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Petitions and Communications received from April 8, 2013, through April 15, 2013, for reference by the President to Committee considering related matters, or to be ordered filed by the Clerk on April 23, 2013.

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From Capital Planning Committee, submitting supplemental appropriation requests for the Public Utilities Commission, the Port, and the Airport for FYs 2013-2014. Copy: Each Supervisor, Budget & Finance Committee Clerk. (1)

*From Office of the Controller - City Services Auditor Division, submitting a report on its audit of the Alameda Siphon No. 4 Construction Management of the Public Utilities Commission. (2)

From concerned citizens, regarding the Open Data Policy Ordinance. File No. 121017. 2 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (3)

From Bernard Choden, regarding CEQA appeals amendment hearing. File No. 121019. Copy: Each Supervisor. (4)

From concerned citizens, regarding the Masonic Avenue bike lane proposal. 4 letters. Copy: Each supervisor. (5)

From Anna Lou, supporting Woodhouse on Marina Green. File No. 120987. Copy: Each Supervisor, Government Audit & Oversight Committee Clerk. (6)

From Larry P. Barsetti, submitting letter to Supervisor Farrell regarding Healthcare Liability. File No. 121027. Copy: Each Supervisor, Budget & Finance Committee Clerk. (7)

From Planning, submitting Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project. Copy: Each Supervisor. (8)

From concerned citizens, regarding Central Subway. 4 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (9)

From Supervisor Campos, requesting the Board to hear the Liquor License at 2379 Chestnut Street at the April 23, 2013, meeting as a Committee Report. File No. 130134. Copy: Clerk of the Board, Neighborhood Services & Safety Committee Clerk, Legislative Deputy. (10)

From concerned citizens, regarding condo conversions. File No. 120669. 2 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (11)

From concerned citizens, regarding Sharp Park Wetlands. 2 letters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (12)

From Marion Gourlay, regarding Valencia Street Planned Parenthood offices. Copy: Each Supervisor. (13)

From John T. Reed, regarding the Blue Angels. Copy: Each Supervisor. (14)

From Lee Goodin, regarding the Bay Bridge bolt failure. Copy: Each Supervisor. (15)

From Ivan E. Pratt, regarding Senior Citizen Education Program. Copy: Each Supervisor. (16)

From Lee Goodin, concerning CleanPowerSF. Copy: Each Supervisor. (17)

From Janette Barroca, regarding Glenn Beck's new book. Copy: Each Supervisor. (18)

From MaryLou Corrigan, regarding parking by Fire Department Headquarters. Copy: Each Supervisor. (19)

From John Mburu Njoroge, regarding The ABC's of Apostilles. Copy: Each Supervisor. (20)

From concerned citizens, regarding various issues. 2 letters. (21)

*(An asterisked item represents the cover sheet to a document that exceeds 25 pages. The complete document is available at the Clerk's Office, Room 244, City Hall.)



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Capital Planning Committee

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Naomi M. Kelly, City Administrator, Chair

MEMORANDUM

JY: AKB

April 8, 2013

To: Supervisor David Chiu, Board President

From: Naomi Kelly, City Administrator and Capital Planning Committee Chair

Copy: Members of the Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Capital Planning Committee

Regarding: Supplemental Appropriation Requests for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, the Port of San Francisco, and the San Francisco International Airport for Fiscal Year 2013-14

In accordance with Section 3.21 of the Administrative Code, on April 1, 2013, the Capital Planning Committee (CPC) reviewed five action items under consideration by the Board of Supervisors – supplemental budget appropriation requests by three enterprise departments to amend their fixed two-year budgets. The CPC's recommendations are set forth below as well as a record of the members present.

- 1-3. Board File Numbers TBD:**
- (1) Ordinance de-appropriating \$70,955,900 and appropriating \$55,169,000 for San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) water capital improvements;
 - (2) Ordinance de-appropriating \$55,570,059 and appropriating \$38,078,486 for SFPUC wastewater capital improvements; and
 - (3) Ordinance de-appropriating \$16,414,070 and appropriating \$5,513,665 for SFPUC Hetch Hetchy Water and Power capital improvements for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Recommendation: Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the ordinances.

Comments: The CPC recommends approval of these items by a vote of 11-0.

Committee members or representatives in favor include: Naomi Kelly, Office of the City Administrator; Judson True, Board President's Office; Melissa Whitehouse, Mayor's Budget Office; Ed Reiskin, SFMTA; Fuad Sweiss, Public Works; Thomas DiSanto, Planning Department; Ivar Satero, San Francisco International Airport; Ben Rosenfield, Controller's Office; Todd Rydstrom, SFPUC; Dawn

Kamalanathan, Recreation and Parks Department; and Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco.

4. Board File Number TBD:

Ordinance appropriating \$3,057,224 for Port of San Francisco capital improvements in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the ordinance.

Comments:

The CPC recommends approval of these items by a vote of 11-0.

Committee members or representatives in favor include: Naomi Kelly, Office of the City Administrator; Judson True, Board President's Office; Melissa Whitehouse, Mayor's Budget Office; Ed Reiskin, SFMTA; Fuad Sweiss, Public Works; Thomas DiSanto, Planning Department; Ivar Satero, San Francisco International Airport; Ben Rosenfield, Controller's Office; Todd Rydstrom, SFPUC; Dawn Kamalanathan, Recreation and Parks Department; and Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco.

5. Board File Number TBD:

Ordinance de-appropriating \$5,000,000 in FAA grant funds and appropriating \$5,000,000 in TSA grant funds for San Francisco International Airport capital improvements in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Recommendation:

Recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the ordinance.

Comments:

The CPC recommends approval of these items by a vote of 11-0.

Committee members or representatives in favor include: Naomi Kelly, Office of the City Administrator; Judson True, Board President's Office; Melissa Whitehouse, Mayor's Budget Office; Ed Reiskin, SFMTA; Fuad Sweiss, Public Works; Thomas DiSanto, Planning Department; Ivar Satero, San Francisco International Airport; Ben Rosenfield, Controller's Office; Todd Rydstrom, SFPUC; Dawn Kamalanathan, Recreation and Parks Department; and Elaine Forbes, Port of San Francisco.

From: Chapin-Rienzo, Shanda on behalf of Reports, Controller
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Kelly, Jr, Harlan; Hood, Donna; Carlin, Michael; Rydstrom, Todd; Labonte, Julie; Mansour, Emad; Hom, Nancy; Lum, Matthew; Colin.A.Daigle@marsh.com; Maria.Petrov@marsh.com; Julie.Souza@marsh.com; Todd.Vandenhaak@marsh.com; Calvillo, Angela; Nevin, Peggy; BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides; Kawa, Steve; Howard, Kate; Falvey, Christine; Elliott, Jason; Campbell, Severin; Newman, Debra; sfdocs@sfpl.info; gmetcalf@spur.org; CON-EVERYONE; CON-CCSF Dept Heads; CON-Finance Officers
Subject: Report Issued: SFPUC: Alameda Siphon No. 4 Construction Management – The Change Management Process Generally Complied With Contract Provisions but Requires Some Improvements

The Office of the Controller's City Services Auditor Division (CSA) today issued a report on its audit of the Alameda Siphon No. 4 contract under the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). CSA engaged Marsh Risk Consulting (Marsh) as a specialist to assist in conducting the audit. The audit found that SFPUC generally complied with contract provisions and WSIP change management procedures and that changes were executed in a manner that followed many industry best practices. However, some instances of noncompliance do exist, which, if not addressed, could significantly impact project delivery.

To view the full report, please visit our website at: <http://co.sfgov.org/webreports/details.aspx?id=1555>

This is a send-only e-mail address.

For questions about the report, please contact Director of City Audits Tonia Lediju at Tonia.Lediju@sfgov.org or 415-554-5393, or the CSA Audits Unit at 415-554-7469.

Document is available
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Room 244, City Hall

City and County of San Francisco

Office of the Controller – City Services Auditor

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION:

**Alameda Siphon No. 4 Construction
Management — The Change
Management Process Generally
Complied With Contract Provisions
but Requires Some Improvements**



April 9, 2013

File # 121017

April 9, 2013

Honorable Edwin Lee, Mayor
 Board of Supervisors
 Honorable David Chiu (District 3), President
 Honorable Eric Mar (District 1)
 Honorable Mark Farrell (District 2)
 Honorable Katy Tang (District 4)
 Honorable London Breed (District 5)
 Honorable Jane Kim (District 6)
 Honorable Norman Yee (District 7)
 Honorable Scott Wiener (District 8)
 Honorable David Campos (District 9)
 Honorable Malia Cohen (District 10)
 Honorable John Avalos (District 11)

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Re: Ordinance amending Administrative Code, Sections 22D.2 and 22D.3 (Agenda Item #10, Board of Supervisors meeting, April 9, 2013)

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The stated aims and underlying principles of the above-cited Ordinance are laudable, seemingly in line with the goals of using information technology to effect transparency and accountability in City government as expressed in Sections 67.21-1 and 67.29-2 of the City's Sunshine Ordinance.

However, I have deep concerns over some details therein and some omissions:

1. The proposed Ordinance makes copious references to the City's open data policies without identifying them by name. The Board and the Mayor would do well to add language acknowledging the Sunshine Ordinance (Administrative Code Sections 67.1 et sequitur), the State Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250 et sequitur) and Article I, Section 3, of the State Constitution as the supreme guidelines and authorities for the proposed Ordinance.
2. Section 22D.2(a)(8) of the proposed Ordinance would have the Chief Data Officer "[h]elp establish data standards within and outside the City through collaboration with external organizations. The term "data standards" seems nebulous; does it refer (a) to information content? (b) to information formats (i.e. file type such as DOC or PDF)? (c) to backup, storage and retrieval capabilities? (d) to some combination of the foregoing? or (e) to something else entirely?

If the reference is to information content, please be reminded that the requirements therefore are set forth in Sunshine Ordinance Section 67.24, *Public Information That Must Be Disclosed*.

3. Proposed Ordinance Section 22D.2(b)(3)(F)(i) and (ii) calls for each department Data Coordinator to prepare an Open Data plan that will "[r]eview department data sets for potential inclusion on DataSF and ensure they comply with the following guidelines: (i) Data prioritized for publication should be of likely interest to the public and should not disclose information that is proprietary, confidential, or protected by law or contract; (ii) Data sets that contain personally identifiable information or represent potential breaches to security or privacy should be flagged for potential exclusion from DataSF."

The Sunshine Ordinance, the State Public Records Act and Article I, Section 3, of the State Constitution make it abundantly clear that only certain kinds of information are exempt from disclosure. The phrase "of likely interest to the public" is thus superfluous and, in fact, giving Data Coordinators the impression that they may decide what is or is not of "likely public interest" could result in violations of the letter and spirit of those bodies of law.

What is more, "personally identifiable information" is not automatically exempt from public disclosure. The Sunshine Ordinance Task Force has consistently held – and I believe California case law has upheld – that such information is disclosable absent circumstances such as an express request that it be withheld, or a reasonable concern that its disclosure would endanger a person's life or limb. City departments, boards, commissions and other entities are responsible for informing persons of the foregoing.

4. Section 22D.2(c)(1) of the proposed Ordinance calls for the Department of Technology to "[p]ublish data sets with reasonable, user-friendly registration requirements, license requirements, or restrictions on the use and distribution of data sets."

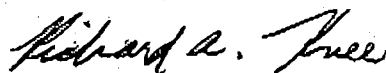
Since when must a member of the public register or obtain a license to access public information, and since when is the City empowered to restrict the use or the distribution of public information?

I suggest that that language be revised to provide clarity or that it be deleted.

5. Section 22D.3(a) of the proposed Ordinance is out of line with City and State sunshine laws. Again, it is not up to City personnel "to determine which data sets are appropriate for public disclosure." Information is disclosable unless it is specifically exempted by the Sunshine Ordinance or the State Public Records Act.

As some of you know, I have been serving for eleven years on the City's Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. This matter has not come before the Task Force and the foregoing is therefore to be taken strictly as a reflection of individual thoughts and sentiments. I trust that you find my comments helpful and I hope that they give you pause to delay acting on the proposed Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard A. Knee
San Francisco 94109
rak0408@earthlink.net

File 121017

Subject: Proposed Ordinance on Open Data
Attachments: ordinance_open_data.pdf

From: Bruce Wolfe [<mailto:brucewolfe.sf@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 01:42

To: Lee, Mayor; Chiu, David; Wiener, Scott; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Avalos, John; Mar, Eric (BOS); Farrell, Mark; Breed, London; Yee, Norman (BOS); Cohen, Malia; Campos, David; Board of Supervisors; Calvillo, Angela

Subject: Proposed Ordinance on Open Data

Please take note of these concerns and enter this statement into the record for this item.
Thank you.

Bruce Wolfe

Bruce M. Wolfe, M.S.W.
1951 Page St
SF, CA 94117

I am rendering my concerns on the ordinance proposal regarding "Open Data Policy and Procedures" and request that it be sent back to committee for further discussion, review and adjustment.

- Registration to receive the public information data is non-compliant with the law. All public information shall be free and openly accessible
- Fees? There cannot be any charges except for copies and reproduction costs.
- Licensing? There is no such requirement nor allowable under state law
- Dept of Technology is the inappropriate body to develop restrictions on use and distribution
- Mayor to appoint and determine standards which data sets are appropriate for public disclosure is inappropriate as all city controlled information is public information and cannot be restricted from disclosure except under CPRA and Sunshine Ordinance. Plus, there is no apparent staff with applicable knowledge or credentials to make this determination.
- This will increase Sunshine complaints.
- Changes the basic provisions of the Sunshine Ordinance -- such as 67.2(a), (b) and (c) -- the only way that the SO can be amended is by the voters.
- Non-compliant with Prop 59:
 - **CA State Constitution: ARTICLE 1 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS**

SEC. 3. (a) The people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good.

(b) (1) The people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and, therefore, the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny.

(2) A statute, court rule, or other authority, including those in effect on the effective date of this subdivision, shall be broadly construed if it furthers the people's right of access, and narrowly construed if it limits the right of access. **A statute, court rule, or other authority adopted after the effective date of this subdivision that limits the right of access shall be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Wolfe

File 121019

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors; Miller, Alisa
Subject: CEQA appeals amendment hearing testimony 4/8/13, Choden resent - File 121019

From: BERNARD CHODEN [<mailto:choden@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 7:16 PM
To: czvanski@hotmail.com; sft-board-list@sonic.net; Aaron Goodman; Adam Scow
Cc: Eric Brooks; Board of Supervisors
Subject: CEQA appeals amendment hearing testimony 4/8/13, Choden resent

TESTIMONY OF B. CHODEN AT THE BOS LAND USE HEARING ON PROPOSED CEQA APPEALS PROCESS ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS OF APRIL 8, 2013 ON BEHALF OF SFT.

