

PAYCHECKS & PINK SLIPS Scorecard



2011 Year-End Report

Economic recovery depends on jobs and good government. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce rates the performance of the Board of Supervisors in growing the economy, creating jobs and improving government efficiency. This report includes the votes of all Supervisors on key legislative actions impacting job creation and government efficiency from January – December, 2011. This voting record is intended to highlight those supervisors whose actions are helping to create paychecks and those who are triggering pink slips in San Francisco.

	Chamber Position	Scott Wiener District 8	David Chiu District 3	Carmen Chu District 4	Sean Elsbernd District 7	Malia Cohen District 10	Mark Farrell District 2	David Campos District 9	Eric Mar District 1	Jane Kim District 6	Ross Mirkarimi District 5	John Avalos District 11
1. Redevelopment of Treasure Island	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Approval of Parkmerced	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
3. Mid-Market Jobs Incentive	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	✓	✓	Jobs	Jobs
4. Tax Exclusion for Stock Based Options*	Support	✓	✓	Jobs	Jobs	✓	Jobs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5. Ban on Yellow Pages*	Oppose	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	✓	Jobs	Jobs	—	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
6. Lift of Ban on Upper Fillmore Neighborhood Restaurants	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
7. "LEED" Certification for Commercial Buildings	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Restrictions on Restaurant Waste	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9. Health Care Security Ordinance Amendment	Oppose	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	✓	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
10. Compromise Health Care Security Ordinance Amendment	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
11. Proposition C (Pension and Health Benefit Reform)	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12. Proposition B (Street Repair Bond)	Support	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	✓	Jobs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Approval of Executive Park	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. Live Performance Permits	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15. Film Rebate Expansion	Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16. AT&T Network Upgrade	Support	✓	Jobs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
17. Cell Phone Disclosure Requirements	Oppose	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs	Jobs
Votes for Jobs and Government Efficiency		15	14	14	14	14	13	11	11	11	10	9
Votes Against Jobs and Government Efficiency		2	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	6	7	7
2011 Year-End Ranking		88%	82%	82%	82%	82%	76%	69%	65%	65%	59%	56%
<i>2010 Ranking</i>		<i>n/a</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>Ranking Change</i>		<i>n/a</i>	<i>+22</i>	<i>-13</i>	<i>-18</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>+27</i>	<i>+25</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>+19</i>	<i>+21</i>

KEY TO USING THIS SCORECARD

- ✓ Means the Supervisor voted to **support** jobs and government efficiency
- Jobs Means the Supervisor voted **against** jobs and government efficiency
- Means the Supervisor was **excused** from the vote
- ⊘ Means the Supervisor was **absent** from the vote
- n/a Means the Supervisor had not yet been elected to vote on the issue

The last five columns are a tabulation of votes in support and against jobs and government efficiency, the overall percentage a Supervisor voted for jobs and government efficiency, the ranking from the previous scorecard and the change in the overall ranking.

**Supervisors voting against the measure favored a broader exemption proposed by Supervisor Mark Farrell.*

OVERALL BOARD RANKING: **82%** / 2011 YEAR END GRADE: **B-**

2010 Overall Board Ranking: **60%** / 2010 YEAR END GRADE: **D-**

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1. Redevelopment of Treasure Island

Sponsor: Mayor Ed Lee

Chamber Position: Support

Resolution to approve the \$1.5 billion project to transform Treasure Island into a vibrant and sustainable community including 8,000 new units of housing, 450,000 square feet of retail space, and 300 acres of park and open space – all centered around public transit. The project will create 2,000 new construction jobs annually and over 2,500 new permanent jobs from island businesses, recreational and commercial uses.

2. Approval of Parkmerced

Sponsor: Appeal of Planning Commission approval

Chamber Position: Support

Certifying of the city's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Parkmerced – a \$7 billion project to transform the 1940s-era Parkmerced development into a vibrant community with 8,900 living spaces and new transit, retail, office space and parks. The project will create 35,000 construction jobs and significant revenue for the city's General Fund.

3. Mid-Market Jobs Incentive

Sponsors: Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisors Jane Kim, David Chiu, Mark Farrell, Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener and Carmen Chu

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance providing a six-year payroll tax exemption for new hires at companies located in or relocating to the Market Street area between Sixth and 10th Streets and in targeted areas of the Tenderloin. The Ordinance is already helping to attract businesses to the long-blighted area including Twitter, Black Rock LLC and others.

4. Tax Exclusion for Stock Based Options

Sponsor: Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi

Chamber Position: Support

Legislation providing a six-year payroll tax exclusion and \$750,000 tax cap on employee stock options for private startup companies. While the Chamber supports the legislation, it prefers an alternative proposed by Supervisor Mark Farrell which would permanently exempt stock options from the payroll tax. Supervisors voting against the measure also favored a broader exemption.

5. Ban on Yellow Pages

Sponsors: Supervisors David Chiu, Ross Mirkarimi, Scott Wiener, Malia Cohen and Eric Mar

Chamber Position: Oppose

Ordinance banning the unsolicited distribution of the Yellow Pages in San Francisco. The legislation requires directory publishers to get permission before delivering a yellow pages directory to city residents. The ban will harm local small businesses, isolate low-income and ethnic communities and eliminate hundreds of local jobs. In addition, the city is already facing a law suit from the Local Search Association based on the legislations infringement of First Amendment rights.

