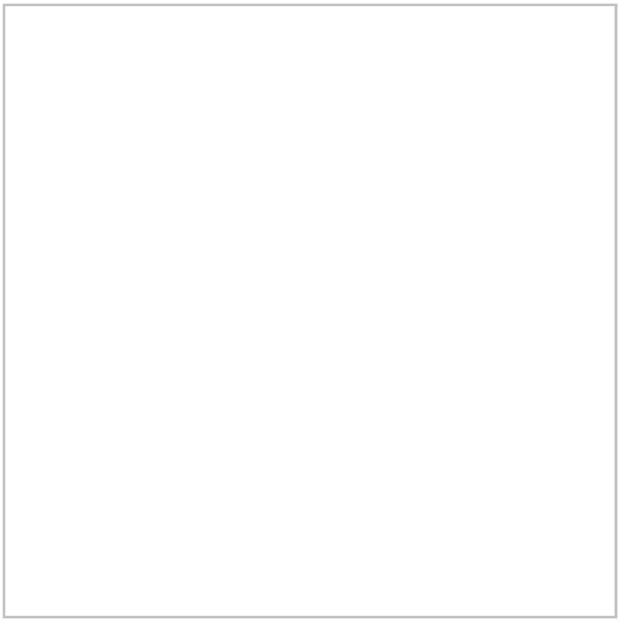

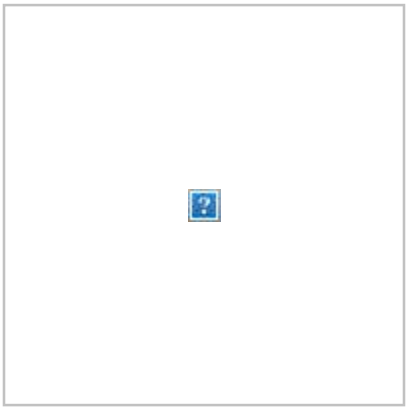

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From:	CHARLES KEOHANE
To:	Health Service Board (HSS)
Cc:	Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Rates and Benefits for United Healthcare June 13th meeting
Date:	Thursday, June 13, 2024 9:36:34 PM

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Health Service System
City & County of San Francisco
Health Service Board

1145 Market Street 3rd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Members of the Board:

For identification purposes only I am a retired Deputy Chief of the San Francisco Police Department writing today to express my dismay at the actions taken by the Board at the regular scheduled meeting on June13th.

It is my understanding that an agenda item to approve the Rates and Benefits for United Healthcare (UHC) was voted down after HSS Director Abby Yant informed the HSS Board and individuals in the gallery that at a meeting with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) she was informed that keeping UHC was an "unacceptable situation" and the City "needs the money to balance the budget." This is apparently in reference to the decision made at the June 7th HSS meeting where the Board voted to retain UHC in providing quality healthcare to retirees rather than change to Blue Shield of California to save costs.

As was brought forward at the June 7th meeting of the Board, the proposal to change vendors from UHC to Blue Shield of California appeared to be hastily rushed through without consulting the CCSF retirement community and the only information provided as to a reason for the change was that of cost. It was also brought forth that the quality and accessibility of care provided by Blue Shield of California may well be inferior that of UHC. It is my understanding that the Board after receiving numerous letters and public testimony rejected the agenda item to change vendors and voted to continue to provide those who served CCSF honorably for many years with quality healthcare.

Am I to understand that the HSS Board, at the direction of the BOS, wants to lower the quality of healthcare for those who in the later years of their lives depend on it more than ever? Is the Mayor's Budget Office aware of the issue? I would also like to inquire as to if members of the BOS did make such a statement, as to balancing the budget, will we be provided with their names so that we may voice our concerns to them directly? I believe there are other ways to balance the City's budget rather than do a disservice to those who for many years honorably served the people of San Francisco.

Regards,

Charles J Keohane
CCSF Retiree

From: LRamlan
To: Chan, Connie (BOS)
Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Re: Continue our Untied Health Care
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 5:47:27 PM

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> Dear Supv Chan,
> I am a life long Richmond resident who raised a family here and continues to live int he district. After a career with the San Francisco Police Department now that I am on a disability requirement health services wants to up end the medical plan my wife and I have earned.
> Rescind this decision and continue our Untied Health Care coverage until a fully informed discussion of options and implications can be presented to all effected parties.
>
> What is the change from Untited Health to Blue Shield all about? There has not been any review, discussion or presentation to the consumers here. The sudden change sounds like a step backward to save money at the cost of retiree members who have cannot negotiate better coverage. As retirees, we are the most in need of good coverage. We had Blue Shied before and were not happy with it. We moved to United Health Care and have been very happy with the coverage.
>
> As as CCSF retiree I vehemently disagree with these railroad tactics the City is using at a time when me and my family are not in a position to make changes in our health care. Through the years in collective bargaining we traded service for health care and went into retired trusting it was safely in place. Now the carpet the system is pulling a fast by reduce service to save money at the cost of our health. This is disgraceful. There should be transparency in negotiations before changes are make with a full understanding of the implications for subscribers - that has not been the case here. No Blue Shield - Yes United Health!
>
> Laurence Ramlan
> SFPD Retired

From: shiba Bandeeba
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 2:24:13 PM

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Board of Supervisors Public Comment,

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From: Serena Meghani
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 3:37:18 PM

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Serena Meghani
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From: Byron Gordon
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Please restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:11:10 PM

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Board of Supervisors Public Comment,

To Shamann Walton,

I'm a resident of Potrero Hill. And I also work for the GLIDE Foundation. GLIDE's Center for Social Justice received a grant to create a Black Health Community Action Team (CAT) to engage leaders and community representatives of the Black community across San Francisco in a year-round cohort focused on preventing and mitigating harmful effects of diet-sensitive chronic diseases in the Black community through policy, research, and advocacy.

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I ask you to PLEASE RESTORE FUNDING to the Policy Systems and Environments Grants so that this program can proceed as planned.

Sincerely,

Byron Gordon
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From: Kasey Rios Asberry
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 4:30:41 PM

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Board of Supervisors Public Comment,

GLIDE's exemplary Center for Social Justice received a modest grant to begin addressing a colossal problem: racial health disparities for the Black community. This funding will create a Black Health Community Action Team (CAT) to engage leaders and community representatives of the Black community across San Francisco in a year-round cohort focused on preventing and mitigating harmful effects of diet-sensitive chronic diseases in the Black community through policy, research, and advocacy.
Glide has a proven track record in implementing innovative health programs that get real results for people who need them most.

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I urge you to vote to restore funding to the Policy Systems and Environments Grants so that this significant program at Glide can proceed as planned.

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From: Margaret Wilson
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 7:02:42 PM

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Please say yes to support

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From: Aaron Dietrich
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 9:28:35 AM

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From: Alisha Zhao
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:29:02 AM

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From: James Taylor
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:29:13 AM

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From: Solinna Ven
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Restore the 2024 Policy, Systems, and Environment Grants Funding
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 10:29:24 AM

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From:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
To:	BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides
Cc:	Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); BOS-Operations; Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	25 Letters Regarding File No. 240449
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 1:02:10 PM
Attachments:	25 Letters Regarding File No. 240449.pdf

Hello,

Please see attached 25 letters regarding **File No. 240449:**

> Hearing to consider the Mayor's May proposed budget for the Airport Commission, Board of Appeals, Department of Building Inspection, Child Support Services, Department of the Environment, Law Library, Municipal Transportation Agency, Port, Public Library, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board, and Retirement System for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Regards,

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From: Lorenzo Listana
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Letter of Support for the restoration of the budget for the Tenderloin Urban Rest and Sleep Center Project
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:52:52 PM
Attachments: Support Letter for the Tenderloin Urban Rest and Sleep Center Project.pdf

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Dear Brent,

I've attached copies of letters signed by community residents to support the restoration of the Tenderloin Urban Rest and Sleep Center (TL—URSC) Project's budget allocation, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors in the 2023-2024 city budget. However, the said budget was included in last year's budget cuts. We request the Board of Supervisors to restore the $350,000 funding into the fiscal 2024-2025 budget.

In community,

Lorenzo Listana
Director, FCDC

Budget and Appropriations Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
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Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org

June 18, 2024

Dear Committee Members,

We are writing to present our full support and demand for the $350K funding 2023-2024 Board approved to the URSC (Urban Rest and Sleep Center) Project. However, despite funding approval, due to the mayor's budget cuts, the funding was not included in the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

We, the community of services providers, community partners, small businesses, institutional partners, and community members, request the Board of Supervisors revisit its commitment to include the $350K in the 2024-2025 current budget for the URSC Project.

The URSC (Urban Rest and Sleep Center) Project is a 24-hour integrated community center project to help end homelessness in San Francisco, particularly in the Tenderloin and SOMA district: • Serving both housed and unhoused Tenderloin residents • Focuses on preventing recently unhoused individuals from becoming chronically homeless • Open 24 hours every day, year-round • Available daily, offering four primary programs in the daytime and a safe sleeping place in the evening.

URSC is a crucial service that will benefit the neighborhood population. URSC addresses a gap in the City's various approaches to prevent homelessness • Integrates holistic approach to solving homelessness • URSC programs as preemptive measures for drug overdose cases • Enhance community safety through housing and case management • In line with City priorities and identified by community members • Top candidate in TCAP participatory budgeting process and strongly supported by community • The project in the Tenderloin can serve highly vulnerable population and make housing referrals citywide.

Enclosed is a compilation of endorsements from supporters advocating for the inclusion of this project in the budget. We respectfully request your attention to the proposal for allocating the URSC's sanctioned $350,000 funding into the fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

In Service,

Filipino Community Development Corporation

FCDC

Name	Affiliation	Signature	Date
LIWAYWAY GONZALES	PSRC		06-18-2024
ELIZABETH AGUILAR	PSRC SAMAHANG PINOY		06-18-2024
Wilhelmina Tona	Samahang Pinoy PINOY		06-18-2024
Cecilia Dela Cruz	Samahang Pinoy	C.D.C.	06-18-2024
DAISY GARCIA	SAMAHANG PINOY		06-18-2024
PRECILLA JUNIA	SAMAHANG PINOY		06-18-2024
Anthony Bagaay	SOMCAN		06-18-2024
Angie Bagares	SOMCAN		6-18-24
Edy Gonzales	PSRC		6/18/24
Denny Barrios	SAMAHANG Pinoy/FCDC		6/18/24
Zeny Bunagan	canon kip		6/18/24
Lucy Patricio	canon kip		6/19/24
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	SNRC		

Statement in Support of the Release of Budget Funds Allocated for the URSC Urban Rest and Sleep Center, a project of the Filipino Community Development Center - FCDC

"From homelessness to housing" ....

We the community and providers are in support of FCDC's pilot project, Urban Rest and Sleep Center, which is an innovative and forward-thinking shelter-plus for newly unhoused San Franciscans, that aims to serve 20 adults for sleep at night, and walk-in clients with varied social services and practical services like laundry, groceries, clothing, food, education, behavioral health education and referral, medical, dental and financial support, during the day. The shelter plus facility is located in the Tenderloin District, which used to be the theatre district in old SF. This would be the first of its kind in the City.

We are requesting the release of the $350k in reserved funds previously allocated to URSC project last July 2023 to support the operation of the Urban Rest and Sleep Center (URSC) for the newly unhoused San Franciscans in the Tenderloin district.

In solidarity,

Community, Residents, and Services Providers

Name	Address/Location	Agency or Provider Affiliation	Signature	Date
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Monique Tamara	31 Page #401	SF Resident		5/26/24
Jean Navarro	360 Bay Ridge	SDA, PSRC		
Luz A. Roldan				5/26/24
Susan Roldan		Curry Senior		5/26/24
LILY GONZALES		CURRY SENIOR		5-26-24
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Curtis Bradford	390 Market St.	SF Resident		5/26/24

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Name	Address/Location	Agency or Provider Affiliation	Signature	Date
EMELITA TORIO	SOMA	SNRC	[illegible]	4-24-24
Lucy Patricia	55 Mason St	Curry Center	[illegible]	4/24/24
LILY GONZALES		GANON KIP	[illegible]	4-24-24
Angie Bagaves	SOMA	Ganon Kip	[illegible]	4/24/24
JEAN NAVARRO	SOMA	PSRC	[illegible]	4/24/24
NANITA GABUTINA	SOMA	SNRC	[illegible]	4/24/24
Luz A. Roldan	SOMA	PSRC	Luz A. Roldan	4/24/24
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CRISTINA CUTRAR	"	216 Eddy SF CA 94102	[illegible]	4/25/24
[illegible]	[illegible]	216 Eddy St	[illegible]	4/24
Beatrice Duran	FSPN-230 Eddy	SF CA. 220	B. Duran	4/24/24
Joseverina Listana	1400 Mission St.	1400 Mission	[illegible]	4/24/24
Cecilia Listana	5th Mission St	KERASKIN	[illegible]	4/24/24

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Name	Address/Location	Agency or Provider Affiliation	Signature	Date
Saizon Tragal	532 Larkin St	Raymond LY	Ray Ly	5/6/24
Mohammad	5200 Larkin St	Resident		5/7/24
KEVIN DEMATTIA	510 LARKIN ST.	BODZELAND	K Dematt	5/8/24

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Mina Torres	SOMA	SNRC	[signature]	4/24/24
Whilhelmina Torres	SOMA	SNRC	[signature]	4/24/24
Cecilia Dela Cruz	Soma	SNRC	C.D.C.	4/24/24
JOSIE CUNDANGAN	SOMA	CANON KIP SENIOR CENTER	[signature]	4/24/24
RHEA CUNDANGAN	SOMA	CANON KIP SENIOR CENTER	RC	4/24/24
JORGE OCTAVIANO	SOMA	SNRC	[signature]	4/24/24
Flordeliza M. Gonzales	Soma	SNRC	[signature]	4/24/24
Anthony Bagaus	SOMA	SNRC	[signature]	4/24/24
Kathy Hawken	230 Eddy	TFCA	[signature]	4/24/24
[illegible] Sunshan	216 Eddy St Apt 224		[signature]	4/24/24
Regi Meadows	230 Eddy #101	People Congress	[signature]	4/24/24
William Duffey	216 Eddy St	SF CD	[signature]	4-24-24

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Rowche Lawson	285 Taylor St #202	St Boniface Filipino	[illegible]	April 26 2024
Ava Pirrine	Taylor St.	" Community	[illegible]	4/26, 2024
Melania Vasaya	230 Eddy St		Melania Vasaya	4-27-2024
Lily Nangca	479 Natoma St.		[illegible]	4-27-24
Norman Nangca			[illegible]	4-27 24
Bonifacio Balonza	155 Turk St.		[illegible]	4-29-24
Edwin Guinto	285 Apt 602		Edwin V. Guinto	4/29/24
Diana Guinto	285 Turk St	IHSS	[illegible]	4/29/24
L. Fruir	315 Turk St	CSC	[illegible]	6/4/24

From:	Sean McMorris
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Public Comment: Agenda Item #2 on the Budget and Appropriations Committee 6/21/2024 Agenda
Date:	Thursday, June 20, 2024 4:51:11 PM
Attachments:	Letter of Support_Re_ SFEC FYs 2024-2026 Proposed Budget.pdf

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Hello,

Please see California Common Cause's attached letter of support for the San Francisco Ethics Commission's FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026 proposed budget (Agenda Item #2).

Regards,
Sean McMorris

Sean McMorris (He/Him)
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June 20, 2024,

San Francisco Budget and Appropriations Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Item #2 on the June 21, 2024, Committee Agenda - Ethics Commission Budget

Dear Supervisors and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

California Common Cause is writing in support of the San Francisco Ethics Commission's (hereafter "Commission") FY 2024-2025 and FY 2025-2026 proposed budget.[1]

Ethics commissions play a crucial role in government accountability and the public's trust in our democratic institutions. Too often, they are understaffed and underfunded, resulting in blunted authority and backlogged workloads. This invokes public cynicism and erodes faith in the efficacy of representative government.

We believe the Commission's budget request is wholly reasonable and will ensure that the Commission can adequately fulfill its important duties in the coming years.

In addition to approving the Commission's requested operating budget, we believe it's important to also approve the Commission's request to reclassify some current positions to help address a backlog in campaign finance audits. These audits are crucial in safeguarding the City's public matching funds program and the integrity of San Francisco elections. Reclassification will help the Commission fulfill its mandates with fewer proposed staff than it currently has.

We believe that the San Francisco Ethics Commission is one of the finest ethics commissions in the country. It is often considered a benchmark for other jurisdictions to follow. Continuing to adequately fund the City and County's Ethics Commission should be a top priority. We hope you will approve the Commission's proposed budget this June 21st, 2024.

Sincerely,
Sean McMorris
Transparency, Ethics & Accountability Program Manager
California Common Cause
smcmorris@commoncause.org

[1] Ford, Patrick. FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 Departmental Budget Presentation BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee. City and County of San Francisco Ethics Commission, 12 June 2024. https://sfethics.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/ETH-BOS-Budget-and-Appropriations-Committee-Presentation-6.12.24-1.pdf

From: BAY TRAVEL LeisureLLC
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 11:07:39 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 [neighborhood or district number] [[who works downtown]] (if applicable), 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, [Name] Title if applicable Business/Org if applicable

Bay Travel and Leisure, LLC
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From: herbert weiner
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: My written testimony for the Budget and Finance Committee
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 12:11:58 PM

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Due to the restrictive requirements for remote testimony, I am unable to speak at the Monday Budget and Finance Committee, despite the fact that I reside in assisted living on a walker. As a result of this, I am submitting my protest and concerns in writing.

On June 18,2024, the Health Service System Board elected to change coverage from United Health to Blue Shield to the distress and concern of those attending the meeting.

These are the concerns that I wish to share:

1. I have the services of Landmark Health Care which visits me at my residence to monitor my health needs and concerns. This service prevents unnecessary trips to the Emergency Hospital and presents appropriate paths to meet my concerns without costing me or my health plan unnecessary sums of money. As a resident in assisted living, I must monitor my expenses carefully.
2. As the Health Service System will admit, Blue Shield has an inferior performance rating to United Heath which had a much higher one,
3. There have been too many negative reports about Blue Shield from patients and doctors. Some doctors have elected to drop coverage from this provider, forcing patients on their own resources to look for new doctors which can be especially difficult for senior and disabled citizens.
4. What of patients residing outside of California? What coverage will be guaranteed to them? If there is coverage, will they have to travel long distances for care, taxing their physical capabilities and their limited financial resources?
5. The decision to change was a rash one. The physician who sat on the Board for many years was surprisingly fired and replaced by one with no Board experience; she cast her vote to change to Blue Shield.

I dearly wish that you will reject the Health Service System in light of the above.

A general observation that I have is that there have been predictions of financial shortfalls which do not come to fruition. In fact, the reverse is true with a robust economy. If that is the case, those covered by Blue Shield will be stuck with an inferior plan and left to hang out and dry while the economy flourishes--an insult to those who have served the city and even sacrificed their lives in the line of service.

Again, I am highly displeased by my restriction of remote testimony, But I will be watching the hearing with my sentiment and wish that you reject the proposed budget from the Health Service System.

Herbert J. Weiner
MSW Ph,D.
2912 Senior Social Worker
2003 Reiree

From: Laura Wuest
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: PUC
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 1:01:36 PM

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The PUC desperately needs to be independently audited. It is a PUBLIC entity. Please do the right thing.
Laura Wuest

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kristina Pappas
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: NGO request for independent SFPUC audit
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 3:09:50 PM
Attachments: 2024_06_21_NGO Letter - Audit the SFPUC.pdf

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Hello, please see the attached letter.

Thank you,

Kristina Pappas
President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters

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Kristina Pappas
415.812.3128

June 21, 2024

President Aaron Peskin and Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

Re: Vital Need to Audit the SFPUC

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors:

We call on you to initiate an independent audit of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Please condition your authority to approve the SFPUC budget on the agency agreeing to fund an outside audit.

Skyrocketing water and sewer rates are placing a huge burden on San Francisco families and businesses. Combined bills will increase by 8% per year, and will triple over the next 20 years.

The SFPUC has used badly-needed sewer-system-related improvements to justify rate increases. However, rate increases are affected by both sewer system and water system improvements, and the SFPUC has not adequately communicated the scope and cost of the water system improvements.

Spending plans are primarily debt-financed, meaning that more than half of the utility rate will go towards debt service. The SFPUC doesn't call out capital reserves on their balance sheet, nor do they appear to be building reserves for replacing aging infrastructure. We therefore expect significant debt and high rates to continue well into the future.

The SFPUC's budget crisis will get much worse if they proceed with their Alternative Water Supply Plan, which could cost $17-$25 billion, doubling their budget. The Plan is based on a manufactured "Design Drought," which might occur once in 25,000 years, according to an internal SFPUC document uncovered through a Public Records Act request. The Plan also assumes water demand will increase significantly, despite the fact that it has been in decline for the past three decades.

The audit must evaluate the Design Drought and water demand projections, and recommend modifications to reduce rate increases.

Thank you for considering this request for an independent audit of the SFPUC.

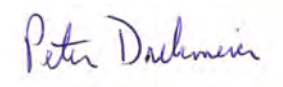
Sincerely,



Kristina Pappas
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters



Heinrich Albert
Sierra Club, Bay Chapter Water Committee



Peter Drekmeier
Tuolumne River Trust



Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla
Restore the Delta



Scott Artis
Golden State Salmon Association



Regina Chichizola
Save California Salmon



Lauren Weston
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet

From:	Cindy Liou
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Anthony Marino; Amanda Maya Daneshzadeh; Ana Moraga Archila; Marilia Richards; Lynsay Skiba
Subject:	KIND"s comment on SFILDC
Date:	Friday, June 21, 2024 3:45:31 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-MAIN KIND .png Outlook-or2bk4iw.png Outlook-rz3my4ra.png Outlook-ls15jzam.png Outlook-s0b2ta3m.png FINAL 2024 SFILDC BUDGET ADV WRITTEN COMMENTS_KIND BoS Public Comments Day 06.24.2024.pdf

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Hello,

Attached, please find KIND's comment in support for San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). Thank you.

Best regards,

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June 21, 2024

Sent by email to brent.jalipa@sfgov.org

Board of Supervisors
Budget & Appropriations Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Public Comment from Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) in support of funding for SFILDC

Founded in 2008, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) is a nonprofit advocating for the rights of children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone. Since opening its doors in 2016, KIND's San Francisco office provides free direct legal representation, pro bono mentoring, and social services coordination for many San Francisco unaccompanied children. KIND has been a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) since 2016 and respectfully joins SFILDC in requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve $2,545,000 in funding for FY 24-25 through the add-back process.

The SFILDC was founded in 2014 in response to the almost 60,000 unaccompanied children who arrived in the U.S. without a parent or guardian. In FY 2023, 113,495 unaccompanied children were released from the Office of Refugee Resettlement's (ORR) custody and reunified with caregivers in the U.S.[i] California was second only to Texas as the top receptor state for unaccompanied children released from ORR to a sponsor in FY 2023, receiving 11,121 unaccompanied children.[ii] 402 unaccompanied children were released to caregivers in San Francisco in FY 2023.[iii]

The requested additional funding will serve San Franciscan immigrants in need and streamline services to ensure that immigrant children are safely welcomed into the community. Many KIND clients and unaccompanied children are survivors of human trafficking, abuse, and other forms of violence, and thus qualify for multiple forms of immigration relief that would keep them safe in San Francisco. KIND continues to be painfully aware of the unmet need for legal representation for San Franciscan youth, particularly through our partnership with San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). Newcomer children continue to arrive in San Francisco every day. KIND provides Know Your Rights presentations and referrals for basic resources to the city's immigrant high school students.

Unfortunately, KIND continues to see that many children and youth lack legal representation to file for what could be life-saving immigration relief. Representation and immigration relief would give them access to services to keep them safe from re-exploitation. Legal services for

unaccompanied children are complex and multi-venued in both state and federal processes, and they require developmentally appropriate, child-centered, culturally-responsive, and trauma-informed advocacy. The addback funding for SFILDC will expand SFILDC's capacity to represent unaccompanied children in San Francisco.

SFILDC is seen as a leader and pioneer for immigration legal services in the country. Through KIND's national work, we have promoted and witnessed the emulation of SFILDC's efficient and effective model by other local and state efforts to create immigration legal services. KIND is grateful to the Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for sustaining our current level of funding, and we respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the additional addback funds to continue supporting sustainable, high quality legal services to benefit the health and well-being of the immigrant residents of our city.

Sincerely,

/s/

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/s/

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[i] US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, "Fact Sheets and Data," last retrieved Jun. 4, 2024, available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/about/ucs/facts-and-data.

[ii] US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement "Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by State," last retrieved June 21, 2024, available at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/unaccompanied-children-released-sponsors-state.

[iii] US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement "Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors by County - September 2023," last retrieved June 21, 2024, available at https://www.hhs.gov/programs/social-services/unaccompanied-children/index.html.

From:	Jeff Brown
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Need for Independent Audit of SFPUC Budget
Date:	Saturday, June 22, 2024 9:12:18 AM
Importance:	High

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

My name is Jeff Brown. I am a recently-retired NASA engineer who lives on The Peninsula, and I'm writing to ask that you please initiate an independent budget audit of the SF Public Utilities Commission in your meeting next week. I had hoped to make this request in person this Monday (June 24th) during your Public Comments period, however I am out of town until the 28th.

I have communicated directly, on multiple occasions, with the SFPUC regarding its unrealistically high water-demand projections and the inappropriateness of the assumptions it uses (the most injurious being its "Design Drought") to make them. Whereas I typically favor conservatism in both fiscal and ecological planning, the SFPUC's planning is so *overly* conservative that The Commission is needlessly *forcing* itself into a budget space that will almost assuredly harm rate-payers, its existing water-delivery and wastewater infrastructures, and itself.

Because the SFPUC forecasts a large increase in the *demand* for water over the next decade-plus, using the Design Drought assumption while ignoring the substantial *decrease* in water use by its customers over the past 3 decades, it is budgeting to allow for construction of new, massively expensive, water-*supply* projects. This type of budgeting will significantly drive up the SFPUC's already-burdensome $8.5 billion debt to a degree that, in time, it's debt-service payments will eclipse its expenditures for the actual work it's supposed to do. And, the primary victims will be, #1, the ratepayers, and #2, the *current* water infrastructure, which has long suffered from neglected or delayed maintenance. Ultimately, The Commission, itself, will lose credibility, leading to who-knows-what kind of crisis!

This scenario can likely be averted if the SFPUC budget is thoroughly and independently audited and, hopefully, that audit leads to a *realistically* conservative budget-planning process rather than one which is unfair and harmful to rate-payers and The Commission's ability to supply ample clean water to, and process the necessary wastewater from the rate-paying public.

Please use your budget authority to compel that independent audit.

Thank you very much,
Jeff Brown
660 Lincoln Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650) 328-7191

From: RICHARD HARGENS
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 10:57:16 AM

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Do not change our current health care plan to an inferior plan. All retirees that are in this plan are more then satisfied with United Healthcare. There are other areas you can cut from the budget especially the funds you're using for undocumented immigrants. We were loyal to the City for years of service and deserve our current benefits.

From: PHILIP SAVIN
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health Care
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 11:28:24 AM

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Please do not eliminate United Health Care from retirees options! Base the decision on performance, not cost!!!!
Philip R. Savin
SFFD Retired

From: Raymond Carlson
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Replacement of UHC
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 11:48:30 AM

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I write to you in anticipation that I will lose my current health plan UHC advantage on or before December 31, 2024. I have a number of chronic health issue which are managed by an equal number of specialists in my hometown of Reno, Nevada.

Reno, unlike the Bay Area, specialists are few and far between. In order to see a couple of my now attending specialists I was required to wait six months for an appointment. I cannot risk that kind of wait time again, I am under treatment, I need a smooth transition from one practitioner to another, if so required.

Six months from now I will have a new health plan absent a change of policy, which is doubtful. My understanding is that Blue Shield of California is not a plan that is offered to out-of-state retirees. What healthcare plan, if any, will be offered to us out of staters? Will I have to seek out a locally offered plan?

I need to know the name of the insurance company and the specific plan name or number in order that I am prepared to transition without interruption of medical treatment on January 1, 2025. When I say prepare, I mean researching, identifying and scheduling appointments with possibly a whole new medical team, prior to January 2025.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

Annoyed retired member,

Raymond A Carlson
6164 Carriage House Way
Reno, NV 89519

Sent from my iPad

From: Patrick Ryan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health plan
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 12:44:42 PM

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Don’t switch to Blue Cross. I dealt with Blue Cross for my elderly parents. Obstructive and not nearly as good as United Healthcare. Blue Cross gave a low ball estimate. Bait and switch. The savings won’t be there.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sherrill Futrell
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: NO to Blue Shield!
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 1:15:45 PM

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City Hall will stop at nothing to balance the budget on the backs of retirees by downgrading our hard-earned United Healthcare Plan and replace it with the inferior Blue Shield of CA. We stand our ground and SAY NO! Many of us have given our lives and health to this city. We need a show of force to let our elected officials know they must be responsive to us.

From: MARY ELLEN SCHERER
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Fwd: 2025 Retiree health plan options
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 1:26:41 PM

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I would greatly appreciate your giving consideration to the concerns shared below. I very much wish to keep my United Healthcare plan as an option. Thank you.

Mary Ellen

---------- Original Message ----------
From: MARY ELLEN SCHERER <mescherer@comcast.net>
To: "health.service.board@sfgov.org" <health.service.board@sfgov.org>
Date: 06/19/2024 12:37 PM PDT
Subject: 2025 Retiree health plan options

I am hearing rumors to the effect that the UnitedHealthcare PPO option will not be available to retirees next year primarily to help SF out of its financial deficit. I am sending my deep concern about this, as at 80 years old, it would be traumatic and stressful to have to look for new healthcare providers. I am hoping that perhaps UnitedHealthcare could at least be an option for retirees with perhaps a monthly payment by those of us who choose it. I understand SF has financial difficulties at this time, but it seems grossly unfair to try to solve it on the backs of seniors who need and have earned good medical care through their service to SF.

Mary Ellen Scherer

1105 Brittany Lane

Daly City, CA 94014

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From: Donald Moorehouse
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: June 24, 2024 Budget and Appropriations meeting/retiree health care
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 1:59:46 PM

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Please do not change our health care, I live in Reno Nevada and good health care insurance is very hard to find and keep. United health care has gotten me through 3 operations since I retired, 2 hip replacements and 1 knee replacement.

If the city and county can not account for its spending then why should we have to give up and take a lesser health car insurer. It seem the city has a spending problem which is out of control and gains nothing for the tax payers of San Francisco.

The homeless and drug problems in San Francisco has gotten out of control since I retired and through incompetent leadership by city government has only sprialed out of control with no end in sight.

It used to be that the retirees were the number one group that the city was supposed to take care of not illegal immigrants, homeless and drug addicts.

I spent 33 years in the police dept., dedicated to protecting the citizens and this is how we are treated. Look around, businesses are failing crime is out of control and people are fleeing, something is indeed wrong with the way the city is being run. As a former police officer I can tell you what is wrong and how to fix it, ENFORCE THE LAWS don't make up new ones that do not work.

Respectfully Submitted
Donald N. Moorehouse

From: Ray Shine
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retain United Health Care Coverage Options
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 4:41:14 PM

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To Whom It May Concern -- Please retain United Health Care options for CCSF retirees. I am very pleased with the coverage, and very happy with the doctors and professionals that accept that coverage. I am a city resident and taxpayer, and I want the UNC option available indefinitely.

Thank you.

Ray Shine

From: Peder Jones
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: The Need for an Audit of the SFPUC
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 4:43:04 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing you today to ask in the strongest terms possible that you conduct an independent audit of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Given the shortfalls of the City budget, SFPUC's plan to increase its budget by 20% over the next two years would be irresponsible even if their supporting numbers were accurate--and they most certainly are not. I am aware that public interest groups have furnished you and other board members with commentary and supporting data that makes very clear that an audit is warranted.

An even stronger reason for conducting an audit is the SFPUC's plan to increase water and sewer bills by 8% per year going forward. My wife and I have lived in the Inner Sunset for 48 years. I served on the Board of the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association for 22 years. My wife worked with the City and County of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge District on fiscal matters for more than 20 years. Many close relatives of ours live in the City and have served on other boards and commissions. We are committed to working to make the city liveable and affordable, such as is possible in the current economic climate. So we are very sensitive to Supervisors' votes on issues that are likely to cause City and household budgets to spiral out of control.

I must also mention that the rate increases listed above do not include the massive budget and rate increases required by the SFPUC 's plan to develop alternative water supplies. These supplies are absolutely not needed. You have the data.

Recently I was an active member of Protect Our Water--San Francisco for five years; we worked to stop the Delta tunnels, primarily because that conveyance system would have the effect of depriving San Francisco Bay of fresh water and turning it into a stagnant pond. I and several other POW-SF members had meetings with SFPUC individuals on matters related to the tunnels and Bay water quality issues. Those meetings were a waste of time. It became clear to all of us that the SFPUC does not listen to anyone other than its director, and that the agency will not change any of its plans even when they are proven to be inappropriate and wasteful. The SFPUC is incapable of policing itself.

We are at a point in our City that every dollar spent needs to provide benefit. Seeing us ranked 148th out of 148 cities in the U.S. in terms of benefit for tax dollars spent should be a wake-up call to us all.

I submit that every dollar spent on an independent audit of the SFPUC will yield benefits many, many times greater than the money invested. The SFPUC"s budget has not been subjected to rigorous scrutiny for a long time. If not now, when?

Sincerely,

Peder Jones
1548 Twelfth Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

From: Marilou Reyes
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retiree Healthcare
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 4:43:36 PM

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Hi. Please help retirees keep United Health Care as our health plan.
I have enjoyed the benefits under this plan.

Marilou Reyes

From: Geri
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC AUDIT
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 5:01:51 PM

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Hello,
I am a long term homeowner in
Palo Alto.

All the rates are extremely high.

Geri Mcgilvray

Our city is not really broke.

From: Sera Collins
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Do not take away City retiree Healthcare
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 5:09:12 PM

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We Say NO!! To the balancing the budget on the backs of City retirees by taking away our United Healthcare Plan. We can't be at the Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting on Monday but wanted our voices heard. Take a better look the City budget and find some alternative solution! Don't try to fix what is not broken - we want our United Heathcare Plan to stay as is!

Serafina Collins
William Collins

From: Liz McCarthy
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 6:41:32 PM

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Keep United Healthcare for retirees. Changing plans is wrong. It is simply a betrayal. Retirees worked and fought for their benefits trusting the City would be honorable. Why Blue Shield? Oh, because it's cheaper? We didn't work a lifetime to be given cheaper anything. We worked and then retired with the expectation that what we had when we retired would remain the same and not changed for political reasons. If the City needs money slash the absurdly high salaries of the highest earners.
Elizabeth McCarthy

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: Barbara Towle
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Keep United Healthcare
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:03:39 PM

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Hello,

I worked for 33 years for the SF Health Department.
Now I'm retired.
I have multiple health issues.
Blue Shield would be a disaster for me.
Please keep United Health Care.

Thank you.

Barbara Towle
Former SF Public Health Nurse
barbarat@sonic.net

From: Paul Martini
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retiree Healthcare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:21:28 AM

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Brent,
When will meeting on retiree healthcare plan be held?
Sent from my iPhone

From: Greg Philliposian
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: my United healthcare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:03:28 AM

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Sent from my iPhone
I am a born native still living and paying taxes in San Francisco. I am also a retired San Francisco fireman they gave 30+ years to the city and county of San Francisco and I have a battered body to prove it.
I, like many police officers and firefighters have been out there on the streets of our once great city to support our cause which is making San Francisco a better place as well as helping to defeat efforts to compromise our city. We still have the ability to continue our quest not just for our United healthcare benefits that we earned with our blood and sweat, and for some of us who gave the ultimate sacrifice, but for the city that we love.
I hope this email does not fall on deaf ears but instead, reaches your moral compass regarding such a unfair effort to take away such an important benefit to those who have taken care of you from your childhood to this very present day.
Thank you,
Greg Philliposian

From: Tree Hugger
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget for Departments FY25 and FY26 (File Number 240622)
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:10:50 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 [neighborhood or district number] [[who works downtown]] (if applicable), 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,

Mataji Bee

From: Allyson bishop
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Oversight of SFPUC
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 1:08:29 PM

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident and property owner in San Francisco, district 5. I am writing today because my concern about the SFPUC's potentially misguided decisions that will unreasonably raise our water and sewer rates in the near and distant future, and cost our environment dearly.

I believe before the SFPUC incurs more debt investing in alternate water supplies, for example, the board of supervisors should at least have the SFPUC carryout an independent audit. The audit should include examining the premise for future water use decisions and realistic drought contingencies.
I am concerned with the rising costs as a rate payer but moreover horrified by the consequences of hoarding water desperately needed by aquatic species in the rivers relying on our reservoir releases.
I think the SFPUC's plans need a reevaluation by an independent auditor now, before another year goes by!

Sincerely,

Allyson Bishop, Ph.D.
Sent from my iPad

From: cj7@aol.com
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retiree Medical Benefits
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 1:16:45 PM

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I'm 73 years old, retired, and worked for the City for over 30 years. Now when I'm facing serious medical issues, the City decides to change my decent medical plan for a choice of two inferior ones. Not only is this an insult to our retiree community, it puts at risk the health of the thousands of retired City employees who worked hard over the years to finally be able to retire and enjoy their retirement in good health. I am outraged at the way we are being treated by the Retirement Board, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors if this change comes to fruition. It will be vividly remembered at the ballot box that the City attempted to solve their budgetary problems on the back of the retired community.

Carl S. Koehler
(415) 420-2747

From: Patrick Ryan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health Care
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 2:10:13 PM

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Please let the supervisors know that I oppose the plan to shift my health care to blue cross. I am a retired city employee with 30 years of service. I have been voting in my same city neighborhood since 1970. Blue Cross was obstructive when it came to insuring my elderly parents.
Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cynthia Cornett
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Statement re: Insurance changes for city retirees
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 2:26:36 PM

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To Whom this May Concern:

I am a retired L and D nurse with 34 years service at SF General Hospital. My domestic partner has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive lymphoma. You wrote that there will be no change in coverage when retirees are switched from United Health Care to Blue Cross except for new cards and having to notify our health care providers of the change. I feel it is only fair that we are allowed to study the new written Blue Cross benefits ourselves so that we can confirm what we've been told. United Health Care is ready to send my insured partner to any hospital in the country that specializes in his particular cancer as well as pay for his transportation fees there for both him and myself as well as housing during treatment. So, if what you've told us is true, then Blue Cross will offer these same benefits. Being able to see those (and all) benefits should be allowed immediately and before agreeing to a new insurance plan. Thank you.
Sent from iPhone

From:	Ashley Cheng
To:	Chan, Connie (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	CCSC reqest for Add-back funding to restore Peer to Peer Tutoring program and Workforce Development program
Date:	Sunday, June 23, 2024 2:26:38 PM

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Dear Budget Committee Chair Chan, President Peskin, Sup. Mandelmann, Sup. Melgar ,Sup. Walton and Clark of Budget Committee:

May this email find you well. We are writing to bring your attention to loss of funding in two of our significant programs at Charity Cultural Services Center (CCSC) located in Chinatown and Bayview: **1) Peer to Peer Tutoring program and 2) CityBuild Sector Coordinator -- one of the founders of this program is Mr. Harrison Lim, who is also the founder of CCSC.**

1) The Peer to Peer Tutoring program currently serves 120 elementary school students and 60 High School students. 100% of the elementary school students are from underserved communities, particularly from low-income, monolingual families. This is a one-of-a-kind, low ratio (1:3) and free after-school tutoring service provided by 60 trained and academically strong high school students from different high schools in the city. The big brother and sisters approach provided weekly scheduled tutoring sessions on reading comprehension and math skills to a total of 120 peer elementary school students year-round. The program participants showed significant improvements in reducing learning anxiety and school performance. This program started in 2021 to narrow the performance gap and supplement the persistent low staffing and teacher levels at SFUSD to bring equity in education.

