



**November 2nd
Endorsements**

Central City Democrats

District 6 Chartered Democratic Club

State & Federal Races

U.S. Senate: Barbara Boxer
Governor: Jerry Brown
Lt. Governor: Gavin Newsom
Attorney General: Kamala Harris
Board of Equalization District 1: Betty Yee
State Assembly District 13: Tom Ammiano
Judicial Seat 15: Michael Nava
Secretary of State: Debra Bowen
Controller: John Chiang
Treasurer: Bill Lockyer
Insurance Commissioner: Dave Jones
Superintendent of Public Instruction: Tom Torlakson
Congress District 8: Nancy Pelosi

City Election

Board of Supervisors

District 6 (Ranked choice recommendations)

1. James Keys
2. Glendon Hyde "Anna Conda"
3. Debra Walker

Board of Education

Kim-Shree Maufas
Hydra Mendoza
Emily Murase

Community College Board

Anita Grier
John Rizzo
Lawrence Wong

Assessor-Recorder: Phil Ting

Public Defender: Jeff Adachi

San Francisco Ballot Initiatives:

Proposition AA – Yes
Proposition A – Yes
Proposition B – Yes
Proposition C – Yes
Proposition D – Yes
Proposition E – Yes
Proposition F – No
Proposition G – Yes
Proposition H – No
Proposition I – Yes
Proposition J – Yes
Proposition K – No
Proposition L – No
Proposition M – Yes
Proposition N – Yes

State Ballot Initiatives:

Proposition 19 – Yes
Proposition 20 – No
Proposition 21 – Yes
Proposition 22 – Yes
Proposition 23 – No
Proposition 24 – Yes
Proposition 25 – Yes
Proposition 26 – No
Proposition 27 – Yes

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City College Update

By Dr. Anita Grier

Wherever I speak about City College, the well-publicized misuse of public funds in 2005-6 dominates the conversation; people want to know what went on behind the scenes and how such abuses escaped notice of the Board of Trustees.

• How could \$10,000 for rent on a college parking lot be diverted to a political campaign—even a campaign for City College improvements?

• How could \$28,670 raised by PepsiCo for beverage sales on campus be diverted to the Foundation of City College, a politically active organization?

• How could public funds, \$7,000 from the non-profit College Bookstore Auxiliary and \$3,000 from a campus coffee shop, end up as political donations?

• Are there other misuses that have yet to be discovered?

I can't comment on specific charges until the case is settled, but I believe the oversight role of the Board of Trustees needs to be enhanced in order to prevent future questionable expenditures. I don't believe that any of the current members of the Board had any knowledge of the funds in question, but we are obliged to ask why we were left in the dark about these transactions.

I believe we need to adopt San Francisco's Sunshine laws to make our records more easily available to the public, the press, and the Trustees. Four years ago I drafted and proposed that similar laws be adopted by the Trustees that would mirror San Francisco's improved access to records but the administration at City College has been dragging its feet on implementation, presumably to keep its records out of the public eye.

The current standard for open records at City College is the California Public Records Act, which provides minimal access. It is used statewide. It has gaping holes so large that bureaucrats can simply ignore requests, refusing to release documents just because they allege it is not "in the public interest" to release them. In effect, this gives every employee veto power over disclosure of records and has been one of the most misused sections of the CPRA.

San Francisco voters approved Sunshine (Prop G) in 1999, allowing much stronger public access to records. The Board of Trustees approved similar changes four years ago, and recommended that the various departments and organizations within the institution review their procedures and evaluate the specific changes set forth by the Trustees.

What's happened since? We know very little. We do know that at one point our attorney advised that the documents were "lost."

Last month I reintroduced the Sunshine measure and at the next meeting of the Trustees it will be considered. At a preliminary hearing, there were no dissenting comments from my colleagues, i.e., we appear close to agreement.

Sunshine will ban the "public interest" withholding maneuver, and include a 24-hour Immediate Disclosure requirement. We still need to be vigilant, of course, but with this better access, City College of San Francisco will take the lead towards open government among community colleges in California.

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