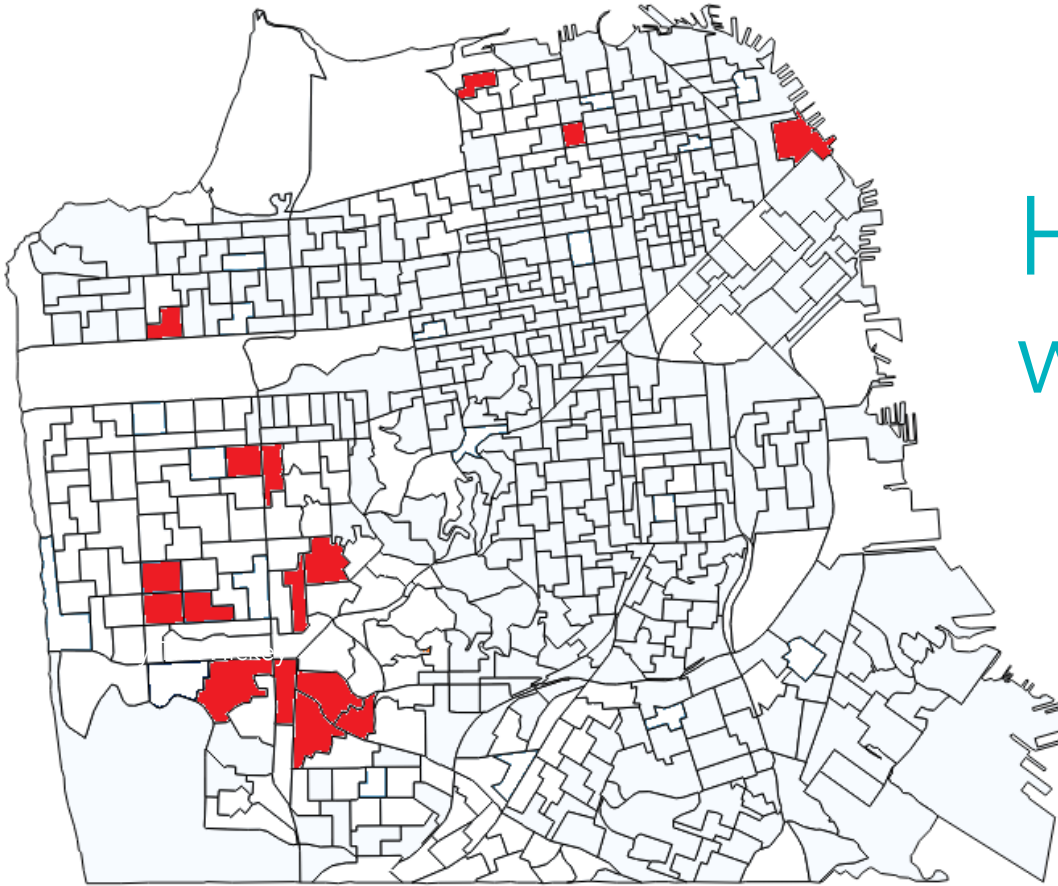


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North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association

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How did we vote?

by Tim Hickey

IMAGE: sf.curbed.com

The North Panhandle residents are a politically involved community, as you might have known already. Did you ever wonder if you and your neighbors vote similarly? We crunched some of the election data to see how our neighborhood resembles and differs from the rest of our city and the rest of our state.

On November 8, NOPA residents voted at a higher rate than residents in the rest of the city. In the presidential election, Hillary Clinton garnered 90% of North Panhandle residents' votes versus 83% of the SF vote and 62% of all Californians.

Neighborhood residents had particularly strong views about parole consideration for non-violent felons (Prop

57), Multi-lingual Education (Prop 58), both School Measures (A+B), Police Oversight (Local Measure G), and BART (District measure RR)- which each garnered close to 90% of NOPA votes.