As a test of "good faith," hearing action on amendments to the CEQA appeals should be postponed until the proposals by Supervisor Jane Kim is fully prepared and reviewed by the public and official bodies.

In addition to provident comments today by others, the following are suggested for ordinance consideration.

1. Authority for CEQA BOS action cannot be legally delegated to others.
2. In accord with state CEQA mandates, environmental impacts must be, for Appeals submission, relevant by "fair argument." Appeals, then, must be included as relevant if they concern, by state mandate, cumulative impacts considered as concurrent events. Such impacts considerations cannot be confined to the boundaries of the development parcel.

The basis for consideration of impacts is based upon the constitutional criteria of "health, welfare and safety" and these criteria are measureable as to impact. Therefore, impact considerations cannot be limited to arbitrary limits of parcel size or permitted time for yearly extensions of permits. If it works let it alone; if not reassess it for environmental circumstantial changes.

3. As the Supervisor said during this hearing, truth lies in the details; however, it also lies in a need for a constant evaluation and implementation processes that are now significantly lacking. The fault in the Appeals process lies not in its inadequacy but in a non-functioning, poorly supervised, politicized bureaucracy that fails to fairly administer the CEQA process.

The BOS has requested examples of such misfeasance. An egregious example lies with the BOS approvals of CEQA for Park Merced and the CPMC Cathedral Hill hospital.

As indicated in the submitted map of three city major PG&E 30" gas pipe lines of age and presumed volatility of the San Bruno gas line explosion. Planning staff and their consultants for the Park Merced CEQA acknowledged the two pipe line presences but judged them insignificant environmentally because construction bulldozers would not harm them; however, they ignored the presence of region's most active earthquake fault, the only a quarter of mile away. The relatively modest earthquake of that fault in 1989 effectively damaged high-rise structures in Park Merced. Planning not only ignored the certain damage to investments and life safety by a probable, time certain far greater earthquake but excised testimony and memorandum concerning this significant environmental impact that would foster a hazardous gas explosion similar to that at San Bruno. The range of an analogous gas explosion would have a 4,000 feet range on either side of Park Merced. Similarly, at the CPMC Cathedral Hill hospital site at Franklin an earthquake generated deadly explosion

would reach from that site to the City Hall chambers of this hearing. Yet, the BOS approved CEQA for the hospital while completely ignoring this hazardous potential. This is a hazard that in the certain event of the next earthquake would remove the hospital as a disaster center as it cared for its own dead. This danger was exacerbated by the mid-night approval, at the Franklin site, of a huge diesel oil emergency storage tank, again, unacknowledged by the BOS CEQA approval.

This is an example of certain future destruction and death. It is an example that requires mitigation as to test and repair of these pipelines. Without mitigation of this danger and the faulty CEQA processes, it portends disasters for which the authorities will be complicit.

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: Masonic bike path

From: Michael Gard [<mailto:michael.c.gard@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 6:42 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Masonic bike path

Hello,
As a neighborhood resident who both cycles and drives with my kids I'd like to express my strong opposition to this project. The small improvement to safety for cyclists is in no way worth the huge inconvenience to car drivers and parkers. Better routes exist for a bike lane, masonic is not a logical route, regardless of what the bike coalition might say, this seems to be part of an anti car agenda rather than pro bike.
Thanks,
Andrea, Michael, Milo and Felix Gard
2126 Grove St.

From: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Masonic Avenue

From: Sarah Harling [mailto:sharling@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 3:03 PM

To: Lee, Mayor; Board of Supervisors; Breed, London; Farrell, Mark; Mar, Eric (BOS); ed.reiskin@sfmta.com; mtaboard@sfmta.com; maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; tilly.chang@sfcta.org; Reynolds, Seleta; Sallaberry, Mike; Shahamiri, James

Subject: Masonic Avenue

To whom it may concern:

My name is Sarah Harling, and I live near Grove and Ashbury, one block from Masonic Avenue. I have communicated with some of you before about the Masonic Avenue redesign project, and I write again today after viewing the "Save Masonic" website: <http://www.savemasonic.com/index.html>.

I am frustrated by the misrepresentations of the "Save Masonic" group, namely:

1. That the Masonic redesign is primarily or exclusively intended to benefit cyclists, who can and should substitute this route instead: http://www.savemasonic.com/images/Masonic_Alt_2_W.jpg;
2. That additional street trees and lighting will be perfectly sufficient to "fix" Masonic (<http://www.savemasonic.com/FAQ.html#q19>);
3. That the loss of parking spaces, and the ability of Masonic residents to "park across their driveways" (<http://www.savemasonic.com/FAQ.html#q14>) somehow trumps the necessity and appropriateness of redesigning an incredibly unsafe roadway in a densely-populated residential neighborhood;
4. That "Outreach was skewed toward supporters and likely supporters" and "no outreach was done to people who don't live in the area but commute on Masonic, except for supporters and likely supporters" (<http://www.savemasonic.com/FAQ.html#q10>).

While each of these assertions is clearly incorrect, the frequency and intensity with which they are being repeated concerns me. I don't know who is actually part of the "Save Masonic" campaign, since none of the supporters have attached their name to the website, but I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts as a resident and voter, a frequent pedestrian, a cyclist, an occasional driver, and a geographer.

It is naïve at best to claim that cyclists are the only intended beneficiaries of the Masonic redesign. In truth, everyone who comes into contact with the redesigned Masonic Avenue will benefit. Having a safe street is in the best interests of all residents and visitors, and retaining the current number of lanes and street width is incompatible with that goal. Each of the deaths and injuries suffered over the years on Masonic Avenue testifies to the fact that the street in its present configuration is not appropriate for the neighborhood.

It is unclear what effect more street trees and lighting would have on the actual safety of the street, but "Save Masonic" seems to have latched on to this as a solution somehow comparable to the redesign. I urge you to keep in mind that the redesign proposal comes after careful study conducted by the transportation professionals employed by our city. While it is important to listen to public comments of all types, self-interested obstructionism should never be allowed to trump empirical evidence and expertise in the field. Put another

way, I'm not sure why we're spending money on transportation planners and traffic engineers if their plans can be derailed by a few angry car owners with an anonymous website.

Parking is not a right. Owning a personal automobile is a choice that some residents have decided to make. Others use car-sharing services, take the bus, bike, walk, and carpool. Sometimes these alternative arrangements require more time, money, or planning, but living without a car in the city is possible; I'm living proof. It's not always as convenient, but it can be done. People who have chosen to own cars have made those choices with full knowledge of the expenses and inconveniences associated: oil changes, fuel, repairs, insurance, registration, and parking. As I've previously written to some of you, cars are bulky personal property like furniture, but if I have an extra wardrobe or large dining table that won't fit in my home, I rent a storage unit or sell it—I don't expect that I'll be entitled to store it in a private locker in the middle of Golden Gate Park or some other public property at no cost to me.

Removing parking spaces is being framed as a choice between maintaining parking or stealing it from car owners, but the choice is much more dire. We either retain parking and acknowledge that this choice will continue to endanger the lives and well-being of residents and visitors, any of whom could be the next victims of excessive speed, poor visibility, and unsafe drivers on Masonic Avenue—**or** we remove some parking and recognize that we are doing so for the benefit of all, including car owners (even if they have to spend more time looking for a parking space for *their private automobile, which they choose to retain for their own benefit.*) Additionally, as a frequent Masonic pedestrian, I am all too aware that residents feel entitled to park their cars across their driveways—I can't count the number of times I've had to walk in the roadway to get around a protruding car—but as I understand it, sidewalks are for walking upon and the CVC is quite clear on this matter:

V C Section 22500 Prohibited Stopping Standing or Parking

Prohibited Stopping, Standing, or Parking

22500. No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle whether attended or unattended, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or official traffic control device, in any of the following places:

...

(f) On any portion of a sidewalk, or with the body of the vehicle extending over any portion of a sidewalk, except electric carts when authorized by local ordinance, as specified in Section 21114.5. Lights, mirrors, or devices that are required to be mounted upon a vehicle under this code may extend from the body of the vehicle over the sidewalk to a distance of not more than 10 inches.

[<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/vctop/d11/vc22500.htm>]

Finally, outreach about Masonic redesign workshops was more than adequate. I was well-aware of plans and their progress before I even thought about moving to the neighborhood. And if it were somehow possible for the SFMTA to know how to reach only supporters who only drove through the Masonic corridor, that would be truly impressive targeted outreach. Interesting, too, that "Save Masonic" refers to people driving through the corridor who are supporters—this seems to suggest that even exclusive Masonic commuters might also support a redesign to make the street safer.

I apologize for the length of this message—I am truly disturbed at the thought that this disingenuous campaign could gain any traction and further delay this critical project. I love my neighborhood, but each time I cross Masonic Avenue (at minimum, twice daily), I feel nervous. I urge you to support the Masonic redesign, and to keep the project moving on schedule. Please proceed with your efforts to create a safer street, which will benefit everyone. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,
Sarah Harling
sharling@gmail.com

From: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Masonic Street Redesign Endorsement

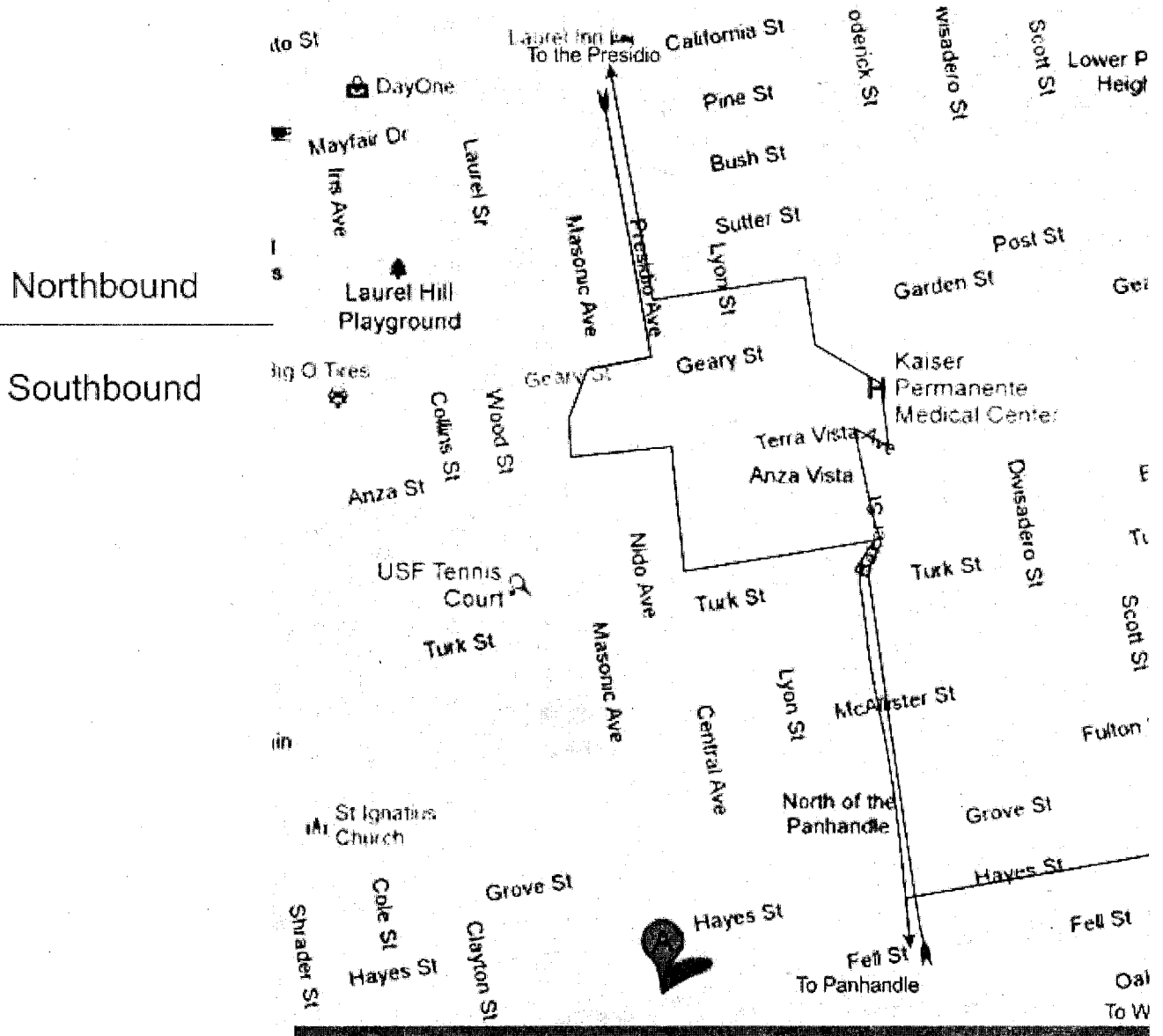
From: Jesse Enlund [<mailto:jaenlund@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 2:51 PM
To: Lee, Mayor; Board of Supervisors; Breed, London; Farrell, Mark; Mar, Eric (BOS); ed.reiskin@sfmta.com;
mtaboard@sfmta.com; maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; tilly.chang@sfcta.org
Cc: info@savemasonic.com
Subject: Masonic Street Redesign Endorsement

Hello -

I am writing to express my strong endorsement for the Masonic Avenue project. This project will help balance the layout of this corridor to meet the needs of bikers, MUNI, and especially pedestrian safety. The corridor is already saturated with vehicles that blast through it without giving any consideration to pedestrian and bike safety. The very fact that there's so much traffic gives license to remove the idle parking and fully utilize a road for what its intended purpose, which is moving people in a safe manner. I walk, bike, take muni, and occasionally drive, and I would like to see this corridor balance out these needs accordingly.

32,000 automobiles use Masonic daily, but only a small amount of cyclists because it is simply too dangerous. The corridor was designed in this area because of the ease of the commute and quick connect to other parts of the bike routes. It makes perfect sense that cyclists would want to utilize it was well. There are no good, safe alternatives to this Masonic, as the one you can see here is very difficult to follow, and no cyclist would want to follow. It still leads to many problems and dangers.

SAFE ROUTE ALTERNATIVE TO MASONIC AV



Masonic cannot be improved by planting new trees, improving lighting and adding bus shelters. The only way this will be improved is if major changes happen.

The Masonic design was developed and approved with community input, and there were plenty of signs and flyers sent to the neighborhood. This was also mentioned in many [blogs](#) and [news sites](#), often discussed when several of the accidents and deaths occurred on this avenue. I saw one in my mail for every meeting. I was happy to work in conjunction with the MTA Board meeting before it was approved.

If we want to change the way this corridor affects our neighborhood, we need to make some bold choices, and ones that have been thought out by the community. Thank you for going through this process that took years to complete and we look forward to seeing this completed!

