

NOPNA General Meeting Minutes

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Approximately 25 neighbors at the meeting.

1. David Chui

- a. Has 21 bills moving through the legislature
- b. Transportation
 - i. Bike and Car safety
 - ii. California is raising the gas tax, slightly raise the vehicle registration fee to have some of these fees go into public transportation
 - iii. he has a bill to think about water transit - how do we get people to use ferries?
 - iv. speed cameras (automated speed enforcement)
 1. 70% of accidents in SF have happened on 12% of our SF streets (in the more dense areas like Mission) – law enforcement unions stalled the bill because there is a concern about losing police jobs
- c. Housing (David is the Chair of the Housing Committee)
 - i. Affordable housing bills have been veto'd by Governor Brown; he won't support affordable housing unless we think
 - ii. Cities like Brisbane, Lafayette, Santa Clara (recently sued for blocking affordable housing development in their city) are not doing anything to help build housing for the Bay Area
- d. the "resistance"
 - i. what do we do to protect our residence if the affordable care act gets repealed
 - ii. what about environmental protections for California
 - iii. what about the diversity of our communities
 1. California is setting up a hate crime hot line
 2. Addressing bullying in the classroom - Muslim community, LGBTQ
 3. sanctuary at home bill
 - a. Trump sending ICE agents to school campuses so he has a bill that prevents ICE agents coming to school campuses
 - b. Trump is paying 10,000 more ICE agents – going into restaurants so David has a bill that allows restaurants to act as private enterprise (need to have search warrants)
 - c. 50% of agricultural workers in CA may be vulnerable
 - d. Open Hand
 - e. Single Payer Legislation (SB 562)
 - i. 5 million people could lose insurance overnight and blow a \$24B gap in our budget – California cannot fill those funds
 - ii. CA would need federal cooperation
 - iv. Question: in SF, 4% of the people are African American and yet 70% of the kids in the juvenile justice system are African American. What can we do to plug our kids into jobs locally? it has been shown that if African American kids get jobs early, they are much less likely to go to jail. (Susie Jones)
 1. recommends we all check out "old school café" in the Bay View

2. Phil Ting

- a. He is the chair of the assembly budget committee
 - i. investing in education
 - ii. we get \$20 B from the federal government; 5 million people have benefited

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- iii. 3 million of these people are on Medicare could lose their healthcare
 - b. public safety
 - c. trying to get the “earned income tax credit” approved – cash back in the pocket of the poorest ; if you work for yourself and make less than \$16K
 - d. caring for seniors
 - e. CA is the 6th largest economy in the world
 - f. Questions: about high speed rail. Federal gov’t has frozen funding so that is slowed. CA also gets money from the cap and trade program – CA needs to renew the cap and trade program.
 - g. Global Warming. How is CA leading on solar
 - i. electric vehicles.
3. President of NOPNA, Charles Dupigney, discussed local initiatives
- a. Panhandle is getting a another facelift – new benches, playground is going to get updated
 - b. May 31st Park Branch library to redesign the the Panhandle
 - c. May 24th – Alamo Square grand opening of the Park, Wed 11am.
4. Megan Cesar and Evonne from the City Attorney office
- a. 350 people in the City Attorney; we write contracts, 40% does litigation; most if defensive; affirmative – predatory lending, violence in the streets
 - b. recent wins include Air BnB, Art Academy and a multi- million dollar against a landlord targeting seniors - \$2MM in penalties and the court invalidated the evictions
 - c. Evonne is one of the lawyers that sued the President of the United States – a challenge to Executive Power
 - d. Academy of Art case – using building for whatever they wanted and did not get permits
 - e. **Code enforcement hotline: 415-554-3977 or call 3-1-1**
 - f. Office of Short-Term Rentals compliance
 - g. Question: where do illegal immigrants get help? public defenders office and pro bono work.
 - h. Questions: What cases should we be keeping our eyes on? 1) State of Texas suing Texas cities for thinking about becoming sanctuary cities 2) Water case – there is a challenge to how SF gets its water.