There are other interesting results for local and state measure votes. District races were not compared but the data (and links to the SF Dept. of Elections sources) are avail-

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FROM THE BOARD

We are all dealing with the aftermath of a tumultuous and contentious election season which — regardless of political views — did not represent the best of ourselves or the country in which we live.

Many of us were left wondering how to build a better place — one that accepts our diversity, cares about the environment, and works towards a safer planet.

Paraphrasing a wise proverb — if you want to fix your country, you need to start at home. This is your chance. Get involved in your neighborhood and city — now.

Though national issues fill our TVs and social media feeds, we start the new year remembering that the most direct impacts on the lives of the people of the community are made at the local level. And that's where we put our efforts.

The NOPNA board is looking forward to another year of events — neighborhood meetings, block parties, Sunday Streets, Halloween festivities and our annual Holiday party — intended to bring us together as a community. These are opportunities to meet new people, learn about our neighbors, and do great things for our area.

NOPNA leads regular volunteer events such cleanup and restoration of the panhandle, working with our local small business owners and promoting safety through active engagement of SFPD. We advocate on behalf of the neighborhood for city improvements — like safer bike and pedestrian pathways.

We want to continue to meaningfully impact the people of this community and provide opportunities for engagement and community improvement for anyone who is interested. We may have less influence over national events than we would like — but we can, and will, work to make our neighborhood a better place.

Get involved and volunteer! Come to a neighborhood meeting, volunteer, and participate. There is no time like 2017 to make a difference.

Jason
Cauthen
is a member of
the NOPNA
board.



If you're interested in volunteering — email NOPNA VP, Dera-Jill Pozner at board@nopna.org. We are looking forward to meeting you!

NOPNANews

The NOPNA News is published by the North of Panhandle Neighborhood Association for the residents, businesses, and friends of our neighborhood, which is bounded by Masonic Avenue and Turk, Divisadero and Fell Streets.

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Election Results

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able on our website at NOPNA.org. Take a look at the extended results below to see how your votes compare with your neighbors' and your fellow San Franciscans and fellow Californians.