Sincerely

Jesse

Board of Supervisors

To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: The Masonic Project

From: Ryan Kowdley [<mailto:rkeezzy@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 12:23 PM

To: Lee, Mayor; Board of Supervisors; Breed, London; Farrell, Mark; Mar, Eric (BOS); ed.reiskin@sfmta.com; mtaboard@sfmta.com; maria.lombardo@sfcta.org; tilly.chang@sfcta.org

Cc: info@savemasonic.com

Subject: The Masonic Project

Dear Mayor Lee, Supervisors, MTA Board members and Mr. Reiskin:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Masonic Avenue cycle track project. This project will increase congestion on Masonic, especially during rush hour and especially with the increased traffic that will be generated by the new Target store, result in the loss of parking spaces for nearly 3/4 of a mile, increase pollution in the area, jeopardize public safety, and create a great hardship for neighborhood residents, especially those who live on or near Masonic. Also, San Francisco cannot afford to spend \$21 million on this project.

32,000 automobiles use Masonic daily, but only a small amount of cyclists. Rather than encourage cyclists to use one of the busiest north-south thoroughfares in San Francisco, they should be encouraged to use the route along nearby Baker Street, a safer route with far fewer motor vehicles.

It is not atypical for bike "improvements" to be rushed through due process and lack voter approval, citing the false consensus effect (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False-consensus_effect) that has taken control of the planning process. Bicycling advocates are the only ones being consulted, skewing facts, and claiming that "everyone wants this". Not everyone wants this. I allege that most people don't. But when I call the government asking to register my complaints about the recent planning trend, I get referred to the Bicycle Coalition. Does anyone smell a conflict of interest here? Why is no one in the government representing me? Case in point are the modifications to Cesar Chavez Ave., which now resemble a parking lot, creating terribly unsafe conditions. Bicycling advocates are quick to embrace gridlock as a means to achieve their ends. Last I checked, those villifying the auto still rely on them to ship their goods, move their elders, and carry their public servants.

Masonic can be improved by planting new trees, improving lighting and adding bus shelters, with much less hardship to the neighborhood and cost than the cycle track project.

I am also concerned about the way the cycle track project was developed and approved. It's pretty typical for supervisors and the planning department to dismiss concerns claiming that they came at the wrong time, but the outreach to the people affected is minimal or even non-existent. If everyone who was affected by the Octavia onramp had been contacted, the impression of public consensus might not have been present. Why is the MTA actively searching for evidence that supports their desires and ignoring that which does not even though it is being delivered to them by concerned citizens? Is this reasonable? Can this, for even a moment, be called impartial? I encourage you read up on confirmation bias (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confirmation_bias).

Please stop this project ASAP, go back to the drawing board and consider a much smaller project to improve Masonic that does not involve the loss of parking spaces, the reduction of travel lanes and the outlay of \$21 million.

Thank you for considering this e-mail.

Sincerely

Ryan S. Kowdley
District 5

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors; Calonsag, Rana
Subject: File 120987: Why I signed -- who doesn't want to

From: anna lou [mailto:mail@change.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Why I signed -- who doesn't want to

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I just signed Dylan MacNiven's petition "Yes to Woodhouse on Marina Green!" on Change.org.

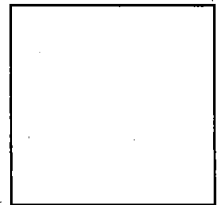
Here's why I signed:

who doesn't want to drink on the marina green

Sincerely,
anna lou
san francisco, California

There are now 608 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Dylan MacNiven by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/yes-to-woodhouse-on-marina-green?response=9272c59f571d>



File 121027

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors; ~~Lim, Victor~~ Victor Young
Subject: Letter to Supervisor Farrell re: Budget Committee Meeting April 10
Attachments: LetterToFarrellEtc.docx

From: Larry P. Barsetti [<mailto:larry175@ix.netcom.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:40 AM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Fw: Letter to Supervisor Farrell re: Budget Committee Meeting April 10

Please include this letter in the official record of the Budget and Finance Committee Hearing today. Thank you,

Larry P. Barsetti
Chair, Protect Our Benefits
(415) 566-5985
larry175@ix.netcom.com

From: Larry P. Barsetti
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:35 AM
To: mark.farrell@sfgov.org
Cc: eric.mar@sfgov.org ; john.avalos@sfgov.org ; london.breed@sfgov.org ; scott.weiner@sfgov.org
Subject: Letter to Supervisor Farrell re: Budget Committee Meeting April 10

Supervisor Farrell, Please read the attached document. I regret that professional commitments keep me from testifying at the meeting today. I look forward to hearing from you.

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*Dedicated to Protecting,
Preserving and Enhancing the
Benefits of San Francisco
Retired Employees.*

April 9, 2013

The Honorable Mark Farrell
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
City and County of San Francisco
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California

Re: Item 6: Budget and Finance Committee Hearing - Healthcare Liability.

Dear Supervisor Farrell:

Protect Our Benefits Committee (POB) is a political action committee with more than 3,000 members. We are retired employees of the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified School District, Community College District and SF Court System. We are dedicated to protecting the health and retirement benefits we have earned.

Unfunded retiree health liabilities are reported to be very large throughout the country, not just San Francisco, with no easy options to pay for them. It's common knowledge that employers' costs are rising rapidly as health care premiums have been rising faster than inflation for many years. Additionally, lengthening life expectancy and the aging of our population have increased the number of retirees receiving benefits.

Unfortunately, City Hall continues to look for opportunities to undo good-government, democratic processes relating to our benefits. Seemingly, City Hall is eager to reduce costs by attempting to lower employer's contributions to premiums by increasing co-pays and deductibles, by curtailing coverage, and shifting premium costs onto employees or retirees.

San Francisco retirees are increasingly worried about possible cuts to their retiree health care benefits. Retirees worked hard to earn their benefits and traded salary, time off and other benefits in exchange for post retirement benefits, as well as contributing to health care and pension during their career.

As beneficiaries of the system, POB members have a vested interest in the success and durability of the system. We would be happy to meet with you to further discuss our perspective and experience on health care issues and to collaborate with you on solutions that protect our benefits and the fiscal outlook for the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Larry P. Barsetti

Cc: Supervisor Eric Mar
Supervisor John Avalos
Supervisor London Breed
Supervisor Scott Wiener



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: April 10, 2013
Case No.: 2008.1396E
Project Title: Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project
Project Location: The project would be located in northern San Mateo County, overlying the Westside Groundwater Basin. Groundwater production well facilities would be constructed and operated in Daly City, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, and unincorporated San Mateo County.

Zoning: Various
Block/Lot: Various
Project Sponsor: Kelley Capone, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, 415-934-5715, kcapone@sfgov.org
Staff Contact: Tim Johnston, Environmental Planning, 415-575-9035, timothy.johnston@sfgov.org

A draft environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's SFPUC Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://tinyurl.com/puccases>). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street (call 415-575-9035 or email timothy.johnston@sfgov.org).

Project Description:

The proposed Project would be located in San Mateo County and is sponsored by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) in coordination with its partner agencies, which include the cities of Daly City and San Bruno, and the California Water Service Company (Cal Water) in its South San Francisco service area (collectively referred to as Partner Agencies).

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing a project to increase water supply reliability during dry years and in emergencies, by increasing water storage in the South Westside Groundwater Basin during wet and normal years for subsequent recapture during dry years. The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of 16 new groundwater production wells and water treatment facilities to recover the stored groundwater. Each well facility would include the construction of a groundwater production well and associated fenced enclosure or treatment building, distribution pipelines to connect the well to the existing regional water system or to the local distribution system, and overhead or underground utility connections. Most well facilities would provide disinfection and additional treatment (i.e., pH adjustment, fluoridation, and/or iron/manganese removal). In addition, the proposed project includes upgrades to the Westlake Pump Station to serve three new well facilities (Sites 2, 3, and 4), including new fluoride, chlorine, and ammonia chemical storage tanks, replaced or

upgraded chemical metering pumps, a resized transformer, and up to three new booster pumps to deliver the additional water into the Daly City distribution system, all of which would be located within the existing pump station building.

The SFPUC is proposing this project in coordination with its partner agencies, which include the cities of Daly City and San Bruno, and the California Water Service Company (Cal Water) in its South San Francisco service area (collectively referred to as Partner Agencies). The project includes operation of groundwater well facilities at 16 different locations in Daly City, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Millbrae, and in unincorporated San Mateo County.

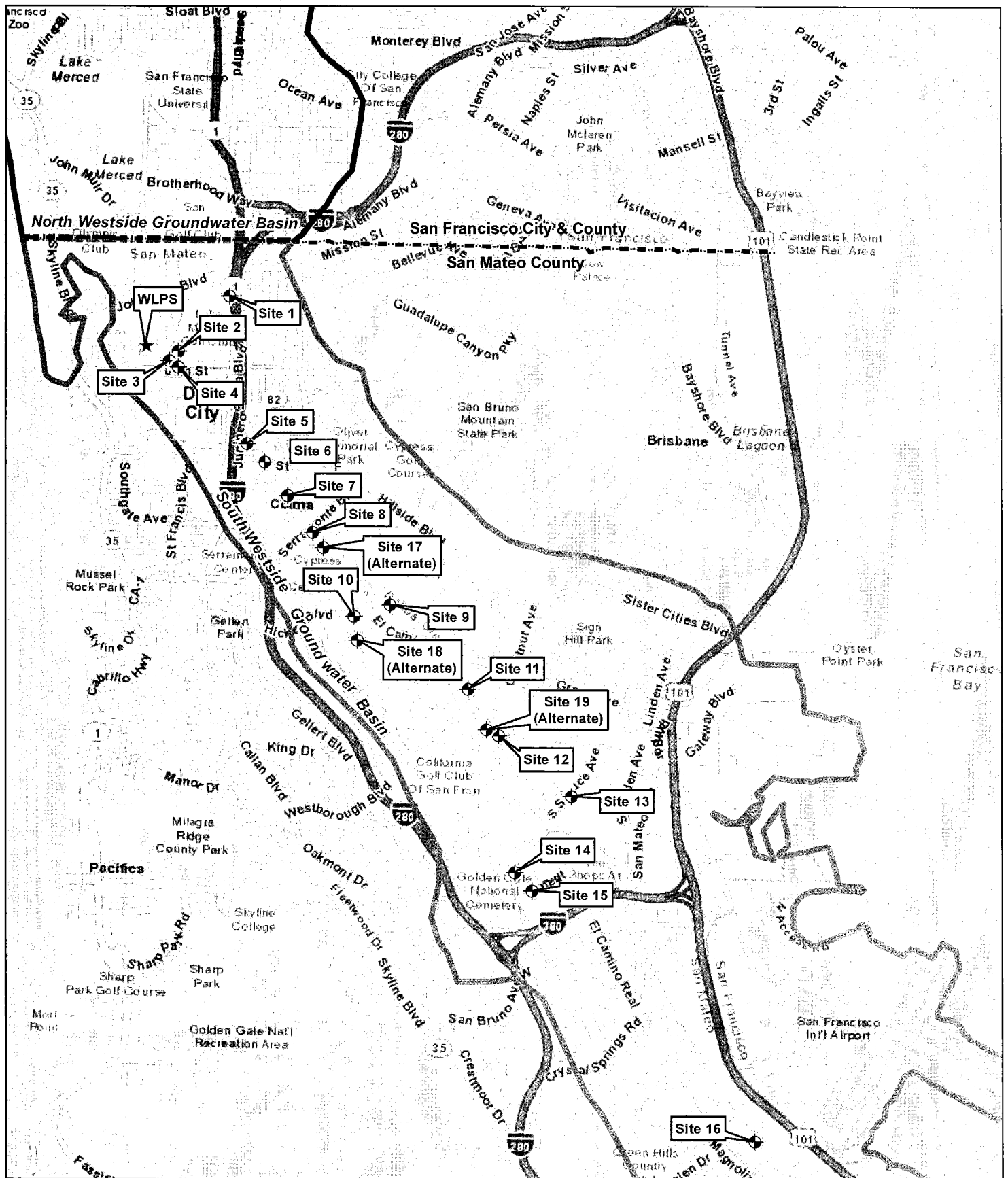
The Partner Agencies currently supply potable water to their retail customers through a combination of groundwater from the South Westside Groundwater Basin and purchase of SFPUC surface water. The project would provide supplemental SFPUC surface water to the Partner Agencies during normal and wet years. During normal and wet years, the Partner Agencies would reduce their groundwater pumping by a comparable amount to increase the amount of groundwater in storage through natural recharge during these periods. During normal and wet years, the volume of groundwater in the South Westside Groundwater Basin would increase due to natural recharge and reduced groundwater pumping by the Partner Agencies. During dry years, the Partner Agencies and the SFPUC would pump the stored groundwater using 16 new well facilities. This new dry-year water supply would be blended with water from the regional water system, and would thereby increase the available water supply to all regional water system customers. An Operating Agreement between the SFPUC and its Partner Agencies would guide overall groundwater management and surface water deliveries associated with the proposed project.

The Draft EIR found that implementation of the proposed project would lead to significant unavoidable construction-related land use character, noise, and aesthetics impacts and, potentially, operations-related well interference impacts. The well facility sites contain no known hazardous materials as defined under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

A **public hearing** on this draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the City Planning Commission for May 16, 2013, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, beginning at 12:00 p.m. or later (call 415-558-6422 the week of the hearings for a recorded message giving a more specific time). An additional public hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in San Mateo County at the South San Francisco Municipal Services Building at 33 Arroyo Drive in South San Francisco.

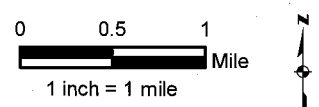
Public comments will be accepted from April 10, 2013 to 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Sarah B. Jones, Acting Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a Response to Comments document.

If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please call Timothy Johnston at (415) 575-9035.



