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(1) HSN CALENDAR

MAYOR'S BUDGET OFFICE BUDGET BRIEFING

Friday, March 10, 3:00-4:00pm

City Hall, Room 201

The Mayor's Budget Office will be presenting a budget update for community stakeholders on March 10, 2006.

The budget update is an opportunity for the Mayor's Budget Office to communicate key changes in the City's budget outlook, and to address any questions or concerns during the budget process.

BOARD BUDGET HEARING ON CITY SURPLUS

Wednesday, March 15, 5:00pm

City Hall, Board Chambers

The Board's Budget and Finance Committee will hold a hearing on how to spend the City's projected \$137 million surplus.

The Mayor and Supervisors have already introduced supplemental budget requests for over \$213 million. Community advocates want to see an open public process to prioritize use of the funds.

HSN GENERAL MEMBER MEETING

Friday, March 17, 9:30-11:30am

LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 214 Van Ness

We welcome HSN's members, as well as nonprofits that are interested in joining.

Our featured speaker will be Supervisor Chris Daly, Chair of the Board's Budget Committee.

CAN POLICY DAYS

Tuesday & Wednesday, March 21-22

Sacramento Community and Convention Center

This year's California Association of Nonprofits policy conference is titled, "Who's on First: Government, Business or Nonprofits?". CAN will also hold a pre-conference Advocacy Boot Camp on Monday, March 20. For more info and registration, see the [CAN Policy Days website](#).

BOARD HEARING ON CONTRACT REFORM

Monday, March 27, 1:00pm

The Board's Government Audit and Oversight Committee will hold a hearing on the City's progress in implementing the recommendations of the City Nonprofit Contracting Task Force.

The Committee will review an updated workplan and timeline for implementation.

HSN PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 29, 10am

Progress Foundation, 368 Fell Street

This meeting is open to all HSN members that paid dues in 2005 and/or 2006.

Please RSVP to debbilerman@sfhsn.org so we know how many are coming.

(2) HSN MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The website has been updated with [HSN member meeting minutes](#) from December 2005 and January 2006. The December meeting featured a conversation with Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin. Our featured speaker in January was Nani Coloretti, the Mayor's Deputy Policy Director.

(3) HSN MEMBER DUES

So far, 50 organizations have paid about \$30,000 in dues for 2006. We are over halfway to our goal! We thank all of you who have sent in your dues for your ongoing support.

HSN counts on your dues for a third of HSN's annual budget. A large membership demonstrates to City policymakers that we have strength in numbers. Please send your dues in right away, along with a [membership form](#). If you have questions, please call Merrill at 668-0444 x-1.

(4) CITY BUDGET UPDATE

(A) Budget surplus and supplemental requests

Since Ed Harrington's announcement of a projected \$137 million budget surplus in the current fiscal year, the Mayor and the Board have submitted over \$213 million in supplemental budget requests for the funds. (These requests do not address the City's FY 06-07 projected \$35 million deficit.)

The list includes:

- * Mayor Newsom wants to use \$51 million in the Department of Public Health, including \$25m for the San Francisco General Hospital design and Environmental Impact Report; \$9.5m for Laguna Honda furniture and fixtures; \$1.75m for public health clinics; \$9.7m for current year operating costs at SFGH and LHH; \$1.8m to replace the SFGH chiller system; and \$3.7m for the seismic retrofit of the SFGH generator's service building;
- * The Mayor also wants \$15m for violence prevention, including police overtime;

- * Supervisor Peskin wants \$35m for parks;
- * Sup. Ma is requesting \$16.1m to restore arts cuts;
- * Sup. Elsbernd proposes \$27.8m for street repair;
- * Supervisors Ammiano and McGoldrick want \$23m to increase the Minimum Compensation Ordinance wage rate for nonprofits including IHSS workers;
- * Sup. Daly wants \$40m to build affordable family housing; and
- * Sup. Daly also wants \$5m for family rent subsidies and \$700,000 for shelter beds.

Sup. Daly has called for a public hearing at the Budget Committee on Wed., March 15 at 5pm to open up the process and prioritize the list.

(B) Board of Supervisors Budget Schedule

The Board of Supervisors website [budget page](#) has been updated with key hearing dates. In addition to the March 15 hearing on supplementals, the upcoming schedule includes:

March 15, 1pm: Controller's report on Prop H Public Education Enrichment Fund; Hearing on supplemental budget requests; and the Joint Report on the three-year budget projection.

March 22, 1pm: Hearing on the Board's policy priorities for the FY 06-07 budget; and Overview of major departments' policy changes in relation to preliminary budgets (general services, human services, and public health).

(C) Department Budgets

We are gathering information on department budget cuts to nonprofit service providers. As previously reported, DPH did not cut nonprofit services in its baseline budget, and has not yet released a contingency budget.

The Department of Human Services contingency budget cuts \$265,670 due to the planned closing of the St. Boniface Shelter; homeless advocates want the funds restored and the shelter moved to a new location.

The Department of Aging and Adult Services made baseline cuts of about \$300,000. The DAAS Commission rejected the proposed \$700,000 in contingency cuts, and sent the budget to the Mayor with no recommendation.