| | | YES votes | | | NOPA vs SF | NOPA vs CA |
|---------------------|--|-----------|-----|-----|------------|------------|
| | | NOPA | SF | CA | | |
| U.S. Senator | Kamala Harris (winner) | 85% | 78% | 62% | +7% | +23% |
| Prop 51 | School Bonds | 70% | 67% | 55% | +3% | +15% |
| Prop 52 | Medi-cal Hospital Fee | 86% | 79% | 70% | +7% | +16% |
| Prop 53 | Revenue Bonds require Statewide Voter Approval | 22% | 31% | 49% | -9% | -27% |
| Prop 54 | Legislation And Proceedings — 72 Hour posting required | 70% | 63% | 65% | +7% | +5% |
| Prop 55 | Tax Extension To Fund Education And Healthcare (earnings over \$250k) | 81% | 73% | 63% | +8% | +18% |
| Prop 56 | Cigarette Tax | 85% | 81% | 64% | +4% | +21% |
| Prop 57 | Criminal Sentences — Allows parole consideration for nonviolent felons | 92% | 83% | 65% | +9% | +27% |
| Prop 58 | Multilingual Education | 92% | 87% | 74% | +5% | +18% |
| Prop 59 | Corporations. Political Spending (Citizens United) | 85% | 77% | 53% | +8% | +32% |
| Prop 60 | Adult Films. Condoms | 23% | 31% | 46% | -8% | -23% |
| Prop 61 | State Prescription Drug Purchases — Tied to VA prices | 51% | 52% | 47% | -1% | +4% |
| Prop 62 | Death Penalty — repeal | 83% | 71% | 47% | +12% | +36% |
| Prop 63 | Firearms. Ammunition Sales regulations | 89% | 85% | 63% | +4% | +26% |
| Prop 64 | Marijuana Legalization | 88% | 74% | 57% | +14% | +31% |
| Prop 65 | Carryout Bags. Charges | 36% | 41% | 46% | -5% | -10% |
| Prop 66 | Death Penalty. Procedures — Expedited process | 22% | 32% | 51% | -10% | -29% |
| Prop 67 | Ban On Single-use Plastic Bags | 86% | 76% | 53% | +10% | +33% |
| School Measure A | School Bonds | 88% | 80% | | +8% | |
| School Measure B | City College Parcel Tax | 89% | 81% | | +8% | |
| Local Measure C | Loans to Finance Acquisition and Rehabilitation of Affordable Housing | 86% | 77% | | +9% | |
| Local Measure D | Vacancy Appointments | 56% | 52% | | +4% | |
| Local Measure E | Responsibility for Maintaining Street Trees and Surrounding Sidewalks | 82% | 79% | | +3% | |
| Local Measure F | Youth Voting in Local Elections | 59% | 48% | | +11% | |
| Local Measure G | Police Oversight | 89% | 81% | | +8% | |
| Local Measure H | Public Advocate | 57% | 48% | | +9% | |
| Local Measure I | Funding for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities | 72% | 66% | | +6% | |
| Local Measure J | Funding for Homelessness and Transportation | 79% | 67% | | +12% | |
| Local Measure K | General Sales Tax | 46% | 35% | | +11% | |
| Local Measure L | MTA Appointments and Budget | 53% | 45% | | +8% | |
| Local Measure M | Housing and Development Commission | 55% | 44% | | +11% | |
| Local Measure N | Non-Citizen Voting in School Board Elections | 69% | 54% | | +15% | |
| Local Measure O | Office Development in Candlestick Point and Hunters Point | 48% | 52% | | -4% | |
| Local Measure P | Competitive Bidding for Affordable Housing Projects on City-Owned Property | 22% | 33% | | -11% | |
| Local Measure Q | Prohibiting Tents on Public Sidewalks | 38% | 52% | | -14% | |
| Local Measure R | Neighborhood Crime Unit | 32% | 45% | | -13% | |
| Local Measure S | Allocation of Hotel Tax Funds | 73% | 64% | | +9% | |
| Local Measure T | Restricting Gifts and Campaign Contributions from Lobbyists | 90% | 87% | | +3% | |
| Local Measure U | Affordable Housing Requirements for Market-Rate Development Projects | 26% | 35% | | -9% | |
| Local Measure V | Tax on Distributing Sugar-Sweetened Beverages | 74% | 62% | | +12% | |
| Local Measure W | Real Estate Transfer Tax on Properties Over \$5 Million | 73% | 62% | | +11% | |
| Local Measure X | Preserving Space for Neighborhood Arts, Small Businesses and Community Services in Certain Neighborhoods | 68% | 60% | | +8% | |
| District Measure RR | BART Safety, Reliability and Traffic Relief | 89% | 81% | | +8% | |

Chicago's Barbershop Keeps San Franciscans Looking Good for 70 years

Chicago's Barbershop is an institution, having served a diverse clientele since 1944. NOPNA's board member Charles Dupigny sat down with Robert Harlin, the CEO of Chicago's Barbershop, to ask him about the past, present, and future of the business.

What's your name and title?

Robert Harlin, CEO.

How long have you been working for Chicago's Barbershop II?

I've been working here for 20 years.

How did Chicago's Barbershop got its name?

Chicago got its name from a gentleman Mr. Walker, who came from Chicago to San Francisco in 1944. He opened three Chicago's Barbershops in San Francisco, fortunate to be able to carry out the tradition for the last 70 years.

How long has Chicago's Barbershop been in business and what has contributed to its long tenure?

The Chicago's Barbershop has been in business for 70 years. We salute the barber in the past, and teach the young. We're looking forward for years to come at this landmark, with the direction of leadership and diversity of staff.

Could you describe the clientele that come through Chicago's Barbershop?

The most diverse clientele in San Francisco bar none. We service and cater to all ethnic groups.

If a new client is interested what do you prefer, a walk in or appointment?

Appointments is a guaranteed spot.

Chicago's Barber shop... so are you a Giants or Cubs Fan?

Giants!