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- ◆ Proposed Project Well Facility Sites
- ★ Westlake Pump Station
- County Boundary
- North Westside¹ Groundwater Basin
- South Westside¹ Groundwater Basin

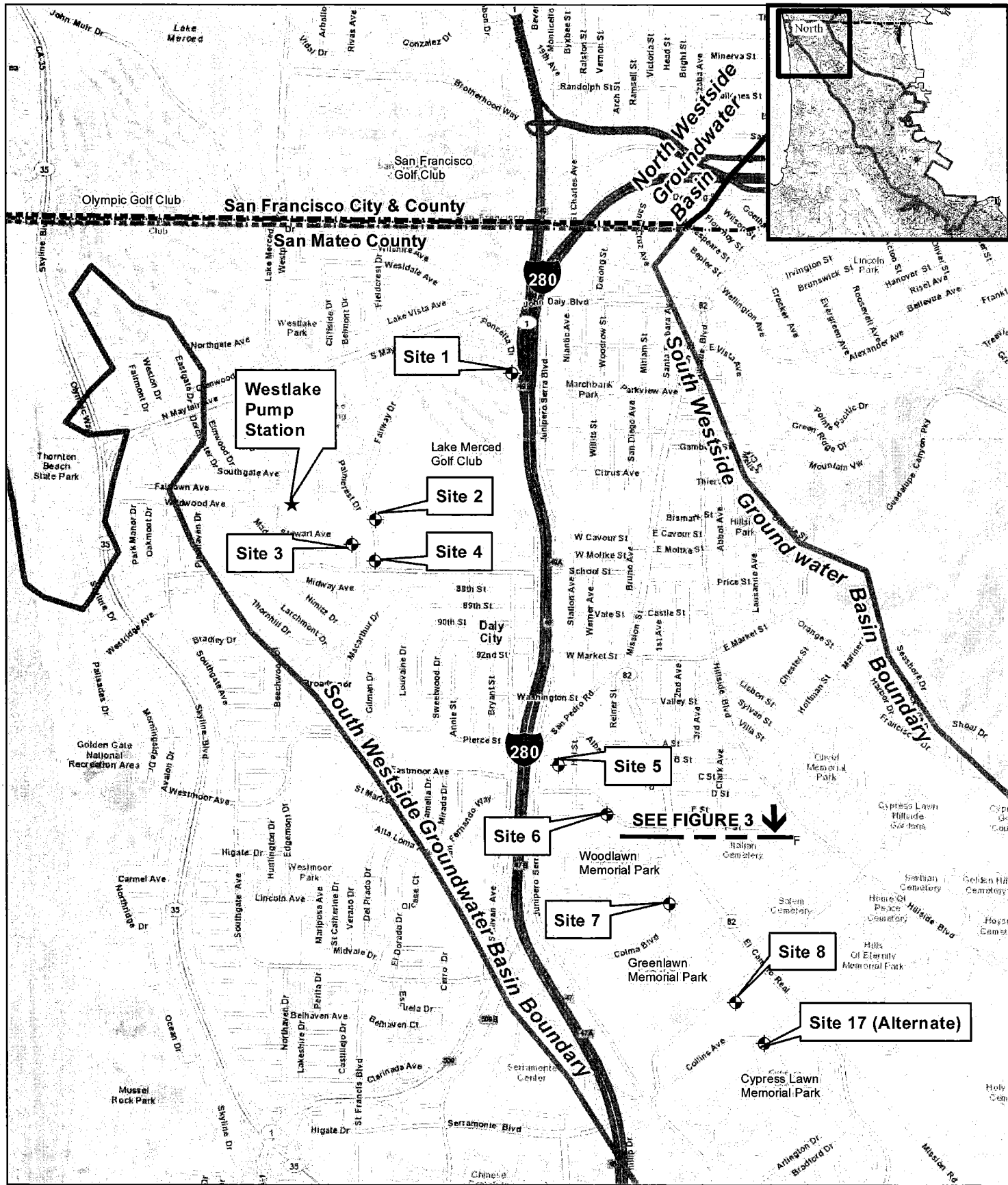


Project Overview Map

Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project

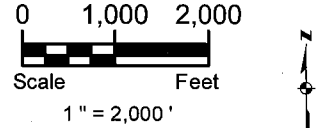
Figure 1

¹The Westside Groundwater Basin has been administratively divided at the San Francisco-San Mateo County line.



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- Westlake Pump Station
- County Boundary
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- South Westside¹ Groundwater Basin

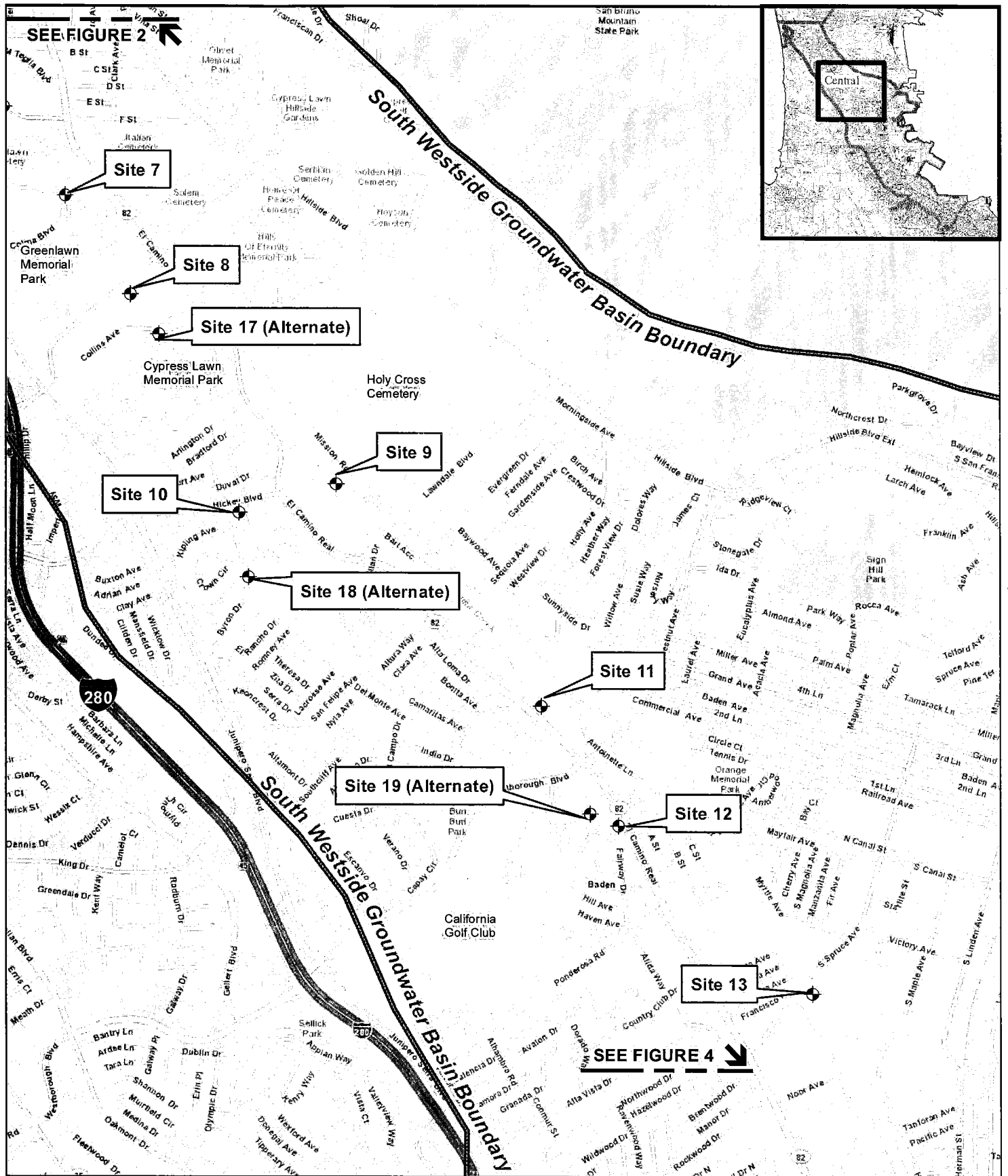


**Project Location
Map-North**

**Regional Groundwater Storage
and Recovery Project**

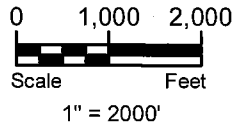
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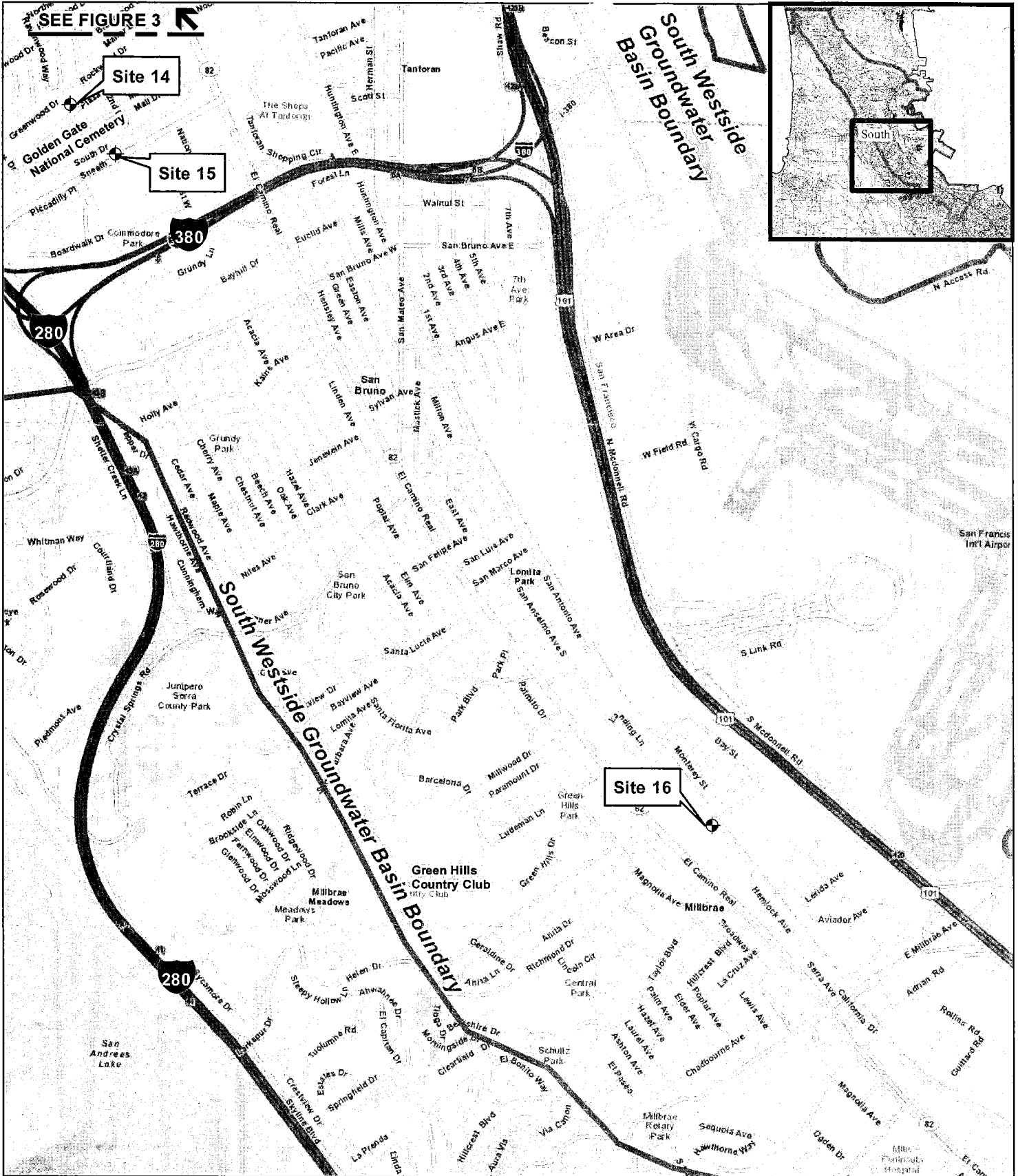
- Proposed Project Well Facility Sites
- South Westside Groundwater Basin



Project Location Map-Central

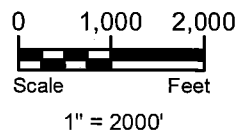
Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project

Figure 3



Legend

-  Proposed Project Well Facility Sites
-  South Westside Groundwater Basin



Project Location Map-South

Regional Groundwater Storage and Recovery Project

Figure 4

From: Lee Goodin [lgoodin1@mindspring.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 5:43 PM
To: Board of Supervisors; Chiu, David; Campos, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Wiener, Scott; Yee, Norman (BOS); Breed, London; Lee, Mayor
Cc: Lance Carnes; Cautn1@aol.com; WongAIA; Marc Bruno; CW Nevius; matierandross; aaron.peskin; Julie Christensen
Subject: Central Subway aka Billion Dollar Boondoggle

Supervisors,

- SPUR, the org that is pushing for the Central Subway also advocates high density/high-rise development (infill) in transit neighborhoods. Once the CS is completed the pressure will be on for high rise development and re-zoning. Two historical neighborhoods, Chinatown and North Beach, will be forever changed.
- The overall cost has already doubled as has the cost of the Pagoda dig. By the time it's completed (as presently planned) the project will run 2-3 billion – and with the austerity climate in Congress and White House it's doubtful the Feds are going to bail out the city. Who is going to pay and what services will be cut? And two to three billion is probably optimistic – two words: Bay Bridge.
- And speaking of the Bay Bridge, a project managed by Caltrans with much more expertise and experience than SFMTA/Muni, it has had many glitches and cost over-runs. Do you really think the poorly managed SFMTA/Muni can carry off a project of this magnitude? I sure don't.
- Back to cost, SFMTA/Muni is raiding its O&M funds to pay for the Pagoda deal. Muni maintenance is already years and million\$ behind schedule. To put it bluntly, (i) Muni is broke and broken and (ii) Muni couldn't organize a one car funeral.
- At no station does the CS connect with Muni or BART. That's not exactly an integrated transit system.
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Everything predicted by SFMTA/Muni has either increased (costs) or decreased (ridership).

- \$1.6 billion (and rising) for 1.7 miles of an underground two-car light rail system?! Ya gotta be kidding me! For a billion bucks you could give every SF citizen a voucher to ride in taxis for life.
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While I would like to see the whole project stopped – burying or extracting the TBMs in Chinatown could save up to \$80 million that could be used to improve Muni.

- The Pagoda extraction will involve demolition, deep excavations, underground dewatering, discharge of contaminated water, hauling of dirt/debris, hundreds of hauling trucks, deep piles, deep concrete box, compensation grouting of loose soil, Powell Street closure, construction trailers/ equipment, rerouting of traffic/ buses, disruption of local businesses, probable damage to adjacent buildings and, per the Final EIR, SFMTA/Muni has the option of using the Pagoda tunnel to deliver construction materials to Chinatown causing years of additional disruption in North Beach.
- SFMTA/MUNI is trying to get away with an Addendum to the EIR for the Pagoda option. There should be a new EIR to determine the impacts - this is a whole new can of worms. An independent geotechnical engineer found that there will be problems with saturated sandy soils, soil subsidence and damage to adjoining properties (for which the City's own engineer recommends further testing and analysis). See back issues of "SF Weekly" for full details of this and other problems connected with not only the Pagoda but the entire idea. Even the "WSJ" reported that the CS is a stupid idea.