This hybrid program serves three groups of population simultaneously: First, it serves the elementary school students who benefit directly from consistent twice-a-week tutoring sessions, and in-person activities. Second, many monolingual parents sit and learn English together with their children at the comfort of their own home via Zoom; this bonding time greatly improves learning outcomes. Parents can also learn English without taking extra classes. Finally, the program provided high school students from various schools throughout the city valuable work experience with paid, hands-on problem-solving skills, and they learned to work as a team to positively impact the community.

Peer to Peer Tutoring funding came from DCYF (FY 2021-2024), and now faces a $300,000 annual loss in funding. Losing this program is definitely a devastating loss to all the children and their families, particularly this year- round program. This is the only bilingual tutoring program that provides structured tutoring sessions for at no cost to the participants and pays and trains their own tutors.

2) The Construction Sector Coordinator of CityBuild Academy has trained and supported job placement services for our community for the past 23 years. **Mission Hiring Hall and Charity Cultural Services Center (CCSC)** have steadfastly delivered recruitment, case management and support to San Francisco residents to

placement into union careers within the construction industry. The promises that we deliver on the CityBuild Academy have produced thousands in Skilled Trade jobs, building many of our housing units and our city's critical infractures.

Unfortunately, we were informed last week that our **CityBuild Sector Coordinator (construction sector)** funding from the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) is being reduced by $370,959. This unexpected reduction in funds puts our work in the construction sector at risk, potentially limiting our ability to continue offering essential services to our community members.

CityBuild Sector Coordinator funding came from OWED (FY2022-24), and now faces a $1.1 M annual loss in funding. This huge funding gap puts the MHH/CCSC partnership at risk of not being able to provide adequate and critical connection services to the community. This is one of the signature workforce programs in SF and in the Nation.

We hope you and members of the budget committee will consider restoring the funding gap in the above programs to mitigate the huge negative impacts to our community and CCSC. As our community is trying to recover from the serious impact of COVID, it is critical for our city to steadfast the commitment to serve the underserved families and keep a healthy workforce pipeline. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ashley Cheng
Executive Director

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"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."

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From: mark rockwell
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Budget Concerns - Audit Request
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 3:01:02 PM
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SFPUC Budget, June 23, 2024.pdf

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Date: June 23, 2024

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From: Dr. C. Mark Rockwell, Past President, Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International

Dear Board Members:
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Based upon data and information I have received, it appears that deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure is leading to significant capital investment in the next few years. This is driving significant future budget increases such that water and sewer bills will increase by 8% per year for the next several years. Additionally, SFPUC is carrying significant debt - $8.5 billion now - with an additional $3 billion being added this year alone. Frankly, the future of ratepayer cost increases is daunting! Overwhelming to many.

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Sincerely,
Dr. C. Mark Rockwell



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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, people can change the world. It is the only thing that ever has." ***Margaret Mead***

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL

June 23, 2024

To: S.F. Board of Supervisors

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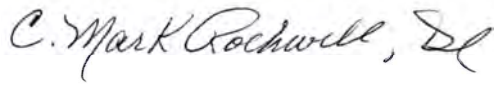

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From: Phil Fitting
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SF Budget & Appropriations Committee Monday June 24, 10 am.
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 3:08:56 PM

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To the SF Budget & Appropriations Committee, 06-23-24

I have worked 30 year of dedicated service for the City of San Francisco, in those years we negotiated our union contract for better healthcare in lieu of higher salaries, and now when I will be needing healthcare the most, the City of San Francisco wants to take away our United Health Care, and replace it with a far more inferior Blue Shield of CA.

UHC is rated 4th by Insure.com ranking, and Blue Shield comes in a distant 12th place. Your vote today will affect people's lives; think about that before you cast your vote. Vote no on replacing the United Health Care Plan!

Respectfully,

Phillip E Fitting SFFD (Retired)

From: Lou Bronfeld
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please Please Please Keep United Healthcare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 3:48:21 PM

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I am desperately urging & pleading for HSS to please retain United Healthcare. My Primary Dr, my Orthopedic, my Dermatologist all favorably accept United Healthcare. They do NOT accept Blue Shield. It has been my experience that health care providers universally accept United Healthcare. Many, many do NOT accept Blue Shield. Please. The future of my personal healthcare depends on UHC. My life depends on UHC. Please.
Lewis Bronfeld SFPD
Retired 42 years of service to SF.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Jacko
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please consider the people that made SF great
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 4:07:49 PM

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Please take care of the retirees…don't sell us down the river because of poor leadership…

From: Peter Dale
To: ChanStaff (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: IMPACT of SFHOT Budget Cuts - Heluna Health
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 4:24:01 PM
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

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Good Afternoon Supervisor Chan, Supervisor Mandelman, and Supervisor Melgar,

I am writing to you on this beautiful Sunday afternoon to provide the Budget and Finance Committee with additional impact information regarding the potential budget cuts to the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT). The budget cuts being proposed ($1M for the 1st Year and $2.5M for the second year) will affect services with established metrics that continue to make a difference in people who experience homelessness. SFHOT/ Heluna Health is held to high standards for its service delivery and consistently meets or exceeds all of its annual service objectives (23 distinct service objectives in our new contract).

Funding the SFHOT program at 100% of its budget is an investment in well-established, thoroughly documented and effective homeless outreach that has proven to lead to successful outcomes. Our metrics and data demonstrate this in ways that other outreach teams cannot. In addition, as a reminder, Heluna Health was just recently selected under a competitive solicitation in the summer of 2023 to continue the SFHOT program under new contract that was recently vetted by the Budget & Finance Committee. Since that time, we have been responsive to the needs of HSH and CCSF, undertaking special initiatives and providing targeted outreach to supervisor districts to benefit all of the City's constituents.

A clear distinction with SFHOT versus other programs is we are experts in placing homeless clients in shelter and permanent supportive housing. We are navigators of the homeless response system and support the homeless even after they are housed. In addition, SFHOT helps people where they are at through in-depth needs assessments and connections to emergency shelters, benefits, healthcare referrals, case management, and more. We establish long term relationships with the most acutely vulnerable clients and help them step by step to get their IDS, attend medical appointments, fill out housing applications, and get them housed.

The following are potential impacts if the budget cuts mentioned above were to move forward in their entirety:

- Heluna Health, in partnership with DHSH, deploys teams of two outreach workers in each Supervisorial District. With these total cuts, we will need to reduce these teams from 31 outreach workers to 13 outreach workers; this will significantly affect and/or potentially eliminate our District Teams.
- Our teams currently work 7 days a week. With these cuts it will reduce our ability to support staffing on weekends or holidays.
- With a reduction in staff, we will likely have to make the decision to end the service of responding to 460 voicemail requests we get a month, the high volume of tickets/requests per month that come in from several departments within the City including the Board of Supervisors.
- Staff will be stretched thin which will likely lead to burn out. Staff retention will also be hard to maintain.

Please re-consider and take a closer look at these potential budget cuts. It is critical to keep the SFHOT program whole.

Thank you for your time and appreciate all that you do and contribute to the City and County of San Francisco.

In partnership,

Heluna Health

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Chief Program Officer
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From: John Skance
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Healthcare vs Blue Shield
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 4:31:04 PM

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Good morning,

As a retired firefighter wit 32 years of service, I implore you not to saddle us with an inferior health plan. It's common knowledge that Blue Shield is substandard compared to UHC and while I gave 100% to the city during my career I would expect the city to take care of It's retirees in their senior years. The economic downturn in the city finances is NOT the fault of It's retirees and they should not have to suffer for it.

Thank you,
John Skance
SFFD RETIRED

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Get Outlook for Android

From: Curtis Nielsen
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Fwd: Keep United Healthcare!
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 4:33:13 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Curtis Nielsen <dane178@yahoo.com>
Date: June 16, 2024 at 11:43:05 AM EDT
To: health.service.board@sfgov.org
Subject: Keep United Healthcare!

To the HSS Board -

My name is Curtis Nielsen, I am a retired member of the San Fransisco Fire Department, and I vehemently oppose the attempt to terminate association with United Healthcare to take up Blue Shield instead.

I have had United Healthcare for the past 8 years and I am extremely happy with the level of care I have received and I am gravely concerned about the quality of care that I could receive if this switch to Blue Shield occurs. I honestly believe this will be detrimental to my well being if I lose United Healthcare.

I proudly worked at the SF Fire Department for 30 years and I am extremely disappointed and dismayed that this could even potentially occur. I strongly feel that the city of San Francisco is trying to leverage their budget at the cost of the retirees, especially towards those who have sacrificed and put their lives on the line everyday, which is an extremely unscrupulous and immoral decision.

This proposed decision is unconscionable and I implore you to please do the right thing for all retirees and keep United Healthcare.

Thank you for your time,
Curtis Nielsen

From: Ron Morehen
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Keep United Heath Care for retirees
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 4:35:30 PM

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Dear Sir,
I'm a retired SF employee with over 30 years of service with both the SFFD and SFPD and I'm 77 years old.
My wife and I currently have UHC Medical plans and are very happy to have UHC as our medical provider.
Needless to say being that my wife and I are older now, a good health plan is very important to us and United Health Care has provided that.
I also know that the Blue Shield Plan has had billing problems with doctors and much more.
PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE OUR PLAN.
KEEP UHC !
Ronald Morehen
rmorehen@yahoo.com
415-883-3506

From: Camille Morehen (camillemorehen@aol.com)
Sir,
As a wife of a retired SFFD, I'm appalled that you would even consider sending us to Blue Shield after the vote was cast to maintain UHC, not respecting the wishes of our retirees!
I have heart disease and hypertension and rely heavily on my good care from UHC.
My husband needs his excellent care from UHC having to do knee replacement.
Our anxieties over the vote last week, thinking we were safe, and all to be here at this place under threat again!
Internal doctors are so very hard to come by and it's taken me 2 years to get a doctor and an appointment coming up this September.
How could you place us back with less, especially for us retirees?

Camille Morehen

From: Richard and Laurie Warner
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: JUNE 24, 2024, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION MEETING AGENDA
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:04:25 PM

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This letter is regarding JUNE 24, 2024, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION MEETING AGENDA.

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding changing United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan to Blue Shield of California Medicare plan. I am very happy with United Healthcare and do not want to change. It is very difficult when having to change doctors and prescriptions with new companies because of my ongoing problems with multiple sclerosis and comorbidities.

Thank you,

Laurie Warner
1170 Millbrae Avenue
Millbrae, CA. 94030

From: KARL SELCHAU
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health Plan Change
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:10:02 PM

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Most of my children/grandchildren have moved out of State, primarily for affordability reasons. My plans to join them will be unfairly impacted by the anticipated Health Plan changes, that seem to be pending. I rely on my current benefits following over 36 years of employment with CCSF. Please do not downgrade my health benefits.
Karl Selchau
Retired Police/Fire Departments

From: Richard Warner
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: JUNE 24, 2024, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION MEETING AGENDA
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:11:36 PM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa ,

This letter is regarding JUNE 24, 2024, BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION MEETING AGENDA.

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding changing United Healthcare Medicare Advantage plan to Blue Shield of California Medicare plan. I am very happy with United Healthcare and do not want to change. It is very difficult when having to change doctors and prescriptions with new companies because of my ongoing heart condition and dementia.

Thank you,

Richard Warner
1170 Millbrae Avenue
Millbrae, CA 94030

From: Rich Blackburn
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Do not change health care from United Health Care
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:19:47 PM

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I as a retired firefighter implore to NOT change our health care from United Health Care.
Richard L. Blackburn
Sent from my iPad

From: William Moe
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health Care
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:23:08 PM

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After serving over 31+ years protecting the lives and property of the citizens of San Francisco and now wanting to reduce my medical insurance.

What a disgrace. What a great way to say thank you. When they needed my help and assistance I was always there.

Now is the time to step up for me.

William M. Moe
poppiecop@yahoo.com

From: kevin callanan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:31:08 PM

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Don't fix what's not broken! Retired SFFD.

From: Anne Pagan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: retirees Healthcare, budget meeting June 24,2024
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:36:12 PM

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To Budget and Appropiations Committee

As a 20 year retiree from SFFD, I am writing to ask the City **not** change our Healthcare from UHC to Blue Shield of Ca. My understanding is the network of providers and care with UHC is far greater than Blue Shield of Ca. Many of us spend time outside of California and in fact receive important health care services outside of California. I am very concerned we will lose the responsive and good healthcare benefits at a time in our lives when we need them most. There is always the concern that less expensive translates to less quality of care and coverage. Like many, I have relationships with different healthcare providers over these many years . A trusted provider and healthcare system is invaluable. One can understand our alarm and worry at this proposed change.

There are many spending decisions the City makes upon which we have no real impact or control. It seems unfair our healthcare is a target to save the City money when no one really knows the individual complications and cost this apparent budget saving measure may have on a retirees life and health.

Thank you for your careful consideration.
Victor Pagan (Retired SFFD) and spouse, Anne Pagan

From: Edward Gee
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 5:44:06 PM

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Dear Mr Jalipa,

I retired from the SFFD after serving The City for thirty four years. City employees were always told that we would be provided with first rate health insurance in our retired years.
I am asking that you do not change the employee health plan from United Health Care to Blue Shield of California. My wife has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and is in the process of developing a treatment plan with her new doctors. Parkinson's is a life altering disease for the victim of the disease and their spouse, and there is no cure for it. My wife and myself are trying to adjust to our new life challenge which is difficult at the least. Please do not force us and the many other retired City employees who face health challenges into a new health plan with inferior coverage. Please do not try to balance the City budget on the backs of those who gave their all to the City just to save a few dollars.

thank you

Edward Gee

From: Marta Bayol
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care for Retirees support
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 6:02:30 PM

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Dear Budget & Appropriations Committee,

I want to reiterate my disappointment and concern over replacing the UnitedHealthcare plan for retirees with the Blue Shield Health plan.

Changing health plans is disruptive, confusing and unwieldy for many especially if there are health issues that involve a number of medical practitioners.

Is it really necessary when each competing health plan is priced in close terms?

One of the great programs that United Healthcare offers is their Renew Active Wellness plan which pays for the YMCA gym memberships of retirees. It is an incredible benefit that I take full advantage of every week. I know of other retirees that have also benefited from this program. Isn't the idea to keep retirees as healthy as possible?

United Healthcare has a very comprehensive and efficient operation. Please retain United Healthcare as the retiree plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marta A. Bayol

From: LUCY HODGES
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: No Blue Shield of California - Keep UHC Medicare Advantage PPO..
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 6:04:44 PM

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Good Evening,

We just learned that the City is considering transferring all retirees to Blue Shield of California. This is very upsetting to me and will not be accepted... ..... I've been with the city for 30 years and I've given my blood, sweat and tears to the City of SF; so this news has my blood boiling.
My wife once had Blue Shield of CA and it was horrible insurance for her. She had to constantly appeal denied claims and was given the proper health care she deserved..; so we plan to fight tooth and nail as we will never go back to that insurance.

Lucy & Frank Hodges

From: Mary Butterwick
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Reference File Nos. 240595, 240596 SFPUC Budget
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 6:06:22 PM

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My name is Mary Butterwick. I am a resident of San Francisco, in District 7. My comments are in regards to San Francisco Public Utility Commission's (SFPUC) proposed budget. I am alarmed that the SFPUC is facing a real fiscal crisis due to long-deferred maintenance, unrealistic water demand projections, increased costs, and declining sales. As a retiree on a fixed income, I was shocked to realize that my water/sewer rates are likely to triple in the next 20 years, with 8% increases each year. How can low-income families possibly afford these increases? By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget. This amount of debt service may severely constrain the SFPUC's ability to fund future projects.

I am also deeply concerned that the Tuolumne River, the source of my drinking water, is in ecological crisis, due mainly to inadequate flow releases. An indicator of the degree of degradation is the alarmingly low number of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the river. The Tuolumne's salmon population is currently worse off than any other Central Valley river. It is heartbreaking to realize that this precious resource could disappear forever in my lifetime.

In 2019, I learned that San Francisco had joined a lawsuit against the State Water Board's Bay Delta Plan Update which established instream flow standards for the Tuolumne River. Since then, I and other members of the public have attended and testified at numerous SFPUC meetings to urge the Commission to revisit its extremely conservative 8.5-year Design Drought and inflated water demand projections. Thus far, the Commission has been unresponsive to our concerns.

The proposed budget does not include the costs associated with developing alternative water supplies. However, according to SFPUC's recently released Alternative Water Supply Plan, they might need to develop an additional $17-$25 billion-worth of recycled water and other alternative supplies, which would double the budget and presumably the water rates. It is my understanding that by reducing the Design Drought by one year and by applying reasonable demand projections, such as those used by the California Department of Finance, one could reduce the amount of alternative water supplies needed by 2/3. I do not believe that ratepayers should have to invest in very expensive water supplies that will not be needed. Alternative water supplies are important when they are truly needed. They can also be beneficial to the environment, but only when they offset diversions from the Tuolumne and allow more water to flow freely.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to initiate an independent audit of SFPUC, including a reassessment of the 8.5-year Design Drought and water demand projections, and to require SFPUC to fund it. Hopefully, this reassessment would also facilitate a meaningful dialog on the instream flows needed to restore and maintain a sustainable population of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the Tuolumne River. Due to the litigation mentioned above, we have already lost over 5 years of progress in implementing the State's instream flow standards.

With the salmon count in the Tuolumne so critically low, we are running out of time to act. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

From: robert mielke
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Protect our Benefits
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:08:41 PM

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S F City and County,

We have lost 3 Firefighters my same age from Station 10 in the last year and a half. Exposure related to our work as Firefighters. Jim Jenkins, Don Holovet and Jimmy Duensing. The FF's shortened life expectancy is real. I have a job related heart injury to shorten my time here.

Could the city please consider the future funds we save the budget by our early passing. Firefighting is not a 9 to 5 job.

Fraternally yours, Bob Mielke

From: Gene Murphy
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Keep United Healthcare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:10:00 PM

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I spent 34 years in the Fire Department. As a retiree, my wife and I are very pleased with United Healthcare as our healthcare provider. We do not want to have to change to an inferior provider. Show some respect and loyalty to senior citizens who worked hard for San Francisco by keeping United Healthcare.
Thank you,
Gene Murphy
Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: please do not give me an inferior health plan. I risked my life often for your protection. Do the morally correct action-United Health Care.Thank You
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:15:53 PM

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-Richard Gibson

From: John Harrington
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Mayor/Health Service
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:22:01 PM

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Outrageous. The mayor trying to balance the budget on the backs of SF retirees after all of her giveaways and incompetence is outrageous. I have enjoyed the service United Health Care has provided me while I battle cancer. And now you take that benefit away and substitute with an inferior health plan. Outrageous! Height of corruption and incompetence. If you have a conscience and some level of integrity you will not be complicit in this outrage.
John Harrington (retired SFFD.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Ron Tsujimoto
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Keep United healthcare!
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:33:04 PM

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Board members,

I would like to express my strong opinion that we must remain with United healthcare and not switch to Blue Shield. This change is unacceptable. I have had both healthcare systems and United healthcare is far superior.

Back in December 2021 I was diagnosed with colon cancer. I had a year of treatment and I've now been cancer free since. The medical care I was able to obtain through United healthcare saved my life. No treatment was ever declined, and in fact, certain procedures and treatments that Doctors said, usually are not approved sailed through with no problem. I believe these special treatments and procedures saved my life.

Previously having Blue Shield for many years, I know that these treatments and procedures that saved my life would not all of been approved as easily and quickly with blue shield if at all. When we had Blue Shield, we were constantly having to get preapprovals from our primary care doctor, and fight to get the medicines and treatments we needed approved.

I implore you to please keep United Healthcare!

Ron Tsujimoto
Retired SFFD

Sent from my iPhone

From: Elena Simonian
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Budget Committee mtg June 24
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:34:28 PM

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I continue to stand behind the City Health Service to keep UHC for retirees. They give exceptional service through their Landmark 24/7 monitoring at no additional cost to us retirees.
The Board already voted and now additional pressure is placed on them to alter their vote. This is becoming the norm, to change the voting process.

KEEP UNITED HEALTHCARE!!!
Elena Simonian
Superior Court
Retired

Sent from my iPhone

From: Janet Pond
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Oppose Change from UHC Medicare Advantage as retirees" health plan to Blue Shield
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:44:45 PM

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Dear San Francisco Budget & Appropriations Committee:

I strongly urge the SF Health Service Board and City to keep UHC Medicare Advantage as the retirees' medical plan option. I oppose changing UHC to Blue Shield.
I am a retiree and my husband and I are happy with the UHC as our medical plan. All of our doctors are covered under this plan and the care and treatment we have received under UHC has been excellent with minimal copays. This is an extremely important benefit for a long, healthy retirement, having the best medical plan to address our medical needs, especially as we age and the need for care increases. If Blue Shield becomes the retirees' health plan, we would have less providers available as many healthcare providers will not take Blue Shield patients due to poor reimbursement of claims and frequent denials of treatment, resulting in delays or lack of coverage for the patient.

Blue Shield does not have a good wellness program; it has very limited contracted gyms that are offered to members at a discount. UHC Medicare Advantage offers an extensive list of gyms where members may choose one that suits their needs, and under the Renew Active wellness program, membership at the chosen gym is covered 100% as a benefit to its members. I receive great health benefits from attending my local YMCA gym fitness programs; so should the UHC no longer be my health plan, I will incur this monthly cost as an additional out-of-pocket expense, amounting to over $1,000 per year.

Blue Shield may be a cheaper option for the City, but there's a reason. It's because it offers less benefits to the insured. The City may have a budget crisis, but there are many other ways to cut costs rather than depriving retirees of a necessary benefit. I do not think spending millions of taxpayer dollars for acquiring pandas for the SF Zoo at a time of budgetary deficit, building million dollar public toilets, or purchasing $20,000 public trash cans should come before ensuring the City's retired employees continue receiving the health coverage we need and deserve. We are all at a vulnerable age in retirement. After working for CCSF for 35+ years prior to retiring, I felt assured that, once retired, I would receive a pension and good medical benefits. Please do not take away my UHC as my Medicare health plan, the best medical plan option to maintain my health at a time when I need it most. Switching to Blue Shield will cause much detrimental hardship to me due to less provider coverage, delays/denials of medical treatment, and higher out-of pocket costs. Thank you.

Janet Pond
Retiree
pond.janet@gmail.com
415 710-6481

From:	Gregg Dieguez
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Fwd: Fiscal UN-Sustainability at SFPUC, and the Implications
Date:	Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:50:09 PM
Attachments:	SFPUCAuditEmail062324.pdf

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The attached document details these highlights of SFPUC's dire financial condition, and recommends solutions, including an immediate audit:

SFPUC Fiscal Sustainability Highlights: – *taken from 6/30/23 financials*:

1. Has a reserve deficiency of over $6.7 billion.
2. Recent increases in debt service have driven ongoing operations cash flow negative, meaning the agency cannot accumulate the reserves needed to prevent even more costly borrowing.
3. Has assets 35.3% into their life cycle
4. Has replacement costs 77% higher than the original asset costs
5. Has asset replenishment reserves of 11.3% of those necessitated by the age and replacement cost of their assets.

I welcome further dialog on this matter,

Regards,

Gregg A. Dieguez
Midcoast Community Council Vice Chair *(writing as an individual)*
Founder: MIT Club of Northern Calif. Energy & Environment Program
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Dear SFPUC Commissioners and Interested Parties: 6/23/24

Re: Fiscal UN-Sustainability at SFPUC, and the Implications

SFPUC is in dire financial condition, and requires an immediate audit to address the fiscal sustainability of the agency, and the sustainability and affordability of water supplies in the counties to which it provides water. Immediately below are highlights of our findings, followed by a more detailed explanation of the financial analysis leading to this conclusion, and a list of recommendations for immediate action.

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Explanation:

The detailed statistics for this analysis are shown in Figure 1 below.

PW Entity	SFPUC					
	($000)	($000)				
Information As Of Date	2022	2023				
Current Assets	1,545,238	1,489,439				
Current Liabilities	1,240,030	625,987				
Original Cost	11,864,349	12,220,393				
Annual Depreciation	251,516	258,424				
Book Value	7,797,131	7,901,002		Note:	2022	2023
Operating Margin	292,765	380,558		Int. Long Term Debt	-288,605	-292,389
Implied Cash Flow	117,323	-254,059	Net Debt Service	Int. Comm'l Paper	-885	-15,171
Accumulated Depreciation	4,067,218	4,319,391		Principal Paid LTD	-137,468	-585,481
Asset Age (Years)	16.2	16.7		Debt. Service	-426,958	-893,041
Remaining Life	31.0	30.6				
Asset Lifetime	47.2	47.3				
Life Cycle Ratio %	34.3%	35.3%				
Avg. Date of Service	2,006.3	2,005.8				
Inflation Index (DoS)	645.52	605.47				
Inflation Index	1038.59	1070.78	*as of 20YY-March*			
Inflation Factor	1.61	1.77				
Replacement Cost	19,088,788	21,611,892				
Required Reserves	6,543,828	7,638,888	*<= 35.3% of replacement cost*			
Reserves *(Net Current Assets)*	305,208	863,452				
Reserve Adequacy Rating	4.7%	11.3%				
Reserve Deficiency	6,238,620	6,775,436				
Reserve Recovery Time	53.2	-26.7	<= recovery not possible, given debt service			
Reserve Coverage %	1.60%	4.00%				
Implied Asset Lifetime	1,011.4	418.4				
Implied Remaining Life	995.2	401.6				
Lazarus / Rebirth Factor	21.4	8.8				

Figure 1

The methodology used herein is described in "The Iceberg of Public Works Deficits". Figure 2 (below) conceptually illustrates that as assets age, they also grow in replacement cost – in this

illustration at a 20 year average of 3.5% annually *(recently, even higher)*. After 40 years at that inflation, the replacement cost is four (4) times the original cost of an asset (red curve). At the same time, the Book Value of the asset declines to zero (orange line), and accumulated depreciation (green line) grows to equal the original (very old) asset cost. SFPUC is at 35.3% of the Asset Life Cycle (x-axis), yet has only 11.3% of the reserves which would be actuarially required for the age of those assets. In fact, SFPUC has less reserves ($863k) than if it had just retained annual depreciation ($4,319k). Of course, with inflation, retaining asset replenishment reserves based on straight line depreciation is woefully inadequate.

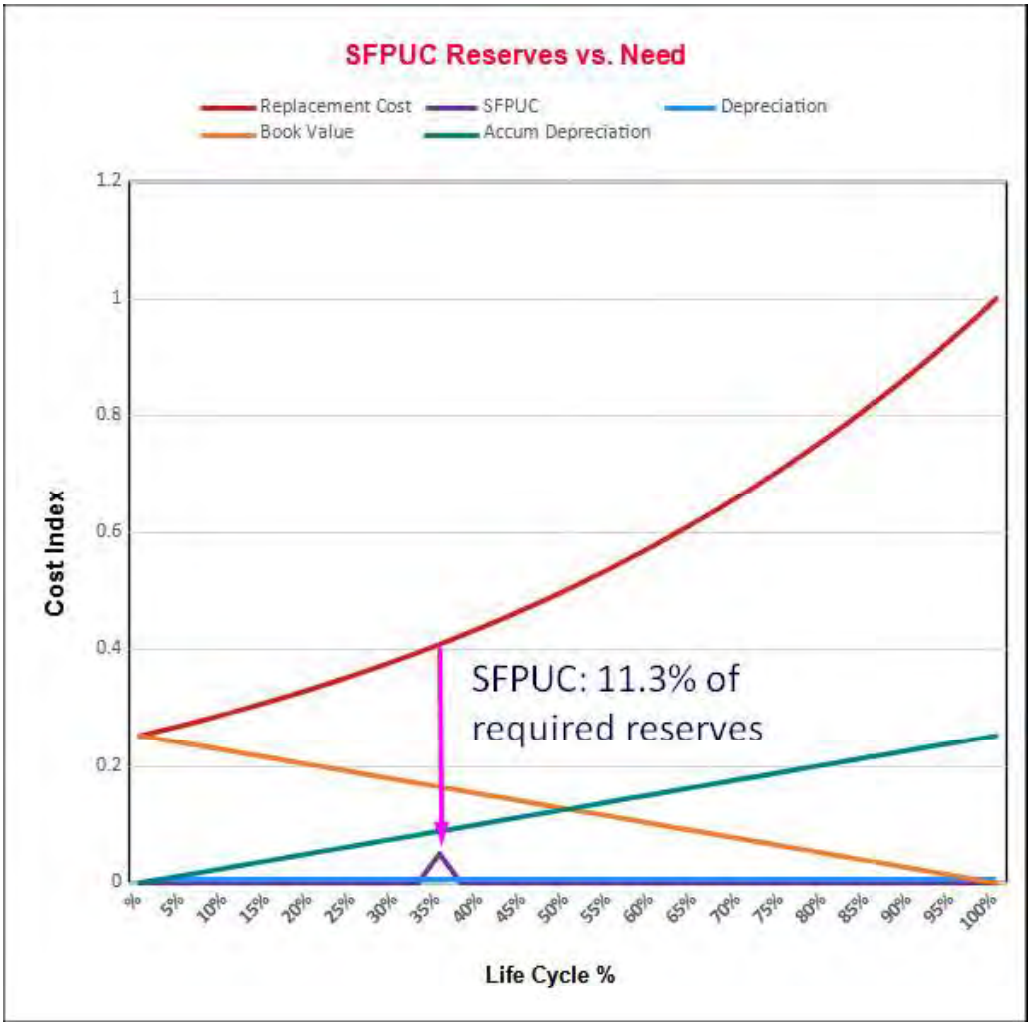

Figure 2

These financial reserve concepts are well understood by our federal government[1], by condominium and community associations[2], and even by realtors[3].

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[1] Physical vs. Economic Life:
https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/DOC_35335.PDF

[2] https://www.reserveadvisors.com/resources/blog/are-your-reserves-fully-funded/
"…leaders in the reserve study industry developed the National Reserve Study Standards in conjunction with Community Associations Institute (CAI). The authors of the standards defined the term ***fully funded*** as being "100 percent funded when the actual (or projected) reserve balance is equal to the fully funded balance." The ***fully funded balance*** is the balance that is in direct proportion to the fraction of life "used up" for a given component. "

[3] Even realtors get this concept (if missing the inflation part):

https://www.century21.com/glossary/definition/replacement-reserve-fund

A critical byproduct of insufficient reserves is being what the head of the AWWA's Rates and Charges committee has called: "addicted to debt". At today's rates, borrowing adds about 75% to the cost of each asset financed.[4] Such debt burden is an Intergenerational Injustice, burdening our descendants with debt because we did not fund the replenishment of the assets we exhausted by our use. To avoid making things worse, as is shown by the SFPUC debt service in 2023 consuming all the operating cash flow, SFPUC must move to a non-borrowing regimen.

Recommendations:

While the analysis in this email is aggregate, I submit that the findings are dire enough to warrant more detailed audits, and then formulation of standards and practices to bring SFPUC into a Fiscally Sustainable condition. Follow-up actions should include:

1. A segregated Fiscal Sustainability Analysis for each operating franchise of SFPUC (e.g. water, sewer, etc.) – thus prioritizing the areas most in need of immediate attention.
2. A more detailed audit of the asset inventory, to calculate replacement costs and remaining lifetimes at a more tangible, granular level, and including inspection reports on high cost assets – followed by a more precise assessment of reserve requirements.
3. Changes to connection charges and/or impact fees so that New Joiners contribute a pro rata share of the replacement cost of the asset foundation serving their property.
4. Institution of a fixed (not volumetric) asset replenishment fee, because whether one uses a drop or a deluge, the same infrastructure is required to service a building.[5]
5. A Rate Study to include items 3, 4 as well as new water and sewer rates, which will bring SFPUC reserves to the "full funding" level described in footnote 2, and in this analysis. This must of course include BAWSCA agencies as well.
6. Notes to the annual financial statements for SFPUC (and hopefully BAWSCA and its member agencies) which report "reserve adequacy" comparable to what is done for Unfunded Pension Liabilities.
7. Financial management policy revisions to effect these changes, instill ongoing fiscal sustainability guardrails, and motivate compliance by SFPUC and its partners.

There are of course many related issues regarding the sustainability of SFPUC's water, the development of alternative water supplies, and other social justice and legal matters. However, without fiscal sustainability, hopes of addressing those concerns are doomed to fail.

I am available to meet with analysts in your organization, and could prepare a slide show to tutor them on the financial concepts underpinning these findings.

I hope you will treat SFPUC's fiscal sustainability as a Most Urgent Matter.

Most Sincerely,

Gregg A. Dieguez
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[4] But the forthcoming MTC/BAHFA $20B bond contains $48.3B in debt service, wasting 141.5% on interest, so perhaps 75% is too low an estimate.
[5] As we do down here, in Montara, at MWSD.

Mr. Dieguez is Vice Chair of the Midcoast Community Council, but the views expressed here are his, and not those of the Council. His constituency includes residents served by HMB's CCWD water, thus the supply and cost of water is of proximate interest to him.

cc:
Dennis Herrera, SFPUC General Manager
Steven Ritchie, SFPUC Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprise
Nancy Hom, SFPUC Chief Financial Officer
Laura Busch, SFPUC Deputy Chief Financial Officer
Erin Corvinova, SFPUC Financial Planning Director
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From: George & Lorna
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care vote
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 7:59:05 PM

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Dear Brent Jalipa,

I'm a retired firefighter currently fighting a rare cancer which destroys my red blood cells. I receive a shot every three weeks, which keeps me alive. I don't know that Blue Shield will cover it. Please do not take away the wonderful care which UHC provides.

Sincerely,
George F Pidge
Retired SFFD

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From: CHADWICK ERTOLA
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee meetin on June 24, 10 am.
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:17:59 PM

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Hello, I am submitting this email to the Honorable Members of the Committee to express my concerns over the proposal of the HSS board to drop United Healthcare as the CCSF retiree Medicare Advantage health plan in 2025 for the duration of a new contract.

I am a 74 year old retired San Francisco Firefighter. I served 25 years from 1995 to 2020. Upon my retirement I was already a Medicare recipient. I chose UHC as my Medicare Advantage provider. My wife, age 69, is likewise a Medicare recipient with UHC. We have been well served by UHC.

Prior to retirement, as an active Firefighter and under previous Health Service System contracts, we have had Blue Shield of California as our health insurance provider and we experienced numerous issues with denied choices of doctors, denied referrals for specialist care, denied treatments, denied coverage for prescribed medications. It was a nightmare.

I am astonished that after the HSS conducted its bid process for the new retiree Medicare Advantage plan the recommendation falls far short of the high standard always kept for CCSF retiree healthcare. San Francisco has always provided the best for its career service retirees. This Blue Shield of California proposal fails to meet that standard in the opinion of not only myself but the majority of retirees, 17,000-plus. The record of the responses submitted in person and by emails to the HSS Commission in the 2 hastily called Special Meetings over the proposal to drop UHC is overwhelmingly OPPOSED to the HSS proposal to contract with Blue Shield of California. At the last hearing/special meeting on June 18, the record states that of the 400 written submissions to the Commission THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN (397) were OPPOSED; only (3) were in favor. That, Supervisors, is a microcosm of the opposition of the retiree healthcare recipients to the HSS proposal.

In the face of such a clear mandate from the HSS trust beneficiaries it is hard to reconcile any reasons to accept BSC over UHC.

Frankly, in pursuit of the BEST proposal to meet the needs of the retiree healthcare recipients there is only one choice. Is it BSC.? Absolutely NOT. There is no doubt that Blue Shield of California submitted the low bid proposal. But the experience of those who are watchdogs of retiree healthcare benefits shows that BSC is notorious for submitting lowball proposals to win bids, only to return once they have secured a favorable contract to petition for extra compensation, fees, overrides of contract terms, all hidden during the bid process, as was undoubtedly done in this bid process to the HSS.

The BEST bid was from UHC. Why was it not also the lowest? Because UHC has vast experience nationwide as well as with our 17,000 members with the cost of its coverage in the Medicare Advantage field. They know what it costs. UHC realistically, honestly and accurately projected the realistic costs of retiree Medicare Advantage healthcare in their

proposal going forward through the contract duration.

Regarding the experiences of members with BSC vs. UHC it was stated by HSS Commissioner Sass that BSC will be much better at providing Medicare Advantage Healthcare than it did as a private insurer for its members. He virtually acknowledged that the members' bad experiences with BSC were true. But he wants us to believe that BSC will do so much better at it this time because they will be a Medicare Advantage provider. A "blue" horse instead of a pink one. That is as believable as the opportunity to "buy" a Russian Hill 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home last week for under $500,000!! He seriously wants us, and you, to believe that the established poor track record of BSC will not be their method of practice as a Medicare Advantage provider. Yeah, right!

Supervisors, do not fall for the strong arm tactic played by Mayor Breed on the HSS. Stand up for your constituents, the City and County retirees who have given time and again to forego pay raises to help balance the budget but now rely on our well-earned healthcare benefits when it matters most, as retirees.

Recognize the success of the UHC Medicare Advantage plan for your constituents. Do not throw it out over cost. Save it. The retirees may be able to help you balance the budget in other ways. Maybe we don't need to go see the $25,000,000 pandas at the zoo. It sure feels like the money for the bears is coming at the potential cost of best healthcare for us retirees. We earned it.

Thank you for your votes to refuse the HSS proposal to drop UHC.
Chad Ertola, SFFD, retired

From: JAMES MURPHY
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: UHC
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 8:32:46 PM

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United Healthcare.

I was a SFFD firefighter for 30 years and retired now for over 20 years on a full disability . We put our lives on the line every time we went out the door. We didn't know if we were coming back in one piece, but we did it. Do you want to do the right thing for US ? "No" You want to rent a couple of panda bears for a few years. United Healthcare has provided me and my family excellent care. I do not want to change from UHC to Blue Shield! UHC has been good to work with over the years. We are Iosing a lot of Retired Firefighters in the last few years. I don't want to lose my doctors! Friends have had many problems with Blue Shield. Don't mess with something that works so good to save a few dollars to rent PANDA BEARS!