What would you like to see on Divisadero?

I miss the art walks on Divisadero.

Tell us something interesting that the neighborhood might not know about Chicago's Barbershop?

There is also an upstairs shop with five barbers located alongside on Divisadero. We also have Tuesday and Wednesday specials.

What's in the future for Chicago's Barbershop?

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Charles Dupigny is president of the NOPNA board.



PHOTO: Charles Dupigny

Pedestrian Path and Playground Improvements

Phase 2 of the Panhandle Pedestrian Safety Improvements broke ground in mid-October following extensive planning. As part of this phase, SF Rec and Park is installing new signage and other amenities along the north Multi-Use path, including benches and trash cans. Construction had been initially delayed because placement of some of the amenities did not meet the needs of those with disabilities. However work resumed on December 8th once the additional funding and approvals were secured to be ADA compliant.

For more details on the project — go to: sfrecpark.org/project/panhandle-pedestriansafety-improvement-project/

Preliminary design work has also begun for a new playground, with community design meetings to be held in March. The landscape architect is currently conducting

assessments of the existing conditions, including a tree survey. Attendees to the first community design meeting can expect a visioning session, which will welcome all ideas from neighbors. It will be one of three monthly community open house meetings. Construction is planned to start mid-2018 and last 6 months. The project is part of the San Francisco Parks Alliance's Failing Playground program, which is funded by the 2012 Parks Bond. The Parks Alliance will run the project and funds in partnership with SF Recreation and Parks Department. For more information about future progress and meetings, go to our website at nopna.org.

Dera-Jill Pozner is Vice President of the NOPNA board.

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Holiday Party: Ugly Sweaters and Tasty Baklava

This year's Holiday party was another great success with dozens of neighbors turning out for a night of great food, drinks, ugly sweaters, and good neighborly fun.

Neighbors convened at the always welcoming Jannah, Bagdad by the Bay, to get to know one another, reflect on the election results, and chat about upcoming holiday plans. The conversation was second only to the delicious hummus, baba ghanoush, and baklava.

Supervisor London Breed joined in the festivities, exhorting us all to enjoy the holidays and celebrate the year — adding with a smile, that we could wait until New Years to call her office with complaints. She also presented a Certificate of Honor from the City of San Francisco to the winner of the — surprisingly competitive — Ugliest Sweater Contest!

Jason Cauthen is a San Francisco native and wore an ugly sweater to the holiday party.



PHOTOS: Sherrie Ladegast

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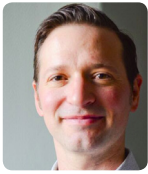
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Meet the Board



Jason Cauthen is a San Francisco native who loves Bay to Breakers. He moved to this neighborhood

in 2011 with his wife and kids. When not working, commuting, or spending time with his family — Jason enjoys brief excursions on his bike.



Jeff Dewey and his wife, Megan, have lived in the neighborhood since 2010. Their five-year-old

daughter is proud to be a NOPA native.



Charles Dupigny is the newly elected President of North Of Panhandle Neighborhood Association.

He has been in neighborhood since 2010, and a NOPNA board member for 4 years. He loves to play soccer and bike, and hopes to keep creating an eclectic, diverse, and connected community.



Leela Gill, a 20+ year resident, enjoys the neighborhood with her two boys and husband. She is active in

NOPNA community safety and event planning.



Tim Hickey and his wife, Leah, have lived in the neighborhood since 2010 and can be seen with their son,

Liam, biking and walking through the area.



Kandace Kaylor is a 13-year resident of the neighborhood and has been on the NOPNA board since 2008. She

has coordinated community networking events and currently assists with events, social media, fundraising and project management.



Mike Leeder is the Treasurer of the NOPNA Board. In addition, Mike is a Co-Founder of Bytes

for Bits, an after school organization teaching grade school kids to code software. Professionally, Mike has spent over a decade with Merrill Lynch and is currently a Senior Vice President.



