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Mayor's Newsletter

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Try to imagine a San Francisco without branch libraries—a City in which few of our parks were open—a San Francisco in which police and fire protection were cut back, schools were closed, health services shut down, and neighborhood centers eliminated.

That sounds like a frightening kind of City. But all of these developments are very probable if the Jarvis-Gann initiative—Proposition 13—is approved by the voters this June.

All of us want to cut property taxes in this City, and in communities throughout this State. There's no question that we need to cut governmental spending, so that citizens will not be heavily burdened by property taxation.

But in the guise of tax reform, the Jarvis-Gann measure would cripple important government services beyond recognition. By eliminating funds needed for police protection, health services, schools and other programs, it would prevent us from delivering services which San Franciscans have a right to expect.

Contrary to what you may have heard, there is an alternative to Proposition 13 on the June ballot. By approving Proposition 8, we would guarantee an immediate 30% reduction in local property taxes. And this important reduction would not cut into the heart of important local services.

I strongly believe Proposition 8 deserves our support this June. San Francisco can't exist as a City without crucial services for our citizens, and yet that is exactly what Proposition 13 holds out for us if it passes on the state ballot.

I hope you will join with me and thousands of other San Franciscans in voting NO on Proposition 13 this June.

Important Public Meetings

April 27, 1:30 pm, Rm. 228 City Planning Commission. Design plans for Saks Fifth Avenue store and four condominium projects.

April 27 and 29, Board Chambers, City Hall at 7:30—Mayor's Office of Community Development hearings on 1979 Community Development Program.

May 4, Planning Commission Proposed Elsie Street/Bernal Heights Plan.

May 18—Presidio Master Plan.
slightly inconvenienced, I ask that you bear with us as we move toward completion of this important project. The following areas of San Francisco will be under sewer construction: Portions of Marina Boulevard will be limited to one lane beginning the end of April; the Embarcadero from Kearny to Filbert and the Embarcadero from Harrison to Townsend will be limited to three lanes. Traffic will also be limited in the vicinity of the SE treatment plant near Evans and Jerrold to allow for the re-location of underground utilities.

Affirmative Action Plan Update

About six weeks ago, there were reports that the City was still behind in complying with affirmative action requirements. Obviously one of my many goals as Mayor is to strengthen the City's affirmative action record. During the past two years of my administration, affirmative action plans have been completed by the Department of City Planning and the Muni Railway. In early May, the Civil Service Commission will take testimony on the affirmative action plan prepared by Civil Service staff and a Citizens Affirmative Action Committee.

I pledge that I will continue to work towards employment opportunities for all San Francisco citizens.

If you have any questions about the status of affirmative action programs in city government call 558-4725.

Town Hall Meetings Continued

Since the beginning of this year, I have held four successful Town Hall meetings on issues such as housing, crime, the needs of seniors and transportation. The citizens attending these meetings from all over San Francisco have helped me formulate City policies, and correct problems which are brought to our attention.

Two upcoming Town Hall meetings will deal with Jobs and Economic Development on May 18, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Benjamin Franklin School, at 1430 Scott St., and Social Services, on June 29, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, at Mission High School, 3750-18th St.

Please attend - your participation is highly important.

Giants

Baseball season is here again, and our Giants are off to their best start in years.

If the opening games are any indication, our team can hold its own against all comers this year. The likes of McCovey, Montefusco, Vida Blue, Bill Madlock and others guarantee that Candlestick Park will be jumping with excitement from now until the last days of the pennant race in September.

So come out to the ball park and cheer our Giants on to victory.

New PUC-Transportation Commissions

Recently I announced plans for new Public Utilities and Transportation Commissions in San Francisco.

I did this to provide important city services more efficiently, and to save the taxpayers of San Francisco a great deal of money at the same time.

I intend to make sure all Public Utilities Commission responsible for all City utilities dealing with water programs. This newly-organized commission would include our water department, Hetch-Hetchy, solid and liquid waste disposal, and the wastewater management program.

This makes sense from a management standpoint, since it would bring all these related services under the same roof for the first time.

I have proposed that our new Transportation commission have responsibility for the MUNI, as well as traffic engineering and planning, and the licensing of taxis, jitneys and sightseeing busses. Again, this would bring all related transportation services under the same roof--and will promote greater efficiency in the process.

These two new proposals will result in greater savings to the taxpayers of San Francisco, and enable us to deliver better services to the people of our City.