James Murphy

From: Mary Magee
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: For Budget and Appropriations Committee
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:23:28 PM

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Dear Budget Committee members,

My name is Mary Magee, and I am a retired CCSF registered nurse. I am concerned about the Health Services System possibly ending its contract with United Healthcare and replacing it with Blue Shield. While this will not affect me personally at this time, I am very concerned for other retirees who are undergoing complex and specialized treatments for cancer and other serious conditions. The concern is that unforeseen coverage issues will arise that will interrupt care. And I feel I must ask how often will changes like this occur? Our healthcare system is complicated enough without unnecessary changes in coverage. Please vote to retain United Healthcare coverage.

Sincerely, Mary C Magee, R.N.

From: Tony Soule
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: stop the upcoming vote on health care changes for the retirees.
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:37:04 PM

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Do not allow the changes to the health care for retirees. Do not activate Blue Shield.

From: Terry Wallace
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Change from UHC to Blue Shield
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:52:10 PM

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As a CCSF retiree, I strongly object to the HSS change from an efficient health care provider to a shoddy, mismanaged sometimes provider.

Terry Wallace - SFFD (Retired)

From: Lee Alson
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Healthcare Medicare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:54:31 PM

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As a native San Franciscan, a city resident, and a former city employee of nearly 32 years, I am adamantly opposed to replacing my current United Healthcare Medicare plan with one provided by Blue shield. Such a move against the city's retirees would signal an abandonment of support and care for our retirees.Please vote no against the move and change of health plans.

Sincerely,
Alson Lee

From: Leon Van Steen
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Change in Retirees Healthcare Plan
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 11:14:14 PM

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My input as a life-long San Francisco resident albeit a retiree of another public service community is that the objective is to ensure "... the best price and value ..." and while the competitive bid process makes price comparison fairly straightforward the same is NOT true regarding "value" especially when dealing with personal service. Large organizations like United Healthcare or Blue Shield of CA easily claim "similar/comparable" services when it comes to personal services delivery such poster claims are no match for actual experience. Sitting at a bureaucratic desk it seems in this case that 'service delivery" seems to be very comparable and thus the cost difference makes all the difference I urge you to take serious consideration of the actual beneficiary people's input as to whether "value" is actually comparable or whether the cost difference is actually based on difference in quality of service delivery and that going with the "lowest price" is really a decision to cut service delivery to our retirees simply to save budget expenditure -- i.e. to do budget balancing on the backs of those people who have already provided their services to us in the past.

Respectfully,
Leon Van Steen
Life-Long San Francisco resident

From: Alicia Carroll
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retiree Healthcare
Date: Sunday, June 23, 2024 11:20:49 PM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

As the wife of a retired SFFD Captain, I can attest to the multiple injuries sustained during the 30 years my husband, David Carroll, gave to the SFFD that has left him with life long health problems and disabilities. His career was almost entirely at the busiest firehouses is SF. He put his life on the line thousands of times, to protect San Franciscans and their homes. He is one of many retirees who have done the same.

You simply can not downgrade these retirees health care when they have given so much of themselves, at the time in their lives when they need the best care possible. This is not only an issue for them for their families who care for them.

Please do not vote to eliminate the hard-earned United Healthcare Plan. It is detrimental to their well being.

Respectively,

Alicia Carroll

707-695-2847

From:	Desi Danganan
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS); Waltonstaff (BOS); Burch, Percy (BOS); Gallardo, Tracy (BOS); Burke, Robyn (BOS); Lopez-Weaver, Lindsey (BOS); Gee, Natalie (BOS); Lee, Tiff (BOS); Hsieh, Frances (BOS); Yu, Angelina (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Souza, Sarah (BOS); Angulo, Sunny (BOS); Yan, Calvin (BOS); Horrell, Nate (BOS); Thongsavat, Adam (BOS); DeRuff, Henry (BOS); Ho, Calvin (BOS); Fieber, Jennifer (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Heiken, Emma (BOS); Farrah, Michael (BOS)
Subject:	240450 SF OEWD Funding Of Downtown Recovery
Date:	Sunday, June 23, 2024 11:35:49 PM
Attachments:	Downtown Recovery Letter of Support - Kultivate Labs.pdf

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File Number: 240595

RE: 240450 SF OEWD Funding Of Downtown Recovery

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We, the 21 small business and cultural community stakeholders of SOMA Pilipinas, are writing to express our strong support for the proposed Downtown Recovery Investments in the Mayor's FY 24/25 budget to create an initiative to help Filipino entrepreneurs and cultural businesses establish themselves within Westfield Mall. This project represents a significant opportunity to revitalize our downtown area while ensuring a more equitable economic recovery for people of color.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted communities of color, exacerbating pre-existing inequalities and highlighting the need for targeted support in economic recovery efforts. By investing in the Filipino community's presence in Westfield Mall, we are not only addressing these disparities but also fostering a vibrant cultural hub that will attract both locals and tourists, thereby boosting the local economy.

Revitalizing Downtown
Bringing new businesses and cultural events to Westfield Mall will significantly increase foot traffic and consumer spending in the downtown area. This is critical for the recovery of businesses that have suffered during the pandemic. Similar initiatives, such as the revitalization of Stonestown Galleria with Japanese retail and entertainment, have demonstrated the potential for cultural attractions to rejuvenate commercial spaces and attract diverse audiences

Promoting Equity:
This initiative is not merely an economic opportunity but a step towards making San

Francisco's recovery more inclusive. By supporting Filipino entrepreneurs, we provide opportunities for traditionally marginalized communities to thrive. This aligns with the City's broader goals of fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of urban development.

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The Filipino community has a rich cultural heritage that can significantly enrich the cultural landscape of our city. Establishing a vibrant Filipino cultural hub within Westfield Mall will provide a space for cultural exchange, celebration, and education, benefiting the entire community. It will also serve as a tangible symbol of San Francisco's commitment to cultural diversity and inclusivity.

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Successful cultural hubs draw significant foot traffic, which benefits surrounding businesses and contributes to the overall vitality of the area. 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.

Enhanced Lighting and Community Safety:
Additionally, I urge the Board to support the addition of culturally attractive Filipino inspired lighting in the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District. Enhanced lighting can create a safer, more inviting environment, while also serving as a cultural attraction that celebrates the diverse heritage of our city. Funding for this initiative should be prioritized as it complements the overall goal of making our downtown more vibrant and inclusive.

In conclusion, supporting these initiatives is a strategic investment in the future of San Francisco's downtown. They align with our goals of economic recovery, equity, and cultural enrichment. I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve these important projects and help create a more vibrant, inclusive, and economically resilient downtown.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Yuhum Digdigan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Comments to the Board of Supervisors Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting 6/24/2024
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:18:26 AM

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PLEASE **KEEP UNITED HEALTHCARE AS A PROVIDER** in the City & County of S.F. Healthcare System.

Respectfully yours,
Yuhum Digdigan, RN, MS (ret)

cc: London Breed, Mayor

From: Linda Kopp
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Healthcare Retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:19:34 AM

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I oppose the change of my United Healthcare Plan.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Yuhum Digdigan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Subject: Comments to the Board of Supervisors Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting 6/24/2024
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:44:33 AM

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cc: London Breed, Mayor

From: paul wyrsch
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Changing medical
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 4:43:20 AM

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Good morning

We have been members of Kaiser Permanente for over 45 years. During this time we have received nothing but excellent medical care and have relied on their professionalism and consistency to address our many medical and health needs.

As a dedicated public servant with the San Francisco fire department for 33 years, I have had many job related injuries and health issues over the years. Predictably these issues have increased with age. I have come to rely on the professionalism and consistency with Kaiser Permanente. All of my issues have been handled in a timely manner and consistent manner. I can't imagine the devastation that would occur having to wait for or receive inferior medical care.

Changing medical plans and having to navigate a new and inferior medical plan would be devastating to my physical and mental well-being.

I expect my years of dedication and sacrifice to be rewarded by continuing to receive a medical plan that has worked for us and with which I am familiar.

DO NOT TAKE AWAY OUR HEALTH CARE.

Lieutenant Paul Wyrsch
Retired, San Francisco fire department

Sent from my iPhone

From: C Marcopulos
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Oppose vote for Blue Shield
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 6:07:37 AM

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I am a retiree, having worked 27 years for the San Francisco Superior Court.
As we age, healthcare is the most important. United Healthcare is the best provider, so please do not replace it with Blue Shield. My sister worked for them for 15 years, and they automatically deny claims 3 - 5 times and then the subscriber has to appeal.

I am a native San Franciscan, born and raised on Potrero Hill, and my grandparents settled her from Greece after the Great Earthquake.

Mayro Breed should care as much about the city's employees, former and present, than she does about the pandas.

Cynthia Marcopulos

From: Tony Simi
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 6:59:20 AM

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To whom it may concern:
Please do not take United Health Care away from us. We, who have United Healthcare, are all very happy with the coverage and great service we receive. In 24 years of retirement, I have never had a problem or a complaint with this great plan.
Thank you
Anthony Simi
Retired SFFD, 2000

From:	Monique Flambures
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:	Monday, June 24, 2024 7:09:53 AM

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Dear Committee Members,

My name isMonique Flambures and I am with the Filipino Community Development Corporation/ Urban Rest and Sleep Center. 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 including laundry and showers
- 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,
Monique Flambures, (415) 214-5604

From: Diane Schrick
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SF Retiree Healthcare
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:19:20 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,
I am writing to voice my concerns over the Board of Supervisors voting to downgrade our retiree health benefits from United Healthcare to Blue Shield.

We all understand the need to balance budgets, but to do so by sacrificing heath benefits to those who have given so much to the City and County of San Francisco is disgraceful.

I respectfully ask the Board to vote to maintain our current United Healthcare plan.

Regards,
Jim and Diane Schrick

From:	Jim Castro
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	As a retired 79 year old former SF city employee I am asking you to please DO NOT change the health plan option for retirees from United Healthcare a wonderful plan to the inferior Blue Shield option. UHC is easy to work with. They actually listen to...
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 7:29:36 AM

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From: Robert Imbellino
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Healthcare for Retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:32:37 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

From: Lois Scott
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Ng, Wilson (BOS)
Subject: Visual for ADA compliant call in testimony JUNE 24 LOIS SCOTT 415 730 9446
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:48:03 AM
Attachments: visual for remote public comment Lois Scott June 24, 2024.docx

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Please include this visual with my remote testimony today on the Proposed Budget. Thank you all so much for your support to disabled elders, with stakes in the outcome.

From: John A. Murphy
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care sabotage
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 7:48:44 AM

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Good Morning!

This is a brief excerpt from a couple of letters I already sent to the SFHSS Board. Please make sure my opinion is made known to the Budget & Appropriations Committee members BEFORE their meeting today. Thank you.

"First of all, I am extremely happy with United Health Care as my family's health insurance provider, and my guess is that other members are quite satisfied as well. I was a member of Blue Shield of California in the past and found their service to be disappointingly sub-par.

I understand that changing providers may appease the City accountants, budget planners and the powers that be; however, there is much more at stake here than money. We are talking about people's overall health (which is truly priceless in the big picture). Firefighters put their lives (and health) on the line for the people of San Francisco every time the alarm goes off. I think these fine Civil Servants deserve a great health plan. Blue Shield of California is NOT a great health plan."

Thanks again for passing this opinion along.

Sincerely,

John Murphy, Battalion Chief SFFD, ret.

From: Bill Koenig
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Support Contining United Health Care
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 8:09:53 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

We strongly oppose the SFHSS proposed changeover from United Health to Blue Shield.
1. The majority of my medical practitioners do not take Blue Shield.
2. It has taken us years to find quality doctors.
3. If you change our United Health Medicare Advantage, we will no longer have doctors we can trust or receive the quality service we are now receiving.
4. Due to the medical practitioner shortage, finding doctors accepting new patients is difficult, if not impossible.
5. Our United Health Insurance has earned us praise from our medical practitioners. They often commend our insurance, saying, 'You have excellent coverage.'

We are concerned about losing the quality of service that United Health provides.

Sincerely,
William (and Nancy) Koenig, CCSF retiree.
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Bill Koenig
SFFD 1970-2000
SFFD Historian
Director Emeritus SFFD Museum
Author: Everything Took Time - The 1906 Fire
Author: San Francisco Fire Apparatus - 1849-2010
650-400-7097
The Villages, FL 32162

From: Michael Carboy
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Wagner, Greg (CON); Chan, Connie (BOS)
Subject: San Francisco Civil Grand Jury: Public Budget Comment - Board of Supervisors - 24 June 2024 Agenda Items 2 and 3
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 8:35:16 AM
Attachments: Civil Grand Jury Budget Summary_Final.xlsx - Read-Only.pdf
Civil Grand Jury Dept of Tech Quote_Final.xlsx - Read-Only.pdf
20240221_SFCGJ_Budget_Proposal_Final copy(1).pdf
Importance: High

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Good morning, Supervisors.

I am Michael Carboy and I represent the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury.

The Civil Grand Jury is a valuable, state mandated part of San Francisco government, providing independent, nonpartisan recommendations for improving department processes and operations.

In recent years we have furnished influential investigations into toxic waste, sea-level rise, city hiring, and public works, among others.

I'm here as the jury's current foreperson to request your review of our recent proposed budget seeking $61,000 to improve the security and operations of the jury's IT systems, in line with recommendations from the city's own IT department.

The jury currently operates on personally owned, uncontrolled, unsecured, unpatched personal computers using a range of freeware software products. The Dept of Tech recommended unequivocally in January that we move to a managed city hardware and software suite.

In February, the civil grand jury submitted a proposed budget for the purchase of city-owned and managed secure laptops and Office 365 software for our highly confidential civil grand jury work. The cost of managed laptops, quoted by the city, was approximately $36k, including $10K charged by the city Dept of Tech for onboarding. Proposed software license fees and secure managed support was approx.. $24K. These amounts total approximately $61K. Appended to this email are the quotes provided by the Department of Technology, a summary budget table, and our original submission letter.

$61,000 in the scheme of the city's budget may be very small, but it represents the difference in funding we need to continue our important and highly confidential work using a safe, secure, and managed IT platform using software consistent with the rest of the city.

I urge you to please find a way to grant this funding.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Michael E Carboy

Michael E Carboy
Foreperson, 2023–2024 Civil Grand Jury
City and County of San Francisco
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This schedule forms budget for the 24-25 SFCGJ
FINAL - 16 Feb 2024 / M E CARBOY
Basis of formation:

(1) Estimate future jury Per Diem
(2) Estimate future jury expenses
(3) Estimate future jury hardware and software costs
(4) Estimate Admin Staff expenses (be it Sup Court or CCSF)

	FY22-23 (a)	FY23-24 Budget	% Change	FY23-24 Act/Est	% Change	FY24-25(e)	% Change	FY25-26 (e)	% Change
Per Diem (1)									
(Assumes 100% use)	$ 28,845	$ 32,000	NA	$ 30,735	6.6%	$ 44,920	46.2%	$ 44,920	0.0%
Local Field Expenses	$ 3,020	$ 10,000	NA	$ 5,000	65.6%	$ 5,000	0.0%	$ 5,000	0.0%
Other Expenses (2)	$ 24,530	$ 17,000	NA	$ 10,000	-59.2%	$ 10,000	0.0%	$ 10,000	0.0%
IT Expenses									
Hardware (3)	$ -			$ -		$ 25,612	NA	$ -	0.0%
Software (4)	$ -	$ 3,629		$ 3,629		$ 6,498	NA	$ 6,758	4.0%
DT Support & Train	$ -			$ -		$ 17,700	NA	$ 18,408	4.0%
Onboarding w/CCSF DT	$ -			$ -		$ 10,000	NA	$ -	0.0%
Administrative Overhead (5)									
Administrative Officer	$ 146,698	$ -		$ -		$ -	NA	$ -	NA
Admin Officer Supervisor	$ 20,693	$ -		$ -		$ -	NA	$ -	NA
Total	$ 167,391	$ 157,377	-6.0%	$ 157,377	NA	$ 209,445		$ 209,445	0.0%
Indirect Ovhds	$ 28,062	$ 40,181	43.2%	$ 40,181	NA	$ 49,850		$ 49,850	0.0%
Total	$ 195,453	$ 197,558	1.1%	$ 197,558	1.1%	$ 259,296	31.3%	$ 259,296	0.0%
TOTAL	$ 251,848	$ 260,187		$ 246,922		$ 379,026	53.5%	$ 344,382	-9.1%
PROPOSED BUDGET AMOUNTS >>>>>>>>>>>>>>				***Propose Rounding to:***		**$ 380,000**		**$ 345,000**	

Notes

(1) Assumes 100% take per diem for forecasting purposes. FY22-23 and **FY23-24 are actuals and estimates.** 24-25/ 25-26 assumes 100% use of per diem
(2) Includes approx. annual Rev.AI transcription services at ~$2,500/year, paid on a monthly basis (~$415/mo)
(3) - Laptop hardware purchases for 19 jurors; 5 - 6 year refresh cycle
(4) Includes Office 365 licenses for 19 jurors and 15 Asana project licenses
Office 365 costs = $6,498 for FY24-25 and 25-26
(5) Adminin support (CCSF 1884 equiv) at 100% FTE plus Supervisor @ 0.1FTE; Estimates and Indirect Court Overheads provided by Superior Court

Department of Technology

Civil Grand Jury - Email/IT Support

Cost Workbook

Prepared for:
Linda Gerull
Department of Technology

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	Year 1	Year 2
19	Microsoft 365 G3 License	$ 342.00	$ 6,498.00	$ 6,498.00
19	Dell Latitude Laptop 7420	$ 1,348.00	$ 25,612.00	$ -
10	Training on Microsoft 365 Apps (hours)	$170	$ 1,700.00	$ 1,700.00
X-Small Department <24 FTEs	Standard Support w/ Patching	$16,000	$ 16,000.00	$ 16,000.00
	DT Onboarding	$10,000	$ 10,000.00	$ -
		TOTAL	**$ 59,810.00**	**$ 24,198.00**

Note a quote

This workbook is a cost estimate only.

Additional Information	
Standard Support Includes:	Phone Support - 5x8 business hours (to 5:00 PM) Monthly Windows and App Patching Application deployment as needed New user setups
M365 G3 License Includes:	Email, Office, Teams, OneDrive, Bookings, Automatic Laptops Backups
Training Includes:	Live training sessions held over teams, covering a variety of M365 apps and services

Business Requirement Assumptions

There are 19 Grand Jury members and the members can change every year which would require a new setup.

The laptops must stay updated and secure given the nature of the work conducted on the machines.

CGJ desires secure email and scheduling.

CGJ desires the lowest cost for IT equipment, licenses and support.

CGJ does not have IT support resources and would like support.

IT Service Scope from DT

CGJ (or Superior Court who will soon have an ISA/MOU with DT) and DT would sign and MOU for the service of providing laptops, MS license, and security/update support services.

Basically, CGJ would "rent" the equipment and licenses from DT to be able to use the enterprise Microsoft licenses and PCs at the discounted rate.

Only the first year would have the costs for the laptops. Laptops would be on a 5-6 year replacement cycle.

CGJ would be able to use DT remote connection technology (VDI), if needed.

CGJ would be able to use DT cyber training and all MS training.

CGJ would be able to use the DT Service Desk for troubleshooting and problem resolution.

DT provides IT support to 8 city departments and can easily support CGJ.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

2023–2024 CIVIL GRAND JURY

21 February 2024

BY EMAIL

Ms. Anna Duning
Mayor's Budget Director

Mr. Ben Rosenfield
Controller

Mr. Todd Rydstrom
Deputy Controller

City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: *San Francisco Civil Grand Jury Budget Proposal for FY24-25 and FY25-26*

Dear Ms. Duning and Messrs. Rosenfield and Rydstrom:

Please accept this letter as the proposed budget for period FY24-25 and FY25-26 for the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury ("CGJ"). We have undertaken an update and refresh of the CGJ budget to account for contemplated migration to a City-managed IT platform and Office365 and related software subscriptions.

We propose a budget of $385,000 for FY 24-25 and $350,000 for FY25-26. The budget for FY23-24 is $250,961.

The assumption details used in preparing our budget are contained in Addendum 1 to this letter. The attached spreadsheet showing our calculations contains eight tabs: "Budget Formation," "Superior Court Data," "CGJ Budget_Spend 12 23," "Cloud Desktop," "DT_Data_page," "Asana Quote," "CCSF SupCt MOU," and "Waterfall Table Data." The "Budget Formation" tab provides an overview of historical data and estimated future budget amounts by components. A waterfall chart is provided on this tab to aid understanding the impact various cost elements have on the total CGJ budget. The remaining tabs contain cost estimates provided by the Superior Court ("Court"), the San Francisco Department of Technology ("DT"), and technology vendor quotes used in developing the budgets shown on the "Budget Formation" tab.

It appears the CGJ budget was last refreshed in the FY21-22 period. The changes we propose for the FY24-25 and FY25-26 periods appear significant relative to the current FY 23-24 budget of approximately $251,000.

- The most significant driver of higher budgeted amounts for the next two fiscal years is cost estimate information provided to us by the Superior Court for direct Court labor expenses, employee fringe benefits, and allocated indirect Court overheads. The FY24-25 total amounts for these Court-related costs are 31% higher (+$62,000) than incurred in FY22-23 and FY23-24. The City may be able to engage directly with the Court to discuss these amounts.

- The second driver of the increase in the proposed budget reflects a transition to CCSF-owned and maintained laptop computers for all jurors using Office365 software licenses provided by the City. This contrasts with the current situation where the CGJ jurors typically rely upon personal laptops or Chromebooks and Google Suite products. This transition, as recommend by the Department of

Technology, accounts for ~$61,000 increase of which $36,000 is a one-time cost of hardware purchase and DT on-boarding.

- The third driver of higher budgeted amounts is attributed to our planning assumption that all nineteen future jurors elect to receive per diem payments rather than a fewer number. In some past years several jurors agree to waive per diem payments, though we are budgeting for the worst case where all jurors elect to receive per diem. This accounts for ~$13,000 of the budget increase.

The proposed budget amount for FY 25-26, compared to the proposed FY 24-25 amount is $35,000 lower due to the absence of the nonrecurring hardware purchase costs and DT onboarding costs.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding our proposed budget submittal. I certify this correspondence and proposed budget submittal for the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury received a supermajority approval from the currently seated FY23-24 CGJ on 20 February 2024.

Respectfully yours,

Michael E Carboy

Michael E. Carboy
Foreperson FY23-24 SF CGJ
michaelcarboy@sfcgj.org

ADDENDUM 1

The following sections summarize key assumptions behind our budget proposals:

Per Diem Assumptions

Per diem amounts paid to the jury are a function of two drivers: (1) number of jurors receiving per diem payments and (2) the frequency of meetings (investigatory, committee, and report drafting events that take place multiple times per week in addition to normal standing-schedule events like Plenary or Executive Committee meetings).

Sometimes a number of jurors elect to waive receiving per diem payments. This is highly unpredictable and the decision to waive is a function of each jury. In FY19-20 and FY20-21, no jurors waived receiving per diem payments. In FY21-22 only one juror waived payment; in FY22-23 four jurors waived payment and in FY23-24, six jurors currently waive payments.

In preparing our budget for FY24-25 and FY25-26, we have assumed no jurors will waive payment. This assumption accounts for the increase in FY23-24 estimated total per diem and those amounts budgeted in FY-24-25 and FY25-26 periods. We assume the per diem rate remains fixed at $15 per juror per day of joint activity (in person or virtual meetings) for the foreseeable future.

The number of per diem pay events per year is highly variable and a function of juror engagement and intensity of work. Based upon $15 per day per diem we calculate below the number of per diem pay events that occur annually.

	FY19-20	FY 20-21	FY21-22	FY 22-23	FY23-24(e)	FY 24-25(e)	FY 25-26(e)
Total Per Diem Pay	$20,585	$34,600	$32,220	$28,845	$30,735	$44,920	$44,920
Number of Jurors Waiving Per Diem	0	0	1	4	6	0	0
# Per Diem Events	1,372	2,307	2,148	1,923	2,049	NA	NA
# Normalized for "No Waived" Per Diem	1,372	2,307	2,267	2,436	2,995	2,995	2,995

The last line in the table above shows the number of per diem pay events per year normalized for no jurors waiving per diem pay (e.g., all jurors receiving per diem). This normalization is done to provide comparability across jury years.

Forecasting for FY 24-25 and FY 25-26, we assume a "worst case" where all jurors receive per diem and the level of activity is consistent with pace and energy level of the FY 23-24 jury. This is the sole driver of the forecast increase per diem payments in FY 24-25 and FY 25-26. Should those future juries have a material number of jurors electing to waive receiving per diem payments, then the future per diem payment amount will be lower than amounts shown above and contained in the attached spreadsheet.

Local Field Expenses

FY 23-24 local field expenses are tracking at the approximate $4,000 - $5,000 per year rate and are unremarkable. We propose $5,000 budgeted amounts for this component for future years.

Other Expenses

FY 23-24 Other Expenses are tracking in the $8,000 - $10,000 per year rate and are unremarkable. We propose $10,000 budgeted amounts for this component for future years. It is worth noting the FY 19-20 amount of $27,587 is materially distorted by the emergency purchase of Chromebooks for the jury in response to a "100% virtual" meeting format during the first year of COVID response.

IT expenses

The CGJ has traditionally relied upon jurors using their own personal computers, or Chromebooks for those without personal systems. There is no assurance the personally owned machines are secure. Similarly, personally owned computers are at the mercy of their owners to ensure operating system and security patches are installed in a timely and effective manner. Chromebooks currently used by the CGJ are not supported by either the Court or the City.

We propose future juries have the budget resources to facilitate moving away from Google Suite and personal computers to a properly managed group of City-owned and maintained computers to be returned, wiped clean, and reused annually. We propose the jury have the budget resources to operate with Office365 as the primary software application suite versus Google Suite used by the current and immediately preceding juries. Most jurors are more familiar and comfortable with Office365 as virtually all businesses use the Microsoft offering as opposed to the Google office suite.

In addition to a budget that provides for migrating to Office365, we propose budgeting for the purchase of Asana project planning software. It is lighter in weight than Microsoft's "Project" offering and far easier for jurors to learn and use. It is worth noting that Chromebooks cannot run Office365 applications and the video conferencing application provided by Google is incompatible with the City's Office 365 desk suites and the City IT-enforced firewall protections.

The providing budgeted funds for the purchase of City-managed computers for the nineteen jurors has an estimated costs of approximately $25,600. The Department of Technology believes such computers would operate for a five to six year lifetime before retirement and replacement. Ongoing operating system, application suite, and security patch/fix services to be provided by DT are estimated to be approximately $18,000. DT also charges a one-time onboarding fee of $10,000.

Administrative Overheads

The Superior Court of San Francisco provides administrative services to the CGJ. Considerable variability exists in this component. The Superior Court has informed us the amount budgeted in FY23-24 is low due to staffing changes. The Superior Court provided us with FY24-25 estimated overhead costs reflecting administrative re-staffing and we have used the data as provided. Our estimate for this cost component for the FY25-26 period is not increased in comparison to FY24-25 amounts, per Court guidance. The FY24-25 and FY25-26 Superior Court wage, benefits, and overhead amounts are approximately $62,000 higher than historical amounts and are a key element of the increase in the proposed budgets along with estimated higher per diem claims, hardware and software purchases and related DT support and on-boarding expenses.

From: Romelia Scott
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: CCSF retiree benefits
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 8:41:17 AM

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Hello,

Im a retired City employee, a native San Franciscan and current resident of the City

It is wrong, sneaky and unethical what you ate doing to us. The budget should not be balanced on the backs of the retirees who have given so much to our City.

This will surely lead to Mayor Breed losing much needed support among residents. It will be a big mistake for her career and everyone involved in this terrible decision. Please dont move forward with stripping us of our UHC and forcing us to take the substandard Blue Shield.

Romelia Scott
Retired SFFD

Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer

From: Adam Wood
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Floyd Rollins
Subject: Fund United Healthcare for Retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 8:51:10 AM

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Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

I urge you not to balance the City's budget on the backs of retired city employees. The elimination of United Healthcare West as a Medicare Advantage plan option for retired city employees will lower the quality of care for thousands of working people who dedicated their lives to serving the citizens of San Francisco.

Please respect the June 7, 2024 vote of the full Health Services Board and reject the HSB staff recommendation to replace United Healthcare with Blue Shield.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Adam Wood
Secretary,
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
415-621-7103 (office)
415-580-9653 (cell)

From: Mari Scheppler
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retirees Health Care! .
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 8:57:25 AM

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As a 30 year SFFD worker and retired at age 80 years ,, please do not take away our United Health Care.
Sent from my iPhone
Don

From: JAMES CONNORS
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care and Blue Shield
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:03:14 AM

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Good morning-
I am asking this message be made available to the Budget and Appropriations Committee at their meeting today.
I am asking for them to not approve or affirm the HSS decision to go with Blue Shield and not stay with United Health Care for retired City employees. While you might argue it is a budget saving measure, then look at other programs and departments for those cost savings.
Many City employees are under specialized medical care, as I am, and we have no guarantee that we will maintain this care and coverage. All we have heard is coverage will remain the same. If coverage will remain the same, how will that be possible with Blue Shield undercutting United Health Care.
Please do not balance the budget on the backs of retired City employees. Show them the respect of their years of commitment and service to the City.
Thank you in advance for your support,
Jim Connors
Captain, SFFD, (Retired)

From: Mari Scheppler
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:05:52 AM

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Don’t stop our Health Care Plan. The retired SF workers earned UNITED HEALTH CARR.
Sent from my iPhone
Don

From: SHEILA BRUCE
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please keep UHC as the PPO option for retirees with Medicare
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:22:12 AM

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Hello Mr. Jalipa,

I am a retiree with Medicare and I have various medical conditions and United Healthcare works well in managing those as well as having one of the best mail order pharmacy companies that won't be available with Blue Shield is very important to me and 17,000 others.

I attended 6/13 & 6/18/24 meetings held by the SFHSS Board and as many others, I am concerned that the vote for Blue Shield was done in a strange fashion after having UHC agreed upon on 6/7/24. The main concern by the Board was the city budget, not the interests of the retirees with Medicare.
It is only in the last few years that those of us with Medicare have been given fewer options than those without it.

I worked from 1971 until 2006 for the City and County of San Francisco and loved the jobs I had, I retired earlier than I planned due to health issues and the advice of my doctors to stop working. It is very disheartening to have had such a good career experience and to have felt well cared for by my former employer
and to now be sacrificed for the budget. This whole process is bad enough, but to be seeing the news on the discussions of having Pandas being purchased for $70 million dollars seems like a slap in the face of those of us needing decent health care.

I am hoping you can help us and get us back the plan that works well and ensures the care of us being affected by this sudden and unfair change.
Blue Sheild is a state by state system and Wyoming is at least one state that is not covered by them. It has always been my understanding that employees who move out of state are entitled to a PPO for their health coverage. Blue Shield has
not been a good option for CCSF in the past and has resulted in higher costs than they originally presented, why have this happen again? If you can facilitate righting this wrong, please do so.

Thank you,

Sheila Bruce

From: fontanacol@aol.com
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SF Budget & Appropriations Committee
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:30:55 AM

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Brent Jalipa,

RE:

SF Budget & Appropriations Committee --- has today's 10:00 item been cancelled?

Joe and Julie Collins. HSS members

From: Sharon Wilensky
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Reject proposal to replace United Healthcare with Blue Shield for retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 9:37:13 AM

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Re: SF Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting today June 24, 2024

I urge the committee to reject the proposal to replace United Healthcare with Blue Shield for retirees. This is a false economy. Just a few years ago, the Blue Shield plan was rejected because it did not cover enough. If some of our providers are taken away, overall health will decline and more people may end up in the Emergency Room. I, along with everyone I know, am satisfied with the United Healthcare plan. Please keep it.

Sharon Wilensky
1355 12th Ave.
San Francisco CA 94122

bigwilensky@sonic.net

415-753-1161

Retired Librarian from SFPL

From: DANIEL JACOBSMEYER
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: UNITED HEALTH CARE
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:15:27 AM

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DEAR BOARD MEMBERS I DANIEL JACOBSMEYER HAVE SPENT 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE SFFD.THE LAST 2 YEARS AS A LIEUTENANT. I SPENT MANY HOLIDAYS ON DUTY, HAVE THE DOCTORS DO 2 HIP SURGERIES, ONE BYA GREAT PERSONAL PROVIDE THE OTHER BY A WORKMANS COMP DOCTOR. AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO EXCEPT ANOTHER DOCTOR WHO DOESN'T KNOW ME FROM A HILL OF BEANS. THERE ARE OTHERS WHO THINK THE SAME LIKE MY WIFE, WE PAY FOR THIS PRIVILAGE AND YOU WANT TO THROW US UNDER THE BUS. THIS IS COLD!!! DO YOU GET THE SAME INSURANCE?? MY WIFE AND HAVE HAD UNITED HEALTH CARE YOU 18 YEARS AND THE DOCTORS KNOW WHAT IS TO BE TREATED AND WHAT HELPS US. NOT SOME OTHER PROVIDER IN EL DORADO COUNTY LIKE ONE BEFORE AND WE'RE TO TRAVEL 4 HOURS FOR SERVICE. I HOPE NOT!!! WE WANT THE SAME AS WE DO NOW.!!! THAMK YOUDAN & KIM JACOBSMEYER

From:	Ivan Villegas
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	File Nos. 240595 and 240596
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 10:16:06 AM

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Good morning Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Ivan and I'm with the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN). We are a community-based organization that serves Latine and immigrant communities across San Francisco.

We are one of the organizations at-risk of losing soda tax funding for our Policy, Systems, and Environment (PSE) and Mission Children's Oral Health Task Force (MCOHTF) projects. These projects are critical to ensuring community members are connected to vital resources in a culturally sensitive way, providing health education workshops that lead to better health outcomes, and bringing community concerns to the forefront public health policy discussions. Because of our work, community members are healthier, empowered, develop leadership skills, and want to make their own communities better. These cuts put at-risk the good and important work we are doing.

For this reason, I am requesting the Board of Supervisors to follow the Soda Tax Advisory Committee's funding recommendations for community-based grants and restore $450,000 in soda tax funding for the Chinatown, Bayview, and Mission Oral Health Task Forces.

Thank you.

From: XiuMin Li
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: you are hurting retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:19:57 AM

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Don't drop United Health Plan – our retirees have given their life to public service and are now the most vulnerable among us.
They need health care options for their specific health care needs. Balancing your budget on the backs of retirees is shameful.
Look for other options!