6. Lift of Ban on Upper Fillmore Neighborhood Restaurants

Sponsor: Supervisor Mark Farrell

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance lifting the 20-year ban on new restaurants in the Upper Fillmore, allowing locally owned restaurants and bars to operate on the first floors as a conditional use. The new regulations, based on similar legislation used in Noe Valley, are expected to fill 10 vacant storefronts in the district.

7. "LEED" Certification for Commercial Buildings

Sponsors: Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisors David Chiu, Scott Wiener and Eric Mar

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance requiring commercial building owners to conduct energy efficiency audits and file annual reports about building efficiency. The legislation will improve energy efficiency in existing buildings, lower energy costs and create green jobs.

8. Restrictions on Restaurant Waste

Sponsor: Supervisor Eric Mar

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance restricting, limiting and regulating the types, amounts and methods of disposing fats, oils and grease directly from restaurants into city sewers. The city spends over \$3.5 million each year to respond to grease clogged pipes.

9. Health Care Security Ordinance Amendment

Sponsors: Supervisors David Campos, Malia Cohen, Eric Mar, John Avalos, Jane Kim and Ross Mirkarimi

Chamber Position: Oppose

Amendment to the Health Care Security Ordinance (HCSO) that would have effectively eliminated the use of Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRAs), where unspent money reverts back to the employer, as a way to comply with the city's health care mandate. The harmful amendment would have delivered a \$50 million hit to local businesses and put jobs and economic recovery at risk. This amendment was passed by the Board of Supervisors but vetoed by Mayor Ed Lee.

10. Compromise Health Care Security Ordinance Amendment

Sponsors: Supervisors David Chiu and Malia Cohen

Chamber Position: Support

Compromise legislation changing the way businesses can use Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRAs) to comply with the city's health care mandate. The legislation requires employers to notify workers about their health benefits, make HRA contributions available for reimbursement for two years, and allow employee access to the funds 90 days following the separation of employment. Unlike the Chamber-opposed legislation vetoed by Mayor Lee, this amendment expands access to health care without putting jobs and economic recovery at risk.

11. Proposition C (Pension and Health Benefit Reform)

Sponsors: Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisors Sean Elsbernd, John Avalos, David Chiu, Carmen Chu, Malia Cohen, Mark Farrell, Scott Wiener and David Campos

Chamber Position: Support

Charter amendment reforming the city's pension and health benefit systems by capping benefits, raising the retirement age and increasing employee contributions based on a sliding wage schedule. The voter-approved measure is expected to save the city \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

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12. Proposition B (Street Repair Bond)

Sponsors: Mayor Ed Lee and Supervisors David Chiu, Scott Weiner, David Campos, Malia Cohen, Jane Kim, Eric Mar and Ross Mirkarimi

Chamber Position: Support

General Obligation bond measure allowing the city to catch-up on needed street repaving, pedestrian and bike improvements and sidewalk repairs without raising property tax rates. The voter-approved measure is the first step in developing a long-term capital program for street and sidewalk maintenance.

13. Approval of Executive Park

Sponsor: Supervisor Malia Cohen

Chamber Position: Support

General plan amendment allowing the redevelopment of Executive Park into a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use neighborhood including new housing units and an adjacent town center with retail shops and a grocery store. The project will create a new southern gateway adjacent to the nearby Hunters Point Shipyard redevelopment.

14. Live Performance Permits

Sponsors: Supervisors Ross Mirkarimi, Scott Wiener, Eric Mar and David Campos

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance amending the city's Police, Planning, Business and Tax Regulation codes to allow for a new class of permits allowing hundreds of cafes, restaurants, bars and other small businesses to have a modest amount of live performances, such as a guitar player, small band or singer. Allowing neighborhood businesses to host live performances helps boost local, small businesses while supporting the city's performing artists.

15. Film Rebate Expansion

Sponsor: Supervisor Mark Farrell

Chamber Position: Support

Ordinance extending the city's film rebate program to include documentary films, docudrama films, and "reality" TV shows. The city's film rebate program decreases the cost of filming fees for eligible small-budget productions (\$500,000 or less) and is helping to attract film and television production to San Francisco.

16. AT&T Network Upgrade

Sponsor: Appeal of Planning Commission approval

Chamber Position: Support

Motion confirming CEQA exemption for AT&T to install new utility boxes bringing digital television and high-speed Internet services to city residents. By affirming the Planning Department's decision, the city will ensure a competitive marketplace and help maintain its status as a technology leader.

17. Cell Phone Disclosure Requirements

Sponsors: Supervisors John Avalos and Eric Mar

Chamber Position: Oppose

A first-of-its-kind ordinance requiring local retailers to present customers with radiation absorption rates for all phones sold in the city despite the fact that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) considers any phone approved by the FCC safe. The ordinance places a new burden on local retailers and its implementation has since been delayed as the legislation is challenged in court.