

SUPERVISOR CARMEN CHU

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Message from the Supervisor

June and July mark the months when the Board of Supervisors reviews the Mayor's budget submission for the next fiscal year. Just this April, the Controller's Office worked collaboratively to issue a report projecting a \$483 million General Fund shortfall for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget. In contrast to other government bodies, the City is required by law to pass a balanced budget each year. With such a large projected deficit, this means difficult decisions must be made around what programs and functions are funded.

The proposed budget is approximately \$6.5 billion. This entire budget funds services like public safety and road repair work. The budget also pays for the operations of entities having a Bay Area wide impact, like the San Francisco International Airport and Public Utilities Commission. The City Charter mandates that the final budget be signed into law by August. Major proposals to bridge the budget shortfall include: over \$60 million in wage and other labor concessions; \$64 million worth of savings from reductions to city positions, overtime and other salary savings; \$88 million in additional leveraging of hospital fee revenues; and over \$78 million in spending reductions within city departments, to name a few.

Note that the budget is constantly evolving as we get better data on the actual state of our revenues and as the State's own budget process moves forward. For example, the proposed budget assumes a loss of \$30 million in state funding. To the extent that the actual level of cuts are different, we may be faced with even more challenges in the future.

While the Board of Supervisors continues to fine-tune the budget, I also want to speak on at least two measures addressing fiscal responsibility that were recently put into place. Though the measures don't solve the budget problems entirely, they will help our city achieve greater stability in the long run. One of those measures was recently passed by voters in the June 2010 election, and would reduce the cost to the City for employee retirement benefit costs. With the passage of this reform measure (Prop D), the City anticipates saving between \$400M to \$600M over the next 25 years. It would accomplish this by smoothing out how retirement benefits are calculated, and would require certain employees to contribute more for their retirement benefits. This measure also adds fiscal discipline by requiring the City to consistently pay into our pension or health benefit commitments.

The second reform measure was passed by the Board of Supervisors this April. Proposed by the City's independent Controller, the legislation 1) gradually increases the amount of money the City has in reserve to weather tough financial years, 2) limits the City's ability to spend one-time revenues on ongoing expenses, and 3) spreads out the use of our reserves over several years to ensure we have the resources to address multi-year budget problems.

Having served as the Deputy Director of the City's Budget Office before my time on the Board of Supervisors, I understand how critical addressing these financial issues is to the long term sustainability of our City's operations and encourage your voice in the budget process.

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GREAT HIGHWAY AND OCEAN BEACH UPDATE

The San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) completed the Promenade Maintenance/Sand Relocation project this past June. As part of the project, DPW relocates sand around Ocean Beach to prevent sand from blowing onto the promenade between Noriega and Santiago and onto the Great Highway. Scheduling of the work is coordinated with the Audubon Society and National Park Service to ensure our operations do not negatively impact the nesting cycle of the snowy plovers.

Generally, sand is moved south to help with eroded cliffs along Ocean Beach. This year however, since a project is already active south of Sloat Blvd., the sand was moved to Ocean Beach in front of the promenade to help improve the eroded beach conditions there, improve the snowy plover habitat and to buffer the promenade and Great Highway, protecting it from sand build up.

Crews moved more than 10,000 cubic yards of sand over the week using heavy machinery. Additionally, two truck-loads of debris were removed as part of the work. For this project, DPW worked closely with Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the National Park Service.



BEFORE: sand build-up on sea wall



AFTER

As for the southern portion of the Great Highway, south of Sloat Blvd., DPW anticipates that construction on Phase II will begin in the next one to two months. Phase II will help further stabilize the bluff top area, improve drainage, and realign the southbound lanes. The first southbound lane should be reopened about a month after construction begins. Again, careful consideration is given to wildlife, and DPW is working closely with the California Coastal Commission and National Park Service to ensure construction occurs at a time to prevent negative impacts to the bank swallows.

SUNSET PLAYGROUND PARK RENOVATION UPDATE

The design team assigned to the Sunset Playground renovation project is working to wrap up the plans for this exciting project. Over the next few months, the Recreation and Park Department will be distributing project and program information to all the neighbors and

park users. The Department anticipates that this renovation project will start at the beginning of January 2011.

One proposed park feature that has caused some concern among some residents is the renovation work identified for the 28th and 29th Avenue landscape frontages. The original approved design contemplated replacing the lawn strips with planting pockets for shrubs and trees separated by decorative permeable accent pavers. The goal of this original design was to provide an attractive park frontage while at the same time reduce the overall level of park maintenance.



After feedback received through our office, we engaged with the Recreation and Park Department to examine viable alternatives. With their assistance and cooperation with the operations staff, a revised design has been proposed which will include tree planting pockets and address resident concern by replanting the areas between with lawn and new irrigation. With this modified design, the Department requests that the neighbors who utilize this renovated space provide help in making sure that it stays clean and free of litter and waste.