XiuMin Li (She, Her)
Field Supervisor

Direct #: 415 848 3686
Member Resources Center: 1-877-687-1021

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truly,

Trevor L. Chandler

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Alexander	Whittlesey	725 E23rd St	Oakland	CA	94606	
Baxter	Boggie	65 Pomona St	San Francisco	CA	94124	2343
Molly	Brown	501 Clark St	Crockett	CA	94525	1523
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Olivia	Cunningham	431 12th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94118	2903
Chloe	Kobernuss	1565 Oak St	San Francisco	CA	94117	2033
Corinne	Levy	777 Cayuga Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	2507
Nicole	Erthein	1385 24th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94122	1616
Alexis	Yonan	1103 Brazil Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	2137
Doug	Freedman	5711 Hub St	Los Angeles	CA	90042	2525

Johanna	Leake	3942 Folsom St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6138
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Mary	Skinner	1200 Fulton St	San Francisco	CA	94117	1562
Jerad	Weiner	1375 27th Ave Apt 4	San Francisco	CA	94122	1500
arwyn	Koltuniak	PO Box 880221	San Francisco	CA	94188	221
Ryan	Bresnick	472 Duboce Ave	San Francisco	CA	94117	3550
Ana	Fernandez Lamothe	601 Andover St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6015
Andrew	Raymond	1135 Masonic Ave Apt 6	San Francisco	CA	94117	2973
Maya	Baker	1604 Felton St	San Francisco	CA	94134	1334
Antonio	Leos	1221 Divisadero St Apt A	San Francisco	CA	94115	3910
Jessica	Hartlaub	683 Haight St	San Francisco	CA	94117	3304
Vivian	Bond	21111 1	Oakland	CA	94606	
Oran	Scott	1475 Haight St	San Francisco	CA	94117	2910

Ruth	Rosenfield	55 Alvarado Ave	Mill Valley	CA	94941	1345
Jeffrey	Larrimore	1845 Lincoln Way	San Francisco	CA	94122	1860
Lynette	Betancur	474 Natoma St Apt 207	San Francisco	CA	94103	2999
Alissa	Anderson	124 Clement St	San Francisco	CA	94118	2420
Jennifer	Nickless	2607 Folsom St Unit 2	San Francisco	CA	94110	3325
Dering	Zoe	334 Eddie Ln	Sebastopol	CA	95472	3424
Victoria	Chaban	1709 Alabama St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5250
Adrian	Martinez	3155 Turk Blvd Apt 6	San Francisco	CA	94118	4165
Brian	Holliday	1328 Dolores St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4319
Cal	Callaghan	1563 Quesada Ave	San Francisco	CA	94124	2773
Patricia	Lê	660 Funston Ave	San Francisco	CA	94118	3604
Gina	OConnor	60 Ora Way # H-111	San Francisco	CA	94131	2559
Jonathan	Fogel	1284 Noe St	San Francisco	CA	94114	3720
Theresa	Moorehouse	1185 Pine St Apt 21	San Francisco	CA	94109	5115

George	Grinsted	525 Franconia St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5741
Mike	Boo	34 Hanover St	San Francisco	CA	94112	4318
Matthew	Simonson	5031 E Mineral Cir	Centennial	CO	80122	3840
Amanda	Durbin	2552 Mcallister St	San Francisco	CA	94118	4222
Cléo	Charpantier	1019 NO St	San Francisco	CA	94114	
Nina	Small	120 Santa Maria Ave	Pacifica	CA	94044	2506
Tracy	Silva	242 27th Ave Apt 2	San Francisco	CA	94121	1138
Ava	Rosen	3472 Davis St	Oakland	CA	94601	3233
Mike	Parkinson	PO Box 29151	San Francisco	CA	94129	151
Katelyn	Cusick	889 37th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94121	3407
Stephen	Knight	160 Monterey Blvd	San Francisco	CA	94131	3253
Carmen	Guerrero	2 Jackson St	San Francisco	CA	94111	2018
Hannah	Gomez Farias	569 Fillmore St	San Francisco	CA	94117	2688
Selene	Cid	3009 Mission St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4555

Natalie	Fong	2336 9th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94116	1937
Ellie	Lundberg	1840 Turk St Apt 4	San Francisco	CA	94115	4427
Lauren	Damato	160 Monterey Blvd	San Francisco	CA	94131	3253
Sally	Wassink	201 Laguna St Apt 6	San Francisco	CA	94102	5670
Liliana	Silva	803 Kansas St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2606
Jess	Monack	1488 California St	San Francisco	CA	94109	4712
Sara	Cruz	1395 16th Ave Apt 3	San Francisco	CA	94122	2066
Nicole	Laborde	20 Eucalyptus Ln	San Rafael	CA	94901	2305
Bebhinn	Edmunds	2737 Bryant St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4225
S	S	500 8th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94118	3715
Maeve	Koch	124 N Ellwood Ave	Baltimore	MD	21224	1307
Zoe	Latzer	2706 Bryant St Apt 1/2	San Francisco	CA	94110	4205
Jessica	Rohr	129 Andover St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5607

Alexis	Braun	190 Noe St	San Francisco	CA	94114	1244
Sarah	Lindley	1616 Taylor St Apt 6	San Francisco	CA	94133	3635
Michael	C	1324 Sacramento St	San Francisco	CA	94109	4270
Marley	Shepard-ohta	1222 Naples St	San Francisco	CA	94112	4447
Lou Lou	Rosenthal	1937 11th Ave	Oakland	CA	94606	3105
Teresa	Goldstein	479 Blackstone Dr	San Rafael	CA	94903	1301
Margaret	Wylie	2730 Cabrillo St	San Francisco	CA	94121	3528
Melissa	Diaz	218 Connecticut St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2403
Homan	Rajai	2180 Bryant St	San Francisco	CA	94110	2142
Chloe	Looker	659 Broderick St	San Francisco	CA	94117	1411
Warren	Huegel	3515 1/2 24th St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3605
Rebecca	Teague	1318 Mallard Dr	Richmond	CA	94801	4113
Kristina	Loring	149 Prentiss St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5729

Phoebe	Seligman	129 S Avenue 54	Los Angeles	CA	90042	4566
Alysia	Kezerian	2694 Mcallister St	San Francisco	CA	94118	4113
Monica	Salazar	165 Cypress St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3913
Melissa	Santos	766 Hillside Blvd	Daly City	CA	94014	2377
Malena	Mackey	260 W Portal Ave	San Francisco	CA	94127	1414
P.	Amantea	462 London St	San Francisco	CA	94112	2728
Odelia	Jesselson	39 Loyola Ter	San Francisco	CA	94117	1129
Luc	Oreskovic	285 Nevada St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6104
Stephen	Lichty	109 Edgewood Ave	San Francisco	CA	94117	3712
Rebecca	Halas	845 California St	San Francisco	CA	94108	2357
Olivia	Morfit	235 Lily St	San Francisco	CA	94102	5644
Trevor	Pratt	67 Gladstone Dr	San Francisco	CA	94112	1632
Michelle	Favin	600 De Haro St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2728
Elisabeth	P Goldschmidt	2829 Carmel St Apt B	Oakland	CA	94602	3472

Riva	Dunn	681 Douglass St	San Francisco	CA	94114	3140
Rocky	C	244 Taylor Blvd	Millbrae	CA	94030	2455
eric	smith	4421 20th St	San Francisco	CA	94114	2739
Minda	McDorman	3380 26th St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4632
Ari	Marcus	218 Connecticut St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2403
Diana	Aberizk	2215 Carroll St	Oakland	CA	94606	1971
Ashley	Upton	2925 Magnolia St	Emeryville	CA	94608	4413
Maxwell	Fletcher	2138 23rd St	San Francisco	CA	94107	3221
Milton	Nolan	764 De Haro St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2730
Alicia	Toldi	PO Box 693	Paonia	CO	81428	693
Joe	Winer	607 8th Ave	San Francisco	CA	94118	3701
Jessica	Copi	1051 Bergen St Apt 4	Brooklyn	NY	11216	3377
Tina	Hardison	664 29th St	San Francisco	CA	94131	2206

Tim	Keating	1475 Silver Ave	San Francisco	CA	94134	1227
Aaron	Goodman	1200 4th St Apt 223	San Francisco	CA	94158	2429
Denise	Bracken	177 29th St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4902
Caroline	Fichtenberg	3133 24th St Apt 7	San Francisco	CA	94110	4011
Mark	McKenzie	414 Moscow St	San Francisco	CA	94112	2806
Lawrence	McCort	529 Laidley St	San Francisco	CA	94131	3039
Rose	Arrieta	2747 Harrison St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3319
Michael	Simpson	133 Bradford St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5703
Laurel	Elizabeth	101 27th St Apt 11	San Francisco	CA	94110	4343
Berta	Quezada	3143 Cesar Chavez	San Francisco	CA	94110	4722
Cristina	Flores	501 Chenery St	San Francisco	CA	94131	3031
Tony	Liu	67 Fresno St	San Francisco	CA	94133	4081
Mary	Chase	1092 Noe St	San Francisco	CA	94114	3340
Rose marie	Ostler	671 Carolina St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2725
Rosaura	Gil	1075 Munich St	San Francisco	CA	94112	4562

maureen	kelly	255 Mendell St	San Francisco	CA	94124	1709
Krystyl	Baldwin	378 Francisco St	San Francisco	CA	94133	1910
Luise	Vorsatz	670 Cayuga Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	1917
Maryanne	Razzo	1118 Brussels St	San Francisco	CA	94134	2106
Matthew	Prindeville	615 Brussels St	San Francisco	CA	94134	1901
Neal	Nuttbrock	164 Everson St	San Francisco	CA	94131	2637
Joanna	Aveni	175 28th St Apt 4	San Francisco	CA	94131	2447
lisa	bartolo	140 Addison St	San Francisco	CA	94131	2623
Julie	Rice	164 Baltimore Way	San Francisco	CA	94112	4504
Louela	Guevarra	290 Silver Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	1547
Kimberly	Charles	2760 22nd St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3446
Teresa	Kres	3340 25th St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3923
Brandon	Wright	1092 Alabama St	San Francisco	CA	94110	3433
Maureen	Randolph	81 Winding Way	San Francisco	CA	94112	4526

Robert	Oliver	11 Gladys St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5427
Sheila	Ghidini	4002 Folsom St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6118
Geraldine	Grelli	392 Princeton St	San Francisco	CA	94134	1614
don	chan	785 Andover St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6017
Leanne	Young	5	Daly City	CA	94014	
sandra	dieffenderfer	PO Box 1333	Millbrae	CA	94030	5333
Alejandro	Martínez	247 Coleridge St	San Francisco	CA	94110	5114
Gladys	Blanco	30 Powers Ave	San Francisco	CA	94110	4617
Lylia	Baylin	363 Douglass St	San Francisco	CA	94114	2432
Nicki	Pogue	403 Connecticut St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2817
J	Werstler	577 Ellsworth St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6046
Bianca	Molgora	3976 Folsom St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6138
ethel	brennan	2959 2ND St	San Francisco	CA	94110	
David	Lisker	240 Chattanooga St	San Francisco	CA	94114	3436
Molly	Trad	232 Peninsula Ave	San Francisco	CA	94134	2425

Jan	Wunderling	2120 Larkin St Apt 102	San Francisco	CA	94109	1910
Jinny	Ko Wong	661 Ellsworth St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6048
Geneva	Garner	543 Andover St	San Francisco	CA	94110	6013
ANTONIUS	LACKEY	1365 Alabama St	San Francisco	CA	94110	4108
gonzalo	vergara	535 Minna St Apt 303	San Francisco	CA	94103	5802
mr. RYAN	KURAHARA	799 Oak St Apt 102	San Francisco	CA	94117	2590
Raquel	Bayardo	4223 Folsom St CA94110	San Francisco	CA	94110	6121
Irene	Ogus	100 Bemis St	San Francisco	CA	94131	3022
Salvador	Medina	2946 21st St	San Francisco	CA	94110	2739
George	Feldman	557 S Eliseo Dr	Greenbrae	CA	94904	2247
Pete	Petrucci	245 Justin Dr	San Francisco	CA	94112	1128
Yvonne	Meyer	245 Justin Dr	San Francisco	CA	94112	1128
Paul	Lee	85 Westwood Dr	San Francisco	CA	94112	1250

Sean	Uelcich	2074 Quesada Ave	San Francisco	CA	94124	2047
Ed	Dimick	PO Box 271	Vallejo	CA	94590	27
Theresa	Farina	721 Wisconsin St	San Francisco	CA	94107	2770
Nancy	Hoffman	1522 Mcallister St	San Francisco	CA	94115	4412
Eduardo	Garcia	2198 Mission St	San Francisco	CA	94110	1247
Juan	Vargas	1287 Revere Ave	San Francisco	CA	94124	3338
Hannah	Kahn	540 Alabama St	San Francisco	CA	94110	1301
Miguel	Sanchez	575 Silver Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	1622
Tom	Lee	278 22nd Ave	San Francisco	CA	94121	2116
Joanne	Abernathy	1122 Palou Ave	San Francisco	CA	94124	3346
Ping	Chen	50 Inca Ln	San Francisco	CA	94115	4257
Martha	Reney	1550 Mission St Apt 2207	San Francisco	CA	94103	3288
Antonia	Lourenco	6353 Highland Ave	Richmond	CA	94805	1637

Tony	Gavero	1677 Cayuga Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	3654
Doug	Schultz	1286 La Playa St	San Francisco	CA	94122	1017
Bryant	Smith	31339 Santa Maria Dr	Union City	CA	94587	2825
John	Oconnor	159 Clark St	San Rafael	CA	94901	3615
Mark	Powley	156 Hermann St	San Francisco	CA	94102	6150
Mark	Preys	3 Plaza View Ln	Foster City	CA	94404	5115
Andrew	Vogt	261 Chenery St	San Francisco	CA	94131	2764
Sarah	Smith	261 Chenery St	San Francisco	CA	94131	2764
Klea	McKenna	263 Mullen Ave	San Francisco	CA	94110	5331
Edison	Zolina	62 Saca Ter	West Sacramento	CA	95691	
Dan	Rickered	125 San Francisco Ave	Brisbane	CA	94005	1322
Linda	Klouda	2195 Divisadero St	San Francisco	CA	94115	2126
Rajesh	Tripathi	625 9th Ave # 510	San Francisco	CA	94118	3705

Asmir	Ruznik	298 Pierce St Apt 5	San Francisco	CA	94117	3337
Luis	deAvila	44 Oak Ave	South San Francisco	CA	94080	
Tim	Lavorini	1677 Cayuga Ave	San Francisco	CA	94112	3654
Pat	McEvoy	320123rd St # 304	San Francisco	CA	94110	

From:	Stephen Torres
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Public Comment 2024-2025/ 2025-2026 Budget
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 10:27:12 AM
Attachments:	2024.06.24 Letter to SF Board of Supervisors Re 2024-2025 2025-2026 Budget.pdf

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Hello Clerk Jalipa and Clerk Calvillo,

Please accept this as my public comment on this item.

Best,

Stephen Torres

Stephen Torres
3158 Mission Street, Apartment No.3
San Francisco, California 94110

June 24, 2024

Budget & Appropriations Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
Legislative Chamber, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear President Peskin, the Budget & Appropriations Committee, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to ask that as you vote to approve the new budget for the upcoming 2024- 2025 and 2025- 2026 fiscal years you do so with looking at every opportunity at prioritizing the critical services our City funds for the most vulnerable in our community by continuing to fund the organizations and programs that uplift and reflect the needs of those communities.

In the Capital Planning Committee, President Peskin correctly stated that when looking at this budget it was imperative that that body, and now the Board of Supervisors, be able to differentiate between “want to haves” and “need to haves”. This is incredibly important, especially as so many of the conversations we have been having right now have been about the many humanitarian crises we are facing in real time from public health to homelessness. As we well know, not only is prevention better than cure, but especially in challenging fiscal times such as the City finds itself in currently, it is also the most prudent. Investing in our city’s most marginalized communities now will prevent and mitigate these crises from continuing to grow exponentially worse.

San Francisco is a special place because of the diversity and vibrancy of its communities. I am joining a broad coalition of long-standing community organizations and imploring you not to balance the budget on the backs of those communities, especially our working class, immigrant, LGBTQ, and communities of color.

Sincerely,

Stephen Torres

From: Lois Scott
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: copy of remote public comment June 24 2024 Budget hearing
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:32:49 AM
Attachments: BOS Budget & App public comm June 24 2024.docx

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Thank you very much for ADA accommodation and ability to be heard early in the meeting.

Lois Scott, Vice President Protect Our Benefits
85 Cleary Ct #11
San Francisco CA 94109

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED BUDGET – HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM BUDGET – PURPORTED SAVINGS FROM CHANGING MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN PPO FROM UNITED HEALTH CARE TO BLUE SHIELD CA

I am Lois Scott, 2009 City Retiree and VP Protect Our Benefits

17,000 retirees from City and County of San Francisco and some of their dependents have been covered for the past several years by United Health Care for Medicare Advantage Preferred Provider Plans.

The Health Services Board on a split vote June 13 voted to replace United Health Care with Blue Shield, California, primarily with belief that this would save $20 million a year in costs over a three year period. There are ethical questions on how the vote was obtained. There were 400 letters and unanimous in person public comment AGAINST

The has been a history of political pressure from the Mayor's Office on behalf of Blue Shield in spite of cost and service issues for members.

Please do what you can to mitigate and monitor this situation.

From: Kiefer Cropper
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Reference File Nos. 240595 and/or 240596
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:37:08 AM

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Dear Brent,

I am communicating on behalf of the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team in reference to the proposed budget cuts to that program.

I am a former outreach worker of SFHOT. I worked there from 2016-2019. I housed over 50 people with my outreach partner Sharon Thrower. We connected people every day to shelter, mental health programs, and substance use programs in addition to housing placements. We connected clients to benefits, including general assistance, food stamps, disability, and VA benefits. I am proud of the work we were able to accomplish and of the work that is still being done today at SFHOT.

I want to underline how SFHOT is a unique outreach program, different from other outreach programs that serve people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. SFHOT has a rich history and relationship to the homeless community for many years, and is well known by people experiencing homelessness and connected to housing providers, medical, mental health and substance use recovery providers. This team has built the trust over many years necessary for linking homeless citizens to programs and housing. In addition, SFHOT is directly partnered with the San Francisco Department of Public Health. This partnership is the driving force of the efficiency and success of many programmatic and housing placements for homeless clients served in the city. SFHOT's access to transportation (unlike many outreach programs which are mostly on foot) is also a large factor in its success.

I implore you to rethink the budget cuts to the San Francisco Homeless Outreach Team. SFHOT is a vital part of addressing the homeless crisis in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Kiefer Cropper
(628) 300-5584

From: Bonnie Bompart
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: United Health Care Termination
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:40:09 AM

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Hello,
I am a retiree from the SF PUC. I oppose the termination of United Health Care as a retiree option for insurance.

In the past, Blue Shield Insurance has been difficult to deal with when seeking approval for procedures and in billing (Getting bills with threats that if I don't pay, it goes to a collection service. Why was I even gettin a bill?). I know that in the past the City terminated their contract early for problems such as these.

As a retiree, I use health care more than as an active member and my ability to advocate for myself to get needed tests and procedures when I am ill is next to impossible. I have no assurance that Blue Shield has changed its behavior despite assurances from the City that this change will be seamless. Unfortunately, I feel this change will result in reduced services and care to retirees who are the people least able to advocate for themselves.

I also feel that HSS needs to better communicate to the SF retirees when changes are proposed, and what that means for our health insurance coverage. A one-page FAQ on the HSS website does not fulfill an obligation to keep retirees in the know. I believe that the Health Board Commissioner, who is a doctor and who was fired for voting to retain United Health Care by the City in between health care meetings, was asking for what I am asking for: more information and discussion. I feel the City is ONLY concerned about the cost at the expense of care for retirees. The City, of course, is made up of future retirees and these future retirees should truly consider how they want to be treated when it comes to their health care insurance.

Bonnie Bompart

From: Calder Lorenz
To: Chan, Connie (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Public Comment Day: Public Comment 07/24/24
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:54:45 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I live and work in the Mission District, and I am the Director of Operations for The Gubbio Project. I am also writing as a member of HESPA and The Latino Task Force, to voice our strong opposition to cuts that impact the most vulnerable among us and our working class families and our children.

Our City's reliance on adding additional funding for public safety, policing and incarceration at the expense of proven public health interventions like housing support/housing stabilization and outreach via programs like SFHOT for unhoused individuals and families is harmful, and we should instead invest in services that support more opportunities for our youth and parents, especially those experiencing homelessness, building up our communities in ways that keep us all safe instead of investing in more forms of incarceration and policing.

An important note of the proposed cut to SFHOT's outreach team which would cripple their program by eliminating half of their outreach positions! We, along with so many of our partners in homeless services, work hand in hand with SFHOT to build relationships, outreach those who are living on the street and need positive interventions that ultimately lead to stabilization, health and housing. This relationship and the work we do together, City outreach worker and provider, has led to so many of our long time guests being placed in shelter, connected to access points to be assessed for services and in many many cases, even with folks who have been chronically homeless, this relationship has led to permanent supportive housing. As an example, The Mission Cabins program is full today because of the coordinated work of local providers and City outreach workers at SFHOT and DEM.

The Gubbio Project's mission is to be in community with and to provide a sacred space and sanctuary for unhoused people in need of safe, compassionate respite during the day. Our program is housed at St. John's in the Mission and currently provides critical services to 100 individuals daily through a highly unique and successful model that combines social justice, peer support, and harm reduction. The Gubbio Project calls for a more just, compassionate and non-punitive approach by public agencies and policymakers.

The Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) is a coalition of over 30 community-based agencies with deep roots in the communities most affected by San

Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis.

HESPA recognizes that our budget forecasts may require more intentional choices this year. We also cannot balance our city's budget on the backs of our most poor and vulnerable residents. Across-the-board budget cuts are inherently unequal, and compromise the City's previous investments in racial and gender equity.
Our budget proposals prioritize continued services, restoring cuts, and spending already allocated money. Our asks include:

1. Reject any and all cuts to homeless and housing services. We need to ensure that no contingency cuts are made to our critical services.

2. Restore all cuts and spend existing commitments to the homeless response and prevention system. Any mid-year cuts need to be restored, and allocated money needs to be spent.

3. Invest in the long term health of the homeless response system so there is infrastructure to meaningfully enact new investments. This includes paying our workforce a living wage and training them in trauma informed care; commiting to contracting practices that cover multiple service years with built-in inflation escalators.

On behalf of the thousands of vulnerable San Franciscans we serve every day, thank you for your continued leadership as we as a City navigate this difficult budget year.

In Community,

Calder

Calder Lorenz (he/him), *Harm Reduction Saves Lives, I carry naloxone!*
Director of Operations at the Gubbio Project
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Providing Sacred Sleep at St. John's in the Mission, San Francisco.

From: Megan Murphy
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: URGENT: Public Comment 6.24.24
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 10:59:03 AM

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Good afternoon supervisiors, My name is Megan, I work in D11 in the Excelsior and I am a part of Gabriela at San Francisco State University, an organization fighting for the rights and welfare of women and children in the philippines.

I am here to express my concerns about the severe budget cuts to DCYF-funded youth afterschool programming throughout San Francisco, specifically to the Southeast area of San Francisco.

In District 11, more than 2,500 youth program slots will be lost through the cuts.
As apart of an organization that fights for the welfare of children, it is concerning seeing the city continue to neglect childrens right to relevant education, socioemotional learning, community resources, leadership development, and safe spaces. All this while continuing to prioritize inflating the police budget, which we have seen time and time again surveille and target our vulnerable, working-class, and black/brown/migrant youth safe.

We need the Board of Supervisors to please ensure minimal cuts to programming, little to no layoffs, and restoration of funds for youth after school and TAY service providers and programming.

From: MB Salem
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Public comments for 6/24.
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:17:35 AM

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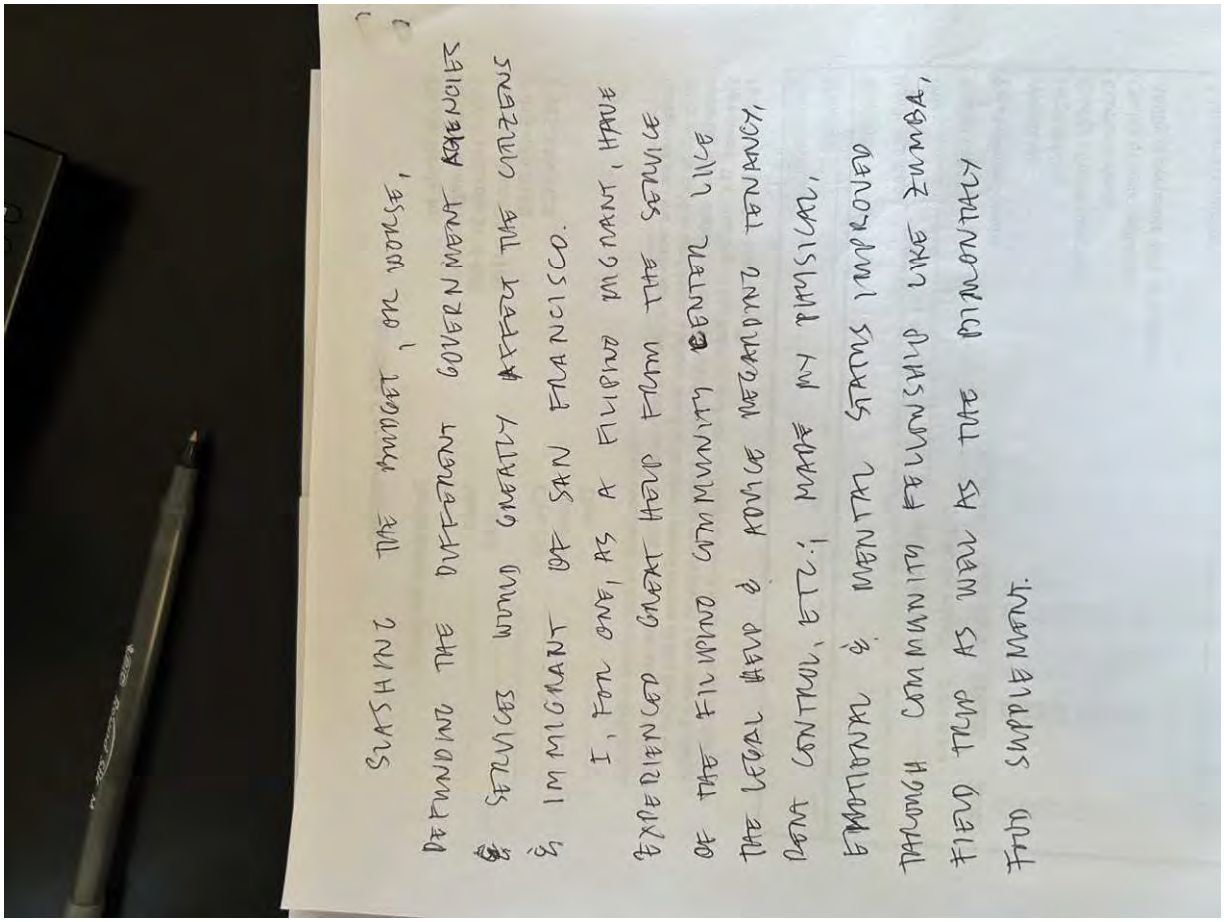

SLASHING THE BUDGET, OR WORSE,
DEFUNDING THE DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
& SERVICES WOULD GREATLY AFFECT THE CITIZENS
& IMMIGRANT OF SAN FRANCISCO.
I, FOR ONE, AS A FILIPINO MIGRANT, HAVE
EXPERIENCED GREAT HELP FROM THE SERVICE
OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER LIKE
THE LEGAL HELP & ADVICE REGARDING TENANCY,
RENT CONTROL, ETC.; MADE MY PHYSICAL,
EMOTIONAL & MENTAL STATUS IMPROVED
THROUGH COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP LIKE ZUMBA,
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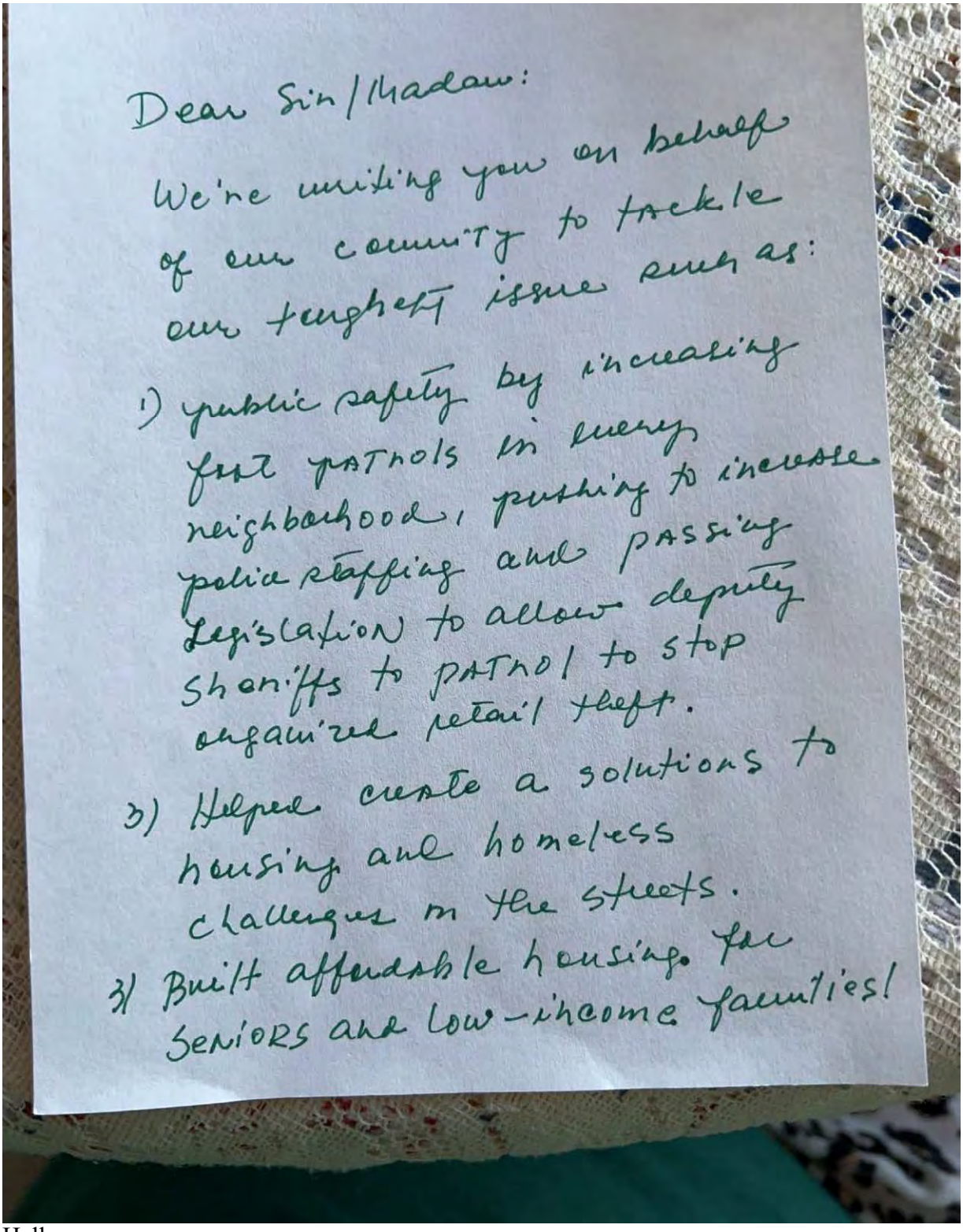

Hello,

I would like to submit these written public comments from community members in District 11 who are advocating to restore the 50% cut to the baseline funding of the SF workers rights community collaborative, the Communities United for Health and Justice and the DCYF cuts.

Two attached as photos.

One typed here:

Public Comment: Hi! My name is Nida Delacruz. I came to the United States of America as an immigrant many years ago. In my coming to this country I had mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness as to what awaits me in America, but I always knew that this country is the land of opportunity. I was not one bit mistaken, for I was able to get a job and also go to school at the same time. The non-profit organizations around in San Francisco helped me greatly with my transition to this country. I can say that I have become a useful citizen now of this country. So, please continue to provide funding for these non-profit organizations to help immigrants especially those that are starting a life here in this country. Benefits will be reaped for in due time, these citizens are mostly law-abiding and therefore are great contributors to the betterment of this country.

Sincerely,

MB Salem
They/them pronouns
Workers' Rights Program Coordinator

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From: Verla Morris
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SF Budget
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:22:01 AM

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I am a resident of San Francisco and a single mother who works for a non-profit. I am constantly faced with the damage that is made due to budget cuts everyday I go to work, communities are falling apart, families are being broken due to lack of affordable housing and much needed resources being cut. We the people who serve the community ask that you stop attacking those who are trying to make a difference.

From: Ruby Martin
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: opposition to health care change
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:30:45 AM

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Dear Brent,

I opposed the change of our United Health Insurance to Blue Shield. I have devoted my life and health to the city as an RN for 35 years.
I deserved a better care from the city in return..

I appreciate your immediate attention regarding this matter.. And I will be supporting you in your career in the near future. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ruby Martin

From: Lyss Duran
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: 2024 SF Budget Justice Fight: Stop Cuts to Our Communities!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:32:50 AM

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Hello,

I am a non-profit worker and I feel that the cuts being made are unfair to children, youth and families that need assistance with child care, early education programs and after school programs. These budget cuts will affect the clients I work with that are looking for employment and trying to get back on their feet. A Lot of single mothers depend on afterschool programs and child care to work without jobs. There's no way to be able to work and with no jobs how can they pay their rent. Rent is high, food is high and childcare without assistance is high. Also food banks are important for our community, families are in need of food, all the food in grocery stores is high. The food banks help out with vegetables, fruits, eggs and other foods.

Children, Families and Immigrant families are in need of these programs, please do not cut them.

Lyss Duran

Housing Liaison

" *Success isn't always about greatness. It's about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success."*

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From:	Cabrera, Abby
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Chester Williams; chester@sfcommunityliving.Org
Subject:	Public Comment: Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) Budget Cuts
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 11:36:30 AM
Attachments:	SDDTAC budget advocacy letter_Public Comment Budget_24-0624.pdf
Importance:	High

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Dear Budget and Finance Committee,

On behalf of the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee, please see the attached letter regarding our concern about the budget cuts and reallocation of Sugary Drink Distribution Tax (SDDT) funds. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In community,
Abby
SDDTAC co-chair

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Center for Excellence in Primary Care | Department of Family and Community Medicine
CTSI Community Engagement Program
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Pronouns: she, her, hers

June 24, 2024

Budget and Finance Committee
Attn: Brent Jalipa
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: SDDT Budget Cuts

Dear Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, and Melgar,

We write to you today to express our devastation and concern over the budget cuts and proposed allocations for the FY24-25 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT). This tax was enacted to address the disparate effects of chronic diseases caused by sugary beverages on communities of color, and there is no one more suited to address this disparity than by the community itself. The last five years of the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee's (SDDTAC) recommendations have consistently recommended prioritizing the most dollars to be allocated to support community-based organizations (CBOs) with the Healthy Communities Support grants, Policy, Systems, and Environmental grants, and community oral health task forces, which has afforded **close to 40 CBOs the ability to provide direct services** to communities most impacted by chronic disease.

The SDDTAC has remained committed to the will of the voters that the revenue from the tax would go back into the communities most affected. We are especially proud of our efforts to reach the most marginalized communities, which takes time and effort to establish such an infrastructure. In fact, the Department of Public Health staff recently spent a handful of hours going through an entire RFP process to award several CBOs with SDDT grant funding and now that is being taken away. The proposed reallocation to the Human Services Agency will require organizations that already successfully competed for soda tax funds to have to apply again, but through another RFP process with a different agency.

The proposed cuts risk losing advances we have made in chronic disease equity. Our evaluation data has shown advantages to the health and well-being of San Franciscans as a result of the SDDTAC recommendations. We also risk losing the chronic disease prevention and protection of the community. Lastly, these significant budget cuts to the SDDT makes it vulnerable to the soda industry and opens a potential for voters to come in and repeal the tax.

The following tables display a breakdown of the direct and immediate negative effects on communities because of the proposed budget cuts to the SDDTAC-recommended allocations to support CBOs and task forces in communities most affected by chronic disease.

DOMAIN: Community-based organizations	
Organization/Program being cut	**Effects**
All My Usos (AMU)	• Eliminates **all** health programming • Eliminates **279 annual food box distribution** • Eliminates **all 10 staff** • **Risk that the agency may not survive**
Florence Fang Community Farm	• Eliminates **weekly 350 food box distribution** to communities in need • Eliminates distribution model to provide Bayview-grown produce to five Bayview corner stores or other small businesses • The newly hired ED will not be onboarded
Community Awareness Resource Entity (C.A.R.E.)	• Eliminates **150 weekly** food bag distribution
South of Market Community Action Network	• Eliminates **300 summer food bags**

DOMAIN: Oral health	
Organization/Program being cut	**Effects**
Oral health task forces serving Chinatown The Mission District Bayview Hunters Point	• Eliminates the reach to provide **direct service to over 3,700 children to receive dental sealants and more** • Will result in **each task force** laying off the coordinator**.**

The role of the SDDTAC has been critical in informing funding priorities and ensuring that the SDDT funding is accountable and aligned with key values for decreasing sugary drink intake and increasing healthy eating and active living. Our committee remains committed to making community-and results-driven recommendations to ensure the soda tax keeps working for all of us, and urge you to allocate in alignment with our recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration.

In solidarity,

Abby Cabrera
SDDTAC co-chair
Seat 4 (Research/Medical)

Chester Williams
SDDTAC co-chair
Seat 10 (Food Equity/Nutrition)

Jamey M. Schmidt
SDDTAC Seat 5 (Research/Medical)

Linda Ye
SDDTAC Seat 6 (Youth)

Laura Urban
SDDTAC Seat 16 (Children 0-5)

Omar Flores
SDDTAC Seat 12 (Food Access/Security)

Saeeda Hafiz
SDDTAC Seat 8 (SFUSD)

Eva Holman
SDDTAC Seat 15 (Parent Advisory Council)

From: jpietrelli (null)
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Retirees medical plan downgraded
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:38:14 AM

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When you're old and on Medicare your medical plan becomes the most important thing in your life. When your old your health issues control your life.
It's devastating to know the City is dropping UnitedHealth Care for BlueCross/Blue shield a lower rated medical plan.
It's a shame to see how the City is treating its retirees.
Please reconsider this matter.
Sent from my iPhone

From: Daisy Quan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please add to the public file
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:43:00 AM
Attachments: 2024 ALC SF BOS Budget Letter.pdf

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Good morning Brent,

Please would you be able to add the attached PDF to the board file for the annual appropriations ordinance?

Thank you!
Daisy

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Daisy Quan** <daisyq@advancingjustice-alc.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 24, 2024 at 11:40 AM
Subject: Restore critical public services in the budget
To: <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>, <chanstaff@sfgov.org>, <dorseystaff@sfgov.org>, <waltonstaff@sfgov.org>, <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>, <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>, <stefanistaff@sfgov.org>, <peskinstaff@sfgov.org>, <engardiostaff@sfgov.org>, <ronenstaff@sfgov.org>, <safaistaff@sfgov.org>, <Dean.Preston@sfgov.org>, <Connie.Chan@sfgov.org>, <Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org>, <Joel.Engardio@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>, <Matt.Dorsey@sfgov.org>, <Myrna.Melgar@sfgov.org>, <Rafael.Mandelman@sfgov.org>, Ronen, Hillary (BOS) <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org>, <Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org>

Dear Supervisors and staff,

On behalf of the Asian Law Caucus (ALC), I am writing today in solidarity with the People's Budget Coalition and as a member of the San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition, San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative, and the San Francisco Workers Rights Community Collaborative (WRCC), which is slated to lose nearly 50% of funds.

Please see the attached budget advocacy letter and our request to restore critical public services in our community and to meet all the demands of the People's Budget Coalition.

Please stand with San Francisco's working-class and immigrant communities.

Sincerely,
Daisy

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Daisy Quan
Policy Manager

Pronouns: she/her

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ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE
ASIAN LAW CAUCUS

June 24, 2024

Sent via email

Re: Restore critical public services in the budget

Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of the Asian Law Caucus (ALC), I am writing today in solidarity with the People's Budget Coalition to request the **restoration of critical public services** in our community, as a member of the San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition, San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative, and the San Francisco Workers Rights Community Collaborative (WRCC), which is slated to lose nearly 50% of funds.

The Asian Law Caucus (ALC) is the nation's first Asian American legal and civil rights organization. We predominantly, but not exclusively, serve the Asian-American community in San Francisco, the largest group at or below the poverty line, providing free in-language and culturally competent representation. We represent tenants, workers, crime victims, immigrants in ICE detention, people facing suppression of free speech, and we protect voting rights.

From our clients, we know what creates a robust social safety net system and understand deeply how housing, worker, and immigrant rights, youth justice, and criminal legal issues are deeply intertwined and inextricable from one another. Budget cuts in one area threaten to destabilize families in other areas and threaten to harm entire communities. Cuts disproportionately harm the poor and working-class communities of color we are a part of and serve—making them *more* vulnerable at a time when we need *greater* community investment.

ALC and our communities were on the frontlines responding to Trump's war on immigrants and communities of color. Local investments in these important networks helped vulnerable communities to share important information, rapidly respond, and protect one another. With an uncertain presidential election, and the possibility of a new Trump administration, now is NOT the time to weaken our local social safety net infrastructure.

We are requesting a restoration to services in our community, including the slashed WRCC funds, which affect all workers and their rights. We stand with all demands of the People's Budget Coalition: accept all of the Budget and Legislative Analyst's recommended reductions and all policy recommendations (except HRC and DCYF's CBO grant reductions), cut ineffective programs, halt implementation of programs like surveillance technology, pull from the $230m opioid settlement, and apply marginal parity to the City's investments in the nonprofit sector.

Please stand with San Francisco's working-class and immigrant communities.

Sincerely,

Daisy Quan
Policy Manager, Asian Law Caucus

From: Napoleon Poblete
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health plan
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:48:27 AM

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Hi Ma'am,
I oppose to change our Health Plan I want to stick with United Health Care we work hard to have this kind of insurance
Thank you,
Teresita Poblete
Sent from my iPhone

From: Elena Hodges
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: [File Nos. 240595, 240596] Maintain SFILDC funding!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 11:52:09 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

I'm writing regarding File Nos. 240595 and/or 240596, to urge the SF BOS to m**aintain critical deportation defense and rapid response funding through the San Francisco Immigration Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC).** These services are essential for our immigrant communities.

As an immigration attorney with Pangea Legal Services, an SFILDC member, most of my clients are SF community members who would have no way to access legal representation without SFILDC's support. My clients are low-income families who have fled violence and persecution and who often do not speak English. Navigating the immigration court system is challenging even for well-resourced English speakers; it is next-to-impossible for vulnerable immigrant communities who lack language access, lack the money to pay a lawyer, and who are often facing other forms of marginalization, including workplace exploitation and housing insecurity. It is vital to fund SFILDC's immigration legal services, both rapid response and deportation defense! Our communities need these services, and it would be irresponsible, cruel, and short-sighted to cut them now, on the eve of the 2024 election.

Sincerely,
Elena Hodges
Nonprofit Immigration Attorney with SFILDC member organization Pangea Legal Services

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Elena Hodges (pronouns: she/her)
Immigration Attorney
Pangea Legal Services

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Learn more, **follow along**, **and make change possible**

*Licensed to practice law in New York. Practice in CA limited to federal immigration law.