- See Sunday's Examiner for an article on how SFMTA/Muni will be asking the taxpayers to pony up millions more to pay for their piss-poor judgment and excruciatingly bad management.
- With all due respect, I think everyone in City Hall needs to do more homework on the CS. While rapid transit has its place in the scheme of things, and I'm not against it in principle, the CS is a fatally flawed project and should have been stopped at the start. At a recent meeting Aaron Peskin, who supported it and voted for it, apologized for not stopping it when he was BOS President.
- While I would dearly like to see that monument to blight Pagoda disappear, I don't want it replaced by the Big Dig.
- You have been informed.

Lee Goodin
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From: Lee Goodin [lgoodin1@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 1:30 PM
To: Board of Supervisors; Chiu, David; Campos, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Wiener, Scott; Yee, Norman (BOS); Breed, London; Lee, Mayor
Cc: Lance Carnes; Cautn1@aol.com; WongAIA; Marc Bruno; CW Nevius; matierandross; aaron.peskin
Subject: Billion Dollar Boondoggle

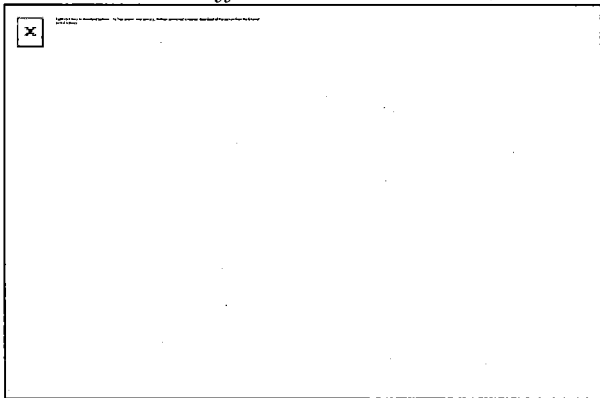
Supervisors, in case you missed it, here is the latest cost update for the fatally flawed Central Subway.

You have been informed.

Lee Goodin
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Muni's Central Subway extraction project could far exceed original budget

By: [Will Reisman](#) | 04/11/13 9:50 PM
SF Examiner Staff Writer



S.F. Examiner File Photo

The boring machines used for the Central Subway will be extracted at the Pagoda Palace site.

Potential cost overruns have surfaced less than two months after Muni's Central Subway extraction project in North Beach was approved, although the agency expressed confidence it would be able to stay on budget.

In February, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency board of directors authorized a \$9.15 million plan to bring up tunnel boring machines at the Pagoda Palace, an abandoned theater at Columbus Avenue and Powell Street. Of that cost, \$6 million was budgeted for construction and design of the extraction process, with the remaining \$3.15 million going toward the owner of the building for use of the site.

However, the subcontractor in charge of the extraction project, Barnard Impregilo Healy, has submitted a change order request upping the estimated construction cost of to \$10.6 million, citing additional funds needed for the construction of tunnels, demolition, design and site work.

Paul Rose, a spokesman for the transit agency, which operates Muni, said the high initial estimate of the change order proposal is a common opening tactic for construction firms. He said the agency is confident in its ability to negotiate with the firm and has no plans to spend more than the \$6 million.

Jerry Cauthen, a former engineer and a member of Save Muni, a group opposed to the Central Subway project, disagreed with the contention that costs could be maintained.

“I’m sure there was a little padding in the change order request, but to suggest that they’ll be able to bridge the gap between \$6 million and \$10.6 million is ridiculous,” Cauthen said. “I think BIH will tell Muni that if they want this work done for \$6 million, they’ll have to go somewhere else, and the agency just doesn’t have that many options for this kind of project.”

Cauthen also noted that the subcontractor excluded from its work scope several project specifications, including surface repair plans for buildings outside the Pagoda site. Those ancillary costs are not included in the transit agency’s \$6 million budget and will likely drive up the price tag of the plan further, he said.

Representatives from Barnard Impregilo Healy declined to speak about the issue.

The transit agency has said it will pay for the extraction project through reserve funds and operational savings.

The Pagoda was chosen for the extraction site after the transit agency’s original proposal to bring equipment up in the middle of Columbus Avenue was lambasted by North Beach merchants. The project is expected to take two years.

The \$1.6 billion [1.7 mile] Central Subway will extend Muni’s underground Metro service from South of Market to Chinatown.

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Read more at the San Francisco Examiner: <http://www.sfxaminer.com/local/transportation/2013/04/muni-s-central-subway-extraction-project-could-far-exceed-original-budg#ixzz2QHY9LB9z>

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Cc: Lance Carnes; Cautn1@aol.com; WongAIA; marc bruno; CW Nevius; matierandross
Subject: Ever increasing cost for the Pagoda Big Dig in support of the Billion Dollar Boondoggle aka Rose Pak Chinatown Choo-Choo

Supervisors,

Updated cost documents from MTA would indicate that the construction costs for the Pagoda option have risen from \$9.15 million to about \$13.7 million.
[View costs document](#) [View preliminary engineering drawings](#)

Previously, MTA proposed using \$9.15 million from Muni O&M bus funds. Now it's nearly 50% higher, and may grow even more once construction plans are finalized.

In addition, the costs document is dated 3/1/13, well before the 3/26 neighborhood meeting which MTA refused to attend. The documents were received because of a Public Records Request.

At the upcoming April 17 neighborhood meeting with MTA, they have promised to answer neighborhood questions. The rising costs and lack of timely information seem like ones that should be brought to light. Given SFMTA's past record, it's doubtful that they will be forthcoming. Attend at your own risk.

Supervisors, you have been informed.

Lee Goodin
600 Chestnut Street
North Beach
415 346 4335

PS: As usual I don't expect a response – but the record will show that YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED. Good luck with future political ambitions.

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: Pagoda Palace Overruns - and future lines and costs..... (19th Ave Transit and Warriors Stadium Waterfront plans)

From: Aaron Goodman [<mailto:amgodman@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 9:54 PM
To: Chiu, David; Lee, Mayor; MTABoard@SFMTA.com
Cc: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Pagoda Palace Overruns - and future lines and costs..... (19th Ave Transit and Warriors Stadium Waterfront plans)

SFMTA, Mayor Ed Lee, and Supervisors

The ridiculousness of the current plans is appalling.

When you try to board a 44 or 14L bus, or a 9L or 8X along with many other lines in the city, you see the congestion, lack of bus service, and lack of connectivity.

A simple extension of the T-Third up to San Bruno Ave or across Geneva to Balboa Park, or the L Line extension from the Zoo up to 19th Ave, possibly turning south through Stonestown and to Daly City Bart.

All the possibilities are being nixed for a "big-dig" styled project that will not solve the majority of traffic and transit demands.

Your robbing peter to pay paul is an atrocious anomaly of spending that impacts future transit needs.

When the SFMTA.SFCTA tries to explain how they propose to build out future plans like the Tier 5 level funding needed on Parkmerced's plans, I wonder how you can deal a 2million dollar negotiation with SFSU-CSU and how we lack serious considerations for adequate transit planning up front.

By ignoring the cost overruns on the central subway, and not looking at Save Muni's input, you are driving with blinders on.

Take them off and listen to the publics concerns, your ongoing ignoring of the issues is placing the future transit needs of the city, behind the private wheeling and dealing for financial gain.

Its the public's trust that is being violated as long as you do not recognize the questions asked by Howard Wong, and other's on the concerns of the central subway.

Listen in, stop ignoring the truth.

Sincerely

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Member, Board of Supervisors
District 9



City and County of San Francisco

DAVID CAMPOS

DATE: April 10, 2013
TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisor David Campos
RE: Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee
COMMITTEE REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on April 23, 2013, as a Committee Report:

130134 Liquor License - 2379 Chestnut Street

Hearing to consider that the issuance of Type 42 on-sale beer and wine license to Ferris Ferdon for Ferdon Olive Oil, Inc., dba We Olive, located at 2379 Chestnut Street (District 2), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco.

This matter will be heard in the Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee on April 18, 2013, at 10:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Campos".

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From: Board of Supervisors
To: Miller, Alisa
Subject: File 120669, TIC/CONDO CONVERSIONS

From: terrrie frye [mailto:grannygear1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Cc: Board of Supervisors; Yee, Norman (BOS); Campos, David; davidcamposesq@yahoo.com; Chiu, David; davidchiu70@gmail.com; emailericmar@gmail.com; Mar, Eric (DPH); Kim, Jane; avalos_john@hotmail.com; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Wiener, Scott; scott.wiener@yahoo.com; Breed, London; Tang, Katy
Subject: TIC/CONDO CONVERSIONS

Dear Supervisor,

Please don't let this Wiener/Farrell legislation pass. The soul of San Francisco is being destroyed by developers and speculators.

Please read this and then tell us again how these condo conversions are not evicting long-term tenants!!!

<http://beyondchron.org/news/index.php?itemid=11208>

Sincerely,

Terrrie Frye

The light at the end of the tunnel may be an oncoming train.

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: File 120669: Opposition to Condo Conversion Legislation

From: Andrew Resignato [<mailto:resignatod5@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 1:07 PM
To: Board of Supervisors; Wiener, Scott; Kim, Jane; Chiu, David
Cc: London Breed
Subject: Opposition to Condo Conversion Legislation

Hi,

As an eleven year resident and renter in SF I oppose the current Condo Conversion legislation being introduced by Sup. Wiener and Sup. Farrell.

At a time when rent control is the only thing that stands between many people (including myself) from being able to live in San Francisco or not this is not the time to weaken rent control in any way. Increasing condo conversions reduces the limited stock of rent controlled apartments in the City.

TIC owners have known the rules with regards to conversion when they made a decision to enter into the arrangement. TICs are lower in value so these owners were able to take advantage of that lower price. I don't believe this group should take precedent over renters for whom rent control is their only possible way to live in SF. Many of these people include working families, artists, musicians, and students who make our city a more diverse and interesting place.

I urge you to vote against this legislation and focus more on expanding rent control to help many people, including families, who are struggling to stay in the city. Any future sweeping changes to Land Use ordinances should include extensive public hearings and meetings.

Andrew Resignato
District 5 Resident
www.ResignatoD5.com

From: gina dahlstrom-osburn [mailto:change.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:00 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Why I signed -- I agree, best use

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I just signed Wild Equity Institute's petition "Restore Sharp Park" on Change.org.

Here's why I signed:

I agree, best use is not a golf-course and its ton of chemicals dumping into the water.

Sincerely,
gina dahlstrom-osburn
Stanley, Iowa

There are now 673 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Wild Equity Institute by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/restore-sharp-park?response=9272c59f571d>



From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: FW: 25 more people signed: Anna Waller, S T...

From: Christopher Pond [<mailto:mail@change.org>]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 9:52 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: 25 more people signed: Anna Waller, S T...

25 people recently add their names to Wild Equity Institute's petition "[Restore Sharp Park](#)". That means more than 500 people have signed on.

There are now 675 signatures on this petition. Read reasons why people are signing, and respond to Wild Equity Institute by clicking here:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/restore-sharp-park?response=9272c59f571d>

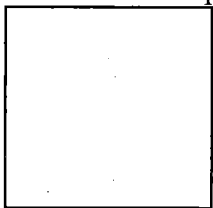
Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Sharp Park Golf Course is owned by San Francisco but located in Pacifica, California. With a glut of golf courses around the Bay Area, I would like to see you work to transform Sharp Park from a money-losing, endangered species-killing golf course into a new National Park that provides recreational amenities everyone can enjoy. By partnering with the National Park Service, San Francisco can redirect the money it saves back to neighborhood parks and community centers, and we all get a new National Park! Please support the restoration of Sharp Park so valuable species can thrive and all people can enjoy the beautiful gifts nature has to offer.

Sincerely,

651. Anna Waller Windom, Texas
652. S T panorama, California
653. a. patchen albuquerque, New Mexico
655. Theo Block princeton, New Jersey
656. Stef Heidrich Calgary, Canada
657. Stephen Feazell Palmdale, California
658. Amy Chmieski Fort Hood, Texas
659. Melissa Wise Benbrook, Texas
660. Rochelle Coffman Greensburg, Indiana
661. Shaylen Snarski Clinton twp., Michigan
662. Julian Serrano Wethersfield, Connecticut
663. Jennifer Tan sunnyvale, California
664. Lance E Campbell Casselberry, Florida
665. Alison Hawkins Littleton, Colorado
666. Jose Placer Seattle, Washington
667. Daniel Girling Newbury, United Kingdom
668. D Nolte Bangor, Pennsylvania
669. Anton Biser San Bruno, California
670. Latoya Brookins Las Vegas, Nevada
671. Lori Norman portage, Indiana

- 672. charlie bogen Junction City, Kansas
- 673. gina dahlstrom-osburn Stanley, Iowa
- 674. Krizia Rodriguez New York, New York
- 675. Christopher Pond Glide, Oregon



From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: Valencia street Planned Parenthood Offices

From: marion gourlay [<mailto:mariongourlay@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: Valencia street Planned Parenthood Offices

Please support Supe Campos' 25-foot buffer zone outside the SF Planned Parenthood location. Thank you.

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Marion Gourlay
voter
1729 dolores st
sf 94110

From: John Reed [johnreed@sonic.net]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 12:02 PM
To: Board of Supervisors; Chu, Carmen; Campos, David; Chiu, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Kim, Jane; Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Wiener, Scott; Jon Golinger
Subject: No Blue Angels this year

The Blue Angels will not be bombarding my household and millions of others this coming October and I want to be counted as one of the many happy people not well represented in the media. Chanel 7 "Happy Face" News (?News?), for example, had 3 people say "Oh gee, that's so sad" etc. without any other perspective considered. In a previous article on SFGate on this same issue, there was a massive response of emails that said "I'm so glad" they are not coming back for a multitude of good reasons. Most importantly, it's simply a major assault on our space as we become an unwilling part of a staging area for a show about war. But, hey, it's good for Business, right? Right.

I've lived a long life with hardly a headache until this past October, when, on the 4th day in a row the Blue Angels were hovering over my home, which is "Center Stage". An earthquake feels better. It was just too much. My whole body was tense, the building shacked, the noise was deafening. I developed a stiff neck along with a chronic headache that required a visit to the doctor and strong medication needed for duration of 10 days.

Ok, so if you are out of doors and your primary focus is to watch this "Show", then that's one thing. But still another thing, these are War Machines built to kill, not for show business. Sometimes the high wire artist does fall, and in this case – crash into homes. It has to be a horrible experience for any citizens living here who have survived a war to have to see and listen to this recreation of this overwhelming and very loud war act. Let the Circus come to town – even Larry Ellison, but now, maybe at last, we can leave the Blue Angels to their intended purpose and have our rightful peace.