If you have any questions about this project, please feel free to contact the Recreation and Park Department at (415) 581-2542.

MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY AT 2139 TARAVAL

The Medical Cannabis Dispensary proposed for Taraval & 32nd Avenue was approved by the Planning Commission in May 2010. The Planning Department recommended approval for the project even though several hundred Sunset District residents attended the meeting to voice their opposition to the project. The Planning Commissioners did not find extraordinary or exceptional reasons to deny the permit.

Several neighborhood groups have expressed interest in appealing this. As of today, the 15 day period for the appeal process has not yet started. If you are interested in following this appeal process, please contact our office at 415-554-7460.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH SUPERVISOR CHU



Healthy Kids Day – Stonestown YMCA



Swearing in SF City College Board member
Jeffrey Fang



SF Pride Parade

SUNSET DISTRICT RECOGNITION

Hot on the heels of being featured as a fabulous destination in Sunset Magazine AND winning best Westside neighborhood on SFist.com, the Sunset District was recently acknowledged in 7 x 7 Magazine as "Best Neighborhood for Families". Kudos to all the merchants, families and organizations who make the Sunset such a great place to live!

MERCHANT SPOTLIGHT

Lucca Foods

1899 Irving Street (between 19th – 20th Ave)

(415) 664-3870

www.lucafoods.net



Recently voted as the "Best Deli" in the Bay Area by the SFGate BayList, Lucca Foods has been serving its delectable foods to the community since 1927. Known as a hot spot for sandwich enthusiasts, many find themselves coming back to Lucca's not only for its foods, but also for its amiable ambiance.

Don't be surprised if you find yourself catching up on the latest community news or acquainting yourself with **Sam Kaleh**, the proprietor of the beloved deli, while ordering a turkey club or a hot pastrami sandwich (favorites amongst customers). He attributes his deli's success to its "top of the line quality meats, freshly baked breads, and reasonable prices." For the budget conscious, Lucca Foods has not touched its prices in 10 years!

Sam has ensured that Lucca Foods remains and will continue to be a community based shop geared toward serving the people in an honest environment. Often participating in neighborhood events, Lucca Foods is the quintessential community based operation and hosts a July 4th BBQ for neighborhood every year.



Sam notes how much he loves what he is doing and that he feels at home while working at Lucca Foods. How can you not try a sandwich from a guy who loves making sandwiches? Next time you're in the neighborhood or if you're absolutely craving a deli sandwich, make sure to stop by Lucca's for a hearty treat. And for those of you who are already Lucca Foods fanatics, don't forget to pick up your Lucca Foods original t-shirt or sweatshirt to show your love for the "Best Deli" in the Bay.

- Brian Park, intern at Office of Supervisor Chu

SUNDAY STREETS – GREAT HIGHWAY: August 22 – 10am to 3pm



Sunday Streets comes to the Great Highway on August 22 for the second and final time of 2010. For the uninitiated, Sunday Streets originated in Bogota, Columbia as a day to promote free, health and community oriented events. Thirty years after the first program, the concept has spread around the world from Tokyo, Japan to Kiev, Ukraine, and is enjoying a spectacular third year in San Francisco.

Sunday Streets is free to all participants. Some will enjoy the route by strolling, skating, cycling, or just people-watching. Others will

participate in free group events such as tai chi, yoga, aerobics and other activities.

After being rained out in April, Mother Nature owes us a sunny and beautiful Sunday Streets event on August 22. So bring your bike, skates or walking shoes down to the Great Highway and get ready to have some fun!

SUNDAY STREETS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are still three more opportunities for you to be a part of the biggest street party in the City – Sunday Streets! August 22 at the Great Highway, September 19 in Western Addition, and October 24th at Civic Center.



For each three hour shift, volunteers will receive the following perks:

- Delicious Lunch (vegetarian and vegan options available)
- Sweatshop-Free, Limited-Edition 2010 Sunday Streets t-shirt
- Reusable Goodie Bag
- Access to Exclusive Volunteer Appreciation Parties
- Perks for repeat volunteers, including a "free", bartered membership with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
- That warm, fuzzy feeling you get from knowing you did the right thing...and it's fun!

For more information on specific volunteer roles and responsibilities, visit:

http://docs.google.com/View?id=dcfhp5sh_9fkzs8dg5

If you have any questions or would like to coordinate a group volunteer outing at Sunday Streets, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Matt Kaftor at mattk@sfbike.org.