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From: Bianca Sierra Wolff
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: Katie O"Neill
Subject: Public Comment re: 240622 SFILDC Budget
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:05:01 PM
Attachments: Outlook-cid_image0.png
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Hello Brent,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area (LCCRSF) to submit a written comment in support of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Coalition's (SFILDC) $2.54 million FY24-25 additional budget request.

LCCRSF is a leading civil rights organization working to dismantle systems of oppression and racism, and to build an equitable and just society. Formed in 1968 to bridge the legal community and the Civil Rights Movement, we advance the rights of people of color, immigrants, refugees, and low-income individuals. Our grounding in community and direct legal services helps us identify the most pressing civil rights issues and informs the broader impact litigation and policy advocacy we undertake. As part of the SFILDC, we work alongside 15 other coalition members to provide free, high-quality, full-scope legal representation to San Francisco residents before the San Francisco Immigration Court.

LCCRSF supports SFILDC's funding request for an additional $2.54 million in FY 24-25. While SFILDC is slated to receive $6.5 million in the Mayor’s current proposed budget, the need for legal services far exceeds the current capacity to serve our community. SFILDC is requesting an additional $2.54 million to expand capacity by 180-240 cases, increase limited scope clinics, and create wage parity between SFILDC attorneys and city employees. As of March 2024, there is an SFILDC waitlist of nearly 900 individuals, a dramatic increase from the 525 individuals on the waitlist last year. This includes over 300 children, nearly 150 of whom are unaccompanied minors who arrived in the US without a parent or legal guardian and are enrolled in San Francisco public schools.

Granting this budget request will help ensure that San Francisco residents have access to free, high-quality, full-scope legal representation before the San Francisco Immigration Court.

Thank you for your assistance in filing this public comment.

Best,

Bianca Sierra Wolff

Bianca Sierra Wolff, Executive Director (pronouns: she/her/ella)
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Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, founded in 1968, works to advance, protect and promote the legal rights of communities of color, low-income persons, immigrants, and refugees. Assisted by hundreds of pro bono attorneys, LCCRSF provides free legal assistance and representation to individuals on civil legal matters through direct services, impact litigation and policy advocacy.

From: Angelique Zamora
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SF Budget Cuts
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:09:28 PM

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Hello,

My name is Angelique Zamora. I am currently an employment case manager at Hospitality House.
As a single mother who has previously used many of the programs and a non profit worker that have seen the benefits to our community listed in the proposed budget cuts. The programs in which you intend to cut helped me to be financially independent today. Without help with childcare while I was in school and working part time I would not have been able to be where I am today.

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Angelique Zamora
Employment Case Manager
email:azamora@hospitalityhouse.org
(415)718-1928 ext:409

From:	Diana Scott
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Please deny the SFPUC"s increased budget request and require and independent audit
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 12:09:41 PM

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To the SF Board of Supervisors:

I'm alert to the fact that the SFPUC is now considering the need to invest between $17 billion and $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget), to produce water that will not be needed.

It has based its calculations on a "Drought Design" scenario for an event likely to happen only once in 25,000 years, whereas its projected large increase in water supply demand is not borne out by the underlying reality: Water demand has decreased dramatically over three decades, with sales remaining flat – while water/wastewater conservation measures by businesses and consumers have reduced demand and with it, PUC income.

My household has a low-water consumption profile, and I don't want to see my rates increase, nor that of my neighbors who have been conscientious in conserving our precious water supply. Unsound PUC projections and planning practices need not hamper too long deferred infrastructure maintenance investments, if an independent audit of PUC budget and its drought planning assumptions makes the agency factually accountable.

I urge the SF Board of Supervisors to deny the PUC's latest budget increase request, pending an independent audit of the PUC budget projections, to be paid for by that agency.

This would halt rate increases based mainly on that agency's flawed projections and planning practices. The PUC's current request only serves to prop up continuing rate increases to compensate for the agency's sustained financial shortfalls, absent public scrutiny and accountability (commissioners are appointed, not elected).

Before it becomes "too big to fail" and needs a bailout, the SF Board of Supervisors can require an independent audit, to insure public accountability and check excessively rising rates.

Please require an independent audit of the CPUC and its planning assumptions and deny the inflated budget request.

Thank you.

Diana Scott, 3657 Wawona St., SF, CA 94116

From: Eduardo Leon
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: 2024 SF Budget Justice Fight: Stop Cuts to Our Communities!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:11:09 PM

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Hello,

Working people in SF deserve safe housing, food security, and care for our kids! The cities budget takes our city in the wrong direction, cutting taxes for big businesses and DECREASING
funds for early childcare for families struggling to make ends meet. Non profit organizations also need the funding to support the community.

Thank you

Eduardo Javier Leon
Bilingual Case Manager

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"YOUR PAST MISTAKES ARE MEANT TO GUIDE YOU NOT DEFINE YOU"

From: Francesca Gonzalez
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Question re: presentations during public comment
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:12:36 PM

Hi Brent,

Please see our Public Comment Video

HYPE Testimonials Video.mp4

I've attached both the public view link and google drive link.

Thank you

Best,
Francesca

In Community,

Francesca Gonzalez (she/her)
Executive Director
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On Fri, Jun 21, 2024 at 1:51 PM Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org> wrote:

> Yes
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> **Brent Jalipa**
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> ***Assistant Clerk***
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> San Francisco, CA 94102
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> brent.jalipa@sfgov.org | www.sfbos.org
>
> **(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)** To schedule a "virtual" meeting with me (on Microsoft Teams), please ask and I can answer your questions in real time.

From: Francesca Gonzalez <francesca@freedom-forward.org>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2024 10:40 AM
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Question re: presentations during public comment

Hi Brent,

I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for your previous responses.

I wanted to follow up on my last query regarding the audio capabilities for our presentation. Could you confirm if we will be able to play sound from a video (MP4)

Thank you again for your assistance!

In Community,

Francesca Gonzalez (she/her)
Executive Director
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On Wed, Jun 19, 2024 at 6:44 AM Francesca Gonzalez <francesca@freedom-forward.org> wrote:

> Thank you Brent. One last question - is sound available to play through the presentation? Meaning, if it were a video (MP4) with sound?
>
> Thank you again!
>
> In Community,
>
> **Francesca Gonzalez** (she/her)

Executive Director
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On Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 5:59 PM Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org> wrote:

> Good afternoon Francesca,
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> The best way is to have thumbdrive in hand and you can use the laptop to open your file. Presentations can be in in ppt or pdf, just make sure you present in full screen mode (F5 for powerpoints, Ctrl-L for pdfs) and you can use your cursor keys to advance you slide deck. You may also send a written comment with your slide-deck to me so I may include it the Public Correspondence attachment in the Legislative History File. Please make sure to reference File No. 240622.
>
> Hope that helps,
>
> **Brent Jalipa**
>
> ***Assistant Clerk***
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> Board of Supervisors - Clerk's Office
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> **(VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS)** To schedule a "virtual" meeting with me (on Microsoft Teams), please ask and I can answer your questions in real time.
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> **From:** Francesca Gonzalez <francesca@freedom-forward.org>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 5:24 PM
> **To:** Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>
> **Subject:** Question re: presentations during public comment

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Hi, Brent. I hope you're doing well. I have a question regarding public comment for June 24th. What is the process if we would like to use our 1 minute on the mic with a presentation? What is the best format to have that presentation? And do we send that to you ahead of time or do we bring it on a zip drive?

Thank you

Francesca

From: Maria dela Merced
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Health Care for SFGH RETIREES
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 12:30:39 PM

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I oppose change of United Health Care Insurance to Blue Shield
Maria S. dela Merced
Sent from my iPhone

From:	Kate Mahoney
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	ILRC comment on FY24-25 budget
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 12:34:00 PM
Attachments:	image207344.png image792926.png image148283.png image453132.png image902498.png image931619.png image361921.png

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Good afternoon:

I am writing to comment on the city's Annual Budget for FY 24-25.

I am a Senior Staff Attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), a national immigrant rights' organization that is headquartered in San Francisco. The ILRC provides training and technical assistance to legal services providers representing the most vulnerable immigrants in our communities; policy advocacy to advance the rights of immigrants in the United States; and community outreach to empower and educate immigrant communities.

The ILRC appreciates the city's commitment to continue funding deportation defense legal services to the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), of which we are a founding member, for the coming fiscal year. However, the Mayor's revised budget failed to increase SFILDC's funding, despite the growing number of vulnerable immigrants in our city and the looming possibility of heightened enforcement and anti-immigrant policies that could arise under a new presidential administration. SFILDC currently maintains a waitlist of nearly 900 San Francisco residents who are at risk of deportation; this number has increased sharply this year due to increased numbers of asylum seekers coming to our city. Our legal staff are paid low wages—indeed, SFILDC's FTE rate has not increased since the collaborative was founded nearly a decade ago—which further hinders our ability to meet capacity by maintaining experienced attorneys who can afford to live in the Bay Area.

The services that SFILDC provides are essential to strengthening our community by providing immigrant families the stability and economic empowerment that comes with obtaining legal status; holding federal immigration agencies accountable for their actions within our city, and enhancing public safety by helping immigrant communities access victim-based immigration benefits for which they are eligible. This year is an election year, and as we prepare for the possibility of a change in administration, San Francisco must be ready to protect its community from the xenophobic, anti-immigrant policies that may be on the horizon. We accordingly urge the Board to increase SFILDC's budget as outlined in our original ask earlier this year so that we can provide effective legal services in

The ILRC also urges the Board to restore the funding for related social services that were

cut by the Mayor's proposed budget, including emergency rental assistance; workers' rights collaboratives; gender, sexualities & diversities programming; and after-school childcare. These services are necessary to any functioning city, but they are especially critical to vulnerable immigrant families, who most often work in low-wage jobs, live in unstable housing, and lack alternative childcare options. These services go hand-in-hand with immigration legal services, and we urge the Board to continue to support these programs in the coming fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration,

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From: Michael Warburton
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Audit SFPUC budget BEFORE Unreasonable and Unnecessary Rate Increases are Approved
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 1:02:07 PM

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Dear SF Supervisors,

The essence of democratic governance is for elected leaders to take "civic action." Leaders explain to the public how they "do things" and accountability is "managed" by public "votes" in formal processes called "elections." The New York Times today (6/24/2024) featured an article by Matthew Goldstein: "Fearing Losses, Banks are Quietly Dumping Real Estate Loans." It identifies an increasingly complex public problem. But we actually have the institutional capacity to "solve" it if our traditional legal mechanism for just that purpose is acknowledged by the California legal profession. The "mechanism" (or, better yet, "custom") is known as the California Public Trust Doctrine.

Of course, in their eternal quest for an unlimited "right" to command ever-increasing "fees," lawyers have frequently drawn on their corresponding "right" to argue extremes. The result has been an obvious increase in public drama, and, as we all know, drama supports any theatrical performance by commanding public interest. The theatrical element of public policy enforcement has always been with us and is directly reflected in the language that advocates use to describe their favored projects and policies. See, e.g. "That train has already left the station" or "We've got to land this plane." The public interpretation of "Laws and Facts" creates the "legal framework" in which we live and that in turn shapes what happens.

You already know your budget is out of control and various Departments are considering extreme rate increases or cuts to address serious public challenges. Proposed extreme increases will inflict additional economic hardships on San Francisco's most vulnerable residents. I am particularly interested in the water rate increases under consideration by the Public Utilities Commission. For the last fifteen years, I have been attempting to represent fundamental public interests through the statutory "Intervenor Compensation Program" of the California Public Utilities Commission. A set of administrative "proceedings" have been used to guarantee the public viability of competing proposals to design, finance, construct and operate a reasonable public water supply for various cities and water agencies in Monterey County. Obviously, and very similar to the San Francisco situation, various individuals and organizations have differing, and often mutually exclusive, proposals for an "optimal" infrastructure outcome. Most interests are represented by professional legal counsel in the administrative proceedings, but my experience has been that traditional "public trust" interests have been strategically ignored.

Just as in the "banking problem" referenced at the beginning of this note, we have the capacity to adapt reasonably to changing circumstances if we use the California Public Trust Doctrine as a point of entry for reasonable public debate and decision. Instead of defaulting to the legal profession's desired "extremes," why not revert to the California Public Trust Doctrine's "reasonable limits?" That is essential for having a reasonable

debate. The way the framework “works” is the a priori acknowledgement of “reasonable limits “ on the finite things that we encounter in the “universe” in which we live. The “trillions of dollars" reflected in the Real Estate Loans described in the New York Times’ article have never “existed.” They have only been imagined by various advocates in our political space and Lawyers have been “representing” their positions to “Legal Authorities.” In our Constitutional Democracy, elected leaders and officials are required to act in a manner consistent with law. A well known legal tactic is to overwhelm lay actors with “process” and, in the resulting confusion, ensure that their clients’ interests are protected whether they are reasonable or not. When attorneys’ fees are unlimited, oligarchs will prevail no matter what ends they desire. Our “civilization” (at least since the times of Gaius in ancient Greece) has always aspired to more reasonable outcomes. The eminent Conservationist of the 20th Century, David Brower frequently repeated, “We have not inherited the world from our ancestors; we’ve borrowed it from our grandchildren.” The California Public Trust Doctrine is explicitly encoded in our Constitution and is intended to help solve any problems created by “budgetary” uncertainties.

Let’s use our available tools to be reasonable.

Thanks,

Michael Warburton
Director
Public Trust Alliance
A Project of The Resource Renewal Institute

From:	Fiorella Bernal
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Written Public Comment Letters for Budget and Appropriations Committee Meeting on 6/24/24 - Reference File Nos. 240595
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 1:15:17 PM
Attachments:	Carta de Apoyo a CARECEN SF.docx Diana Henriquez Carta (6_25).pdf Elena Carta (6_25).pdf Olga Marina Perez Morales Carta (6_25).pdf Veronica Gomez Carta (6_25).pdf

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Hello Brent,

My name is Fiorella Bernal and I'm the Program Coordinator for the Health Promotion Program at the Central American Resource Center of Northern California (CARECEN SF).

In regards to the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting, happening today, June 24th, I am attaching pictures and pdfs of written public comment letters that community members wrote in Spanish. It is our understanding that through the language access ordinance, these letters will get translated in some capacity. We hope that these letters will be taken into consideration as the supervisors are deliberating the budget.

Please confirm that you have received this email. Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Best regards,

Fiorella Bernal
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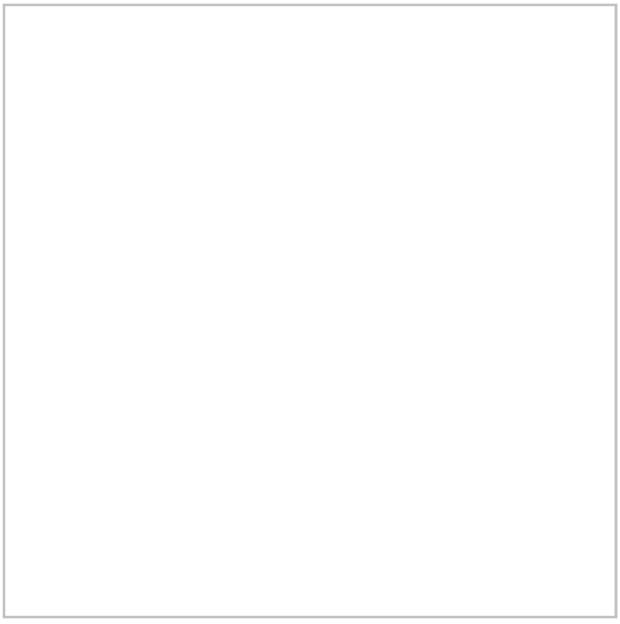

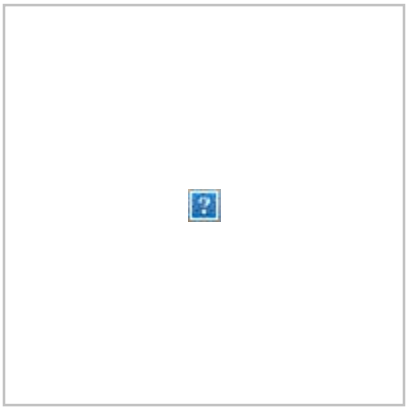

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Hola, buenos dias mi nombre es Fabiola:

Yo vivo en el vecindario de la Mission y participó en el programa de **Promoción de Salud de Carecen,** donde me he beneficiado de unos extraordinarios talleres informativos en diversos temas como la importancia de la salud bucal, el autocuidado, involucramiento en las escuelas, bebidas azucaradas, etc.
También he participado en reuniones comunitarias acerca de la calidad del agua en San Francisco las cuales incrementaron mi confianza en el consumo del agua natural que llega a mi casa.

Esta participación me ha beneficiado de manera personal y familiar ya que siempre ha sido informacion valiosa que aplicó a nivel familiar pero también puedo compartir con miembros de la comunidad debido a que los talleres han sido siempre impartidos con mucho conocimiento por parte de los facilitadores y promotoras del programa

Quisiera pedir de una manera respetuosa y atenta a la junta de supervisores de San Francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comité de bebidas azucaradas para restaurar fondos para la organizaciones comunitarias y la coaliciones de salud Oral de la Misión, Bayview y Chinatown.

Sin más por el momento me despido agradeciendo su atención.

Fabiola T 6/21/2024.

CARECEN SF.-

Por este medio yo Diana Henriquez, residente de la ciudad del Tenderloin SF hago de su conocimiento que participo en el programa de promocion de salud de CARECEN, donde mi familia y yo hemos sido beneficiados servicios y recursos y programas de educacion que nos ha brindado la organización.

los Servicios que he recibido de CARECEN han sido de ayuda para mis hijos (pañales, articulos Personales, ropa entre otros) Comida (gift card, frutas, verduras, bolsas de viveres) y en educacion las charlas sobre el agua, bulling, acoso en las escuelas) que todo eso nos ayuda como Mamas a estar preparadas en caso de que sea necesario. Entre otras cosas y actividades que nos ayudan.

Por eso quiero pedir a la Junta de Supervisores de San Francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan la recomendación del comite de los bolsillos azucarados para restaurar fondos para las organizaciones comunitarias y las coaliciones de salud oral de la Mision, Bayview y Chinatown.

De antemano Gracias.

[redacted]

Hola Mi nombre es Elena
Mi Direccion [redacted]

Yo participo en el progama de promocion de salud Catecen, donde me he beneficiado de gran ayuda para mi y para otras familias.

En estos Servicios Me han ayudado mucho. a tener mas informacion, aprender otras cosas interesantes lo que yo no sabia, aprendi mucho en las promotoras.

Quiero pedir ala junta de supervisores de san Francisco y ala oficina dela alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comite de las bebidas azucaradas para testavrar fondos para las organizaciones comonitarias y las coaliciones de salud oral dela, Mission, bayview y chinatown.

HOlo mi nombre es
Olga Marina perez Morales
yo viv en [redacted] San Francisco
California y participo en el programa de
promocion de salud de carecen donde
me he beneficiado de servicios recursos
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Estos servicios impactaron a la comunidad
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para las organisaciones comunitarias
y las coaliciones de salud oral
de la mision, Bayview, y chinatown.

Gracias.

Buenas no me gustaria
que la gunta de supervisores
de san francisco como
carecen me ayudan y no
Seria justo que nos quiten
los venefios porque es un
Programa de ayuda para muchos
Padres de familia.
Att Jneymi Rabanales

Hola mi nombre es Jose Cavich

Yo vivo en el barrio de la Mission y participo en el Programa de Promoción de Salud de CARECEN, donde me ha beneficiado mucho los Servicios/Recursos/Educación que me han brindado.

Estos servicios son de mucha ayuda no solo para mi, si no tambien a muchas personas mas que necesitan de este programa, y tienen un impacto muy positivo para la comunidad.

Quiero pedir a la junta de Supervisores de San Francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comite de las bebidas azucaradas para restaurar fondos para las organizaciones comunitarias y las coaliciones de salud oral de la Mission, Bayview y Chinatown.
Gracias

Hola, mi nombre es Juana Rodriguez y soy participante de Caresen. Todo lo que hemos recivido por parte del programa me a ayudado a mi, y a muchas familias. Hemos aprendido mas y conocido cosas nuevas. Por ejemplo todos los parques nuevos, la ayuda con comida y la oportunidad de conocer a mucha gente nueva. Creando amistades y un lugar segura para pedir ayuda y recivirla. Les pido que no nos quiten esta ayuda, y que mi voz cuente. Muchas gracias por todo.

CARECEN SF

Hola Mi nombres: Maria Luisa Bocanegra,

Yo vivo en el barrio de La Mission el cual esta el programa de CARECEN yo llevo varios años participando en carecen el cual doy gracias a Dios por ponerme en ese lugar, ya que en lo personal nos alludada mucho como en mi familia y sobretodo en la comunidad latina, en las platica para que un en este pais nose cienta mal, porque no conocemos nada como tambien a comer saludable no tomar cosas con tanta azucar, no consumir comida chatarra, en tener el auto estima en alto, en superarnos como personas, en darnos animos para hacer ejersicio como muchas cosas mas, por eso les pido de la manera mas atenta que nos sigan alludando de todo corazón se los pido a las personas que corresponden en tomarce el tiempo para leer esta peticion CARECEN y todo el personal yo y la comunidad estamos muy agradecidos porta su gran ayuda gracias DIOS los bendiga

San Francisco CA. 94134
6/18/24

Por este medio me dirijo a todas las autoridades de San Francisco para pedirles su colaboracion y apoyo para todas las organizaciones de San Francisco. ya que nosotros como familias de San Francisco recibimos mucho apoyo. especialmente de la organizacion de Carecen ello nos daa apoyo. tambien nos dan orientaciones y talleres que nos informan y educan a nosotros. nos han educado Sobre Como funciona lo del agua en San Francisco. Cosas que nosotros no Sabiamos. esperamos que sigan apoyando a Carecen. Gracias

Carecen SF

Hola: mi nombre es Susana Moreno Beltrán.

Yo vivo en la Vecindad de San Francisco. y participo en el programa de promoción de Salud de CARECEN. donde con la Educación que he recibido. nos hemos Visto beneficiados mi familia y yo, ademas que los Servicios de orientación, gestion, y con sus recursos nos ha apoyado en situaciones que no sabiamos que hacer.

Estos Servicios Impactaron mi Vida, de forma muy positiva, cambiando habitos que hacian daño a nuestra salud.

Es por esto que quiero pedir a la junta de Supervisores de San Francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comite de Bebidas azucaradas para restaurar fondos para las organizaciones comunitarias y las coaliciones de salud ord de la misión, Bayview y chinatown.

Gracias

Att Susana Moreno Beltran.

Hola mi nombre es Alixia Escobar
yo participo en el programa
de promocion de salud de carecen
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Mision, Bayview. y chinatown.

Gracias

CARECEN SF

Apoyo para el Programa de Promoción de Salud.

Hola mi nombre es Araceli Valencia, vivo en Mission District y participo en el programa de Promoción de Salud de CARECEN, donde me he beneficiado de Servicios de Salud y ayuda con abogados también.

Estos servicios impactaron mi vida de manera positiva al atender información que muy probable no había escuchado antes con respecto a la salud, a si mismo varios padres de familia que han presenciado estas pláticas de Salud en la escuela de nuestros niños, estoy segura que también se han beneficiado. Personalmente me han tocado experiencias de mucha amabilidad de parte de CARECEN.

Quiero pedir a la Junta de Supervisores de San Francisco y a los oficiales de la Alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comité de las bebidas azucaradas para restaurar fondos para las organizaciones comunitarias y las coaliciones de salud oral de la Misión, Bayview, y Chinatown. Ojalá también se sigan las recomendaciones del comite del impuesto a las bebidas azucaradas.

¡Gracias!

Hola mi nombre es Deysi Vivo en el area de la civic Center y Porticipó en el Programa de Salud de Carecen donde me he beneficiado de los Servicios, Recursos, educacion de los talleres que ofrecen me ayuda mucho con los Programas que asisto Quiero Pedir a la Junta de SanFrancisco y la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comite de las bebidas azucaradas para restaurar Fondos para las Organizaciones comunitarias y las coaliciones de salud oral de la mision, Bayview y Chinatown.

gracias.

Hola mi nombre es Diana Ramirez

Vivo en la misión y Participo en el Programa de lectura de CARECEN. Por lo que mi niña y yo nos hemos beneficiado mucho en asistir al Programa cada mes.

Este Programa nos a ayudado mucho Porque tanto mi niña como yo hemos aprendido mucho a Convivir con otras personas, y divertido porque los niños pueden cantar y bailar, y porque es un Programa en Español donde Siento que es Un lugar Seguro Para estar con mi niña, donde podemos Convivir y Comportir tambien es educativo ya que ayudan a los niños a que les guste la lectura, ya que leer es muy importante para su futuro.

Quiero pedir ala junta de Supervisores de San Francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa que sigan las recomendaciones del comité de las bebidas azucaradas Para restaurar fondos Para las Organizaciones Comunitarias y las Coaliciones de Salud Oral de la Misión, Bayview, y Chinatown.

6-21-2024

Hola:

Mi nombre es Verónica Gómez

Yo viva en [redacted], y participo en el Programa de salud de CARECEN donde me he beneficiado de recursos, Servicios y educacion alimentaria y dental

Estos servicios me han ayudado mucho con informacion que desconocia y a la vez apoyo para encontrar recursos.

Quiero pedir a la Junta de Supervisores de san francisco y a la oficina de la alcaldesa Para que siga apoyando a organizaciones como CARECEN que nos han ofrecido mucho. sobre todo a la comunidad latina

Gracias

From: Wellness Together
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Calling all School Administrators! Final early bird rate - Register your team today!
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 1:17:24 PM

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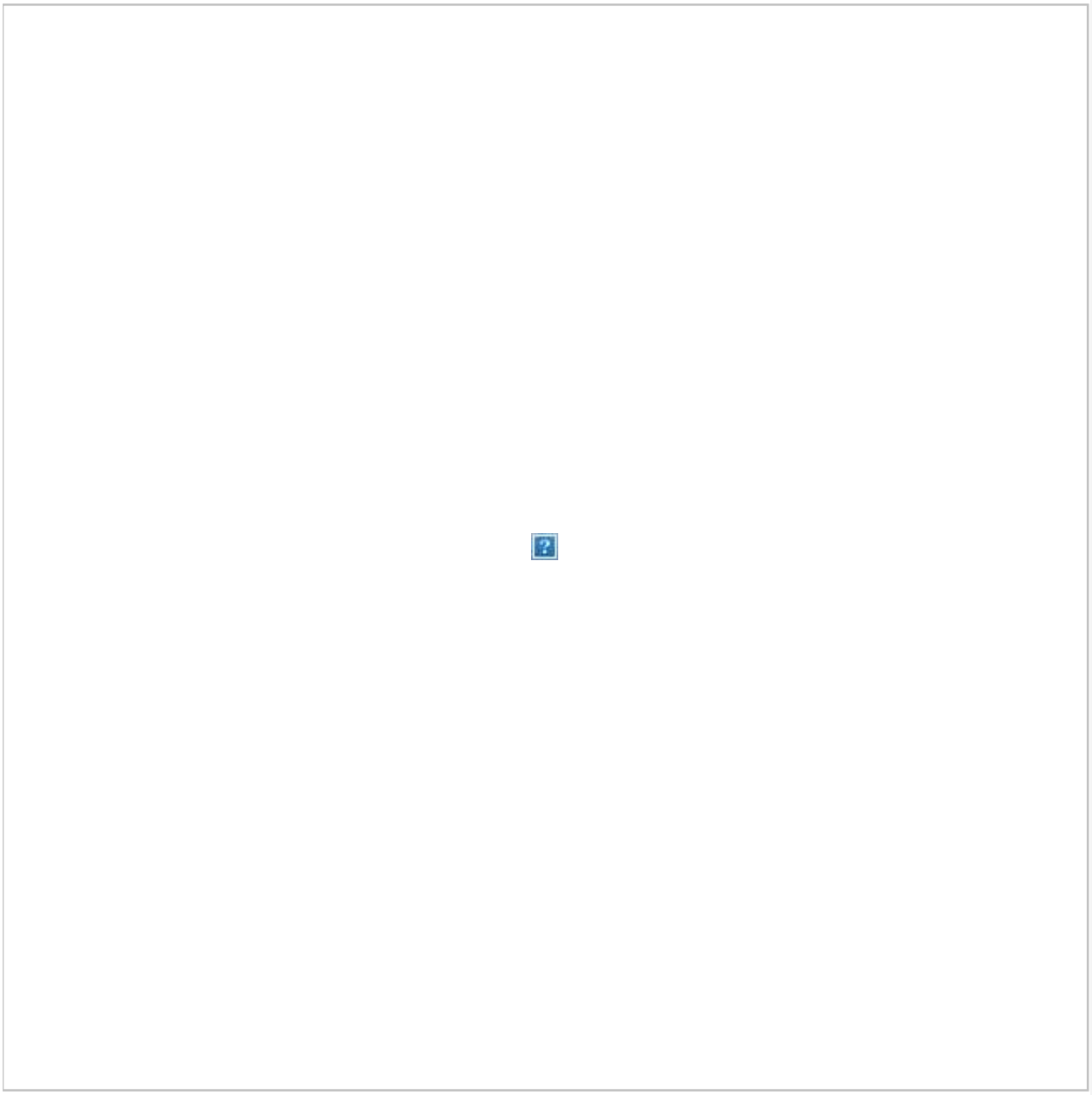

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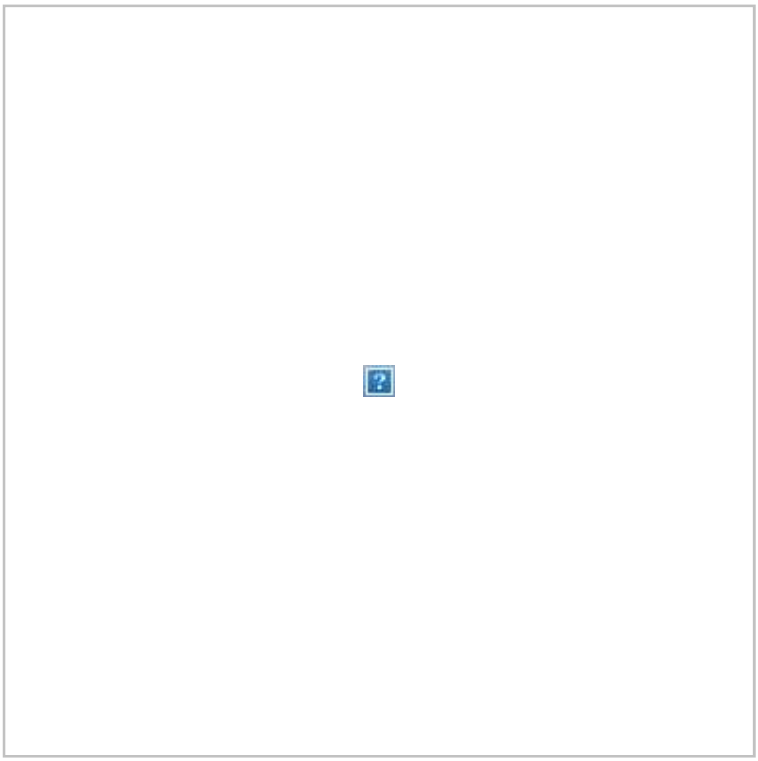

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From: Floyd Rollins
To: Adam Wood; Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Fund United Healthcare for Retirees
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 1:47:02 PM

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Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

I write to you today urging you to uphold the June 7, 2024, vote of the full Health Services Board in attendance to reject the staff recommendation to replace United Healthcare with Blue Shield.

Many of our cities dedicated and long serving retirees, especially from public safety, are in stages of their lives where they are presented with serious and mounting health challenges. One thing they do not need added to their plate is to be told that you are eliminating the healthcare option that they have come to know for a cheaper and lower quality option. The method in which this whole process was done was not in any way democratic and sends a very strong and negative message contrary to the city family reference we hear all too often.

I ask you as elected officials of the City and County of San Francisco to not allow the underhanded method in which this process was done to stand. Uphold the June 7, 2024, proper vote of the entire Health Services Board that was held in line with the democratic and unbiased values that we say are upheld in San Francisco. Please reject the questionable way in which the Dr. Follansbee was removed by the Mayor and replaced by a Dr. who swung the majority vote towards getting rid of United Healthcare. Do not send a message to our dedicated and long serving retirees that you have to balance the budget on your backs while you turn a blind eye to many other un-regulated and non-compliant funding the city continues to dole out. Those members who have served the city faithfully do not deserve cheaper and lower quality healthcare in their senior years. They deserve the same respect and consideration that they gave when they faithfully protected and *served* the citizens and property of the City and County of San Francisco in accordance with the oath they took.

Put yourself in their shoes and honestly ask yourself how you would feel watching this all unfold and being the recipient of this decision after faithfully serving the City. I hope you will stand with them and uphold the June 7, 2024, vote and not make them feel like their service to the city and their current state of health and wellbeing are not worth valued consideration in their senior years.

In Solidarity,

Floyd K. Rollins II
President

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From: Adam Wood <adam@sffdlocal798.org>
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2024 5:50 AM
To: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org <Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org>
Cc: Floyd Rollins <floyd@sffdlocal798.org>
Subject: Fund United Healthcare for Retirees

Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members,

I urge you not to balance the City's budget on the backs of retired city employees. The elimination of United Healthcare West as a Medicare Advantage plan option for retired city employees will lower the quality of care for thousands of working people who dedicated their lives to serving the citizens of San Francisco.

Please respect the June 7, 2024 vote of the full Health Services Board and reject the HSB staff recommendation to replace United Healthcare with Blue Shield.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Adam Wood
Secretary,
San Francisco Firefighters Local 798
415-621-7103 (office)
415-580-9653 (cell)

From:	Amanda Santana
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:	Monday, June 24, 2024 2:23:59 PM

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Amanda Santana 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,

Amanda Santana

amanda.housingdevelopmentorganizer@filipinocdc.org

From: Nancy Arbuckle
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: find money -- audit the SFPUC
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:27:42 PM

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I am writing as an SF citizen (District 3) and a utility ratepayer to urge you to order an audit of the SFPUC, paid for by the SFPUC.

It's time to dig beneath the SFPUC's pretty charts and look at the ugly policies that those charts are based on.

Here are a few of the ugly facts their pretty charts hide:

The SFPUC is carrying $8.5 billion dollars of debt.

Their capital plan calls for adding another $3 billion dollars to that astronomical number this year.

Every San Francisco resident will see 8% increases every year in their bills. Rates will triple in 20 years.

Not only is the SFPUC calling for egregious expenditures, their plans are not based on scientifically sound water demand policy.

By their own admission, the SFPUC's Drought planning scenario (the Design Drought) is an act of imagination, a once-in-25,000 years scenario.

The SFPUC is basing their budget demands on a large increase in water demand when the opposite is true — water demand has declined significantly over the past three years.

You have the authority and you bear the responsibility to call the SFPUC on their policy and their expenditures. An audit is overdue.

Sincerely,

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From: kimberlygila
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Comments on budget
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 2:33:39 PM

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Hello
My name is Kimberly gila and I like to email comments.
First, parking control officers are working overtime on weekends and evenings, unnecessary departments needs to be eliminated. Mayor and board members of supervisors should take pay cuts.safe drug centers are not good. Affordable housing for middle class poor people and middle class families are needed. Youth programs are needed especially now in summer.

Kimberly gila
Kimberlygila@aol.com

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

From:	Berens, Lisa
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Subject:	Urgent request to maintain vital oral health task force support
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 2:34:14 PM
Attachments:	image001.png CavityFreeSF Budget Letter.docx.pdf

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of CavityFree SF, San Francisco's children's oral health coalition, I submit an urgent letter of request regarding the Mayor's proposal to eliminate funding for the three community task forces.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to further discuss.

Your time and thoughtful consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Lisa Berens, CavityFree SF Co-lead

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CavityFree SF

June 24, 2024

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl,
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RE: Mayor Breed's Proposed Budget

Honorable Supervisors,

CavityFree SF (CFSF) is San Francisco's oral health coalition of more than 30 stakeholders and partners across diverse community, academic, and clinical (both private and public) spheres. Since 2017, CavityFree SF members have been actively addressing the disparities in oral health outcomes for all San Francisco children, because oral health is essential to overall health, mental health, as well as educational attainment for all children.

Almost since its inception, CFSF has included three Community Task Forces representing Districts 3, 9 and 10. Dental cavities is the #1 most common chronic childhood disease and San Francisco's African American, Asian American and Latinx children are 2-3 times more likely than their White counterparts to experience tooth decay by kindergarten. These community-led Task Forces have been an integral investment in San Francisco's oral health equity work addressing these disparities. We are concerned that the complete removal of funds allocated for the Oral Health Task Forces proposed by Mayor Breed will eliminate the essential engagement and voice of these vulnerable populations and we ask that no cuts be made to community-based organization funding at this time.

With the $450,000 in funding, the Children's Oral Health Community Task Forces will continue to:

- Employ 3 full time staff in Districts 3, 9, and 10.
- Hold regular Task Force meetings in each District.
- Engage community members with culturally responsive education on the importance of children's oral health reaching more than 3,500 unique individuals annually.
- Provide resources, community linkages to dental homes, and navigation support to direct services such as dental screening and treatment to 150+ families per year.
- Conduct community focus groups to identify challenges, and continuously improve health promotion efforts.
- Support school-based oral health screening and intervention activities (fluoride application and sealants).

CavityFree SF Implementation Coordinating Committee

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Community-based organizations were called upon and stepped up to play a critical role in addressing disparities in low-income communities of color during COVID-19 response. Without adequate funding to support the work of community-based organizations, we fear that this support system will begin to unravel and result in even greater disparities in the health and wellbeing of these communities.

In light of this, we request that you keep community-based Soda Tax funding for the Children's Oral Health Community Task Forces whole to ensure that the non-profit sector, which represents the City's essential safety net and lifeline for low-income and communities of color, continues to support the City's most vulnerable.

We believe this request is closely aligned and reflective of your priorities to invest in racial equity, especially in the area of health and wellness. Please let us know when you and your staff are available so we can share more information about the impact of our collective work.

Sincerely,

CavityFree SF Implementation Coordinating Committee

From:	Jose Martinez
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Protect Youth & Families, Respect the Will of the Voters - Stop The Raid on Prop C
Date:	Monday, June 24, 2024 2:50:49 PM

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Hello City Leaders,

This budget cut will mean 1,168 family members and kids will be left out in the cold without housing. The $60m would otherwise be spent on rental subsidies for families and youth and permanent supportive housing.

The measure was also deliberately crafted to have a community oversight body to ensure the vision of Prop C was realized. They spend hours pouring over budgets, getting input from hundreds of unhouse people and front line service providers to ensure just that. **These last minute plans did not go through OCOH (Prop C) Oversight Committee.**

A vote to support changing the Prop C spending categories will directly increase family, youth and adult homelessness.

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From: Paul Aguilar
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: RE: (File Nos. 240595 and 240596) Budget and Appropriations Committee
Date: Monday, June 24, 2024 3:18:31 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to express my support for the HIV and AIDS Provider Network budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. In particular, I am referring to the $1 million request to fund more services and coordination of access to mental health services for long-term survivors of HIV.

