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CALIFORNIA STATE BILLS : <https://discoveryink.wordpress.com/california-bills/>

CONTACTS: <https://discoveryink.wordpress.com/state-legislators/>

State SB 364 – Senator Leno – [Amendments to State Law to Return Local Control Over the Ellis Act](#) – to prevent real estate speculation and abuse of no-fault evictions. *Sent to Transportation and Housing Committee. LOST BY ONE VOTE! Can this be amended to pass during this term?*

State AB 1220 – Matthew Harper – [Transient occupancy taxes: residential short-term rentals units](#) This bill would prohibit a legislative body of a local agency, defined to mean any city, county, city and county, including any chartered city, county, or city and county, from levying a tax on the privilege of occupying a residential short-term rental unit, as defined. *Pending Referral*

State AB 1287 – Assembly member Chiu, [Parking Violations: Cameras](#) – to continue permanently the city’s use of cameras aboard Muni vehicles to issue citations for vehicles stopping or parking in transit-only lanes. *These are not just parking violations. These are moving violations. Read the details of the bill. Pending Referral*

State - AB 61 – Assembly Member Travis Allen, [Shuttle services: loading and unloading of passengers](#). A bill that many in San Francisco citizens oppose. *Referred to Assembly Transportation Committee*

Recent Rulings in California :

LA settled a class action regarding misuse of pothole funds: Mayor Garcetti just agreed to a \$1.3 BILLION settlement to fill potholes in the city

A recent Court decision may drain the clout behind governor’s water orders
From the *Central Valley Business Times*, 4/20/15

- Appellate court says tiered rates must reflect actual costs of water deliveries
- We do hold that above-cost-of-service pricing for tiers of water service is not allowed by Proposition 218

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Up to date Election Information for SF Campaigns and Candidates:

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=4701>

Local Ballot Measure Status:

<http://www.sfgov2.org/index.aspx?page=2969>

Only ballot petition filed so far: Prohibition of Height Limit Increase and Zoning Changes to the San Francisco Wholesale Flower Market, *gathering signatures*

Short-term rental registration and regulations are not going according to plan. There is no consensus on how to fix the problem. Airbnb wants to compete in the over-crowded transportation business. Nothing on the local ballot yet.

Shuttle/Jitney Services: - Due to a lot of citizen complaints, Farrell has promised to look into the "sharing" apps and under-regulated transportation businesses that are proliferating and causing a lot of problems and many areas. Contact his office with complaints, as well as the SFMTA.

Housing Issues in the Mission District: Local Housing activists are uniting to fight evictions development and winning a few battle. The first two big projects are Maximus at 16th and Mission and Cell Space on Bryant Street.

Judy and I are helping train new recruits who want to learn how to work within the system. They need our expertise and we need their energy. Artists are joining the struggle.

CITY HALL ACTIONS ARE PLANNED FOR MAY DAY AND MAY 8TH

The Mission Takes City Hall on May 8! The Plaza 16 Group is fighting the Maximus developers who took down Parkmerced and plan to "clean up" the 16th Street BART corner by building mostly market rate housing geared toward pushing up rents and pushing out the "undesirable" inhabitants. See plaza16.org for the long list of supporters. They would appreciate our support as well. See Resolution attached below.

3030B 16th St. - The Station 40 housing collective said that its landlord, the Jolish family, legally rescinded its eviction notice and will discuss allowing the residents to stay.

Bernal Heights landlord who quadrupled the rent, and demanded over \$19K a month in deposit fees, after removing one tenant by taking out bathroom and kitchen, did not have a permit or apply for a change of use, according to Campos

office. <https://zrants.wordpress.com/2015/03/26/rent-increase-legal-rent-planning-system-building-permit-change-of-use/>

Art Academy University expansion plans have few fans.

1700 Market St., designed by Forum Design, would include studios as small as 295-square-feet: A developer pitching a housing project filled only with tiny studios and one-bedrooms on Market Street got a chilly reception from the Planning Commission on Thursday. <https://zrants.wordpress.com/2015/03/30/in-developers-pitch-to-build-tiny-apartments-opponents-rally-for-family-housing/>

SHALL CSFN SUPPORT THE PLAZA 16 COALITION? Draft resolution:

Resolved, CSFN supports equitable development that maintains healthy diversified neighborhoods through community-based strategies that assure preservation of our unique neighborhood characters expressed in the architectures of our homes, businesses and cultural centers, both public and private.

Resolved, CSFN supports the Plaza16 community efforts to preserve the unique qualities of the Mission District.

SF LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – Board Supervisors

There is a huge Infrastructure funding gap (around \$188 million in SF), based on the fees being collected from the developers and the budget items that are supposed to be covered by the developer fees. Supervisor Cohen asked about the funding gap and the need for more infrastructure fees to keep up with the projected requirements to cover the services anticipated by the expanding population at the Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting, March 30.

Funding gap of \$144 million in Eastern Neighborhoods

\$44 million around Market Octavia.