SAN FRANCISCO PARKS TRUST INNOVATOR AWARDS PROGRAM

The San Francisco Parks Trust is accepting applications for the Innovator Awards Program, which gives awards of \$500-\$2000 per project to improve parks, recreation, and public open space. The deadline is August 2nd. This monetary award program helps small grassroots groups improve their parks, recreation centers, and open spaces. Awards are between \$500 and \$2000 and covers projects like concrete removal, rainwater catchment barrels, irrigation equipment, baseball uniforms, and art supplies for Rec Center programming. Any community group can apply. You do not have to be a non-profit or have a fiscal sponsor, but you should be an established group with participants committed to implementing your project. For more information, contact Maria D'Angelico at 415-750-5442 or maria@sfpt.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: San Francisco Education Fund

Do you believe that every child deserves a quality education?

The San Francisco Unified School District faces \$113 million in budget cuts and extra adults in the classroom make a huge difference to students and teachers with fewer resources. Today, volunteers are needed more than ever in San Francisco's classrooms.

The San Francisco Education Fund matches you to the appropriate teacher based on your skills and interests, as well as the time commitment that fits you best.

You can be a:

Tutor, Literacy Support Volunteer, Mentor, Interpreter, Career Speaker or Special Event Volunteer.

Learn more at www.sfedfund.org or by calling 415-749-3700 x3006.



SAVE THE DATE!
JIMMY'S OLD CAR PICNIC
RETURNS TO SPEEDWAY
MEADOW
Saturday, October 16



MUNI SERVICE BUDGET UPDATE

Conversations around the Municipal Transportation Agency's (MTA) budget have been evolving rapidly over the past year. The MTA's ability to manage and balance their budget changes as new revenue projections come in and as decisions are made at the local, state or regional MTC level over potential funding sources. These projections are also impacted by conversations around labor negotiations that attempt to reduce the cost of MTA operations.



On May 1, 2010, the MTA budget was proposed to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. The proposed budget is a two year budget that includes operations for fiscal year 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. The Board of Supervisors has not yet voted on the MTA budget and can take action to vote to approve or disapprove the budget in its entirety. Originally the MTA budget assumed MUNI service reductions beginning May 2010 that was worth about 10% of its MUNI operating hours - the reductions were not

implemented across the board to all transit lines equally but were reflective of targeted reductions based on ridership data and geographic coverage. Recently, the MTA announced that with one-time funding from the SFCTA and regional MTC and with additional operational efficiencies within the department, that the MTA would be able to restore half of those service reductions.

The restoration of 5% of service cuts for MUNI would be effective September 2010. Sunset District service restorations include:

L Owl - restored to every 30 minutes

66 Quintara – end time restored to 11:00 pm

28 19th Ave. – evening service frequency restored, end time restored to 12:20 pm

29 Sunset – end time restored to 12:20 pm

18 46th Ave. – extra service added during weekday commute hours

Additionally, the two year budget as proposed does not include expansion of metering on Sundays nor does it include extending meter hours to evening hours past 6 pm. In the past, Supervisor Chu has raised concerns over proposals to implement extended meter hours because she believes there would be a negative impact on the many small, local neighborhood merchant areas that are already struggling in this economic climate. The SFMTA says the budget also does not include across-the-board meter rate increases. The only potential changes in meter rates would be in SF Park pilot areas that would reflect prices in response to demand - this means that meter rates in those areas that currently already have installed SF Park meters (consolidated meters) may see prices decrease or increase depending on usage. There is always a possibility that proposals for Sunday meters, expended meter hours or across the board rate increases to be revisited - but it is not currently proposed.



The MTA Board of Directors also voted to allow the department to pursue the placement of additional meters in the City, however, the locations have not been finalized. The MTA's upcoming budget assumes approximately 1,000 new meters to be installed in various parts of the City. An initial hearing was held to receive feedback on the locations of the proposed new meter sites in June. Based on feedback from the community, a number of proposed new meter sites were removed. It is important to note that the proposed 1,000 new meter locations did not include sites within Golden Gate Park. It is anticipated that the MTA Board of Directors will hear the proposal for new meters in select sites in early August.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A VALUABLE TRADE?

The Carpenters Training Committee for Northern California is accepting applications for a FREE nine week Carpenters Pre-Apprentice Program in Pleasanton. This program is an intense full time training course. Upon successful completion, graduates become eligible to enter into a Carpenters Apprenticeship Program. This training is being offered to serious applicants only. Applications are available online at www.ctcnc.org, can be mailed in, or apply in person at:

CTCNC Pleasanton Training Center, 2350 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton CA 94566
Contact: Local 22 Representative Manuel Flores at (415) 355-1322

MOVIE NIGHT CHEERS "UP" FOGGY SOUTH SUNSET

The Neighborhood Parks Council hosted a movie night in the clubhouse at the South Sunset Playground on Friday, June 25. The South Sunset Senior Center is a busy community hub and a cozy place to enjoy a movie on a chilly Sunset evening. Families playing outside were invited in to eat snacks and watch Up, Pixar's Academy Award-winning animated film. Adults and children alike who attended the movie night enjoyed the film, which appeals to all ages. Movie nights like this are a great opportunity for a community to gather and enjoy their park to the fullest. Stay tuned for more events like this at www.sfnpc.org.