As you know, 74% of those living with HIV in San Francisco are over the age of 50. While aging is challenging for anyone, aging with HIV presents additional difficulties. Research indicates that the prevalence of major depressive disorders is two to four times higher for individuals living with HIV compared to those who are not. Additionally, studies have shown that people with HIV develop neurocognitive disorders up to fifteen years sooner than those who are HIV-negative.

Furthermore, many long-term survivors have experienced the loss of their entire social circles of friends, leading to isolation and survivor syndrome. Substance use disorder and overdose are the leading causes of death for people living with HIV in San Francisco, after HIV itself.

Given these circumstances, I strongly believe that the allocation of $1 million to fund more services and coordination of access to mental health services for long-term survivors of HIV is essential. This funding would enable the provision of much-needed support to a vulnerable population, helping to improve their quality of life and overall well-being.

Thank you for considering my request.

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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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Shuangyan Li

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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,

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From:	Raquel Redondiez
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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
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TUNNEL OF LIGHT

Concept by Julie Munsayac and Ciriaco Sayoc

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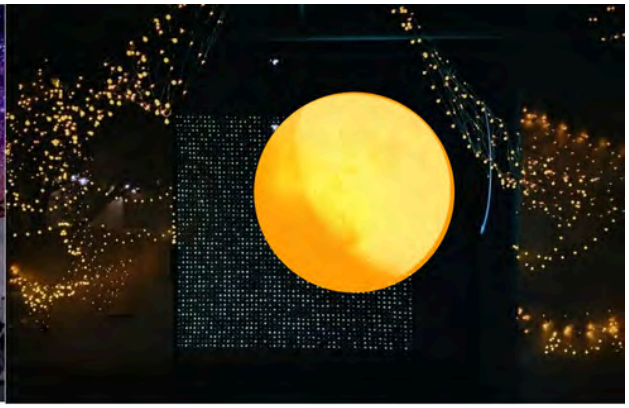





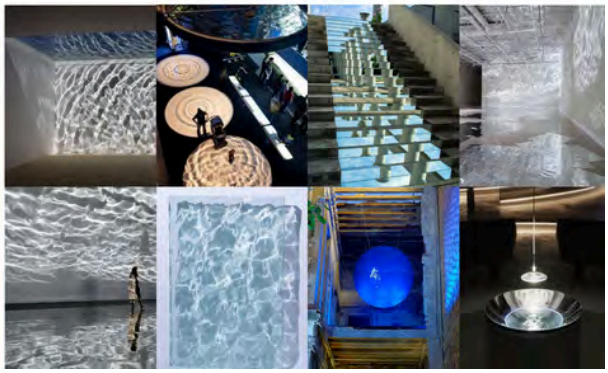

From: Samoan Solutions
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: File No. 240595
Date: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 1:07:46 PM

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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,
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From:	Scott Rowitz
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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.
- $400,000 Investment in expanded small business activation plan for the Filipino businesses in the district **creating a cultural Hub in Yerba Buena for Kultivate Labs at San Francisco Centre.**
- $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.
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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,

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

Dear Chair Chan,

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:

- $2,250,000 ($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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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___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzo5NTNjMzVmNDliMzg3MjI2ZjUxMzYyNzI2ZjdhYTc2Zjo2OjE3ZjQ6NDFlZTRhNzUyY2JkNDVhNDI0MzhjM2FiNTJhZDcwMWMyMzg4NTIxOGM1ZGIxMWNjMzFhZDc0ZmZiNzZiZjY3YTp0OkY6Tg 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 SanFrancisco. 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,

Eileen McHugh
Executive Assistant
Office of the Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
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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
San Francisco Municipal Executives Association

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

> Good Morning Angela,
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> Please see and distribute to the Board of Supervisors the attached memo and letter to Supervisor Chan from Criss Romero, MEA Executive Director.
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> Thanks in advance for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me via email or cell 415-971-7716.
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> 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

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION
MEA: EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Connie Chan
Supervisor, District 1
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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.

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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
Matt Haney, District 5
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Shaman Walton, District 10
Ahsha Safai, District 11
London Breed, Mayor
Sean Elsbernd, Chief of Staff
Carol Isen, DHR Director
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

Good afternoon supervisors,

My name is Darlene and I am a SFUSD student of Balboa High School and a youth leader at Kabataan. I am here in support of other youth leadership programs who are facing budget cuts or getting completely defunded.

I'm new here in the U.S., going here for 5 months. It's really different here in the US! It's cold, but thanks to Kabataan, I've met a lot of Filipinos and other non-Filipino youth migrants who in other programs we collaborate with. Here, I know I am forever changed.

When I attended the program for the first time, I was still shy, but as time went on, I started to feel comfortable. The FEC was a great help to me because I learned a lot, and it also seemed to help me learn how to talk in public. This experience would be taken away from more than 3600 individual youth in District 10 and 2500 more in District 11 if the budget cuts to DCYF go through. Please see it is important to fund youth programming. Thank you!

Good afternoon Supervisors,

My Name is Amauri Steel, a student of Balboa high school in SFUSD. I live in the Bayview and am a Core youth leader of the Kabataan youth program.

I am concerned about the budget cuts because it affects a lot of students and people who are with these schools and programs and if they get cut, people will ~~loose~~ lose resources that they need for ~~that~~ school or/and personal ~~life~~ livelihoods so I am asking please don't cut youth program budget. They have fought so hard to have these resources to help other and community.

The people impacted by these cuts are often if not, mostly migrants, these resources help them with what they need like and survive in San francisco. I am concerned because we already lack in resources for migrants and highschoolers. Supervisors, please reconsider cutting these programs and resources, thank you!

Good Afternoon, Supervisors—

I'm Shawn Paladio, a student a Balboa High School & youth leader of Kabataan Youth Leadership Program of the Filipino Community Center, and I am here to support youth afterschool programs and oppose the budget cuts! The CYC afterschool program at Balboa has been incredibly impactful for me. It's helped me expand my creativity, school life, and personal growth the last 3 years. I wouldn't be who I am today without them. I also urge a halt to budget cuts that affect our community allied organizations like Chinese Progressive Association's Youth MOJO, PODER youth, Coleman Advocates CMAC & YMAC, and Common Roots of CPA and PODER. These cuts would severely impact the FCC's ability to support the ~~[illegible]~~ neighborhood with the largest population of youth in San Francisco. This would also harm our communities' safety & well-being.

Investing in youth programs means investing in community safety. They provide education, mentorship, positive engagement, steering us away from negative influences and isolation.

PLEASE prioritize funding for these programs. Let's ensure all youth have the resources and support they need to thrive.

Thank you for your attention.

Shawn Paladio

My name is Rosy Ngo, a student of Balboa High School in the SFUSD. Today, I stand in solidarity with other youth leadership programs and teenage youth, advocating against budget cuts that threaten our community's well-being. Youth programs and partnerships have personally shaped my growth, providing opportunities for leadership development and community engagement. These programs fostered my confidence and connected me with peers who share similar aspirations. However, budget cuts jeopardize these vital resources, risking the potential of countless young individuals. I urge you to prioritize our future by halting these cuts and investing in programs that empower and uplift our youth. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Hi Supervisors, I'm Mary Rose Remo a student at Balboa. I am a CORE leader of the Kabataan Youth Leadership Program (KBT) in [redacted] the Filipino Community Center. Numerous organizations and programs with whom we have collaborated, including PODER Youth, Common Roots of CPA and PODER, Chinese Progressive Association's Youth MOJO, Coleman Advocates for Children; Youth's CMAC and YMAC Programs, and others - have been completely defunded. This would severely affect our capacity to work with affiliated neighborhood organizations to deliver services, as we often collaborate with these programs and use their resources as well. Our KBT program recommends them to others that are in need of support specifically from their culture/community and in their language. It would also have undesirable impact on the formation of the city's new generation of leaders - US AS THE YOUTH - who would be stripped of vital resources. We depend on these programs and services since it can be our second home when we need a place of belonging or of developing our identity. the sense of community support improves people's happiness, mental health, and general well-being in ways the police does not. In addition to, the services that individuals rely on to survive is also essential, since immigrant/newcomers develop their confidence and sense of trust and safety in these programs. I want to emphasize once more how important it is to maintain funding for youth programming. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mary Rose Remo

Hi, my name is Nida Dela cruz. I came to the U.S. as an immigrant many years ago. In my coming to this country, I had mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness as to what awaits me in America, but I always knew that this country is the land of opportunity. I was not one bit mistaken, for I was able to get a job and also go to school at the same time. The non-profit organizations around in San Francisco helped me greatly with my transition to this country. I can say that I have become a useful citizen now of this country. So, please continue to provide funding for these non-profit organizations to help immigrants especially those that are starting a life here in this country. Benefits will be reaped for in due time, these citizens are mostly law-abiding and therefore are great contributors to the betterment of this country.

HELLO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSE PAJES. THE WORKERS RIGHTS PROGRAM OF THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER SHOULD NOT FACE BUDGET CUTS. SERVICES IN TAGALOG IS A BIG HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DON'T HAVE A FOUNDATI (RENTERS OR NEWCOMERS & IMMIGRANTS; IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO START A GOOD LIFE. WHEN I ARRIVED IN THE U.S., IT WAS VITAL T RECEIVE HELP IN-LANGUAGE. I HAVE JOINED ADVOCACY TO EXPLAIN TO ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WE NEED IN-LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR THOSE OF LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDS AND PEOPLE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT.

IN THE 1970'S AND 1980'S, THERE WEREN'T MANY FILIPINO ORGANIZATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. AND THAT IS WHY IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ORGANIZATIONS LIKE FCC, WRCC AND THEIR PROGRAMS GET THE FUNDING THEY NEED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

WE PAY TAXES AND HELP THE CITY GROW, WE SHOULD RECEIVE BASIC SERVICES THAT WE NEED.

Dear Sir/madam,

We're writing you on behalf of our community to tackle our toughest ~~ass~~ issues such as:

1.) public safety by increasing foot patrols in every neighborhood, pushing to increase police ~~staffing~~ staffing, and passing legislation to allow deputy sheriffs to patrol to stop organized retail theft.

2.) Help create solutions to housing and homeless ~~solutions~~ challenges in the streets

3.) Build affordable housing for seniors and low-income families.

Dear supervisors,

Slashing the budget, or worse, defunding the different government agencies and services would greatly affect the ~~a little~~ citizens and immigrants of San Francisco.

I, for one, as a Filipino migrant have experienced great help from the service of the Filipino Community center like the legal help and advice regarding tenancy, rent control, etc. Made my physical, emotional and mental status improved through community fellowship like ~~Zumba~~ zumba, field trips, as well as the ~~bi~~ bi-monthly food supplement.

~~Sincerely~~ Sincerely,

Joan Costan

Good afternoon,

My name is Severina Pascual and I live in Excelsior District, and I am writing to share my support for the Workers' Rights Community Collaborative and to oppose the 50% proposed cuts to the collaborative. The first time we were introduced to the Filipino Community Center, it was at the beginning of the pandemic when they helped my husband and I apply for EDD when we lost our jobs. And as seniors, we were afraid to get out of the house. The FCC was a huge help to us as workers unemployed financially first, they gave us the additional services in cash relief as caregivers and helped us file a claim for unemployment benefits. Secondly, was the weekly groceries from their food delivery program which was extended and advocated for until now. I can say my husband and I found a second family from them and so grateful because they are a huge help not only financially but in all aspects and every program they have which are all for the benefits of us Filipinos here in Excelsior. That's why we felt sad when we learned that the workers rights collaborative is at risk of being cut in half because we know that a lot of Filipino needs their help and if that happens, the services they are rendering will be greatly affected. The FCC provided education on our rights & offered legal support by way of workers rights attorneys to connect to. The City needs to see the importance of protecting rather than harming the rights of workers. Thank you.

My name is Haydee Campos and I'm a long-time resident of the Excelsior district. I've witnessed firsthand what an important community resource the FCC (Filipino Community Center) is, especially since the pandemic. My child has benefited tremendously from KBT (Kabataan), the youth program for Filipino-Americans. Many elderly residents of the Excelsior also receive services through their food program, fitness programs, and workers' rights programs. I'm very concerned about how the severe budget cuts will affect the FCC's ability to provide these much needed community programs. It is so important that the FCC remain a vital resource for residents of the Excelsior. Thank you.

The following public comments are from residents, workers, and youth members of the Excelsior of District 11 of San Francisco.

We are advocating against the cuts to the San Francisco Workers Rights community collaborative, the Communities United for Health and Justice, DCYF funding for the youth programs of Chinese Progressive Association, PODER, Coleman Advocates, etc. and all other critical cuts to community programs that will harm low wage, immigrant workers and their families. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Twelve
^Community members of the
Filipino Community Center of
SF Workers Rights Community
Collaborate, SF Rising,
CUHJ, Peoples Budget
Coalition

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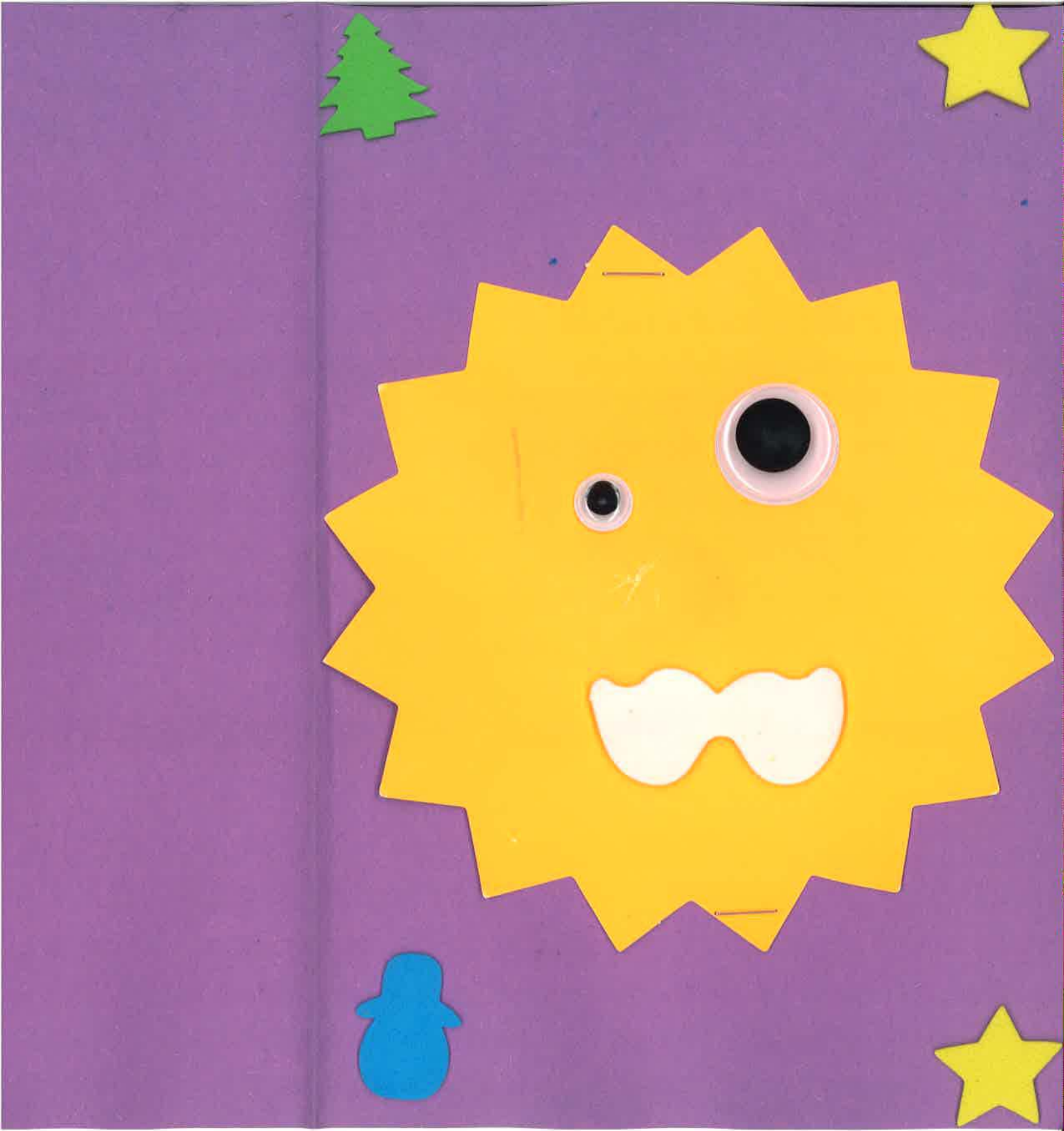

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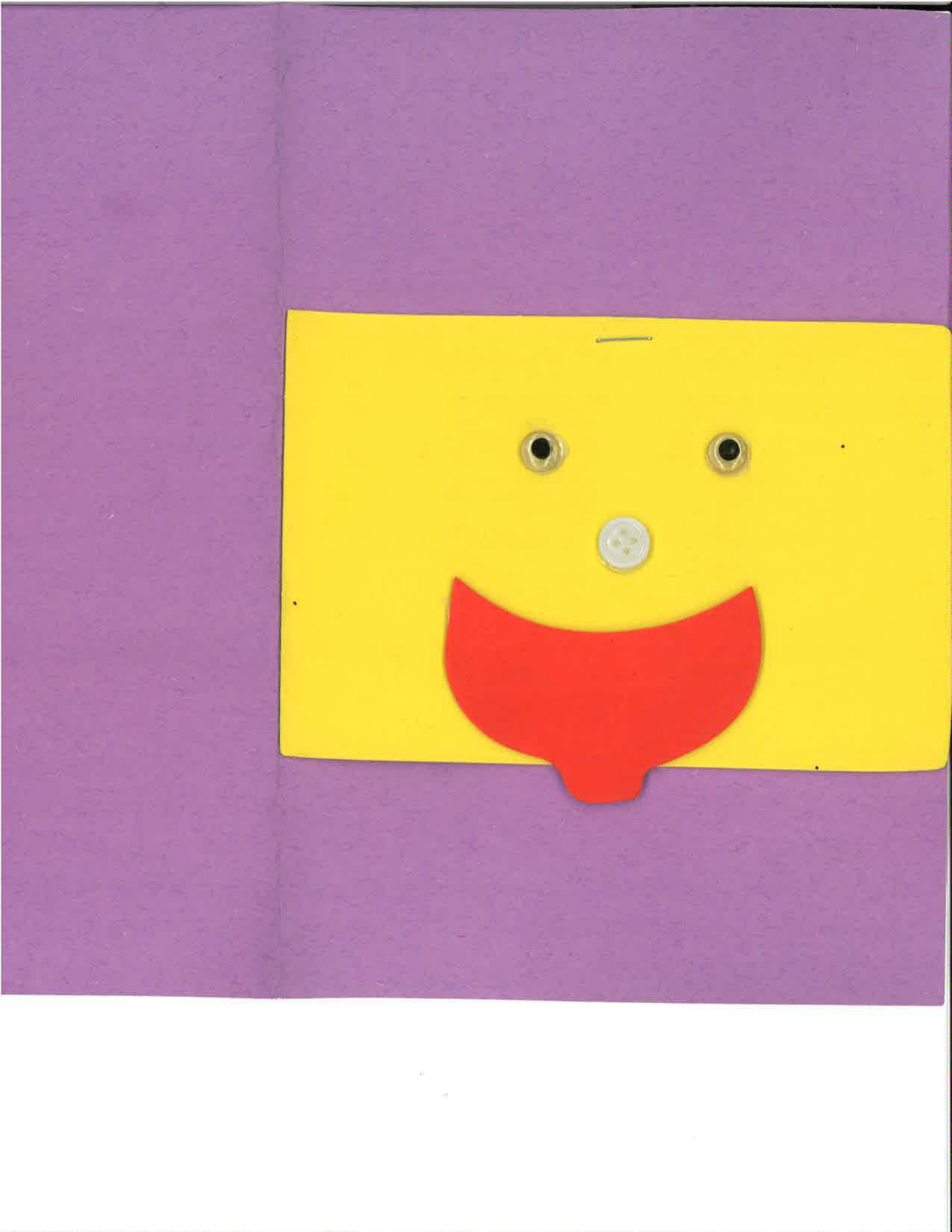

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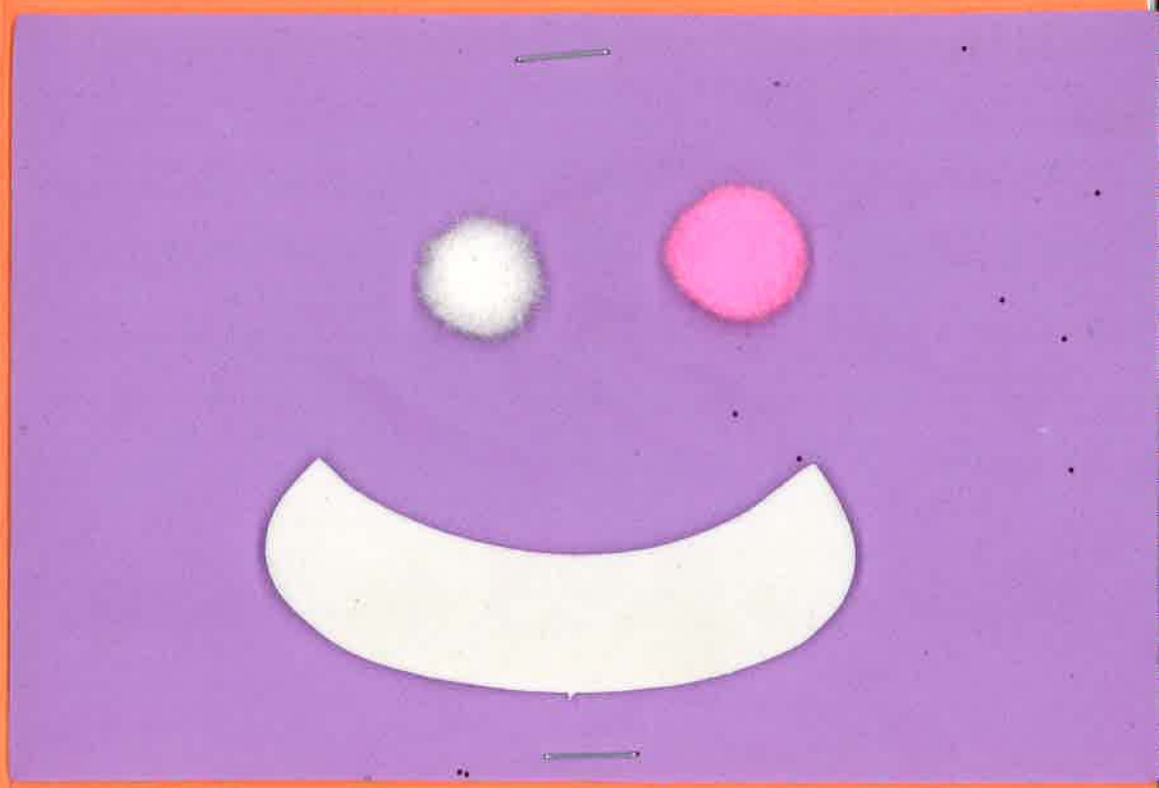

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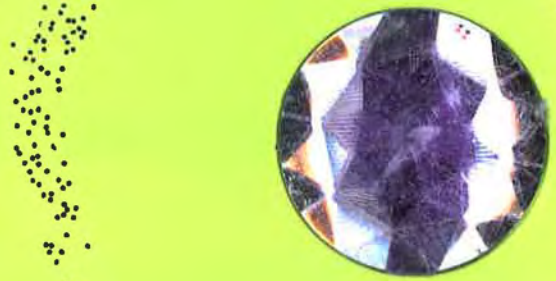

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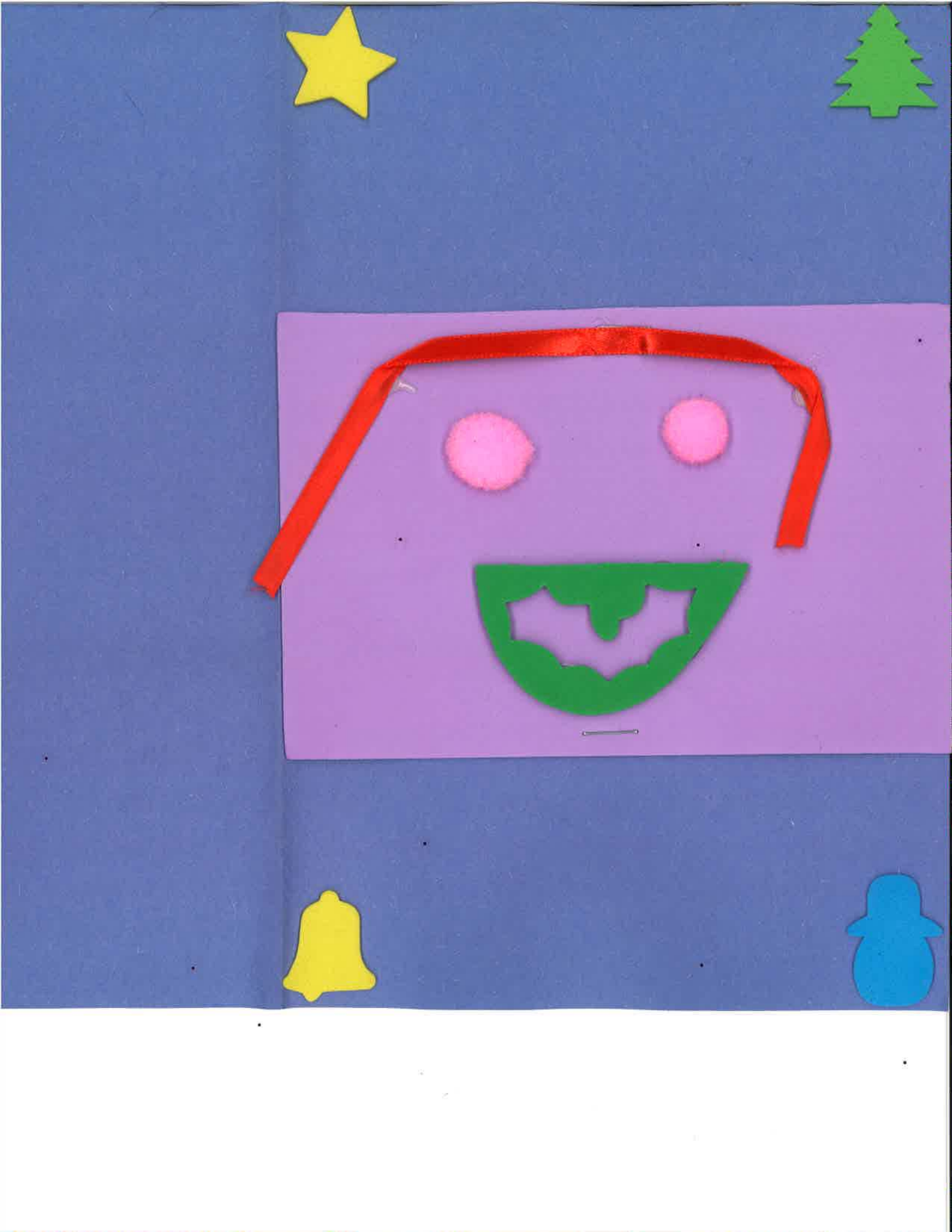

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From: dpalaitaccsf
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: File # 240595
Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:40:05 PM

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Talofa Lava, City of San Francisco,

I am Dr. David Ga'oupu Matthew Palaita (vika) and I am Professor of Ethnic Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Critical Pacific Islands & Oceania Studies at the City College of San Francisco.

The views I express here are mine alone and not on behalf of CCSF. I write from the position as an educator, an uncle, and community leader.

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with all my respect and relations, dr. palaita

From:	Celine DinhJanelle
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Reference File Nos. 240595 and 240596
Date:	Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:10:55 AM

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Good morning,

I am an immigration attorney working in SF, and part of the SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). I write to urge the Board to increase SFILDC's funding to $2.54 million, so that we can increase our capacity to further meet the needs of the SF immigrant community.

Right now, our collaborative is beyond capacity with more migrants coming to SF every day. We currently maintain a waitlist of nearly 900 San Francisco residents at risk of deportation. More than 300 of these are children and half of those arrived in SF as unaccompanied children. In the last year we have seen an unprecedented spike in new arrivals seeking asylum. The school district's newcomer program has confirmed increased numbers of migrant children enrolling in SF schools. **New arrivals deserve to be welcomed with dignity and we are unable to serve the most vulnerable without increased funding.**

Additional funding would allow us to serve more individuals, strengthen our services, and ensure more access to justice for vulnerable immigrants. I understand that the city is in a budget shortfall, but not funding safety-net services like these, that help people achieve economic and mental stability, often creates higher costs for the city in the long-term. I urge you to please fund SFILDC at $2.54 million, and maintain your commitment to immigration justice.

Sincerely,

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From: Victoria Sun
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Cc: RonenStaff (BOS)
Subject: File Nos. 240595 & 240596: SFILDC Client Recipient Testimony
Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 10:48:37 AM

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Dear Supervisors:

My name is Victoria Sun and I am an immigration attorney and co-director at Pangea Legal Services. We are a non-profit organization in San Francisco that currently receives SFILDC funding to provide deportation defense services for detained and non-detained immigrants. I am also a member of our organization's SF Rapid Response team. I am writing to you to express the dire need to adequately fund deportation defense services for San Francisco residents.

There are currently more than 10,000 SF residents in removal proceedings, more than 5000 of whom do not have an attorney (Source, as of May 2024: https://trac.syr.edu/phptools/immigration/addressrep/).

I want to share with you all the testimony from my clients, who are a family of four in the Mission who are able to receive removal defense services because of the SFILDC funding. They are extremely low income and were unable to afford an immigration attorney until we were able to take on their case late last year thanks to the funding from SFILDC. Their son graduated from Mission High School a few weeks ago, and will be attending UC Berkeley in the fall. SFILDC funding has provided them with stability and hope for their futures.

Their testimony [translation to English follows]:

"Buenos días somos la familia villalta almendares tenemos la necesidad de recibir los servicios que la organización Pangea son servicios que a nuestra familia son una luz para poder tener una esperanza de estabilidad y tranquilidad nuestra familia carecemos de recursos económicos no tenemos trabajos estables mi esposo es jornalero mi hija no trabaja y mi hijo es menor de edad yo hace unos días conseguí un trabajo partime 4 horas entro a las 12 am y salgo a las 3 am esto es un sueldo extremadamente poco para mi hogar y necesitamos de su ayuda les solicitamos nos apoyen asta donde Dios permita que podamos llegar para poder legalizarnos como familia les pedimos muy encarecidamente que no nos suelten justo en este momento que hemos sentido que estamos apoyados por esta maravillosa organización que ayuda a las inmigrantes más vulnerables

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Translation:

Good morning, we are the Villalta Almendares family. We have the necessity to receive

services from the organization Pangea, they are services that are a light for our family, to be able to have hope of stability and peace. Our family lacks financial resources, we do not have stable jobs, my husband is a day laborer, my daughter does not work, and my son is a minor. A few days ago I got a part-time job of 4 hours [a day], I start at 12am and get out at 3am. This is an extremely low income for my household and we need their help. As a family, we request that you support us as far as God allows us to reach, to be able to legalize our status. As a family we sincerely ask that you do not drop us right in this moment when we finally have felt like we are being supported by this marvelous organization that helps the most vulnerable immigrants.

May God give us the strength we need.

Sincerely, Villalta Almendares Family

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From:	Eunice Hernandez
To:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Reference File Nos. 240595 - Public Comment
Date:	Friday, June 28, 2024 12:48:39 PM
Attachments:	2024.06.24 Roxana"s testimony.pdf

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Dear BOS Clerk,

Thank you for accepting written public comments through today. Monday's Appropriations Committee meeting was not very accessible to working San Franciscans who are directly impacted by the services that the BOS is considering funding or cutting. Our client requested two hours off from work to be able to speak at this meeting but was unable due to the extremely long wait time.

Below is the English translation of the attached public comment in Spanish:

Good morning, my name is Roxana Andrade, I have lived in San Francisco for almost 6 years. Funding for legal services is extremely important for families like mine. I came from Honduras seeking asylum. I was detained in a detention center in Texas for almost two months. Then I came to California and although I was released from detention, I still had to fight my case to avoid deportation. In 2023, I connected with Pangea Legal Services through a workshop at the Everett School where my son attends. They took my case and in just weeks of handling my case, they were able to change the court venue from Dallas, Texas to San Francisco, something that another private attorney who handled my case before was unable to do in 4 years. In addition, the services I receive are free. The money I was going to pay the other attorney, $7,000, I can now use to make up the rent, spend more time with my children and buy things for them that I could not before. I urge the Supervisors to continue funding deportation defense legal services and to protect the Sanctuary Policy to keep families together.

Sincerely,
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Buenos días, mi nombre es Roxana Andrade, he vivido en San Francisco por casi 6 años. La financiación de servicios legales son sumamente importantes para familias como la mía. Vine de Honduras buscando asilo. Me detuvieron en un centro de detención en Texas por casi dos meses. Después llegué a California y aunque fui liberada de la detención, aun tenía que pelear mi caso para no ser deportada. En el 2023, me conecté con Pangea Servicios Legales por medio de un taller en la escuela Everett donde asiste mi hijo. Ellos tomaron mi caso y en solo semanas de llevar mi caso, pudieron cambiar la sede del tribunal de Dallas, Texas a San Francisco, algo que otro abogado privado que llevaba mi caso antes no pudo hacer en 4 años. Además, los servicios que he recibido son gratis. El dinero que iba a pagar al otro abogado, $7 mil dolares, ahora lo puedo usar para completar la renta, pasar más tiempo con mis hijos y comprarles cosas que antes no podía. Les insto a los Supervisores que continúen financiando los servicios de defensa contra la deportación y que protejan la Política Santuario para mantener a familias unidas.

From: Herman Ilaoa
To: dpalaitaccsf
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: File # 240595
Date: Friday, June 28, 2024 2:54:37 PM

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I think it's perfect!

On Wed, Jun 26, 2024 at 8:39 PM dpalaitaccsf <dpalaitaccsf@gmail.com> wrote:

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From:	JC Carvajal
To:	Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Fund United Health Care for retirees
Date:	Monday, July 1, 2024 8:52:49 AM

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Good evening, my name is John Joseph Carvajal. I was a fireman for 29 years in San Francisco. I served mostly in the Marina and Pacific Hights firehouses 16 and 10 . In the 29 years I served I went to hundreds if not thousands of fires. I now have Light Chain Meyloma cancer , believed to have been caused by the protective fire equipment issued by the SFFD. Last year my care with United Health Care was very expensive. My Kemo pills I take every day cost $99 per pill. I take 36 different meds a day. Changing my health care would cause major chaos and stress in my life. Please think of me and my service to the City of San Francisco when voting on and funding a health plan. I now live in Northern California about 15 miles west of Redding, because the cost of living is much lower here. There is no Kaiser health hospital in our area and I would have to drive 3 or 4 hours each way to Sacramento or the Bay Area for treatments. I am currently getting Dialysis treatments Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for 4 hours each day because my Kidneys shut down. I also go to oncology 4 days a month for treatment, and see my GP and Heart doctor every other month.
Sincerely,
JC

Sent from my iPad

From: Kaithleen Apostol
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Critical Support Needed for Kultivate Labs in City Budget
Date: Monday, July 1, 2024 11:40:40 AM

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Dear Mr. Jalipa,

I hope you had an amazing weekend. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for dedicating city budget funds to Kultivate Labs and their proposal to revitalize Westfield Mall, a project that promises great benefits for our community. I strongly encourage the Budget and Appropriations Committee to consider the following important points:

Creating a Filipino cultural hub at Westfield Mall will greatly enhance San Francisco's cultural diversity. This hub will be a focal point for cultural exchange, celebration, and education, enriching the entire community and showcasing the rich heritage of the Filipino community.

Cultural centers attract significant foot traffic and boost economic activity. By establishing a destination that celebrates Filipino culture, we can draw visitors from across the Bay Area and beyond, stimulating economic growth and job creation. This initiative represents a strategic investment in our city's future.

Bringing Filipino businesses into the mall will help create community gathering spaces like theaters, art galleries, and public open areas. These spaces will celebrate the diversity of our equity communities through cultural events and exhibitions, providing affordable and accessible venues for all residents, particularly low-income individuals and youth.

Supporting a vibrant economic ecosystem in Downtown is crucial. This initiative will aid locally owned community-based businesses, fostering creativity and inclusivity. By creating wealth-building opportunities and living wage jobs for equity communities, we can attract consumers, boost foot traffic, and invigorate our city's economy.

In summary, backing Kultivate Labs is not only an investment in cultural enrichment but also a strategic effort to enhance economic vitality, community safety, and social cohesion. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this initiative in the city budget.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,
Kaithleen Apostol

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From:	Charlene Woodcock
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Budget Audit
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 10:19:08 AM

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I write to urge the Board to conduct a long-needed audit on the SFPUC. The SFPUC should not be run as a political entity, but its record suggests that may be the case. And our great Bay Delta deserves and needs much more responsible and intelligent oversight and protection that the current SFPUC affords it.

It was especially concerning that the SFPUC joined a lawsuit against the state to block a plan to restore the Tuolumne and other rivers. Failure of that lawsuit represents a significant financial loss and no benefit except to delay work on a solution for San Francisco water planning.

Instead, we need to continue the impressive efforts to conserve water that we've demonstrated in the past. Changes are likely needed away from extremely water-needy crops like the miles of almond orchards in the Central Valley, enriching the owners but depleting the states water supply for private profits from marginal lands, dependent on significant irrigation.

It's apparent that the 10-year Capital Plan and the extremely conservative drought planning measures taken by the SFPUC will cause rates as well as debt to increase unsustainably in the coming years. Instead of assuming and planning on huge increased use of water, the SFPUC needs to plan for and educate people to focus on conservation and greater efficiency of water use.

I very strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to require the SFPUC to commit to an independent audit that will rigorously examine the consequences of SFPUC planning on customer rates. The investor-owned monopoly public utilities commissions all over the country are close to provoking customer backlash by their disregard for the damage to ratepayers of ever-increasing rates.

Sincerely,

Charlene M. Woodcock

From:	Anthony Barreiro
To:	RonenOffice (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Audit the Public Utilities Commission
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 11:24:10 AM

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Dear Supervisor Ronen -- Just a follow-up to my email of June 17. I see in the news that the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee forwarded the budget to the full board, with a first vote expected this Tuesday July 8. I still believe the SF PUC is seriously mismanaged, with unnecessary costs to ratepayers (like me), misguided plans for future climate resiliency, and ongoing harm to the environment. Please get an independent audit of the PUC into the budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

With sincere best wishes,

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On Monday, June 17, 2024 at 12:59:26 PM PDT, Anthony Barreiro <anthonybarreiro@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Supervisor Ronen -- I am your constituent in District 9, a renter living on a modest pension, and a SFPUC Water Department ratepayer. I care about our environment, especially the Bay and Delta, and I am very careful to conserve water in my home. Still, my monthly water bill goes up and up every year (not to mention PG&E, rent, groceries, etc.).

