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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: *Proposed Safe Street and Road Repair  
General Obligation Bonds*

Dear Supervisors:

This morning the Budget and Finance Committee will consider a resolution calling for the issuance of \$388 million in bonds for safe streets and road repair. In reviewing the language in the proposed resolution, however, we find that a tremendous workforce development opportunity may be on the verge of slipping by.

There is widespread support for local hiring and community-based opportunities among advocates and members of San Francisco's ready, willing, and able workforce that we feel should be harnessed and applied to the street repair work contemplated in today's resolution. In May of this year, Supervisors approved a mandate that at least 30% of the workforce on the Sunset Reservoir solar project shall be drawn from San Francisco's most disadvantaged communities.

Last week, Trustees at San Francisco City College passed a resolution inspired by the Supervisors' action on Sunset Reservoir that establishes a goal of hiring a workforce of at least 40% San Franciscans to perform work on three City College construction projects, with an emphasis on employing residents of the city's most disadvantaged zip codes.

We propose an amendment to today's resolution that requires work to be performed under the \$388 million street repair bonds to be made up of a workforce with a mandatory minimum of 35% San Francisco residents and a goal of 50% San Franciscans. We also ask that Supervisors create language that emphasizes creating these employment opportunities in the City's most disadvantaged communities, such as Bayview-Hunters Point, the Mission, Chinatown, South of Market, Visitacion Valley, the Tenderloin, the Excelsior, and the Western Addition.

A local hiring provision that guarantees work for San Francisco residents will greatly increase support for these proposed bonds among the city electorate, and we ask the Board to continue its commitment to workforce opportunities for all San Franciscans.

Very truly yours,



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CC: Mayor Gavin Newsom  
Rhonda Simmons, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
Guillermo Rodriguez, CityBuild  
Community Stakeholders