Spread the word to your district!

The Asian Art Museum will offer free general admission* to visitors on **Saturday, July 17th** as part of

Target Arts & Wonder Weekend
July 16-18, 2010



in which San Francisco's leading museums welcome families free of charge. Listen to a storytelling tour, participate in an interactive dance workshop, or make a fun art project inspired by the museum's collection.

For more information on this weekend, please visit www.target.com/arts.

This is in addition to the *Target First Free Sunday* program, in which the museum offers free general admission on the first Sunday of every month.

*A special exhibition surcharge will apply for *Shanghai*.

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ASIAN ART MUSEUM
CHONG-MOON LEE CENTER FOR ASIAN ART AND CULTURE
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DISCOVER THE SUNSET through FREE WALKING TOURS

SIGMUND STERN GROVE

Offered the third Saturday of July, August, and September. Free (donations accepted). Meet at **11am** at the main entrance at 19th and Sloat.

Lorri Ungaretti leads the tour July 17, September 18, and a date to be determined in October;

Emmet McDonagh leads the tour August 21.

Explore this 63-acre city park, the jewel of the Sunset District. Learn of the area's colorful history and about the park's free summer concerts held during the past 70 years. One steep hill and some dirt paths; wear sturdy shoes. Rain cancels the tour.

INNER SUNSET TOUR

Offered the second Saturday of every month. Free (donations accepted). Meet at **11am** at Arguello and Hugo. **Lorri Ungaretti** will be giving the tour July through October.

Discover how this charming neighborhood emerged from the windswept dunes originally deemed hopeless and uninhabitable. Explore the area, see the bustling local color, and hear fascinating history (and an occasional bit of lore).

www.sfcityguides.org

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INVITES YOU TO A

COMMUNITY GARDEN RESTORATION VOLUNTEER DAY

SATURDAY — JULY 24 — 10:00AM TO NOON



LOCATION:

TARAVAL & GREAT HIGHWAY
MEDIAN GARDEN

VOLUNTEERS:

WILL HELP INSTALL PLANTS TO REVITALIZE THE MEDIAN GARDEN.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL PROVIDE MATERIALS AND
SUPPLIES, AND WILL PREPARE THE SITE FOR PLANTING.

RSVP / QUESTIONS:

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UPCOMING EVENTS July & August

July 10 (Saturday)

Portsmouth Square 50th Anniversary

Celebration

Portsmouth Square

live DJ Radio Broadcast, music performance

by Jest Jammin' and a Historical

photo exhibition of Chinatown

noon – 2:00 pm

July 10 (Saturday)

La Playa Park Work Party

Every Saturday and Sunday

10:00 am to noon (or completion!)

Meet in front of Java Beach

July 13 (Tuesday)

Free Family Movie Night

Stonestown Galleria

"Monsters vs. Aliens"

7:00 pm

July 16 (Friday)

Firefighter Appreciation Night at AT&T Park

San Francisco Giants vs. Mets

7:15 pm

July 18 (Sunday)

San Francisco AIDS Walk

9:00 am Golden Gate Park

Details at <http://www.aef-sf.org/>

July 18 (Sunday)

Surfrider Beach Clean Up

Ocean Beach, stairwell #17

10:00 am

July 20 (Tuesday)

Taraval Captain's Meeting

7:00 pm

Taraval Station - 2345 24th Ave.

July 24 (Saturday)

Taraval Median Planting Event

10:00 am to noon

Taraval at Great Highway

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

July 27 (Tuesday)

Free Family Movie Night

Stonestown Galleria

"Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs"

7:00 pm

August 10 (Tuesday)

Free Family Movie Night

Stonestown Galleria

"Coraline"

7:00 pm

August 11 (Wednesday)

Law Enforcement Night at AT&T Park

San Francisco Giants vs. Cubs

Fundraiser for the Bay Area Law

Enforcement Assistance Fund and the

California Peace Officers Memorial

Foundation

7:15 pm

August 22 (Sunday)

Sunday Streets

Great Highway (Golden Gate Park – Zoo)

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

August 25 (Wednesday)

Neighborhood Parks Council kicks off

"Friends of South Sunset" community group

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

South Sunset Playground clubhouse

40th Ave & Vicente

August 27 (Friday)

Irish Heritage Night

San Francisco Giants vs. Arizona

7:15 pm

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