The City and County of San Francisco talks big about environmental stewardship, but our Public Utilities Commission has an awful record of stubbornly resisting even the most modest, common sense reforms that would prevent permanent degradation of the Bay and Delta, extinction of

aquatic species, and the collapse of the fishing and recreation economies that rely on a healthy ecosystem.

I'm a retired social worker, I'm not an expert on water policy and infrastructure engineering. But I believe that outside experts should audit the PUC, and the PUC should pay for the audit. The Board of Supervisors needs to make this happen through this year's budget. We don't have time to let things keep getting worse.

Decades of deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure has caught up with the SF PUC, requiring a massive amount of capital investment over a short period of time. This has put the SFPUC in an extremely precarious financial position, requiring utility rates to skyrocket. Without intervention from the Board of Supervisors, the problem will continue to get worse.

Consider these facts:

• The SFPUC budget will increase by 20% over the next two years.
• Combined water and sewer bills for San Francisco residents and businesses will increase by 8% per year. Rates will triple in just 20 years.
• The SFPUC is already carrying $8.5 billion of debt.
• Their 10-Year Capital Plan will increase by $3 billion this year alone, bringing the total to $11.8 billion, plus debt service.
• By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget.

The Crisis Could Get a Lot Worse

The SFPUC is now considering the need to invest between $17 billion and $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget), to produce water that will not be needed. Their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conservative drought planning scenario known as the "Design Drought." The Design Drought combines two of the worst droughts from the last century to manufacture an extremely severe 8.5-year mega-drought that might be expected once in 25,000 years, according to a document uncovered through a Public Records Act request.

The SFPUC also is basing potential alternative water supply investments on a large increase in water demand, despite the fact that water use has declined dramatically over the past three decades. Their own Finance Bureau projects water sales will remain flat. As water and wastewater rates increase, people and businesses find ways to use less, but the SFPUC's fixed costs stay the same, so rates must increase even more to cover those costs. The SFPUC's "financial death spiral" will continue to build steam.

What Needs to Happen?

The Board of Supervisors must audit the SFPUC. They should leverage their

authority to approve the SFPUC budget to require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, such as the Design Drought. The alternative is that the SFPUC might face another “ratepayer revolt” that will freeze rate increases and deprive the agency of new funds needed for required infrastructure upgrades. Without intervention, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out. San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shortfall over the next two years.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important concern, and thank you for your service to the people of District 9 and San Francisco.

With sincere best wishes,

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From: Lorna Fear
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Please arrange for an independent audit of the SFPUC
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:19:20 PM

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Re-sending this to remind you of the need for an independent audit. Thank you.

On Sat, Jun 22, 2024 at 3:32 PM Lorna Fear <lornafear@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi There;
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> Thank you for all your hard work. My name is Lorna Fear.
>
> Will you please ensure that an independent audit of the SFPUC is conducted and that the SFPUC pays for it? Organizations sometimes need to hire outside consultants, and this is one of those times.
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> The Design Drought and water demand projections also need to be reviewed. They appear to be based solely upon worst-case scenarios. The SFPUC seems not to account for the conservation efforts made by individuals and organizations. Those contributions need to be incorporated, if you are to get a realistic picture.
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> Several groups of people will be negatively impacted by any rate increase, never mind a big one, which could force more essential workers out of The City. Please make a gargantuan effort to limit the rate increases. Thanks again.
>
> Best regards;
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> Lorna Fear
> Cell: 650 520 4869
> Land Line: 209 742 5858
> VOIP: 650 746 6018

From: Rush Rehm
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Condition your approval of SFPUC budget by reqirog audit of SFPUC, focusing on their "Design Drought" scenario
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:48:29 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I wrote you last month about the SFPUC budget, and I write again to urge you to condition your approval of their budget on the implementation of an independent audit of the SFPUC. By my understanding of your schedule, you would have time to work out any details prior to your final budget vote in a couple of weeks.

As a long-time San Francisco and Bay Area resident, I join many in my concern over water rates, water usage, and efforts to maintain safe drinking water while maximizing efficiency and protecting the environment.

From my work on the issue, I have come to the conclusion that the SFPUC should undergo an independent audit, and that audit should take a *very* close look at policies that will affect water rates, specifically the "Design Drought." Given your authority to approve the SFPUC's budget, you could require this of the Commission.

Why should you do this? The SFPUC Design Drought is over the top, adopting a worst-case scenario with a "once in 25,000 years" prospect of occurring, assuming an eight-plus year mega-drought. The knock-on effects of these assumptions look disastrous – excessive spending on alternative water investments, even as conservation measures and population changes have shown water usage declining over the past several decades. The SFPUC plan will amount to a massive increase for rate payers, many of whom struggle to live in the area to begin with, given the price of property rental and home ownership.

Please use your authority over SFPUC budget approval to require that the Commission fund an *independent* audit that reviews these policies, which will have a direct impact on rate payers, and on conservation efforts. I know we are all committed to effective and clearly reasoned water management policies.

Sincerely,

Rush Rehm

Professor, Theater and Performance Studies, and Classics (Emeritus), Stanford University
Artistic Director, Stanford Repertory Theater (SRT) http://stanfordreptheater.com/

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A.J. Muste was picketing the White House in opposition to the Vietnam War, and a journalist asked him, "Why do you demonstrate in the rain? Do you think you will change the country?" "No," replied Muste, "I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country doesn't change me."

From:	Virginia Smedberg
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SF"s city budget includes cost for WATER - please audit SFPUC"s budget
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:54:33 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

A reminder that I care about costs of water, and I think you should too.

You have a budget vote coming up. Part of that budget is the SFPUC's budget.

I live in Palo Alto, thus I drink water provided in great part by the SFPUC (with the help of the Tuolumne River). So the costs of that water affect me directly. I also care about other users of that water, human and otherwise.

Therefore I am asking you to get an independent audit done of the SFPUC's budget - which SFPUC should pay for, since it's their responsibility to keep their customers in the "light" (rather than dark) - and to not approve the budget unless SFPUC agrees to that. My concerns are especially about their "design drought" and their projections of water use, which from what I have read are not realistic. I think we need an outside perspective.

Sincerely,
Virginia Smedberg
441 Washington Ave
Palo Alto 94301

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From: Mary Butterwick
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Fwd: Reference File No. 240595, SFPUC Budget
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 3:38:05 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I sent the forwarded message to you on June 23, 2024. My concerns and recommendation to initiate an independent audit of SFPUC, including a reassessment of their 8.5-year Design Drought, still stand.

Thank you, Mary

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Mary Butterwick** <mlbutterwick@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 23, 2024 at 6:06 PM
Subject: Reference File Nos. 240595, 240596 SFPUC Budget
To: <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>, <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>

My name is Mary Butterwick. I am a resident of San Francisco, in District 7. My comments are in regards to San Francisco Public Utility Commission's (SFPUC) proposed budget. I am alarmed that the SFPUC is facing a real fiscal crisis due to long-deferred maintenance, unrealistic water demand projections, increased costs, and declining sales. As a retiree on a fixed income, I was shocked to realize that my water/sewer rates are likely to triple in the next 20 years, with 8% increases each year. How can low-income families possibly afford these increases? By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget. This amount of debt service may severely constrain the SFPUC's ability to fund future projects.

I am also deeply concerned that the Tuolumne River, the source of my drinking water, is in ecological crisis, due mainly to inadequate flow releases. An indicator of the degree of degradation is the alarmingly low number of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the river. The Tuolumne's salmon population is currently worse off than any other Central Valley river. It is heartbreaking to realize that this precious resource could disappear forever in my lifetime.

In 2019, I learned that San Francisco had joined a lawsuit against the State Water Board's Bay Delta Plan Update which established instream flow standards for the Tuolumne River. Since then, I and other members of the public have attended and testified at numerous SFPUC meetings to urge the Commission to revisit its extremely conservative 8.5-year Design Drought and inflated water demand projections. Thus far, the Commission has been unresponsive to our concerns.

The proposed budget does not include the costs associated with developing alternative water supplies. However, according to SFPUC's recently released Alternative Water Supply Plan, they might need to develop an additional $17-$25 billion-worth of recycled water and other alternative supplies, which would double the budget and presumably the water rates. It is my understanding that by reducing the Design Drought by one year and by applying reasonable

demand projections, such as those used by the California Department of Finance, one could reduce the amount of alternative water supplies needed by 2/3. I do not believe that ratepayers should have to invest in very expensive water supplies that will not be needed. Alternative water supplies are important when they are truly needed. They can also be beneficial to the environment, but only when they offset diversions from the Tuolumne and allow more water to flow freely.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to initiate an independent audit of SFPUC, including a reassessment of the 8.5-year Design Drought and water demand projections, and to require SFPUC to fund it. Hopefully, this reassessment would also facilitate a meaningful dialog on the instream flows needed to restore and maintain a sustainable population of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the Tuolumne River. Due to the litigation mentioned above, we have already lost over 5 years of progress in implementing the State's instream flow standards. With the salmon count in the Tuolumne so critically low, we are running out of time to act. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

From: Kristina Pappas
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: NGO request for independent SFPUC audit
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 8:01:18 AM
Attachments: 2024_06_21_NGO Letter - Audit the SFPUC.pdf

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Kristina Pappas
President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters

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From:	Lauren Weston
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Budget approval comment
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 11:57:09 AM

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Just refreshing this comment before tomorrow!

On Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 1:51 PM Lauren Weston <lauren.weston@acterra.org> wrote:

> Hello, my name is Lauren Weston, I am the Executive Director of Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet (we serve 8, and sometimes 9, counties of the Bay Area). Our mission is to “bring people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet”. I also happen to have 13 years of residency in the Bayview/Hunters Point community under my belt-so for many reasons this budget is critical to my personal and professional lives.
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> I want to strongly suggest approval of a budget to be contingent on an independent audit of the SFPUC, and particularly to condition approval of the budget on the SFPUC paying for that audit. The current structure is not sustainable and we must find a way forward that serves both our residents and our planet. We won’t have many opportunities like this to make the hard, yet, right, decision. Demand is changing rapidly and pricing needs to keep up in an equitable and just way. This is an opportunity to make better-informed decisions.
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> Thank you,
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> Lauren
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> **Lauren Weston (she/her)**
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> Executive Director
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> Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
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> (530) 219-2813
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>
> Acterra staff use self-identified pronouns to support workplace inclusion for everyone.

> I respectfully acknowledge that my work takes place on the ancestral and unceded land of the Ramaytush Ohlone and/or the Yokutz. Whose land are you on?

We practice Slow Fridays. Messages received on Fridays may have a delayed response.

From: mark rockwell
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Audit Request - Important before decision making
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 12:27:45 PM
Attachments: Rockwell Sig.png

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Date: July 8, 2024

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From: Dr. C. Mark Rockwell, Past President, Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International

Dear Board Members:
I am the Conservation director of the Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International, which represents 25 member fly fishing clubs in Northern California, most of which are either in S.F., the Peninsula, or within the S.F. Bay-Delta watershed. 75% of our membership (10,000) live within the geographic influence of the SFPUC water management area. We all have a distinct interest in the SFPUC budget decisions, as well as water operations that influence the Bay-Delta watershed which is where the Tuolumne River empties before running to the Pacific Ocean under the Golden Gate bridge.

Based upon data and information I have received, it appears that deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure is leading to significant capital investment in the next few years. This is driving significant future budget increases such that water and sewer bills will increase by 8% per year for the next several years. Additionally, SFPUC is carrying significant debt - $8.5 billion now - with an additional $3 billion being added this year alone. Frankly, the future of ratepayer cost increases is daunting! Overwhelming to many.

We would suggest that more in-depth auditing is needed to better understand the predicted costs from the SFPUC and to determine if any of these predicted costs could be avoided. We strongly believe they can be significantly reduced.

One of the major costs being proposed by SFPUC is $17-25 billion for developing alternative water supplies. This one prediction is being driven by what SFPUC refers to as the "Design Drought". This scenario combines 2 of the worst droughts from the last 100 years, creating a resultant 8.5 year mega-drought that is statistically likely only once every 25,000 years. Along with this drought scenario, SFPUC is also predicting ratepayer demand will increase significantly in the years ahead. However, SFPUC water demand has decreased significantly over the past three decades, and is likely to continue in the years ahead. Even SFPUC's own Finance Bureau is predicting water demand will remain flat in the future.

It is clear to us that these predictions on water use are not based upon either factual use currently happening in the region, nor are they based upon a statistically likely future for droughts. There are more reliable scenarios available for both water use in the future as well as future drought and its impacts. If the current future costs are accepted it is likely that a

"rate revolt" will happen based upon higher-than-inflation levels of rate increases demanded by SFPUC. Your public will not stand for these rate increases.

We would recommend the Board of Supervisors require the SFPUC to budget an outside independent audit. We feel that significant cost reductions are possible if other scenarios are seriously considered. This audit should thoroughly review the policies and scenarios used by SFPUC to predict future rates & costs, like those that created this unrealistic & highly unlikely "Design Drought".

Your actions here are critical to reduce ratepayer costs, as well as find better solutions to managing water in ways that are consistent with demand and Climate Change.

Sincerely,
Dr. C. Mark Rockwell



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From:	California Norma
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	City budget review: Penny Wise, Pound Foolish
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 6:15:56 PM

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Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2024 at 12:31 AM
Subject: City budget review: SFPUC budget audit requested
To: <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
CC: <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>

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From: Jeff Brown
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Please Force an Independent Audit of SFPUC Budget Before Approving It
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:30:00 AM
Importance: High

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Thank you,
Jeff Brown
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(650) 328-7191

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From: Harry Bernstein
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Safai, Ahsha (BOS)
Subject: Re: Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Departments - FYs 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 2:48:43 AM

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July 9, '24 meeting, comment on budget and appropriation ordinance, item 10 [240595]

Dear Supervisors

It is time for the passage of the annual budget ordinance and the situation is even more alarming than usual with the City facing a Gargantuan sea of red ink. The cuts in services are likely to affect everyone, but especially those who can least withstand them. (The lengthy Budget and Appropriation Committee hearing on June 24, when hundreds of people came to City Hall for their 60-second appeals to preserve those much-needed programs and ward off the cuts that were expected to impact the poor, the elderly, the disabled, and members of the the many minority communities in this City.

I am a 44-year resident of San Francisco and as a senior, I look with apprehension not only at the deficity but also at the rapidly rising rates from the SFPUC, which promise to increase at an accelerated pace in the coming years. On top of their costly 10-Year Capital Plan and the increased cost to the public for water and wastewater services, the projected decline in water usage means that ratepayers will have to pay ever more to make up for it. Besides the fixed costs, there are other costs due to the planning for what is known as the "Design Drought." This costly preparedness for a water emergency -- an extended drought -- that is not likely to come will have a devastating effect on the distribution of scarce water resources.

I have heard that the Agency is planning for an expansion of water resource development at a time when the usage trends are heading in the opposite direction. I've read of flawed assumptions and planning on the part of the Agency, of people questioning the Design Drought and the impacts felt by many citizens from the relentlessly rising rates. How can these be addressed?

One solution is to have the Board of Supervisors demand that the SFPUC pay for an independent audit to thoroughly review the policies and procedures of the Agency that impact rates. One positive circumstance is that the Board has the authority to have this done, and thereby get answers to key questions about the use of our natural resources, and hopefully about the validity of those costly budget assumptions.

Yet, even in these troubled times, I urge you to retain the CCSF Free City program in its current form. It helps keep San Francisco vital with educational opportunities for all, including training (and retraining) programs, citizenship, parenting classes ESL as well as enrichment classes and the broad range of offerings that CCSF is known for. Please don't cut or micromanage this program by restricting who should be eligible to take advantage of education. The young and the old can and do benefit from this program now, and still more should know about it. The newly issued

printed class schedule shouldl make these City College programs more accessible than ever.

So, Board members, please do what you can to constrain the increase in our utility costs. Let's have that audit so that the public can get a handle on what may be enabling unnecessary cost increases.

Thank you,

Harry Bernstein
235 Byxbee Street
San Francisco, CA. 94132
District 11

From: Christine Hanson
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Independent Auditor
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 7:46:41 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a SF property owner and a ratepayer to the SFPUC. Please mandate the hiring of an independent auditor to audit the SFPUC.

Ideally, because of the criminal activity the top ranking official of this “enterprise” agency was convicted of recently, a forensic audit going back at least 5 years should happen but that’s probably too much to hope for.

Remember, there has been no independent oversight of this agency and many of its top managers who served under Harlan Kelly have been in place for decades.

At the very least there should be an independent audit of this agency who:
Keeps their own real estate records separate from City’s parcel information—Inquiries about the history of their properties are subject to the reporting of SFPUC’s in-house staff.

They (the SFPUC) have enough lawyers and reputation that San Mateo county supervisors have admitted in public meeting that they fear they cannot uphold their own General Plan against a legal assault from SFPUC and they certainly are not alone in that fear.

And the PUC “handles” their own potential whistleblowers and everyone who works for them knows this.

Please, in future with the rise of AI, water will become even more precious than its ever been. Now is the time to push for more independent oversight of this agency and an independent auditor is a good place to start.

Thank you for this consideration,
Christine Hanson

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Perfectionism is the voice of the oppressor.
Annie Lamott

From: agroecology@aol.com
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC"s discussions re rate increases
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:53:46 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors

It is important that the SFPUC's discussions re rate increases avoid predicting (ie encouraging) unnecessary growth that is unsustainable . An independent audit might give the SFPUC the strength it needs to modify its predictions on how much of the Bay/Delta's precious water resources are available for unsustainable purposes.

Sincerely
Les Kishler
Bay Area resident and taxpayer

From: Janet Rutherford
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: immediate audit of SFPUC
Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 1:21:42 PM

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My God ....

An immediate audit is essential:

To show where a restructuring in SFPUC with lots of terminations might move the needle. This is where cancel culture is appropriate; that this particular mismanagement is criminal. Where did the money go instead?

Is there another organization that does the job well, in another sector, perhaps, that could be held up as a model for SFPUC to follow?

So glad this is now known.

And I look forward to a much different assessment soon on how well the corrections are manifesting.

Most sincerely,

Janet Rutherford

From: Nancy Arbuckle
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: ratepayers demand an audit of the SFPUC
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 6:09:18 PM
Attachments: Comments for Budget and Appropriations 62424.pdf

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing as a citizen of San Francisco (District 3) and a utility ratepayer to urge you to order an audit of the SFPUC, paid for by the SFPUC.

Every San Francisco resident will see 8% increases every year in their bills. Rates will triple in 20 years.

The SFPUC is carrying $8.5 billion dollars of debt.

Their capital plan calls for adding another $3 billion dollars to that astronomical number this year.

Not only is the SFPUC calling for egregious expenditures, their plans are not based on scientifically sound water demand policy.

By their own admission, the SFPUC's Drought planning scenario (the Design Drought) is an act of imagination, a once-in-25,000 years scenario.

The SFPUC is basing their budget demands on a large increase in water demand when the opposite is true — water demand has declined significantly over the past three years.

You have the authority and you bear the responsibility to call the SFPUC on their policy and expenditures. An audit is overdue.

I urge you to condition your approval of the SFPUC budget on there being an independent audit of the SFPUC.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Arbuckle
2111 Hyde Street
Apt 306
San Francisco, CA 94109

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415.812.3128

From: Tahir Naim
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Audit the SFPUC
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 9:20:42 AM

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Hello,

Through my city, I'm a customer of SFPUC water. Recent scandals in procurement and elsewhere in SF government suggest an audit of SFPUC likely would yield positive rate results for all purchasers of SFPUC water.

Please authorize such an audit.

Sincerely,

Tahir J. Naim
City of Santa Clara resident

From:	john r
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Audit needed for the SFPUC, - Design Drought driving rate increases needs to be changed
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 9:38:29 AM

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Dear Supervisors.

As a former San Francisco resident, I continue to follow the San Francisco Public Utility's policies and decision. I have been particularly concerned about the city and utility's action that affects the Tuolumne River and salmon having been a commercial fisherman, recreational angler, and someone who has hiked and floated different parts of the river.

Unfortunately, San Francisco rate payers in the near future will have to pay for deferred maintenance. Currently they (many of my friends)will be stuck with having to pay for unneeded capital projects for unneeded water storage projects. This is the result of the flawed analysis of future water needs through the utility's Design Drought and future demand projections. The utility has consistently overstated future demand growth and not adjusting them with real time data.

Please order and fund an independent audit on the data and the resultant analysis and projections that are being used

Thank you

John Rosapepe

From:	Lauren Weston
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Budget approval comment
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 11:57:05 AM

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Just refreshing this comment before tomorrow!

On Thu, Jun 13, 2024 at 1:51 PM Lauren Weston <lauren.weston@acterra.org> wrote:

> Hello, my name is Lauren Weston, I am the Executive Director of Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet (we serve 8, and sometimes 9, counties of the Bay Area). Our mission is to “bring people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet”. I also happen to have 13 years of residency in the Bayview/Hunters Point community under my belt-so for many reasons this budget is critical to my personal and professional lives.
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> I want to strongly suggest approval of a budget to be contingent on an independent audit of the SFPUC, and particularly to condition approval of the budget on the SFPUC paying for that audit. The current structure is not sustainable and we must find a way forward that serves both our residents and our planet. We won’t have many opportunities like this to make the hard, yet, right, decision. Demand is changing rapidly and pricing needs to keep up in an equitable and just way. This is an opportunity to make better-informed decisions.
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> Thank you,
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> Lauren
>
> **Lauren Weston (she/her)**
>
> Executive Director
>
> Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet
>
> (530) 219-2813
>
> acterra.org | Subscribe
>
> Acterra staff use self-identified pronouns to support workplace inclusion for everyone.

> I respectfully acknowledge that my work takes place on the ancestral and unceded land of the Ramaytush Ohlone and/or the Yokutz. Whose land are you on?

We practice Slow Fridays. Messages received on Fridays may have a delayed response.

From: mark rockwell
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Audit Request - Important before decision making
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 12:27:45 PM
Attachments: Rockwell Sig.png

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Date: July 8, 2024

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From: Dr. C. Mark Rockwell, Past President, Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International

Dear Board Members:
I am the Conservation director of the Northern California Council, Fly Fishers International, which represents 25 member fly fishing clubs in Northern California, most of which are either in S.F., the Peninsula, or within the S.F. Bay-Delta watershed. 75% of our membership (10,000) live within the geographic influence of the SFPUC water management area. We all have a distinct interest in the SFPUC budget decisions, as well as water operations that influence the Bay-Delta watershed which is where the Tuolumne River empties before running to the Pacific Ocean under the Golden Gate bridge.

Based upon data and information I have received, it appears that deferred maintenance on critical infrastructure is leading to significant capital investment in the next few years. This is driving significant future budget increases such that water and sewer bills will increase by 8% per year for the next several years. Additionally, SFPUC is carrying significant debt - $8.5 billion now - with an additional $3 billion being added this year alone. Frankly, the future of ratepayer cost increases is daunting! Overwhelming to many.

We would suggest that more in-depth auditing is needed to better understand the predicted costs from the SFPUC and to determine if any of these predicted costs could be avoided. We strongly believe they can be significantly reduced.

One of the major costs being proposed by SFPUC is $17-25 billion for developing alternative water supplies. This one prediction is being driven by what SFPUC refers to as the "Design Drought". This scenario combines 2 of the worst droughts from the last 100 years, creating a resultant 8.5 year mega-drought that is statistically likely only once every 25,000 years. Along with this drought scenario, SFPUC is also predicting ratepayer demand will increase significantly in the years ahead. However, SFPUC water demand has decreased significantly over the past three decades, and is likely to continue in the years ahead. Even SFPUC's own Finance Bureau is predicting water demand will remain flat in the future.

It is clear to us that these predictions on water use are not based upon either factual use currently happening in the region, nor are they based upon a statistically likely future for droughts. There are more reliable scenarios available for both water use in the future as well as future drought and its impacts. If the current future costs are accepted it is likely that a

"rate revolt" will happen based upon higher-than-inflation levels of rate increases demanded by SFPUC. Your public will not stand for these rate increases.

We would recommend the Board of Supervisors require the SFPUC to budget an outside independent audit. We feel that significant cost reductions are possible if other scenarios are seriously considered. This audit should thoroughly review the policies and scenarios used by SFPUC to predict future rates & costs, like those that created this unrealistic & highly unlikely "Design Drought".

Your actions here are critical to reduce ratepayer costs, as well as find better solutions to managing water in ways that are consistent with demand and Climate Change.

Sincerely,
Dr. C. Mark Rockwell



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From:	Fred Muhlheim
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Ronen, Hillary (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); EngardioStaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Jean Barish
Subject:	Do not approve the SFPUC budget without requiring the SFPUC to fund an independent audit.
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 1:43:37 PM

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Dear Supervisors,
As a 50 year resident and a retired 30 year long property owner I am extremely concerned with upcoming skyrocketing increases in utility rates and projected balooning SFPUC budgets and deficits in the decades to come.
As you make adjustments to the upcoming budget, I urge you not to approve the SFPUC budget without requiring the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a review of SFPUC's water supply analysis that is based on an extremely conserva/ve drought planning scenario known as the "Design Drought."
Thank you for your work to get maximum benefit for all San Franciscans in a challenging budget cycle.

Fred Muhlheim

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From: julianneasla@sonic.net
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC budget
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 2:15:38 PM

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To the San Francisco Board: of Supervisors

I am not a financial expert, I am a Landscape Architect based in Palo Alto. But, it is clear to me that the SFPUC uses outdated or incorrect data when forming water use policies and project construction plans. Our Palo Alto utilities rely on the SFPUC water allotments, and I have followed the SFPUC policies and actions for many years because of my concern over the state of the Tuolumne River and environs.

I ask that the S.F. Board of Supervisors request an independent audit of the policies as well as the finances of the SFPUC. For example, because of the out-of-date Design Drought numbers that SFPUC staff is working from (8.5-year drought plan scenario), their proposed budget includes unnecessary and costly constructions that will impact customers. The Design Drought already impacts the Tuolumne River because the SFPUC insists on a low water flow allowance for the river based on the 8.5 number.

Folks in the bay area have been consistently using less water than the SFPUC has predicted, and yet the SFPUC continues to project unrealistically high mgd numbers going forward to 2045. For example, for the past 9 years the total mgd has been below 200. The mgd in 2018 was 196. This was 31% less than SFPUC projected. Also, from 2000 to 2015 water demand in the bay area went down by an average of 25%.

The SFPUC Design Drought is higher than the water districts of EBMUD, Santa Clara Valley and Alameda County.

The SFPUC also uses inaccurate predictions for population growth in the Bay Area.
The Urban Water Plan that SFPUC uses projects a population of 1.25 million by 2045
The California Dept. of Finance predicts 85 million.

By correcting the mgd projections, the population projections, and the Design Drought the data would then show that the SFPUC could increase the flows to the Tuolumne River. It would also mean that many of the projects for water storage etc. which the SFPUC can't afford without customer rate increases would not be necessary

Thank you

Julianne Adams Frizzell / Landscape Architect
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From: JOHN HOOPER
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Independent audit of SFPUC needed
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 4:51:03 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Please approve an independent audit of the SFPUC which is unnecessarily exaggerating future water demand.

i wrote you all last month, as well as writing my Supervisor personally , when the matter was discussed at the Committee level so will spare you repetition now.

Thank you!

John Hooper
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From:	certifiedhypnotist
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Comment re SFPUC
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2024 4:59:17 PM

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To Members of the Board of Supervisors
From Gail Sredanovic

Dear Board Members

I urge you to take very seriously the request by citizens to condition your approval of the SFPUC budget on there being an independent audit of the SFPUC. As a native San Franciscan and a lifelong Bay Area resident I have seen citizens' research and efforts prevail over inadvisable plans that planners put forward in ways we are now very grateful for. One example is the Save the Bay movement that put a stop to filling in the Bay at a time when there were plans drawn up to fill in all but a narrow channel . Imagine!
In the present case I urge you lean on citizen research that shows that the future projections of water need by the SFPUC are greatly exaggerated given the demonstrated ability of San Franciscans to reduce their water consumption.

In addition, as co-chair of the Social Justice Task Force of San Mateo County Democracy for America I am concerned about the steep rise in costs to county ratepayers of the SFPUC proposals to date. The gap between the affluent and those struggling financially is already great and growing. Increasing the cost of a basic necessity like water would be a cruel blow to say the least.
Please remember the power of concerned citizens to get it right when planners get it wrong.

Gail Sredanovic
2161 Ashton Ave.
Menlo Park CA 94025

June 21, 2024

President Aaron Peskin and Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

Re: Vital Need to Audit the SFPUC

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors:

We call on you to initiate an independent audit of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Please condition your authority to approve the SFPUC budget on the agency agreeing to fund an outside audit.

Skyrocketing water and sewer rates are placing a huge burden on San Francisco families and businesses. Combined bills will increase by 8% per year, and will triple over the next 20 years.

The SFPUC has used badly-needed sewer-system-related improvements to justify rate increases. However, rate increases are affected by both sewer system and water system improvements, and the SFPUC has not adequately communicated the scope and cost of the water system improvements.

Spending plans are primarily debt-financed, meaning that more than half of the utility rate will go towards debt service. The SFPUC doesn't call out capital reserves on their balance sheet, nor do they appear to be building reserves for replacing aging infrastructure. We therefore expect significant debt and high rates to continue well into the future.

The SFPUC's budget crisis will get much worse if they proceed with their Alternative Water Supply Plan, which could cost $17-$25 billion, doubling their budget. The Plan is based on a manufactured "Design Drought," which might occur once in 25,000 years, according to an internal SFPUC document uncovered through a Public Records Act request. The Plan also assumes water demand will increase significantly, despite the fact that it has been in decline for the past three decades.

The audit must evaluate the Design Drought and water demand projections, and recommend modifications to reduce rate increases.

Thank you for considering this request for an independent audit of the SFPUC.

Sincerely,



Kristina Pappas
San Francisco League of Conservation Voters



Peter Drekmeier
Tuolumne River Trust



Scott Artis
Golden State Salmon Association



Lauren Weston
Acterra: Action for a Healthy Planet



Heinrich Albert
Sierra Club, Bay Chapter Water Committee



Barbara Barrigan-Parrilla
Restore the Delta



Regina Chichizola
Save California Salmon

From:	Peter Drekmeier
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Audit the SFPUC
Date:	Friday, July 5, 2024 10:54:06 AM
Attachments:	TRT Letter to SF Budget and Appropriations Committee.pdf TRT Letter Re- SFPUC Budget & Capital Plan.pdf

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Dear President Peskin and Supervisors:

While attending or watching the Budget and Appropriations Committee hearings on the City budget, it struck me just how important City services are to so many residents. The line to speak at Public Comment Day coursed through City Hall, and one after another, until after 5pm, people pleaded for the Board to protect the programs they depend on.

I'm hoping the City's financial situation won't get even worse and lines to speak don't get even longer. The SFPUC's financial situation is headed for a train wreck, but there's a small window of opportunity to correct course. Please condition your approval of the SFPUC budget on the agency paying for an independent audit. During every future budget cycle you will be pleased you did.

Combined water and sewer rates will triple over the next 20 years, and that's only if everything goes as planned, which has never been the case. This will put further financial stress on many residents, and they will become even more dependent on City services. And at the rate things are going, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out by the City, further cutting into other program budgets.

Attached are my letters to the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the SFPUC.

Thank you for considering my urgent request.

-Peter

Peter Drekmeier
Policy Director
Tuolumne River Trust
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From: 2dreames@earthlink.net
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SPUC Audit
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 12:04:49 PM

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Please require an independent audit of the Stat Public Utilities Commission. I cannot believe, with such clear signs, we are heading right back into the dirty PUC-PGE scandals. It's pretty disgusting.

Deborah

Deborah S. Reames
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From: Carol Ruth
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Budget Needs Audit
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 12:10:35 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,
I am a concerned taxpayer from the Bay Area, with family property in San Francisco area. I am writing to urge you to only approve the SFPUC budget if there is a requirement for an independent audit of the SFPUC. Currently, skyrocketing rates are projected for ratepayers with no end in sight. The proposed budget is based on the Design Drought plan which is overly conservative in its projections and requires additional spending to meet its extreme goals.
I encourage you to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC, including an assessment of the Design Drought and water demand projections. Please leverage your budget authority to require the SFPUC to fund the audit as well. It is critical to get water usage projections that are based on strong science and to implement a budget that reflects that reality.
Sincerely,
Carol Ruth
Stanford, CA

From: Earthhelp
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Budget Item SFPUC
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 1:14:55 PM

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To: SF PUC, SF Board of Supervisors
From: Dana Dillworth
RE: SF PUC Budget
July 5, 2024

Dear Supervisors and Commissioners,

I am a lover of Yosemite and the Tuolumne River. I came to San Francisco in 1973. I live in San Mateo County now, but we hold our sacred water in trust with you.

I ask that you reconsider the analysis that concludes rate hikes as its outcome for water and sewer users when other methods, such as availability of federal infrastructure grants or different, more realistic drought scenarios and conservation measures can be considered and implemented.

Otherwise an audit would be in order, as to why we cannot operate within our means and resources.

Gratefully,
A Concerned Citizen

From: Erica Stanojevic
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Audit of SFPUC
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 1:41:21 PM

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Please initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC, including an assessment of the Design Drought and water demand projections.

Thank you,
Erica Stanojevic

From: Red Grifster
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Audit and water supply projections
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 2:38:27 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

I am a retired Telco Engineer, and a student at Columbia College, in the process of adding three additional degrees in Watershed management, Natural resource conservation and Water resource management.

The SFPUC water system, including Hetch Hetchy, is a vitally important part of California's water supply, and proper management is critical to ensure this supply continues, and for the continued health of the Tuolumne River system.

My opinion is that the SFPUC is mismanaging this vital resource.

I request that your approval of the SFPUC budget is contingent on there being an independent audit of the SFPUC.

The SFPUC Water supply projections are absurd, to say the least. They are based on providing water supplies based on an 8.5 year mega drought . This is an occurrence that will never happen!!

An additional factor in these erroneous calculations is that the SFPUC is forecasting a large increase in water demand, despite the fact that usage has declined dramatically over the years.

There are several negative results derived from these inaccurate water supply projections:

1) The oversupply required, based on these incorrect projections just ensures that SFPUC customers will continue to pay much higher rates, due to the infrastructure factors required to provide and store this excess amount of water. The investment in alternative water supplies based on this faulty analysis is estimated to be between $17-25 billion. This is an absurd waste of money.
2) These projections will likely cause the SFPUC's budget to increase by 20%, or more, over the next two years. Rates could triple in just 20 years. Debt will increase from 8.5 billion to 11.5 billion
3) Water hoarded in the Hetch Hetchy system will not be available to ensure sufficient water releases into the Tuolumne river system,and into the Bay, thus threatening the health of the Tuolumne river watershed.

Please carefully consider this feedback, the SFPUC is suffering from "groupthink",

where outside opinions and feedback are discarded without reason. A well consider method of prediction, and proper water supply forecast will provide significant financial and environmental benefits.

Michael Griffin
redgrifster.bmg@gmail.com

From: Diane Livia
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Audit SFPUC
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 3:04:48 PM

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Please order an audit of the SFPUC before approving their budget.

Diane Livia
Oakland, CA
510-290-5295

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

From: Jeralyn Moran
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Please audit the FSPUC!
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 4:22:29 PM

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I am a Wildlife Biologist, worried about the Natural World,. i.e. local wildlife. Our decisions affect more than just humans!

Jeralyn moran

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Jeralyn Moran
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..... the Time for Climate Action Is **Now**.

From: Lesley Stansfield
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: PUC audit needed!
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 5:25:17 PM

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My name is Lesley Stansfield. I live in Noe Valley and have for 27 years. I care about this city and its residents and politics. There has been much talk about water, water rates, water conservation and water hoarding. It turns out that the PUC is one of the main obstructions to the Bay Delta plan for the state and now wants to raise its rates too for water and wastewater. We need to find out why and what for. An independent audit would put these questions to rest. The PUC should pay for this. You have the authority do demand this.

Design Drought and inflated water demand projections don't just harm the Tuolumne River and Bay-Delta, but also hurt ratepayers, provides us with a great opportunity to spur you, the Supervisors into action. Please help us leverage the SFPUC's financial crisis to move the needle.

Thank you for your consideration,
Lesley Stansfield
681 27th street
San Francisco, 94131

From: John Livingston
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Livingston recommendation to Audit SFPUC
Date: Friday, July 5, 2024 6:42:02 PM

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July 5, 2024

Letter to SF Board of Supervisors

I have lived in Northern California most of my 73 years. We are in a state of human caused climate change and must plan very carefully and accurately for the future resilience of our communities. San Francisco will see changes in climate but because it is by the Ocean the changes will be les noticeable than in the interior of California.

SFPUC needs to make accurate predictions on the impacts of growth and weather irregularities so that the customers are fairly treated. The rates for water and wastewater services should reflect as accurate as possible the future system requirements. Because the budget is such an important part of what ratepayers are projected to pay I encourage you to authorize and require an independent audit of the SFPUC, including an evaluation of how conservative the Design Drought is and what the water demand projections might be. The audit should be funded by SFPUC, not the County. Please take action on this matter ASAP.

Sincerely, John Livingston

"Climate change is going to change everything, but the problem has always been that it is happening cataclysmically fast on a geological scale and far too slowly on a human perception scale."

David Wallace-Wells, The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming

From: Cedric de La Beaujardiere
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC"s Design Drought needs Independent Review
Date: Saturday, July 6, 2024 2:53:36 AM

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Honorable Supervisors,

I am very concerned with the decisions and direction taken by the SFPUC in the management of the rivers and dams under their jurisdiction and in their planning for future water needs. They are not being good stewards of the river ecosystems, nor of their rate payers, nor of their public funding. As supervisors of the SFPUC budget, you have the power to require an independent review and to demand changes in their operations and priorities.

For years the SFPUC has inexplicably stuck to a Design Drought planning framework that has repeatedly been shown to be inaccurate by both internal and external stakeholders. Rather than being transparent about their process, they have repeatedly sought to hide from the public how they reached these design decisions. Documents they finally and reluctantly released through Public Records Act requests show that their unnecessarily severe Design Drought might only be expected to occur once in 25,000 years. Similarly, their planning scenarios project large increases in water demand while their own Finance Bureau projects that water sales will stay steady.

As a result of this extreme pessimism, they hoard water behind dams and fail to protect the salmon which depend on natural and sufficient flows. Then suddenly in a wet year, to prevent their dams from overflowing, they release too much water too fast which does different types of damage to the salmon and river ecologies. The SFPUC's failure to protect the river ecosystems is causing the salmon to go extinct, with numbers less than 1% of historic salmon runs. Their fears for an improbable disaster are causing an actual real-time disaster that is entirely avoidable. Scientists, advocates and the state proposed a Bay Delta Plan to release more water in appropriately timed and sized flows to help restore Salmon populations, and experience has shown that such methods work. Yet the SFPUC has fought this tooth and nail, wasting ratepayer dollars and harming the Salmon and the economic and natural systems which rely upon them. The SFPUC leadership is clearly out of step with their constituents, who have made great strides in reducing water use in the hope that their savings will help keep the rivers healthy.