Sincerely,

John T. Reed
Proud U.S. Air Force Veteran

From: Lee Goodin [lgoodin1@mindspring.com]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 12:41 PM
To: Board of Supervisors; Chiu, David; Campos, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Wiener, Scott; Yee, Norman (BOS); Breed, London; Lee, Mayor
Cc: Lance Carnes; Cautn1@aol.com; WongAIA; Marc Bruno; CW Nevius; matierandross
Subject: Tragedy of Errors

Supervisors,

An expert calls the Bay Bridge bolt failure a "comedy of errors." It should be called a "tragedy of errors." Errors have plagued the bridge construction since the beginning. These errors occurred on a Caltrans project, an agency with much more expertise and experience than SFMTA/Muni. Yet SFMTA/Muni, who cannot efficiently operate and manage its existing rolling stock, has been given a billion dollar Central Subway construction project to bungle. Here comes another "tragedy of errors" created by the broke and broken SFMTA/Muni.

Supervisors, you have been informed.

Lee Goodin

600 Chestnut Street

North beach

415 346 4335

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: SENIOR CITIZEN CONTINUED EDUCATION

From: Ivan E Pratt [mailto:prattbuddhahood@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 12:10 PM

To: David Baker; bcoa; Board of Supervisors; bill; Bill Dewart; Nick Caskey; christopher.nguyen; chico.garza; chiman lee; Chughes; dukenrat; Edward Evans; ecomerritt; Ivan E Pratt; goldoor5; Gold's Gym; Gavin Newsom; Michael Hann; Michael Pacheco III; HIVresource; info; info; Kim, Jane; James Gunn; Mark Kaplan; queerancestorsproject.org; Yun Lin Temple; Montantes, Richard; NichirenDaishoninsBuddhism; outreach; pelosi; reiko; rfreeman; stevenandrew; sf_district6; tony; taichi; KPFA Worker

Subject: SENIOR CITIZEN CONTINUED EDUCATION

San Francisco Senior Citizen Education April 11 2013

Senior Citizen Exemption Office Overview,
WebPage: <http://www.sfusd.edu>

Senior Citizen Education Programs - California State University, Long Beach:
WebPage: <http://www.csulb.edu>

Senior Citizen Education Programs

Degree Program

CSULB is pleased to continue its Senior Citizen Education Program, which began in 1976. This program allows eligible California residents who are 60 years or older to register for classes at a reduced cost.

If you apply to the University through this program, you are subject to all regular admissions deadlines and restrictions and will be required to submit official transcripts in order to pursue a degree, credential or certificate. You will also be subject to University policies and procedures, and in order to continue in the program, you must remain in good academic standing.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSULB (Formerly Senior University)

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at CSULB (OLLI) is a non-profit center in the College of Health & Human Services that provides low-cost educational opportunities to adults 50 years of age or older. There are no tests or homework required, and no degrees earned. Classes are taken for members' personal enrichment and for the sheer joy of lifelong learning.

Our mission is to provide quality educational opportunities for older adults by offering a broad spectrum of courses, ranging from Art, Philosophy, Opera and Bridge, to Spanish, Estate Planning, Yoga, and Science. We have a ten-seat computer lab that offers classes ranging from basic applications such as Word, Quicken, and the Internet, to more advanced courses such as the XP Operating System, Digital Photography, and Photoshop Elements.

Please visit our website for more information, or contact the OLLI office at (562) 985-8237 for current course information and to be added to our mailing list.

San Francisco Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (Senior Citizen Learning & Education), San Francisco State University,
WebPage: olli.sfsu.edu

From: Lee Goodin [lgoodin1@mindspring.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2013 11:34 AM
To: Board of Supervisors; Chiu, David; Campos, David; Mar, Eric (BOS); Avalos, John; Cohen, Malia; Farrell, Mark; Kim, Jane; Tang, Katy; Wiener, Scott; Yee, Norman (BOS); Breed, London; Lee, Mayor
Cc: Hunter Stern; CW Nevius; matierandross
Subject: Another John Avalos Moment??!!

Supervisors,

SFWeekly took a hard look at the Shell-CleanPowerSF deal, and here are just a few of the facts they uncovered:

- **The power Shell would sell us isn't any cleaner than what we're getting now.** "The answer is, in the short-term, it's not," contends Matthew Freedman, staff attorney for The Utility Reform Network, a consumer advocacy group. "Basically, Shell is providing system power."

- **It will cost DOUBLE.** "Far from meeting or beating the status quo, CleanPowerSF customers should anticipate paying **roughly double** the PG&E rate for electricity generation, based on tentative PUC numbers."

- **The City has NO PLAN to transition away from Shell and onto greener power.** "[Rate Fairness Board Member Howard] Ash asked Public Utilities Commission staffers for a plan — a spreadsheet, anything — charting how the PUC would transition from merely contracting with Shell to achieving a local build-out...He was told it doesn't exist."

[Read the article for yourself here.](#)

Do not let Shell take over San Francisco's power generation, raise our rates and kill local jobs in the process.

Lee Goodin

600 Chestnut Street

North Beach

415 346 4335

From: Board of Supervisors
To: BOS-Supervisors
Subject: Glenn Beck's New Book CONTROL

From: Janette Barroca [mailto:jbb3252@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 1:52 PM
To: manuelbarroca@yahoo.com
Cc: brianyee@cox.net; pbarroca@verizon.net; fredbiagini@yahoo.com; gitmeds@charter.net; edwin.lee@ci.sf.ca.us; Board of Supervisors; dagoacre2@aol.com
Subject: Glenn Beck's New Book CONTROL

When our founding fathers secured the Constitutional "right of the people to keep and bear arms," they also added the admonition that this right SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.

It is the only time this phrase appears in the Bill of Rights.

So why aren't more people listening?

History has proven that guns are essential to self-defense and liberty—but tragedy is a powerful force and has led many to believe that guns are the enemy -- that the Second Amendment is outdated and that more restrictions or bans on firearms will somehow solve everything.

They are wrong

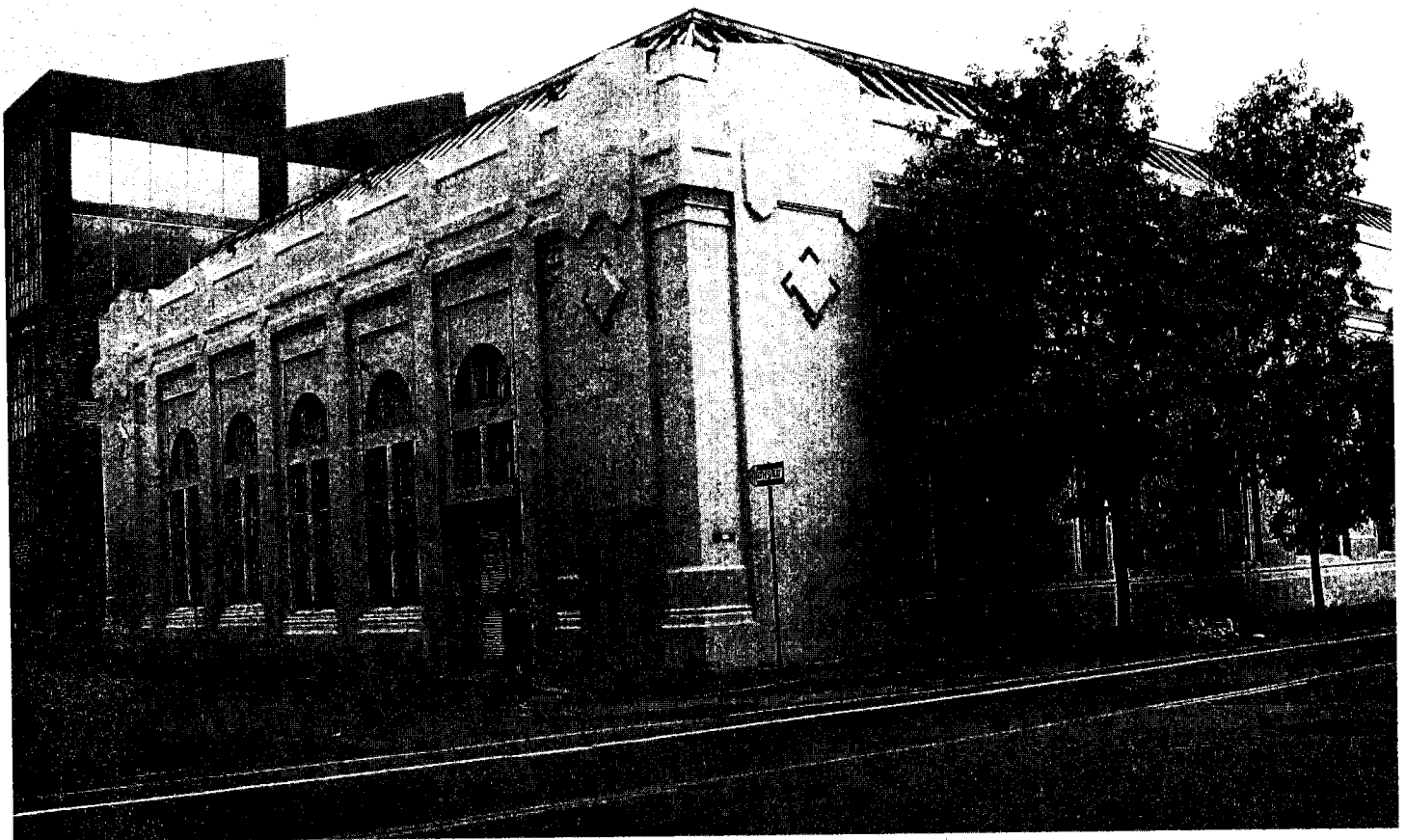
In his new book *CONTROL* Glenn Beck reveals why gun control isn't really about controlling guns at all; it's about controlling us.

In doing so, he takes on and debunks the common myths and outright lies that are often used to vilify guns and demean their owners.

Backed by hundreds of sources, this handbook gives everyone who cares about the Second Amendment the indisputable facts they need to reclaim the debate, defeat the fear and take back their natural rights.

From: MaryLou Corrigan [marylouc@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 6:07 PM
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: The Small Con

Dear Board of Supervisors:



It's not that any of us might not sell our souls, sacrifice principles, fudge and cheat to gain some parking advantage in San Francisco. But most of yearn that there be at least some in the City who might be more commendable, ethical and closer to the center stripe on the pathway to God. Such as the heroes of our City, The S.F.F.D.

The Headquarters of the SFFD was granted a 400 foot "red zone" surrounding their building by the Planning Commission in 2000.

It was granted in order that their fleet of city owned red vehicles could park during the day in a convenient manner as they went about their business. Fair enough!

Each night, the dozen or more red vehicles are parked in the basement garage. Each morning around 6 A.M. a firefighter drives them out and parks them street level. (But not where you think.) The next rhythm of the day is for the Chiefs, other officers and personnel of Headquarters, to drive their private vehicles into the basement parking lot for the day.

By now your asking "Where's the Small Con?"

You probably assumed the firefighter who drives the red vehicles up from the basement each morning parks them dutifully in the "red zone." Wrong!

He places these cars around the neighborhood of 2nd and Townsend in Parking Meter Spots and in front of fire hydrants. The members of Fire Prevention vehicles, as they come and go choose metered parking spots first even when the "red zone" has room to park.

The reason for these slips from integrity is, if you filled up the "red zone" with red city cars, firefighters who stop by in their private vehicles to say hello, file for vacations, request time coming, ask about IDV's, to change assignments on their days off,

would have to park at a meter in the area, run the risk of a ticket, or Mon Dieu forbid, pay at a lot.

This way, by denying the City any money in half a dozen meters in the area, SFFD firefighters can pull up in the red

zone, throw on the dash one of those "ON OFFICIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS" signs that seem to be issued to each firefighter along with their badge, and go about their business without a parking worry.

So, the City loses money at meters occupied all day by City vehicles. Drivers have fewer parking slots as some are filled with red City cars. The Planning Commission's Variance is ignored.

And the winners are: Yes, The Small Con Artists.

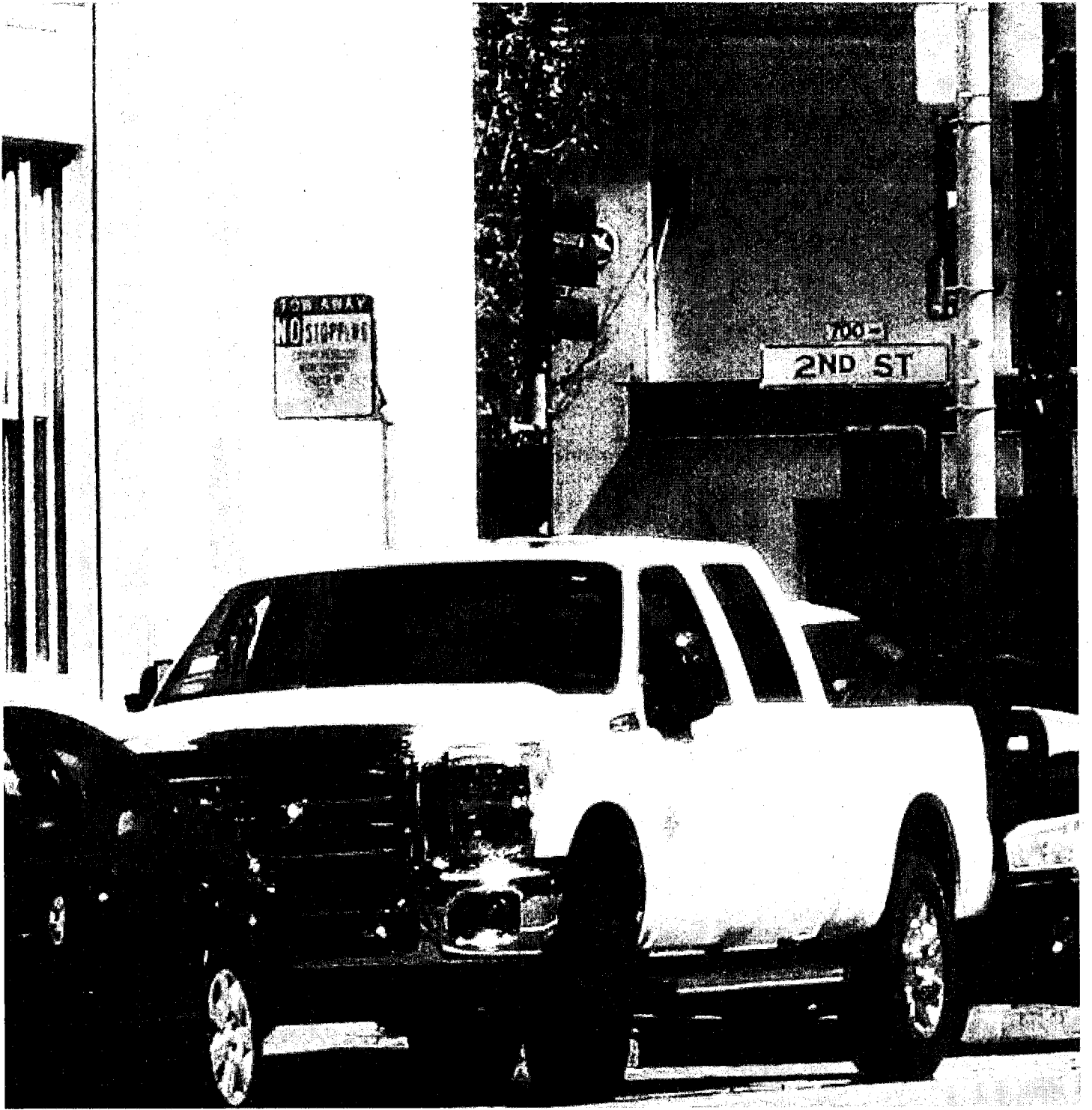
Jim Corrigan

Pictures below taken at 12 Noo. April 10, 2013

These guys get free parking in their private vehicles, because the other guys in red cars have parked at meters that are now impotent, if that means they are not taking in quarters.