Dera-Jill Pozner and her husband have lived around the Panhandle since 1999, including 11 years in the North

Panhandle, where she also operates her architecture and design firm.



JJ Strahle is a past NOPNA Board President, serving in that role for three years. He and his wife met

while walking their dogs in the Panhandle. They are now raising their two children and sending them to local public schools. JJ is focused on government-community relations, safety and promoting local businesses.

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IMAGE: mapcustomizer.com

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Bay Area Bike Share Comes to NOPA

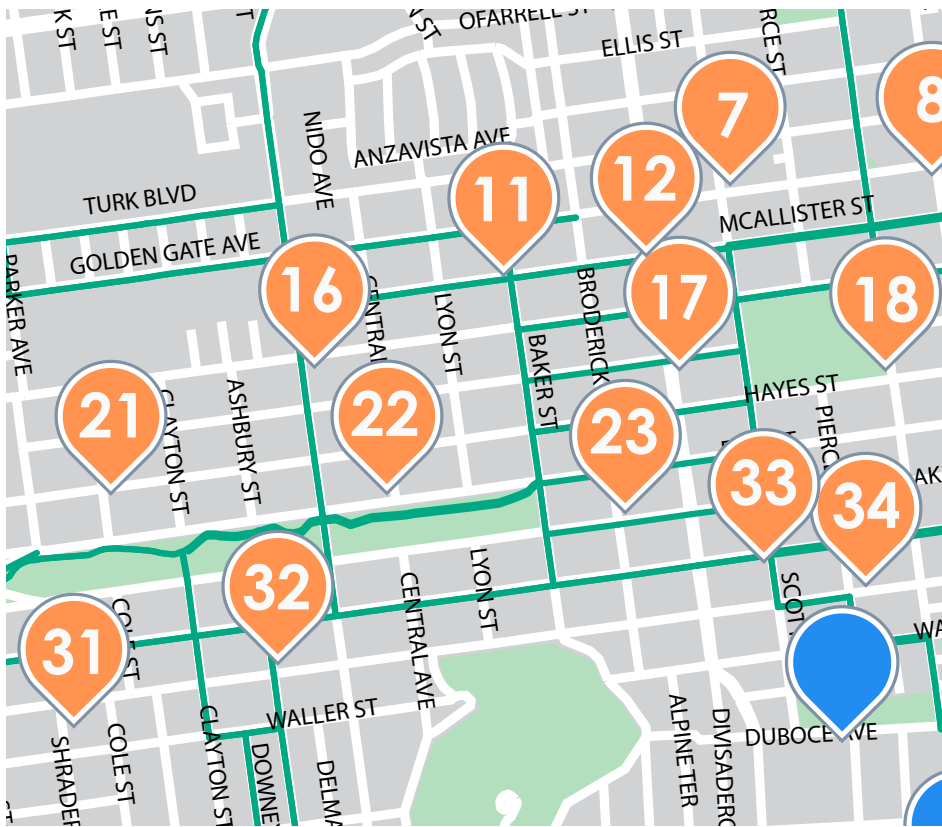


IMAGE: Bay Area Bike Share

Bay Area Bike Share is expanding from 450 to 4500 bikes in San Francisco alone by mid-2018. They will enter for the first time into the East Bay and expand San Jose to 1000 bikes. To determine where the best locations are, they've held workshops (including at our neighborhood meeting) to solicit input and outline the limitations. They have a proposed expansion with the North Panhandle included in Phase 2 targeted for Spring 2017.

Information can be found at bayareabikeshare.com and the proposed locations for the Phase 2 rollout is to the left.

Tim Hickey can be found enjoying a bike rides in NOPA with his family.

35 street trees planted

Neighbors and Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) gathered on Saturday, October 1, to plant 35 street trees in NOPA and the Lone Mountain area. The picture shows the planting of 4 healthy Primrose trees on Golden Gate Avenue near Lyon. 10 year old Lukas, also a Golden Gate Avenue resident, helped in the effort by digging a hole and pounding in the support stakes.