Even while people and businesses find ways to use less water, the SFPUC's unrealistic predictions of future water use increases lead them to plan to spend tens of billions of dollars in expensive alternative water supplies. Infrastructural maintenance and expansion are often necessary, but such huge investments need to be made with great care and be guided by open and peer-reviewed science and evidence, coupled with a responsible transparent decision making process. Rate payers are already feeling the brunt of the SFPUC's mismanagement with rates expected to triple in the next 20 years, and they'll go through the roof if these billions are unwisely spent.

Please exercise your supervisorial powers and audit the SFPUC, require an independent audit which includes review of the SFPUC policies such as the Design Drought which are negatively affecting rates and river ecosystems. Further, it is past time to revise the SFPUC's mandate and policies such that protecting the health of the river ecosystems should be given equal or greater priority as protecting rate payers and water reserves. Clearly ecological health has not been prioritized under the SFPUC's current policy framework.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial problem.

Regards,
Cedric Pitot de La Beaujardiere

From: Jerry Meral
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Financial mismanagement by the SFPUC
Date: Saturday, July 6, 2024 8:02:37 AM

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Dear Supervisors

Problems at the SFPUC are piling up, and deserve your attention.

The most urgent problem, one common to many water agencies, is an inordinate fear of water shortages, and the public reaction to them.

I experienced this first hand as Deputy Director of the California Department of Water Resources during one of the most severe droughts in California history. No one wants to suffer the political consequences of enforced rationing and water shortages, as we did during that drought.

The natural response to that fear is to plan for water supply facilities which can provide a full supply through the worst drought, and to own and operate those facilities independent of other water users. But the SFPUC has imagined a drought which has never happened in recorded history, and has developed a financial plan to get through such a drought.

If this were free, that might be fine. Better safe than sorry. But the cost of such preparation will be enormous. The SFPUC projects combined water and sewer rates to double in the next ten years. This will inevitably result in less water demand, and in consumer outrage that could spill over toward other proposed San Francisco expenditure proposals, such as bonds.

It is time to get the SFPUC under control. If you had to vote to impose an 8% per year rate increase, you would find a way to avoid doing that. San Francisco voters don't understand that the SFPUC is somewhat isolated from the Board of Supervisors. They will blame you for these unnecessary rate increases.

I urge you to have the City Services Auditor perform, or cause to be performed, a full audit of the SFPUC. You will quickly find ways to avoid these unnecessary and harmful rate increases, which impose the greatest costs on those who are least able to afford them.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Gerald H. Meral, Ph.D.
California Water Program Director
Natural Heritage Institute

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Jerry Meral

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415-717-8412

From: John Amodio
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Need for Audit of PUC"s Design Drought
Date: Saturday, July 6, 2024 4:00:10 PM

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Dear Elected Officials,

As former long-time residents of San Francisco, my wife and I are seriously contemplating a return. We are hesitant due to the serious fiscal challenges now confronting the City. In this time of tight budgets for both the City and your constituents, it is more important than ever to assure to do what we can to reduce costs for both.

I am long familiar with the SF PUC and their resistance to making needed changes to avoid excessive costs. As such, I urge you to require the PUC to fund an audit of the Design Drought and water demand projections. From my 40 years of experience with the PUC, I firmly believe that their unwillingness to change projections in light of compelling evidence is costing its residents to pay the highest urban water costs in California.

We need an independent assessment. Please act now.

Cordially,

John and Katie Amodio

From: Mary McVey Gill
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC budget
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 8:20:21 AM

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Please leverage the Board's authority in approving the SFPUC budget to include a requirement that they fund an audit. Water and sewer bills for SF are expected to triple in just 20 years, and a huge amount of debt (almost $12 billion) has been accumulated. The very conservative "Design Drought" plan is not based on reliable science. This situation cannot go on unchecked. My daughter lives in SF and has a hard time paying the rates she is being charged—she is my source of information. But I know there are many SF residents in the same situation.

Thank you,

Mary Gill
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Stanford CA 94305

From:	denise louie
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 8:21:03 AM

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Hi Supervisors,
I urge you to withhold your vote for the PUC budget or to initiate an audit of the PUC. You may wish to dig deep into the budget details; to ask our City Attorney to explain the legality of an agreement ceding certain decision making authority to ag water districts and, moreover, how the City sued the State Water Board while bypassing the PUC Commission; and to examine how PUC staff have been presenting faulty information while the Commission has ignored pleas from ratepayers, environmentalists and fishermen to allow for increased freshwater flows in support of the Bay Delta ecosystem, which is at risk of collapse.

When the 10-year $11.8 billion Capital Plan was presented to the PUC Commission, a particular graph showed how ratepayers will be very nearly unable to make payments. The PUC's current debt is huge and will likely balloon beyond all expectations, putting an unsustainable burden on ratepayers like myself.

A major concern is the PUC's Design Drought, which is based on ultra conservative assumptions. The PUC has consistently overestimated demand and now estimates an unprecedented 8-year drought. Their Alternative Water Supply plan would more than double their capital expenditures, while a 7-year drought would obviate the need for any alternative water supply.

In short, I urge you to initiate an audit of the PUC and to provide answers to the public regarding water concerns.

Thank you,
Denise Louie
D7 ratepayer

From:	Martin Gothberg
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Budget & Conditionality
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 8:32:03 AM

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Supervisors,

The Budget and Appropriations Committee voted to forward the City budget to the full Board of Supervisors so it is in your hands now. I have concerns.

The Alternative Water Supply Plan and the overly conservative assumptions therein will drive significant capital cost and potentially skyrocketing rates to water users. The AWSP contains many assumptions on future water usage along with an arbitrary and hugely conservative 'design drought' that has been shown to be unlikely to occur.

The public needs to see an audit of the SFPUC, to include their decision making process and assumptions used in their planning. PLEASE MAKE APPROVAL OF THE SFPUC BUDGET CONDITIONAL ON THIS AUDIT/SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS AND INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR BUDGET. Doing so will likely save significant CAPEX and rate increases while still providing the necessary infrastructure to meet future Bay Area water needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Martin J Gothberg

From: Shannon Rose
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Budget Deliberations
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 10:10:13 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I've lived in Palo Alto, Mountain View and Menlo Park since 1971 so I am well acquainted with the environmental challenges we face here in the Bay Area and on our planet. I am a longtime environmentalist having recognized in the 1980s that our planet was stressed from human activities and waste. As we suffer through this nasty heatwave and read about the floods, fires and droughts in other states and countries, I want to write to you again to ask you to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC and to include an analysis of the Design Drought and water demand projections.

I also ask you to have the SFPUC pay for the audit to make sure that an audit is funded and performed. From what I understand, the SFPUC is in an extremely precarious financial position. I recently received notice from the City of Palo Alto that our water rates will increase in July by about 9.8%. Apparently this is due to the SFPUC's plan to spend $17 billion to $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies -- thereby doubling their budget in order to produce water that will not be needed!

Their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conservative drought planning scenario — the "Design Drought." It combines two of the worst droughts from the 1900s to forecast an extremely severe 8.5-year mega-drought that might be expected once in 25,000 years. This is according to a document found through a public Records Act request. The SFPUC also is basing its plans on the belief that there will be a huge increase in water demand, in spite of the fact that water use has declined dramatically over the past three decades!

You must audit the SFPUC and the audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, including the Design Drought. The unnecessary infrastructure upgrades the SFPUC is planning would cost over the top billions of dollars. Since San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shortfall over the next two years, you certainly don't need to face the wrath of ratepayers and the financial disaster that the SFPUC's proposed alternative water supplies infrastructure upgrades would bring you.

Thank you for giving this issue your attention. I certainly wish you all the best in your important work.

Sincerely yours,

Shannon Rose McEntee
410 Sheridan Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306-2021
Shannon Rose McEntee

From:	sfneighborhoods.net
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Board of Supervisors require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit of “Design Drought” and water demand forecasts.
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 10:18:36 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of San Francisco deeply concerned about the proposed skyrocketing water and wastewater rates outlined in the SFPUC budget.

The prospect of a 20% budget increase for the SFPUC over the next two years,translating to 8% annual hikes in water bills for residents and businesses,is alarming.These increases,tripling rates in just two decades,will place a significant burden on our community,especially during a time when San Francisco already faces an $800 million budget deficit.

Furthermore,the justification for these drastic rate increases based on the “Design Drought” scenario and inflated water demand projections raises serious concerns.An 8.5-year mega-drought occurring only once in 25,000 years seems an unrealistic planning assumption.Similarly,projections of substantial water demand growth contradict the reality of declining water use over the past three decades.

To ensure responsible fiscal management and protect ratepayers,I urge the Board of Supervisors to leverage its budget authority and require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit.This audit should comprehensively review the SFPUC’s policies impacting rates,especially the “Design Drought” and water demand forecasts.

As of June 30, 2023, Revenue Bond Oversight Committee of the SFPUC has a had an available account balance of $ 1,848,865. Pursuant to Proposition P, the RBOC receives 1/20th of 1% of gross revenue bond proceeds to fund the cost of retaining the services of “outside auditors, inspectors and necessary experts to perform independent reviews”.

San Francisco cannot afford a “financial death spiral” for the SFPUC.An independent audit will provide much-needed transparency and ensure our SFPUC budget reflects realistic planning assumptions that prioritize responsible spending and protect ratepayers from unnecessary financial burdens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Sullivan

From:	Charlene Woodcock
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SFPUC Budget Audit
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 10:19:05 AM

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I write to urge the Board to conduct a long-needed audit on the SFPUC. The SFPUC should not be run as a political entity, but its record suggests that may be the case. And our great Bay Delta deserves and needs much more responsible and intelligent oversight and protection that the current SFPUC affords it.

It was especially concerning that the SFPUC joined a lawsuit against the state to block a plan to restore the Tuolumne and other rivers. Failure of that lawsuit represents a significant financial loss and no benefit except to delay work on a solution for San Francisco water planning.

Instead, we need to continue the impressive efforts to conserve water that we've demonstrated in the past. Changes are likely needed away from extremely water-needy crops like the miles of almond orchards in the Central Valley, enriching the owners but depleting the states water supply for private profits from marginal lands, dependent on significant irrigation.

It's apparent that the 10-year Capital Plan and the extremely conservative drought planning measures taken by the SFPUC will cause rates as well as debt to increase unsustainably in the coming years. Instead of assuming and planning on huge increased use of water, the SFPUC needs to plan for and educate people to focus on conservation and greater efficiency of water use.

I very strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to require the SFPUC to commit to an independent audit that will rigorously examine the consequences of SFPUC planning on customer rates. The investor-owned monopoly public utilities commissions all over the country are close to provoking customer backlash by their disregard for the damage to ratepayers of ever-increasing rates.

Sincerely,

Charlene M. Woodcock

From:	Anthony Barreiro
To:	RonenOffice (BOS)
Cc:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	Re: Audit the Public Utilities Commission
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 11:24:13 AM

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Dear Supervisor Ronen -- Just a follow-up to my email of June 17. I see in the news that the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee forwarded the budget to the full board, with a first vote expected this Tuesday July 8. I still believe the SF PUC is seriously mismanaged, with unnecessary costs to ratepayers (like me), misguided plans for future climate resiliency, and ongoing harm to the environment. Please get an independent audit of the PUC into the budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

With sincere best wishes,

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On Monday, June 17, 2024 at 12:59:26 PM PDT, Anthony Barreiro <anthonybarreiro@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Supervisor Ronen -- I am your constituent in District 9, a renter living on a modest pension, and a SFPUC Water Department ratepayer. I care about our environment, especially the Bay and Delta, and I am very careful to conserve water in my home. Still, my monthly water bill goes up and up every year (not to mention PG&E, rent, groceries, etc.).

The City and County of San Francisco talks big about environmental stewardship, but our Public Utilities Commission has an awful record of stubbornly resisting even the most modest, common sense reforms that would prevent permanent degradation of the Bay and Delta, extinction of

aquatic species, and the collapse of the fishing and recreation economies that rely on a healthy ecosystem.

I'm a retired social worker, I'm not an expert on water policy and infrastructure engineering. But I believe that outside experts should audit the PUC, and the PUC should pay for the audit. The Board of Supervisors needs to make this happen through this year's budget. We don't have time to let things keep getting worse.

Decades of deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure has caught up with the SF PUC, requiring a massive amount of capital investment over a short period of time. This has put the SFPUC in an extremely precarious financial position, requiring utility rates to skyrocket. Without intervention from the Board of Supervisors, the problem will continue to get worse.

Consider these facts:

• The SFPUC budget will increase by 20% over the next two years.
• Combined water and sewer bills for San Francisco residents and businesses will increase by 8% per year. Rates will triple in just 20 years.
• The SFPUC is already carrying $8.5 billion of debt.
• Their 10-Year Capital Plan will increase by $3 billion this year alone, bringing the total to $11.8 billion, plus debt service.
• By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget.

The Crisis Could Get a Lot Worse

The SFPUC is now considering the need to invest between $17 billion and $25 billion in expensive alternative water supplies (doubling their budget), to produce water that will not be needed. Their water supply analysis is based on an extremely conservative drought planning scenario known as the "Design Drought." The Design Drought combines two of the worst droughts from the last century to manufacture an extremely severe 8.5-year mega-drought that might be expected once in 25,000 years, according to a document uncovered through a Public Records Act request.

The SFPUC also is basing potential alternative water supply investments on a large increase in water demand, despite the fact that water use has declined dramatically over the past three decades. Their own Finance Bureau projects water sales will remain flat. As water and wastewater rates increase, people and businesses find ways to use less, but the SFPUC's fixed costs stay the same, so rates must increase even more to cover those costs. The SFPUC's "financial death spiral" will continue to build steam.

What Needs to Happen?

The Board of Supervisors must audit the SFPUC. They should leverage their

authority to approve the SFPUC budget to require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit. The audit should include a thorough review of SFPUC policies that impact rates, such as the Design Drought. The alternative is that the SFPUC might face another “ratepayer revolt” that will freeze rate increases and deprive the agency of new funds needed for required infrastructure upgrades. Without intervention, the SFPUC will likely have to be bailed out. San Francisco is already struggling to close an $800 million projected shortfall over the next two years.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important concern, and thank you for your service to the people of District 9 and San Francisco.

With sincere best wishes,

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From: Lorna Fear
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Re: Please arrange for an independent audit of the SFPUC
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:19:20 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Re-sending this to remind you of the need for an independent audit. Thank you.

On Sat, Jun 22, 2024 at 3:32 PM Lorna Fear <lornafear@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hi There;
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> Thank you for all your hard work. My name is Lorna Fear.
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> Will you please ensure that an independent audit of the SFPUC is conducted and that the SFPUC pays for it? Organizations sometimes need to hire outside consultants, and this is one of those times.
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> The Design Drought and water demand projections also need to be reviewed. They appear to be based solely upon worst-case scenarios. The SFPUC seems not to account for the conservation efforts made by individuals and organizations. Those contributions need to be incorporated, if you are to get a realistic picture.
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> Several groups of people will be negatively impacted by any rate increase, never mind a big one, which could force more essential workers out of The City. Please make a gargantuan effort to limit the rate increases. Thanks again.
>
> Best regards;
>
> Lorna Fear
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> Land Line: 209 742 5858
> VOIP: 650 746 6018

From: Rush Rehm
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Condition your approval of SFPUC budget by reqirog audit of SFPUC, focusing on their "Design Drought" scenario
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 12:48:29 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I wrote you last month about the SFPUC budget, and I write again to urge you to condition your approval of their budget on the implementation of an independent audit of the SFPUC. By my understanding of your schedule, you would have time to work out any details prior to your final budget vote in a couple of weeks.

As a long-time San Francisco and Bay Area resident, I join many in my concern over water rates, water usage, and efforts to maintain safe drinking water while maximizing efficiency and protecting the environment.

From my work on the issue, I have come to the conclusion that the SFPUC should undergo an independent audit, and that audit should take a *very* close look at policies that will affect water rates, specifically the "Design Drought." Given your authority to approve the SFPUC's budget, you could require this of the Commission.

Why should you do this? The SFPUC Design Drought is over the top, adopting a worst-case scenario with a "once in 25,000 years" prospect of occurring, assuming an eight-plus year mega-drought. The knock-on effects of these assumptions look disastrous – excessive spending on alternative water investments, even as conservation measures and population changes have shown water usage declining over the past several decades. The SFPUC plan will amount to a massive increase for rate payers, many of whom struggle to live in the area to begin with, given the price of property rental and home ownership.

Please use your authority over SFPUC budget approval to require that the Commission fund an *independent* audit that reviews these policies, which will have a direct impact on rate payers, and on conservation efforts. I know we are all committed to effective and clearly reasoned water management policies.

Sincerely,

Rush Rehm

Professor, Theater and Performance Studies, and Classics (Emeritus), Stanford University
Artistic Director, Stanford Repertory Theater (SRT) http://stanfordreptheater.com/

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A.J. Muste was picketing the White House in opposition to the Vietnam War, and a journalist asked him, "Why do you demonstrate in the rain? Do you think you will change the country?" "No," replied Muste, "I don't do this to change the country. I do this so the country doesn't change me."

From:	Virginia Smedberg
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject:	SF"s city budget includes cost for WATER - please audit SFPUC"s budget
Date:	Sunday, July 7, 2024 2:54:33 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

A reminder that I care about costs of water, and I think you should too.

You have a budget vote coming up. Part of that budget is the SFPUC's budget.

I live in Palo Alto, thus I drink water provided in great part by the SFPUC (with the help of the Tuolumne River). So the costs of that water affect me directly. I also care about other users of that water, human and otherwise.

Therefore I am asking you to get an independent audit done of the SFPUC's budget - which SFPUC should pay for, since it's their responsibility to keep their customers in the "light" (rather than dark) - and to not approve the budget unless SFPUC agrees to that. My concerns are especially about their "design drought" and their projections of water use, which from what I have read are not realistic. I think we need an outside perspective.

Sincerely,
Virginia Smedberg
441 Washington Ave
Palo Alto 94301

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From: Mary Butterwick
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
Subject: Fwd: Reference File No. 240595, SFPUC Budget
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 3:38:05 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I sent the forwarded message to you on June 23, 2024. My concerns and recommendation to initiate an independent audit of SFPUC, including a reassessment of their 8.5-year Design Drought, still stand.

Thank you, Mary

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Mary Butterwick** <mlbutterwick@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Jun 23, 2024 at 6:06 PM
Subject: Reference File Nos. 240595, 240596 SFPUC Budget
To: <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>, <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>

My name is Mary Butterwick. I am a resident of San Francisco, in District 7. My comments are in regards to San Francisco Public Utility Commission's (SFPUC) proposed budget. I am alarmed that the SFPUC is facing a real fiscal crisis due to long-deferred maintenance, unrealistic water demand projections, increased costs, and declining sales. As a retiree on a fixed income, I was shocked to realize that my water/sewer rates are likely to triple in the next 20 years, with 8% increases each year. How can low-income families possibly afford these increases? By 2047, the SFPUC's annual debt service will be greater than last year's entire budget. This amount of debt service may severely constrain the SFPUC's ability to fund future projects.

I am also deeply concerned that the Tuolumne River, the source of my drinking water, is in ecological crisis, due mainly to inadequate flow releases. An indicator of the degree of degradation is the alarmingly low number of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the river. The Tuolumne's salmon population is currently worse off than any other Central Valley river. It is heartbreaking to realize that this precious resource could disappear forever in my lifetime.

In 2019, I learned that San Francisco had joined a lawsuit against the State Water Board's Bay Delta Plan Update which established instream flow standards for the Tuolumne River. Since then, I and other members of the public have attended and testified at numerous SFPUC meetings to urge the Commission to revisit its extremely conservative 8.5-year Design Drought and inflated water demand projections. Thus far, the Commission has been unresponsive to our concerns.

The proposed budget does not include the costs associated with developing alternative water supplies. However, according to SFPUC's recently released Alternative Water Supply Plan, they might need to develop an additional $17-$25 billion-worth of recycled water and other alternative supplies, which would double the budget and presumably the water rates. It is my understanding that by reducing the Design Drought by one year and by applying reasonable

demand projections, such as those used by the California Department of Finance, one could reduce the amount of alternative water supplies needed by 2/3. I do not believe that ratepayers should have to invest in very expensive water supplies that will not be needed. Alternative water supplies are important when they are truly needed. They can also be beneficial to the environment, but only when they offset diversions from the Tuolumne and allow more water to flow freely.

Therefore, I urge the Board of Supervisors to initiate an independent audit of SFPUC, including a reassessment of the 8.5-year Design Drought and water demand projections, and to require SFPUC to fund it. Hopefully, this reassessment would also facilitate a meaningful dialog on the instream flows needed to restore and maintain a sustainable population of Fall Run Chinook Salmon in the Tuolumne River. Due to the litigation mentioned above, we have already lost over 5 years of progress in implementing the State's instream flow standards. With the salmon count in the Tuolumne so critically low, we are running out of time to act. What are we waiting for?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

From: pol1@rosenblums.us
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC audit
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 4:59:59 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

At your July 9th meeting you will be auditing the budget of the SFPUC. I am an end user of SFPUC water, living in Palo Alto, and strongly object to their use of an 8 year design drought, which exceeds any historical drought by 2 years, to push for the construction of huge infrastructure projects to increase water delivery capabilities. These fallacious assumptions will lead to large capital expenditures requiring huge increases in water rates for customers like me. I encourage you to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC, including an assessment of the Design Drought and water demand projections. You should leverage your budget authority to require the SFPUC to fund the audit.

As elected officials it is your duty to protect the interests of the people you serve and make sure that the money you spend is being truly used in their interests and not in the service of an unaccountable bureaucracy.

Sincerely,
Stephen Rosenblum
Palo Alto

From: Bill
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: audit the PUC
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 6:12:57 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Don't you agree the PUC, as one of the most important city commissions, needs an audit from time to time? It'll help you know if it's doing the job properly.

Please vote accordingly.

Bill Collins

From: Steve Schramm
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Audit budget and have SFPUC pay for it
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:19:28 PM

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I encourage the Supervisors to initiate an independent audit of the SFPUC (including an analysis of the Design Drought and water demand projections), and to require the SFPUC to fund it.
Thank you.
Steve Schramm

From: Amy McManus
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC AUDIT
Date: Sunday, July 7, 2024 7:31:30 PM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident of San Francisco deeply concerned about the proposed skyrocketing water and wastewater rates outlined in the SFPUC budget.

The prospect of a 20% budget increase for the SFPUC over the next two years, translating to 8% annual hikes in water bills for residents and businesses, is alarming.These increases,tripling rates in just two decades,will place a significant burden on our community,especially during a time when San Francisco already faces an $800 million budget deficit.

Furthermore,the justification for these drastic rate increases based on the "Design Drought" scenario and inflated water demand projections raises serious concerns.An 8.5-year mega-drought occurring only once in 25,000 years seems an unrealistic planning assumption.Similarly,projections of substantial water demand growth contradict the reality of declining water use over the past three decades.

To ensure responsible fiscal management and protect ratepayers,I urge the Board of Supervisors to leverage its budget authority and require the SFPUC to fund an independent audit.This audit should comprehensively review the SFPUC's policies impacting rates,especially the "Design Drought" and water demand forecasts.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bry Eck
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: SFPUC Budget issue and vote
Date: Monday, July 8, 2024 7:34:15 AM

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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, I am an owner of two apartment buildings in San Francisco, and I pay costly 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://www.statista.com/statistics/1232861/tap-water-prices-in-selected-us-cities/#:~:text=One of the most expensive,U.S. dollars per cubic meter.). And 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. Is this an unnecessary costly precaution for an unlikely/unrealistic scenario? **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

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May 21, 2024

Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin and Walton
SF Budget and Appropriations Committee
Email: Brent.Jalipa@sfgov.org

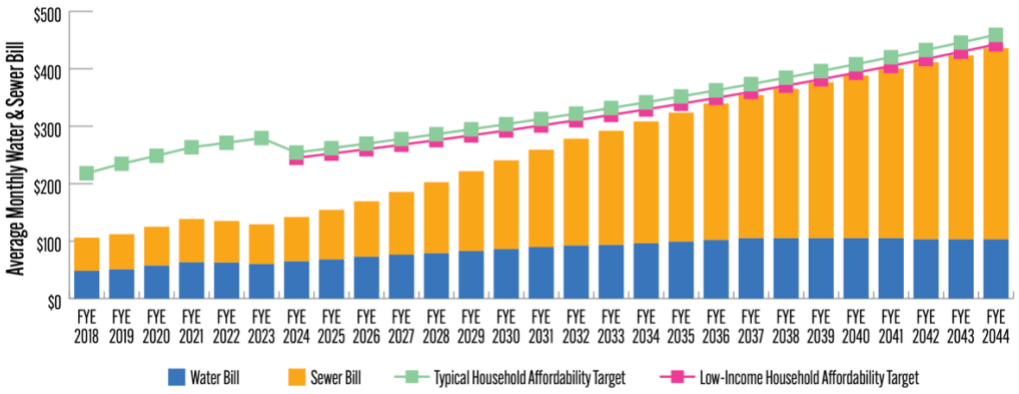
Re: Item 3 – Need to Audit the SFPUC

Dear Committee Members:

It's imperative that you rein in SFPUC spending. The agency is already facing a financial death spiral in which skyrocketing rate increases send a price signal to customers to use less water, which forces further rate increases as less water is sold. Water sales projections in the current 10-Year Financial Plan are highly likely to be inflated (as they have been every year in the past), which will make the SFPUC budget even more precarious than what has been presented to you.

A lot has changed just since you approved last year's SFPUC budget. The 10-Year Capital Plan has grown by $3 billion. Combined water and sewer bills are now projected to be 43% higher in 10 years than in last year's projection. Despite the fact that water sales were the second lowest on record last year, current SFPUC sales projections for 10 years out are now 9 million gallons per day higher than they were last year. If they are wrong, which is likely, there will be budget shortfalls.

It's highly unlikely the SFPUC will be able to keep rates below the established affordability target. The budget approved by the SFPUC three months ago had less than a 1% cushion in 2044. That budget showed an 18% rate increase over the next two years. The Mayor's budget now shows a 20% rate increase.



Source: Mayor's Budget

The current financial crisis was primarily caused by deferred maintenance. Capital costs that should have been spread out over many decades must now be covered in a very short timeframe. While you can't reverse this past mistake, there's something you can do now to prevent a future mistake of even greater magnitude.

Please commission an independent audit the SFPUC, not just for financials, but also their Design Drought, which harms ratepayers as well as the Tuolumne River and San Francisco Bay-Delta. The Design Drought must be reviewed and corrected before the SFPUC over-invests in a tremendous amount of expensive and unnecessary alternative water supplies.

The Design Drought arbitrarily combines two of the worst droughts from the last century to create a manufactured mega-drought. As a result, water needed to cover a six- or seven-year drought now must be stretched to cover an unheard of 8.5-year extremely severe drought. The SFPUC is now planning to cover the perceived deficit by developing expensive alternative water supplies. The SFPUC's recent Alternative Water Supply Plan suggests that full implementation of the Plan would cost $17 to $25 billion, doubling the SFPUC budget.

An internal SFPUC document uncovered through a Public Records Act request suggests the chances of the Design Drought occurring (even with climate change) is 1-in-25,000. Consultants who produced the SFPUC's Long-Term Vulnerability Assessment (climate change study) reviewed 100 years of observed data, 1,100 years of tree ring data, and generated 25,000 simulated model runs, but could not produce a single drought as severe as the Design Drought.

We can demonstrate that the SFPUC could manage a drought far more severe than any on record with a much more modest investment in alternative water supplies, saving billions of dollars.

Attached, please find our letter to the SFPUC regarding their budget and Alternative Water Supply Plan. It will give you a better sense of our concerns.

Please commission an audit of the SFPUC. We would be very interested in providing information and analysis.

Thank you for serving as our watchdog over the SFPUC!

Sincerely.



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February 12, 2024

President Paulson and Commissioners
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
525 Golden Gate Ave.
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Via Email

Re: Items 8-11 on the February 13, 2024 Agenda.

Dear President Paulson and Commissioners:

First of all, I'd like to commend your finance team for doing a good job at presenting the SFPUC Operating Budget and 10-Year Financial Plan. The materials are more transparent than in previous years, especially when it comes to debt service. I have grave concerns about the SFPUC's precarious financial position, but my comments should not be misconstrued as criticism of the messengers.

The SFPUC Budget and 10-Year Capital Plan are alarming, as evidenced in the staff presentation.[1] For example:

- The operating budget will grow by 18% over the next two years (slide 11).
- The 10-Year Capital Plan will grow by $3 billion to $11.8 billion (slide 21).
- Average combined water and sewer bills are projected to increase by 8.1% annually, tripling from $142 to $436 in 2044 (slide 34).
- Last year, the average combined water and sewer bills were projected to be $305/month in 2033.[2] This year combined bills are projected to be 43% greater by 2034.
- The SFPUC is entering this budget cycle with $8.5 billion in outstanding debt.[3]
- By FY 2034, the debt service will increase to 54% of the water budget, and 58% of the wastewater budget.[4]

[1] Adoption of Operating Budget, Capital Budget, 10-Year Capital Plan, and 10-Year Financial Plan, February 13, 2024 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/sa5aa9dc8590b40cbb7522c580d5d3a33
[2] SFPUC 2023 budget presentation, slide 34, February 14, 2023 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/sf9945272ac084c808af1130182a3e878
[3] FY 2024-25 & FY 2025/26 Proposed Budget, slide 51, January 22, 2024 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/s88ba5fa8c40842e0936b7158825f5b5e
[4] Ibid, slide 65.

Water Sales and Affordability

In the proposed budget, Regional Water System (RWS) sales are projected to be 197 million gallons per day (mgd) in 2034 (slide 29). Last year sales were projected to be 188 mgd in 2033.[5] Someone should explain why sales projections increased by 9 mgd despite the fact that RWS sales were the second lowest on record in FY 2022/23 (172 mgd)[6] and the California Department of Finance revised its population growth projections downward last summer.[7]

If sales are below 197 mgd, which is likely, the SFPUC will not meet its affordability target. A July 5, 2022 SFPUC report[8] acknowledged that both Water Enterprise and Finance Bureau demand/sales projections have always exceeded actuals, significantly in the case of the Water Enterprise, which produces the Urban Water Management Plan.

On November 28, 2023, while discussing affordability, Commissioner Ajami pointed out that if water use goes down further, the SFPUC will have a very different revenue projection, which would impact rates. She directed staff to run a scenario under that situation.[9] Staff has yet to respond to this request, which would have been helpful prior to the budget hearings. The lack of follow through on this request is inconsistent with the statement on slide 4 of the budget presentation that states, "Commission follow up questions answered."

What happens when actual sales are below projections? We received an example in December in the 1st Quarter Budget Report.[10] Due to lower-than-projected water sales, water revenues are projected to be $25 million below budget (slide 3), and wastewater service charges $26 million below budget (slide 4).

How Did We Get Here, and Where Are We Headed?

The SFPUC's current financial situation is the result of many decades of deferred maintenance that now require catch-up. The SFPUC finally began to address the backlog of capital projects with the $4.8 billion Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) approved in 2008. Much of the SFPUC's current debt is due to debt financing for the WSIP. The Sewer System Improvement Program (SSIP) is responsible for most of the projected new debt.

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[5] SFPUC 2023 budget presentation, slide 31, February 14, 2023 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/sf9945272ac084c808af1130182a3e878

[6] Water Resources Division Annual Report, December 12, 2023 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/sccdee3d7212a4b2ab1b00f9b1ef411e2

[7] California: No Growth to 2060 Per State Projections, newgeography, July 30, 2023 – https://www.newgeography.com/content/007894-california-no-growth-2060-state-projections

[8] Water Enterprise and Finance Bureau Water Demand Projections, July 5, 2022 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/sa628ebe9c31e4326b84ffa2976f9f9a3

[9] SFPUC meeting, Item 12, November 28, 2023 – https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/44938?view_id=22&redirect=true (2:30:40)

[10] SFPUC FY 2023-24 1st Quarter Budget Report, December 12, 2024 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/se1f88d7d5b3a41829939713649bc1802

When the WSIP was being considered, RWS demand projections for 2018 were 285 mgd. Under the leadership of GM Ed Harrington, the SFPUC capped water sales at 265 mgd as a compromise to avoid lawsuits over the proposed diversion of an additional 25 mgd from the Tuolumne River. Between 2008 and 2013, prior to the 2012-16 drought, water demand dropped from 257 mgd to 223 mgd. As water rates soared (now more than triple what they were), consumers took advantage of opportunities to reduce their water use and keep their bills manageable. Actual demand in 2018 was 196 mgd, 31% below the projection. For the past nine years, RWS demand has been under 200 mgd.

The proposed rate increases will continue to drive per capita water use downward. As a result of rising system costs and decreasing sales, the SFPUC is likely headed toward an economic death spiral – rates will continue to increase to cover fixed costs, driving consumption down, increasing rates further. This should be of major concern to the SFPUC, Capital Planning Committee, Board of Supervisors and Mayor.

Alternative Water Supply Plan

While we can't reverse past mistakes, there's still time to avoid a potentially catastrophic future mistake. If implemented as proposed, the SFPUC's Alternative Water Supply (AWS) Plan would double the budget, producing expensive new water that will not be needed. The SFPUC must make a thorough review of the AWS Plan a top priority.

AWS can be extremely expensive. The Peninsula and South Bay purified water projects would be similar to what Valley Water is proposing at the Regional Water Quality Control Plant in Palo Alto. Valley Water projects their project will produce purified water at a cost $7,842 per acre foot of water.[11] The current price per acre-foot of SFPUC water is approximately $2,000.

Before embarking on an extremely expensive AWS Plan that would require additional funding on top of the already astronomical SFPUC budget, it's imperative that the SFPUC be confident about projected future water needs. The numbers used in the AWS Plan are based on the SFPUC's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan. These Plans have historically over-projected demand in the range of 25%.[12]

The draft AWS Plan projects the SFPUC will need to develop between 92 mgd (demands) and 122 mgd (obligations) of new water supplies. According to the report, developing 22 mgd to 48 mgd of AWS would cost $4 billion to $10 billion.[13] Based on these figures, one can project that developing the full AWS Plan would cost between $19 billion and $25 billion.

[11] Valley Water, Water Supply Master Plan presentation, page 21 of 29 – Preliminary Unit Cost of Major Supply Projects, September 19, 2023.
[12] See footnote 9.
[13] Draft Alternative Water Supply Plan, pp. XIII and 124, June 30, 2023 – https://sfpuc.org/sites/default/files/about-us/policies-reports/AltWaterSupply_DraftPlan_6.23.23_Web.pdf

SFPUC staff project that budgeting $209 million (approximately 1% of the full cost of the AWS Plan) would increase retail rates by 0.9% above the current rate plan,[14] suggesting that full buildout of the AWS Plan would increase retail rates by 90%.

Need to Reevaluate the Design Drought and Demand Projections

The SFPUC's Design Drought combines two of the worst droughts from the 20th century – the six-year drought of record from 1987 to 1992, and the driest two-year period on record, 1976/77 – to produce an artificial 8.5-year megadrought. It assumes demand will increase dramatically to 265 mgd (274 mgd if San Jose and Santa Clara are made permanent customers).

However, if we accept the fact that water demand will remain at 200 mgd or below, as believed by experts in the field, the amount of new AWS needed would be reduced by 44 to 73 mgd. Shortening the Design Drought to 7.5 years would shave off an additional 25 mgd or more. We explained this at the SFPUC Design Drought workshop in 2022.[15]

Much has changed since the Design Drought was conceived following the 1987-92 drought of record. For example:

- Water demand peaked at 293 mgd immediately prior to the 1987-92 drought. Demand has been below 200 mgd for the past nine years. In FY 2022/23, water sales were just 172 mgd.
- Following the 1987-92 drought, the SFPUC adopted its "Water First" policy, prioritizing water supply over hydropower generation. 2020 and 2021 were almost as dry as 1976 and 1977, yet on June 10, 2021, the SFPUC had 350,000 acre-feet more in storage (enough to last 1.5 years) than on June 10, 1977.[16]
- The SFPUC's Cherry Lake reservoir, with three-fourths the capacity of Hetch Hetchy, was drained in 1989, reducing storage significantly.
- The SFPUC's recent Long-Term Vulnerability Assessment (climate change study) – using 100 years of observed data, 1,100 years of tree ring data, and 25,000 simulated model runs – could not produce a single drought as severe as the Design Drought. A document uncovered through a Public Records Act request showed that the consultants who prepared the study projected the Design Drought might occur once-in-25,000 years.

A clear example of how the Design Drought hurts ratepayers began on November 23, 2021, when the SFPUC declared a Water Shortage Emergency. At the time, the SFPUC had enough

[14] Ibid, p. 125.
[15] SFPUC Design Drought workshop, August 23, 2022, starting at 25:00 – https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/41900?view_id=22&redirect=true&h=087062ed80a1dea47c9be980b598239b
[16] Steve Ritchie presentation, July 13, 2021, starting at 27:23 – https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/player/clip/38951?view_id=22&redirect=true

water in storage to last 4.5 years.[17] By declaring an emergency, the SFPUC was able to impose a drought surcharge on ratepayers of 5% in April 2022. During the three-year drought, the SFPUC never had less than four years-worth of water in storage, yet consumers were required to conserve and then make up for the lost revenue through higher rates.

Please make reevaluation of the Design Drought a top priority. Ratepayers are in desperate need of relief, and amending the Design Drought would have a huge positive impact on skyrocketing water rates.

Sincerely,



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Policy Director

Cc: Mayor London Breed
SF Board of Supervisors
SF Capital Planning Committee
SFPUC Citizens Advisory Committee
BAWSCA Board of Directors

[17] SFPUC Drought Conditions Update, slide 2, December 6, 2021 – https://sfpuc.sharefile.com/share/view/s3f98fbd30ca8422f9bf2697011658a15

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Hi Michael,

Thank you for taking the time to instantly send me the four links to the earlier in-house SFPUC audits. I learned from reading the in-house audits, that the SFPUC commissions audits itself and the public was not involved. I also learned that the in-house audits of the SFPUC did find departmental operating deficiencies.

An outside audit with input from the public would be beneficial. Ideally, there would be a public scoping meeting where the public could ask questions and present information for the outside auditor to consider. The outside auditor would be incentivized to follow up on the public scoping meeting to the benefit of San Francisco.

With so much at stake, an outside audit of the SFPUC is called for. An in-house audit can open the risk that the auditing body can select information to produce audit results they want the Commission and the public to see.

Did the SF Board of Supervisors and the public know about pending debt service for the proposed $3.05 billion in Water, Wastewater, and Power bonds (just in the next two years) over 30 years is approximately $221.5 million (per year) over $6.6 billion in total debt. (a)

Also, is the management of the Tuolumne River in compliance

with the Endangered Species Act?

Sincerely,
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(a) San Francisco Chronicle, July 9, 2024. San Franciscans: Brace yourselves for skyrocketing water and sewer rates, too. By Peter Drekmeier. Mr. Drekmeier is a former mayor of Palo Alto and serves as policy director for the Tuolumne River Trust.