MEMORANDUM

TO: THE MAYOR + BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PRESIDENT

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS: 1 DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE

The attached explains guiding authority on global agreements and standards for business, personal leisure + family matters.

It is the final appendix to speeches concerning the Kikuyu people, poll tax, business, communication and the resolution of present + past issues of conflict, including the Apostile Convention + the Rank of the Apostles.

— Kindly.

J.M.K

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HASTINGS RENTAL CONTRACT

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Dios en el principio

Landlord -1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco or Other Undisclosed Location

John Mburu Njoroge
Jesus Christ (Preferred Name)

Tenant(s)

TERMS:

Ésta es la palabra que el SEÑOR dirigió a Miqueas de Moréset, durante los reinados de Jotán, Acaz y Ezequías, reyes de Judá. Ésta es la visión que tuvo acerca de Samaria y de Jerusalén.

¡Miren! Ya sale el SEÑOR de su morada; ya baja y se encamina hacia las cumbres de la tierra.

A su paso se derriten las montañas como la cera junto al fuego; se parten en dos los valles.

Génesis

Y todo esto por la transgresión de Jacob, por los pecados del pueblo de Israel.

¿Acaso no representa Samaria la transgresión de Jacob?

¿Y no es acaso en Jerusalén donde están los *santuarios paganos de Judá?

Dejaré a Samaria hecha un montón de ruinas: ¡convertida en campo arado para viñedos!

Porque la herida de Samaria es incurable: ha llegado hasta Judá.

Se ha extendido hasta mi pueblo, ¡hasta la *entrada misma de Jerusalén!

No lo anuncien en Gat,^[a] no se entreguen al llanto; ¡revuélquense de dolor en el polvo de Bet Leafrá!^[b]

Habitantes de Safir,^[c] emigren desnudos y humillados. Los habitantes de Zanán^[d] no se atrevieron a salir. Bet Ésel está gimiendo, y va a retirarles su apoyo.

Se retuercen esperando el bien, los habitantes de Marot;^[e] el SEÑOR ha enviado el mal hasta la entrada misma de Jerusalén.

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	Quinto Canto (Hymns)
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Levítico	¹⁸ »No seas vengativo con tu prójimo, ni le guardes rencor. Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. ^[a] Yo soy el SEÑOR.
Números	2006 – Hayes Valley Inn, (apartments) 417 Gough Street, California
Deuteronomio	2004 – 100 McAllister Street, Suite 703; 547 Page Street, Apt. 1, San Francisco, California
Josué	1994 – 547 McKinley Avenue, Apt. 1, Berkeley, California
Jueces	1991 – California State University, Hayward (now California State University, East Bay)
Rut	1974 – Kikuyu County Hotel (formerly Kikuyu Country Club & The Warren House/Fort Smith)
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The ABCs
of Apostilles
How to ensure
that your public
documents will
be recognised
abroad

Apostilles



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DR. ROBERT C. SCOTT

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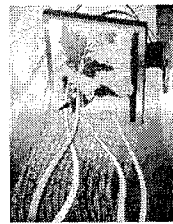
* Public documents, such as birth certificates, judgments, patents or notarial attestations (acknowledgments) of signatures, frequently need to be used abroad. However, before a public document can be used in a country other than the one that issued it, its origin must often be authenticated. The traditional method for authenticating public documents to be used abroad is called *legalisation* and consists of a chain of individual authentications of the document. This process involves officials of the country where the document was issued as well as the foreign Embassy or Consulate of the country where the document is to be used. Because of the number of authorities involved, the legalisation process is frequently slow, cumbersome and costly.

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The Apostille Convention has proven to be extremely useful and is applied millions of times each year throughout the world. It greatly facilitates the circulation of public documents issued by a country party to the Convention and that are to be used in another country also party to the Convention.

This brochure provides basic information about the Apostille Convention. It explains in particular *when, where and how* the Convention applies; *who* issues Apostilles, *what* the effects of an Apostille are and *what* you need to think about before you ask for an Apostille.



A large number of countries all over the world have joined a treaty that greatly simplifies the authentication of public documents to be used abroad. This treaty is called the *Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents*. It is commonly known as the *Apostille Convention*. Where it applies, the treaty reduces the authentication process to a single formality: the issuance of an authentication certificate by an authority designated by the country where the public document was issued. This certificate is called an *Apostille*.

For further details, please see the website of the Hague Conference on Private International Law (Hague Conference) at www.hcch.net. The Hague Conference is the Organisation that developed the Apostille Convention (see the info at the end of this brochure). All relevant and updated information about the Apostille Convention is available in the 'Apostille Section' of the Hague Conference website - look for the link entitled:

Apostille Section (incl. e-APP)

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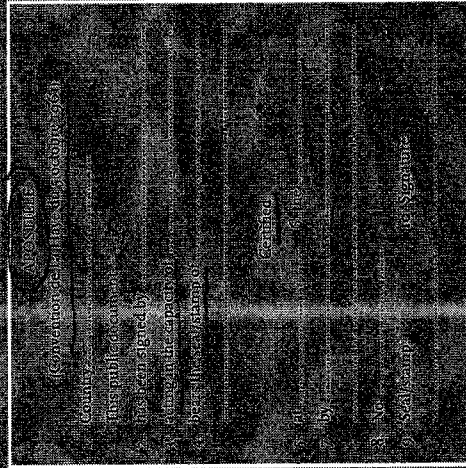
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This brochure provides practical replies to the following frequently asked questions about the Apostille Convention:

- 1 > What is an Apostille and when do I need one?
- 2 > In which countries does the Apostille Convention apply?
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- 3 > What do I do if either the country where my public document was issued or the country where I need to use my public document is not a party to the Apostille Convention?
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- 4 > To which documents does the Apostille Convention apply?
Convention of 1961 - XVI
- 5 > Where do I get an Apostille?
Embassy - Doc II
- 6 > What do I need to know before requesting an Apostille?
- 7 > How much does an Apostille cost?
- 8 > Do all Apostilles have to look exactly the same?
- 9 > How are Apostilles affixed to public documents?
- 10 > What are the effects of an Apostille?
- 11 > Once I have an Apostille, do I need anything else to show that the signature or seal on my public document is genuine?
- 12 > If the recipient of my Apostille wants to verify my Apostille, what should I suggest?
- 13 > Can Apostilles be rejected in the country where they are to be used?
- 14 > What about electronic Apostilles and electronic Registers of Apostilles?

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Model of an Apostille as annexed to the Convention



About the Hague Conference on
Private International Law

The Hague Conference on Private International Law was established in 1893 and became a permanent intergovernmental organisation in 1955. Today, the Hague Conference is the pre-eminent World Organisation dealing with cross-border legal issues in civil and commercial matters. Its mission is to work towards a world in which individuals and companies can enjoy a high degree of legal certainty in cross-border situations.

Responding to the needs of a globalising international community, the Hague Conference develops multilateral Conventions (45 since 1893) and assists with their implementation and practical operation. These Hague Conventions deal with such diverse fields as Apostilles; service of process abroad; taking of evidence abroad; shares, bonds and other securities; child abduction, intercountry adoption, maintenance obligations, etc. These Conventions serve to build bridges between various legal systems while respecting their diversity. The Secretariat of the Hague Conference is called the Permanent Bureau.

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Question 1 What is an Apostille and when do I need one?

An Apostille is a certificate that authenticates the origin of a public document (e.g. a birth, marriage or death certificate, a judgment, an extract of a register or a notarial attestation). The Model Apostille Certificate is reproduced at the beginning of this brochure.

Apostilles can only be issued for documents issued in one country party to the Apostille Convention and that are to be used in another country which is also a party to the Convention.

You will need an Apostille if all of the following apply:

- the country where the document was issued is party to the Apostille Convention, and
- the country in which the document is to be used is party to the Apostille Convention, and
- the law of the country where the document was issued considers it to be a public document; and
- the country in which the document is to be used requires an Apostille in order to recognise it as a foreign public document.

An Apostille may never be used for the recognition of a document in the country where that document was issued - Apostilles are strictly for the use of public documents abroad.

An Apostille may not be required if the laws, regulations, or practice in force in the country where the public document is to be used have abolished or simplified the requirement of an Apostille, or have exempted the document from any legalisation requirement. Such simplification or exemption may also result from a treaty or other agreement that is in force between the country where the public document is to be used and the country that issued it (e.g., some other Hague Conventions exempt documents from legalisation or any analogous formality, including an Apostille).

If you have any doubts, you should ask the intended recipient of your document whether an Apostille is necessary in your particular case.

question 1

What is an Apostille and when do I need one?

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In which countries does the Apostille Convention apply?

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Question 2 In which countries does the Apostille Convention apply?

The Apostille Convention only applies if both the country where the public document was issued and the country where the public document is to be used are parties to the Convention. A comprehensive and updated list of the countries where the Apostille Convention applies, or will soon apply, is available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website - look for the link entitled Status table of the Apostille Convention.

The Status table of the Apostille Convention has two parts: the first part lists countries that have joined the Apostille Convention and are also Members of the Hague Conference (i.e., the Organisation that developed the Convention); the second part lists countries that have joined the Apostille Convention but are not Members of the Hague Conference. In other words, a country does not need to be a Member of the Hague Conference to be party to the Apostille Convention.

When checking the Status table of the Apostille Convention, always keep the following in mind:

- 1 Check if both the country where the public document was issued and the country where the document is to be used are listed in either part of the Status table.
- 2 It does not matter whether a country appears in the first or the second part of the Status table - the Convention applies equally to Members and non-Members of the Organisation.
- 3 Check the date of entry into force of the Convention for both countries. Look for the column entitled 'EIF' - only after that date can the relevant country issue and receive Apostilles.
- 4 There are different ways for a country to become a party to the Convention (ratification, accession, succession or continuation), but these differences have no impact on how the Convention operates in a country.
- 5 If one of the countries has acceded to the Convention, check that the other country has not objected to that accession; to find out, see the column entitled 'Type' next to the acceding country's name and check if there is a link entitled 'A**' if so, click on it and check whether the other country is listed.
- 6 Check whether the Convention applies to the entire territory of a country or only to parts of it; to find out, see if there is a link in the columns entitled 'Ext' and 'Res/D/N' - if so, click on it and read the relevant information.

Do not confuse the Status table of the Apostille Convention with other lists of countries on the Hague Conference website, such as the list of Members of the Hague Conference on Private International Law or status tables of other Hague Conventions. A country may be party to one or several of the many other Hague Conventions but not to the Apostille Convention, or a country may be party to the Apostille Convention without being party to any other Hague Conventions.

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question 3

What do I do if
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Question 3 What do I do if either the country where my public document was issued or the country where I need to use my public document is not a party to the Apostille Convention?

If your public document was issued or is to be used in a country where the Apostille Convention does not apply, you should contact the Embassy or a Consulate of the country where you intend to use the document in order to find out what your options are. The Permanent Bureau (Secretariat) of the Hague Conference does not provide assistance in such cases.

Question 4 To which documents does the Apostille Convention apply?

The Convention only applies to public documents. Whether or not a document is a public document is determined by the law of the country in which the document was issued. Countries typically apply the Convention to a wide variety of documents. Most Apostilles are issued for documents of an administrative nature, including birth, marriage and death certificates; documents emanating from an authority or an official connected with a court, tribunal or commission; extracts from commercial registers and other registers; patents; notarial acts and notarial attestations (acknowledgments) of signatures; school, university and other academic diplomas issued by public institutions.

The Apostille Convention does not apply to documents executed by diplomatic or consular agents. The Convention also excludes from its scope certain administrative documents related to commercial or customs operations.

* If you are not sure whether a particular document is a public document, you should contact the relevant Competent Authority of the country that issued the document (as discussed in the next question).

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To which documents does the Apostille Convention apply?

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Question 5 Where do I get an Apostille?

Each country that is party to the Convention must designate one or several authorities that are entitled to issue Apostilles. These authorities are called Competent Authorities – only they are permitted to issue Apostilles.

The list of all Competent Authorities designated by each country that has joined the Apostille Convention is available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website.

Some countries have designated only one Competent Authority. Other countries have designated several Competent Authorities either to ensure that there are Competent Authorities in different regions of the country or because different government entities are responsible for different kinds of public documents; in some federal systems, the national Government may be responsible for certain types of documents whereas a component state or local government may be responsible for others.

If a country has designated various Competent Authorities, make sure you identify the relevant Competent Authority for your request.

Most Apostilles are issued on the same day they are requested.

The Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website provides full contact details of most Competent Authorities, including links to the websites of Competent Authorities where available.

***** A public document can only be apostilled by the relevant Competent Authority of the country that issued the document. While the Permanent Bureau (Secretary) of the Hague Conference provides a broad range of services to support Contracting States in the effective implementation and practical operation of the Apostille Convention, it does not issue any Apostilles, does not maintain any registers of Apostilles and does not keep any copies of Apostilles.

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Where do I get an Apostille?

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Question 6 What do I need to know before requesting an Apostille?

Before you approach a Competent Authority about getting an Apostille, you should consider questions such as:

- Does the Apostille Convention apply in both the country that issued the public document and the country where I intend to use it?
- If the country that issued the public document has designated several Competent Authorities, which one is the relevant Competent Authority to issue an Apostille for my public document?
- Can I get an Apostille for my public document, i.e., is my document considered a public document under the law of the country where it was issued?
- Can I request an Apostille by mail or must I appear in person? This is particularly relevant if you are living in a country other than the country that issued your public document.
- If I have multiple documents, will I need multiple Apostilles?
- Are there other documents (in addition to the public document) or additional information that I need to provide to get an Apostille (e.g., a document establishing my identity or a stamped envelope in the case of requests by mail)?
- How much does an Apostille cost and what forms of payment are available?
- How long will it take to get the Apostille?