We hope to have more detailed information on health and human service budget cuts soon. If you are aware of specific cuts, please contact [Debbi](#).

(D) Cost-of-doing-business (CODB) increases

Last year, Mayor Newsom's budget included an unprecedented 2% across-the-board increase for nonprofit general fund contracts. The Mayor promised HSN members that he continue to provide a CODB increase for contractors to pay for the rising costs of rent, health insurance, workers comp and other operational expenses. In his budget instructions, the Mayor asked departments to consider cost pressures affecting community-based partners.

DPH responded by surveying nonprofit contractors to ascertain their actual unavoidable cost increases, which averaged 6%. The department has set aside \$4.8m, and will negotiate increases with each contractor.

DHS and DAAS have not set aside funds for CODB, and unlike DPH, were not allowed to retain their budget surpluses for the FY 06-07 budget. The DHS Commission instructed the department to send the Mayor a letter requesting funds, along with their budget submission.

Because some departments have not set aside funds for nonprofit increases, HSN believes the Mayor should again institute a Citywide CODB increase.

(5) 2006 COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS SURVEY

Each year, the Center for Nonprofit Management produces a nonprofit compensation and benefits survey. The survey is a comprehensive report of current salaries and benefits paid to nonprofit personnel. The survey includes compensation data for each of 170 job titles, categorized by agency budget size, field of service, location and managerial responsibility; specific data about incentive and bonus pay; and a comparative analysis of nonprofit benefit packages including insurance, retirement plans, and paid time off.

Many of our members use this report as a guide when setting appropriate salaries for their employees. Participated that completed the survey will receive a 70% discount on the purchase price.

Once again, HSN agreed to act as a co-sponsor of the survey. This means that HSN members can save an additional \$15 if you purchase the report. To take advantage of this offer, download the [order form](#) and use the following order code in the sponsor discount section: **CBS06-SFHSN**.

(6) OTHER NEWS

(A) Community Living Trust Fund Bake Sale

Advocates for the Community Living Trust Fund send their thanks to everybody that turned out for their Bake Sale and Rally on February 22. More than 90 people baked, ate, sang and advocated for the need to expand services so that people have a REAL choice about where they live and age. Groups went to visit all the Supervisors, the Mayor and the Controller. See the [SF Sentinel's coverage](#) of the event.

This is just the beginning of the campaign to raise awareness of the need for a stronger community alternative to nursing homes. They will soon present the funds raised at the Bake Sale (over \$400!) to the Budget Committee. This will be a great opportunity to highlight the inequities of the city's funding of institutional vs. community services.

(B) New Center Helps Blacks Access AIDS Services

A network of public health and human services institutions and community-based agencies have joined forces in a unique collaboration aimed at stemming the tide of HIV/AIDS infections and offering health services to those infected by the disease in San Francisco's Black community. These agencies include Westside Community Services, Black Coalition on AIDS, Bay View Hunters Point Foundation for Community Improvement, Southeast Community Health Center, Maxine Hall Health Center, Positive Health Practices at UCSF, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

The Southeast Partnership for Health officially opened its doors at 1676 Newcomb St. on February 7, which was also National Black HIV Awareness Day. Locally and nationally, Blacks are disproportionately infected by the disease compared to whites.

Through the Partnership, HIV infected patients and affected families will have access to primary care, substance abuse services, mental health counselors, health case managers, and an array of prevention and health support services. The toll-free number for information and access to services is: (800) 311-5051.

(C) Community Forums on St. Luke's/CPMC Merger

St. Luke's will hold two public forums on its upcoming merger with CPMC. Staff from both hospitals will be present to speak about their plans for services. This is an opportunity for service providers, clients and family members to understand the issues at stake.

Forums will take place on:

Tuesday, March 14, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center
515 Cortland Ave. (x-Andover) (MUNI #24)

Tuesday, March 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Mission Language and Vocational School
2929 - 19th St. (x-Florida) (MUNI #27 Bryant)

Both locations are wheelchair-accessible. Spanish translation will be available. Please RSVP by calling (800) 332-2249.

(D) California Budget Project Conference

The California Budget Project will hold its fifth annual conference, *"2006 and Beyond: What's Next for California?"* The conference will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center on Thursday, March 16 from 8am to 5pm. This one-day event will explore the key challenges facing the state in 2006 and in the future. [Sign up](#) by Wednesday, March 8 and receive the standard registration rate of \$100.00.

(E) Disability Rights Advocates Fund Grants

The Disability Rights Advocates Fund (DRA Fund) was established in 1995 by the non-profit law center Disability Rights Advocates to support projects that advance the rights and fill unmet needs of people with disabilities. The DRA Fund is comprised of the proceeds from legal actions taken by Disability Rights Advocates to enforce the Americans with Disabilities

Act of 1990 and other federal and state civil rights laws. The Fund is administered by the San Francisco Foundation.

The Fund is pleased to announce the availability of emergency grants. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to organizations to assist mobilizing people with disabilities to act upon time-sensitive and urgent matters affecting the disability community.

The [S.F. Foundation's website](#) has information on eligibility and application. Requests are accepted at any time, but are subject to funding availability.

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