

## **Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:50 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 150656 FW: Urging Support of Resolution 150656 [Supporting California State Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Mitchell, Hancock) - Property Tax Fairness Amendment]  
**Attachments:** SFR Letter in Support of SF BOS MIF Resolution (6-23-2015).docx  
**Categories:** 150656

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**From:** Mario Yedidia [<mailto:mario@sfrising.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 1:26 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Ben Grieff; SFR Leadership Committee  
**Subject:** Urging Support of Resolution 150656 [Supporting California State Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Mitchell, Hancock) - Property Tax Fairness Amendment]

**To:** **Honorable Members, San Francisco Board of Supervisors**  
**From:** **San Francisco Rising Alliance**  
**Date:** **June 23, 2015**  
**Re:** **Urging Support of Resolution 150656 [Supporting California State Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Mitchell, Hancock) - Property Tax Fairness Amendment]**

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors of the City & County of San Francisco:

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California's commercial and industrial property tax system is grossly unfair. That's why SF Rising has joined Make It Fair ([www.makeitfairca.com](http://www.makeitfairca.com)), a coalition of civil rights, religious, community and labor groups dedicated to rebuilding our state. After examining the problem from many angles, we propose to close loopholes by assessing commercial and industrial property at fair market value, ensuring that big corporations and wealthy commercial property owners pay their fair share of property taxes.

This policy, laid out in Senate Constitutional Amendment 5, would bring in some \$691 million each year to San Francisco alone — and \$9 billion statewide.

A few weeks ago, SF Rising conducted an intense civic engagement program on this very issue. Over the course of 16 days of canvassing and phonebanking, we identified **2,857 San Francisco voters** (85% of all voters with whom we spoke) who agree that we should close California's egregious commercial and industrial property tax loopholes. During this same period, our statewide California Calls network ([www.cacalls.org](http://www.cacalls.org)) identified some **72,201 supportive voters of this policy** – from San Francisco to Kern and Fresno Counties, and Los Angeles to San Diego and Riverside and San Bernardino.

Please stand with these San Franciscans and Californians from across the state and support resolution 150656 today. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mario Yedidia

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Political Coordinator, SF Rising

The members of San Francisco Rising are base-building organizations rooted in the city's low-income and working class communities of color. They are:

Causa Justa::Just Cause (CJJC); Chinese Progressive Association (CPA); Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth; People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER); Filipino Community Center (FCC); Mujeres Unidas y Activas (MUA); SF Day Labor Program/La Colectiva de Mujeres/Mission SRO Collaborative; South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN).