



Excelsior News

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For people who live in the Excelsior neighborhood

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Meet the candidates on October 19

You're invited to attend a candidate's night co-sponsored by Neighbors of the Excelsior (NOTE) and the New Mission Terrace Association. The event will take place Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ingleside Police Station.

You'll hear candidates for the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, the Community College Board, and representatives for ballot issues explain why they deserve your vote.

The joint sponsorship is a new departure for NOTE. Increasingly, we are looking for ways to reach out to other neighborhood organizations and combine efforts on common programs, issues and problems.

For you, it means an opportunity to actually meet the people who have ideas about what needs to be done in the city.

Please plan to attend.

NOTE's McLaren Park cleanup a rousing success

About 50 volunteers helped make NOTE's McLaren Park cleanup on October 3 a rousing success. Beautiful fall weather accompanied the effort as volunteers fanned out along a mile-long stretch of Mansell Avenue to collect accumulated debris.

During a five-hour period beginning at 10:00 a.m., they managed to fill three large dumpsters with discarded household trash, waste lumber, auto parts and other debris. Hazardous waste, including used engine oil, paint and solvents, was collected separately and picked up by the Recreation and Parks Department.

Volunteers included a group of girl scouts and residents from other parts of the city

who had spotted our announcements in the *Independent* and in other neighborhood newsletters. Members of the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation and Parks Commission were advised of the cleanup.

NOTE paid \$300, a discount rate, to have the dumpsters left Saturday morning and picked up Monday. NOTE has applied for a grant from a city beautification fund to cover the cost. The Recreation and Parks Department provided rakes, "trash grabbers" and plastic bags.

NOTE has asked the Recreation and Parks Department to follow up with efforts to keep the park clean. Still, we anticipate that additional cleanup efforts could be scheduled in the future and welcome individual efforts to keep the area clean.

For additional information, please call Bill Martin at 587-5730.

It's a Party!!!

Plan to join us for our annual holiday party on Wednesday, December 16. We'll advise you of the location once it's been determined.

NOTE is active on your behalf

Neighbors of the Excelsior (NOTE) has been active this year on your behalf.

Propositions K and L

We wrote a ballot argument opposing Proposition K and lent our name to an argument supporting Proposition L.

Proposition K has the hallmarks of a narrowly-based attempt to circumvent the normal city planning and permit approval process. You'll find our argument on page 142 of the San Francisco Voter Information Pamphlet.

A dozen other associations and organizations, including the San Francisco League of Neighborhoods, are also opposing Proposition K.

The development opposed by Proposition L could mean an end to the popular Farmer's Market on Alemany Blvd. The statement we signed supporting Proposition L

appears on page 149 of the Voter Information Pamphlet.

Police Chief Appointment

We urged the appointment of Diarmuid Philpott as Chief of Police. In a letter to Mayor Jordan, we stressed the importance of having a police chief who understands the needs of neighborhoods and our belief that Captain Philpott is an ideal candidate.

Illegal In-law Apartments

NOTE urged that a plan to legalize illegal in-law housing units be rejected. In a letter to each member of the Board of Supervisors, we said there was little to gain from legalizing the units and that doing so would be unfair to those of us who have "played by the rules" in obtaining proper permits when modifying our property. We received a particularly favorable response from Supervisor Annemarie Conroy, who said she strongly supported our position.

Membership Resignation

We resigned our membership in the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

Although we strongly support the concept of neighborhood coalitions, we have not been satisfied with the direction of the Coalition.

We were particularly concerned when the Coalition voted, under a series of steps we consider highly questionable, to sue the San Francisco Board of Supervisors over its decision to indemnify the partnership that is attempting to buy the San Francisco Giants. We believe our members strongly support efforts to keep the Giants in San Francisco, and that the risk to the city of indemnifying the investors is minimal.

1993 NOTE activities

The NOTE Board of Directors is exploring programs and plans for 1993. Please tell us what you see as the neighborhood's greatest needs and where you think we can be most effective.

Write to NOTE at the address below or call NOTE Chairman John Hayes at 334-6238.

NOTE Membership Form

Annual membership is \$10 a person. Mail this form along with your check made out to Neighbors of the Excelsior (no cash please) to: NOTE, P.O. Box 12236, San Francisco, California 94112. If you have questions, please call 334-6238.

Join! Renew! Participate!

☐ Regular membership ☐ Associate membership (non-voting if you live outside the area)

Name

Address

Telephone: day evening

My areas of concern are:

- ☐ Building
- ☐ Traffic and parking
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Sidewalk trees
- ☐ Litter and Graffiti

Other