\$188 million total.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO REDUCE BUILDING STAFF FEES BY 7%, I asked about it and got back three replies. The last one pointed to the Mayor's office. There are some funny things going on with this one.

WHAT IS DRIVING THE DEVELOPMENT? The regional Plan

See org charts below:

ABAG: <http://abag.ca.gov/>

PLAN BAY AREA: planbayarea.org

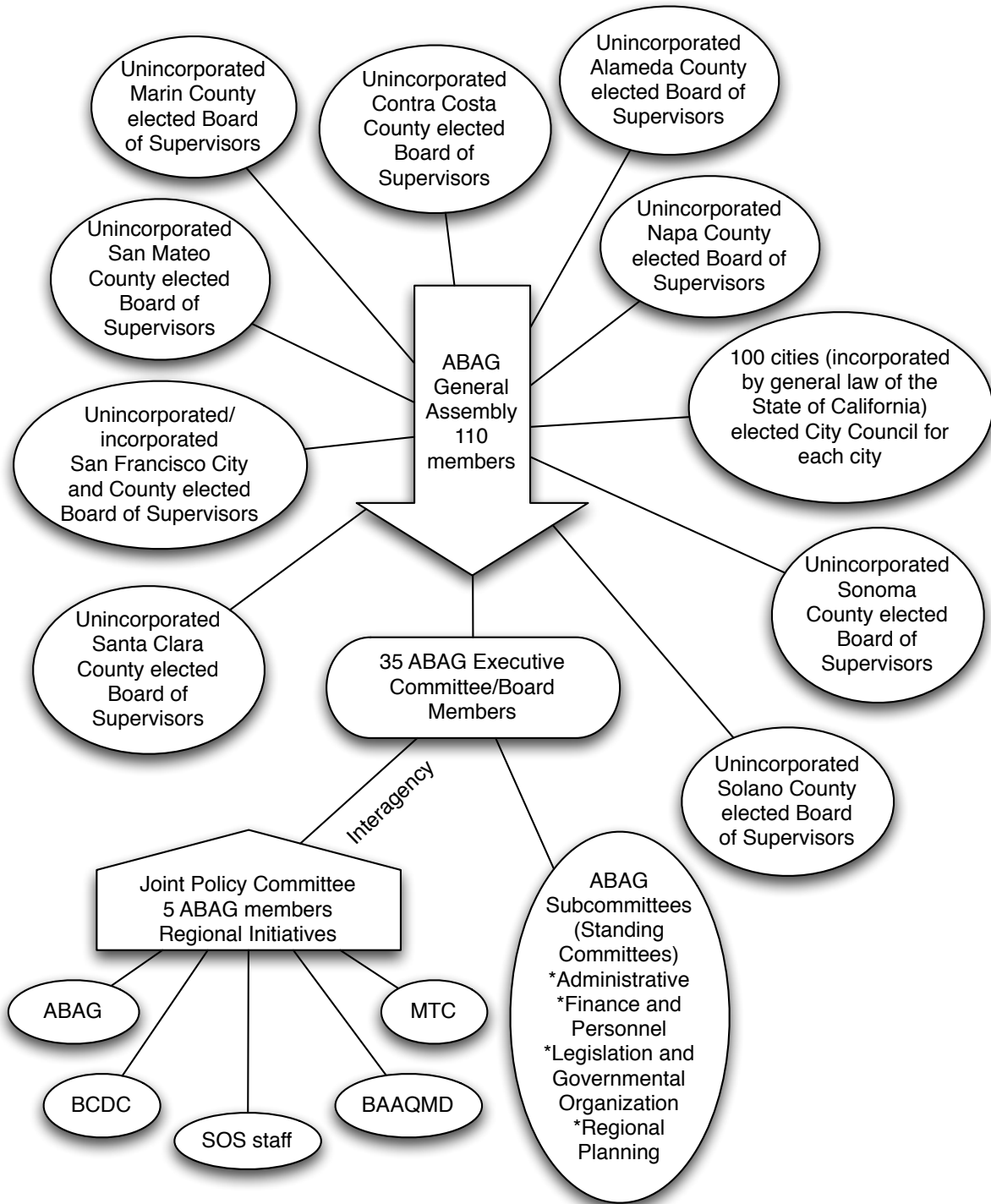
A little SPUR History:

Statements: *In 1966 the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association (SPUR) produced a report entitled "Prologue to Action" arguing that, to enable the city to compete effectively, city government should influence growth so that San Francisco's population "will move closer to 'standard white Anglo-Saxon Protestant' characteristics." (Hirten, Farrell, and Weese 1966)*

The genesis of urban renewal, from a couple decades before:

The presence in the Western Addition District of a high proportion of negro and foreign-born families presents a special problem. As was pointed out earlier, about 26% of the population in this District consists of Negroes, and another 9% Japanese, Chinese, and other foreign nationalities. In view of the characteristically low income of colored and foreign-born families, only a relatively small proportion of them may be expected to occupy quarters in the new development.

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Organizational Structure



Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Board Composition