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..... If you cannot find the answers to these questions in this brochure, see the information available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website. If you still cannot find an answer, contact the relevant Competent Authority. The Apostille Section provides full contact details of most Competent Authorities, including links to the websites of Competent Authorities where available.

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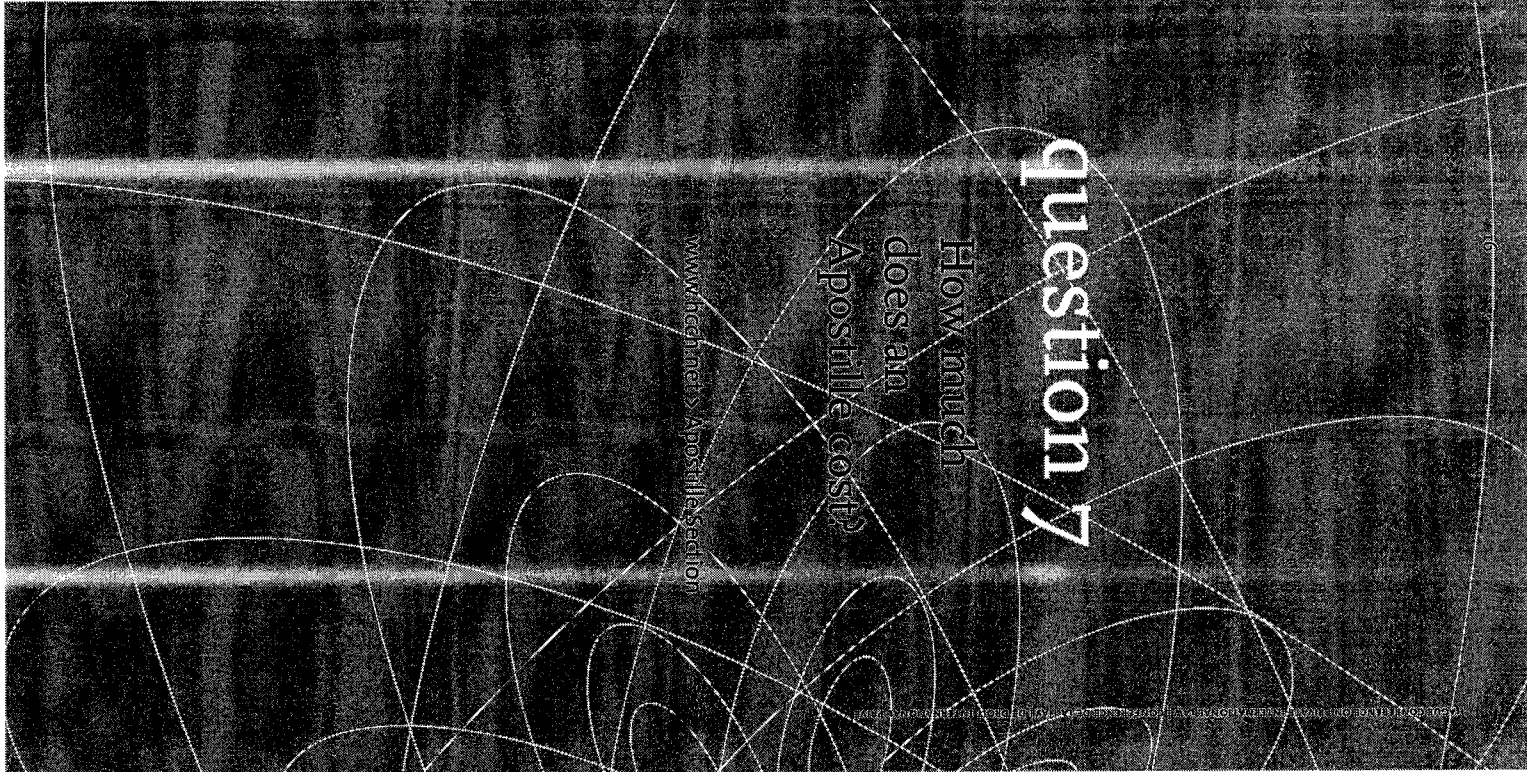
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Question 7 How much does an Apostille cost?

The Apostille Convention is silent on the cost of Apostilles. As a result, the practice among Competent Authorities varies greatly.

Many Competent Authorities do charge for Apostilles; when they do, the prices vary greatly. For practical information on the prices that individual countries charge, see the information available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website.



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How much
does an
Apostille cost?

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Question 8 Do all Apostilles have to look exactly the same?

No. An Annex to the Apostille Convention provides a Model Apostille Certificate (which is reproduced at the beginning of this brochure). Apostilles should conform as closely as possible to this Model Certificate.

- In particular, an Apostille must:
 - be identified as an Apostille; and
 - include the short version of the French title of the Convention (Convention de La Haye du 5 octobre 1961); and
 - include a box with the 10 numbered standard informational items.

An Apostille may also provide additional information. For example, an Apostille may:

- provide extra information about the public document to which it relates;
 - recall the limited effect of an Apostille (i.e., that it only certifies the origin of the public document to which it relates);
 - provide a web-address (URL) of a register where the origin of the Apostille may be verified; or
 - specify that the Apostille is not to be used in the country that issued it.
- However, such additional information must be outside the box that holds the 10 numbered standard informational items.

..... While an Apostille should conform as closely as possible to the Model Certificate, in practice Apostilles issued by different Competent Authorities vary. These variations may be in design, size and colour as well as in any additional elements mentioned outside the box that holds the 10 numbered standard informational items. Such variations in appearance are not a basis for refusal of an Apostille by the intended recipient!

question 8

Do all Apostilles have to look exactly the same?

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Question 9 How are Apostilles affixed to public documents?

An Apostille must be placed directly on the public document itself or on a separate attached page (called an *allonge*). Apostilles may be affixed by various means, including rubber stamps, self-adhesive stickers, impressed seals, etc.

If an Apostille is placed on an *allonge*, the latter can be attached to the underlying public document by a variety of means, including glue, grommets, staples, ribbons, wax seals, etc. While all of these means are acceptable under the Convention, Competent Authorities are encouraged to use more secure methods of affixation so as to safeguard the integrity of the Apostille.

Failure to affix an Apostille in a particular manner is not a basis for refusing the Apostille.

 You should never detach an Apostille, regardless of whether it is placed directly on the public document or on an *allonge*!

question 9

How are Apostilles affixed to public documents?

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Question 10 What are the effects of an Apostille?

An Apostille only certifies the origin of the public document to which it relates. It certifies the authenticity of the signature or seal of the person or authority that signed or sealed the public document and the capacity in which this was done.

An Apostille does not certify the content of the public document to which it relates.

Apostilles are not grants of authority and do not give any additional weight to the content of underlying documents.

An Apostille may never be used for the recognition of a document in the country where that document was issued – Apostilles are strictly for use of public documents abroad.

It is up to the country where the Apostille is to be used to decide how much weight to give to the underlying public document.

..... An Apostille only certifies the origin of the public document to which it relates, never the content of that document.

question 10

What are the effects of an Apostille?

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Question 11 Once I have an Apostille, do I need anything else to show that the signature or seal on my public document is genuine?

No. An Apostille issued by the relevant Competent Authority is all that is required to establish that a signature or seal on a public document is genuine and to establish the capacity of the person or authority that signed or sealed the public document.

If the Convention applies, an Apostille is the only formality that is required to establish the origin of the public document – no additional requirement may be imposed to authenticate the origin of the public document.

question 11

Once I have an Apostille, do I need anything else to show that the signature or seal on my public document is genuine?

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Question 12 If the recipient of my Apostille wants to verify my Apostille, what should I suggest?

Each Competent Authority is required to keep a register in which it records the date and number of every Apostille it issues, as well as information relating to the person or authority that signed or sealed the underlying public document.

Recipients may contact the Competent Authority identified on the Apostille and ask whether the information on the Apostille corresponds with the information in the register.

In order to verify a particular Apostille, recipients may contact the Competent Authority. Contact information for the Competent Authorities, including phone numbers and website information, such as the URL of e-Registers where applicable, is available in the Apostille Section of the Hague Conference website.

Many Competent Authorities have started to operate online electronic Registers (e-Registers). These e-Registers allow for easy online queries to verify the origin of an Apostille without Competent Authorities having to answer these queries individually by phone, e-mail or otherwise. If a Competent Authority operates such an e-Register, the web address of the e-Register is mentioned on the Apostille.

While the Permanent Bureau (Secretariat) of the Hague Conference provides a broad range of services to support Contracting States in the effective implementation and practical operation of the Apostille Convention, it does not issue any Apostilles, does not maintain any register of Apostilles and does not keep any copies of Apostilles.

***** If the intended recipient of your apostilled public document has doubts about the origin of the Apostille, you should encourage him or her to immediately contact the Competent Authority mentioned on the Apostille and ask the latter to verify whether it really issued the Apostille. If available, an e-Register allows for a quick online query.

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If the recipient of my Apostille wants to verify my Apostille, what should I suggest?

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Question 13 Can Apostilles be rejected in the country where they are to be used?

Apostilles issued in accordance with the requirements of the Convention must be recognised in the country where they are to be used.

- Apostilles may only be rejected if and when:
 - their origin cannot be verified (i.e., if and when the particulars on the Apostille do not correspond with those in the register kept by the Competent Authority that allegedly issued the Apostille); or
 - their formal elements differ radically from the Model Certificate annexed to the Convention.

While an Apostille should conform as closely as possible to the Model Certificate annexed to the Convention, in practice Apostilles issued by different Competent Authorities vary in design, size and colour as well as in any additional elements that may be included on the Certificate. Such variations in appearance are not a basis for refusal of an Apostille.

Failure to affix an Apostille to the public document in a particular manner is not a basis for refusing the Apostille. The mere fact that an Apostille has been affixed by a method that differs from the method(s) employed by the country where it is to be used is not a reason for the rejection of the Apostille.

Additional text on an Apostille outside the box with the 10 numbered standard informational items is not a basis for rejection of an Apostille.

Apostille Certificates issued by countries that are not party to the Convention must be rejected in all other States as being contrary to the Convention.

* eg Turkey

USSR

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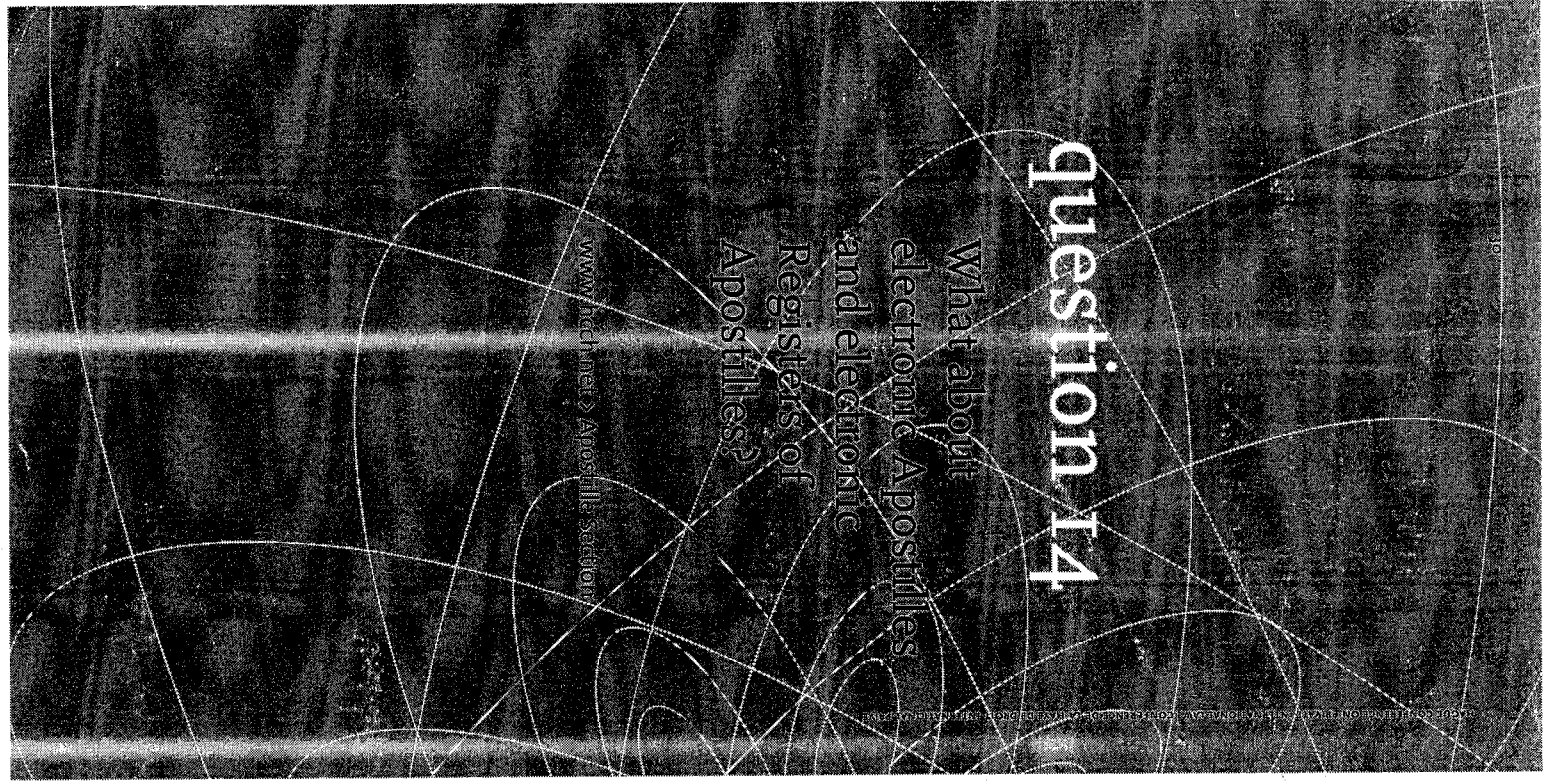
Can Apostilles be rejected in the country where they are to be used?

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Question 14 What about electronic Apostilles and electronic Registers of Apostilles?

The Convention does allow Competent Authorities to issue Apostilles in electronic form (e-Apostilles) and to maintain electronic registers of Apostilles (e-Registers).

Many Competent Authorities are developing and implementing e-Apostilles and e-Registers, as suggested by the Permanent Bureau (Secretariat) of the Hague Conference under the *electronic Apostille Pilot Program (e-APP)*. For more information about the e-APP in general, and on whether a particular Competent Authority issues e-Apostilles and/or maintains an e-Register, see the e-APP website at www.e-APP.info (in particular the [Status of the e-APP](#)).



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