In over 3 decades, FUF has supported planting almost 50,000 trees according to a recent estimate. Numerous FUF plantings have occurred in the last few years within the NOPA area. FUF successfully advocated for Proposition E for the November ballot to support a healthy urban forest.

PHOTO AND STORY: Tim Seufert



Halloween Wrap-Up

One of our favorite times of the year, Halloween, seems like months ago...and it was! But we still want to take the chance to thank all the neighbors who made it possible.

First and foremost, we want to thank our fantastic neighbors on the 1500 and 1600 blocks of Grove Street who went all out again this year — creating haunted gardens, scary garage mazes, baby discos, cowboy corrals, and spectacular stairway décor to make Halloween an amazing and memorable for the young and old alike.

Thank you also to the many volunteers that came out to help with set up, safety monitoring, and clean up: Alex C, Alina K, Charles D, Charles H, Cynthia C & Haila, David B, Dera-Jill P, Erin C, Ethan B, Gregor H, Jana T, Jason Fr, Jeff D, Jon N, Kai D, Kandace K, Kate A, Kimery L, Kristin N, Leela G, Mike L, Noreen V, Sheryl D, and Tim H.

We also want to thank the USF band for keeping things fun and lively; and Ben Youngerman and his Dark Room Photo Booth for bringing his photo truck so families could document the night with pictures of their 2016 Halloween outfits.

And last but not least, we'd like to give a big thank you to our VIP costume contest judges — District 5 Supervisor, London Breed, Assemblyman Phil Ting and SF Conservation Corp Director, Charles Higgins. It was tough this year but they managed to spot the most original, scariest, and cutest costumes out of the many amazing contestants. We want to especially acknowledge and thank Assemblyman Phil Ting for awarding each costume winner with impressive California Legislative Certificates of Honor — a very special prize! Thank you also to Jennifer Rosdail, neighborhood realtor and long-time sponsor of the costume

contest. Jennifer assembled more than 300 prizes — making every young person the contest a winner!

If you'd like to relive the fun — if interested in checking out some of the pictures from the NOPNA annual Halloween Block Party please send a request to info@darkroomtruck.com.

Leela Gill is a member of the NOPNA board.



Neighbors went all out for creating exciting Halloween themes.

PHOTO: Lisa Eastlack

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Traffic Calming: Looking for Neighbor Input



PHOTO: Alisa Scerrato, Hoodline

Is Speeding Creating a Hazard on Your Street?

If there's a street or intersection near you where you think traffic is moving too fast for the neighborhood — you may wonder what options you have — short of demanding police spend their time exclusively enforcing the traffic laws. Traffic calming measures (e.g. speed bumps, pedestrian bulb-outs) are another way to keep speeds consistent with a pedestrian-friendly neighborhood — reducing both speeding and the likelihood of collisions. When the

community expresses a need, the SFMTA can install these on qualifying streets. NOPNA is soliciting input from our neighbors on whether you think these measures may be appropriate for our streets, and if so — where. You can find out more about different traffic calming designs and complete the survey (and provide your thoughts and input) at NOPNA.org.

Tim Hickey is a member of the NOPNA board.

Calendar of Events

Divisadero Farmers Market

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Grove@Divisadero

SFPD Park Station Community Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m.
Park Station, 1899 Waller St.

SFPD Northern Station Community Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 6 p.m.
Thursday, February 9, 6 p.m.
Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.
Northern Station, 1125 Fillmore St.

NOPNA General Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Oasis Cafe, 901 Divisadero St.

Panhandle Park Community Work Day

Saturday, January 14, 9–11 a.m.
Saturday, February 11, 9–11 a.m.
Saturday, March 11, 9–11 a.m.
Meet near the playground
(Masonic and Fell)

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Change is exciting and it's our belief that Compass is building the future of real estate, and we feel more confident than ever in our ability to provide you with exceptional service and help you achieve your goals.

As always, please reach out to us with any real estate inquiries. We're always very grateful for the opportunity to assist with determining your property's value, or discussing any plans on the horizon.

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