

The Voters Passed Proposition B

(SFT opposed the bond, as did SPEAK)

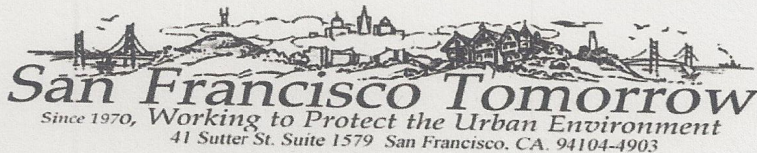
Now that the voters have passed Proposition B, Park Advocates from over 20 organizations, along with Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) and the 93,735 citizens that supported a "NO" vote on Proposition B, are even more deeply committed to providing a voice for San Francisco's citizens. We, too, love our parks.

Although the "Yes on B" proponents raised over \$985,000 promoting the 2012 Parks Bond, it passed with a scant 1% lead when compared to the 2008 Parks Bond. The "NO on B" campaign, however, had a war chest of about \$9,000. This works out to about \$.10 a vote for "No on B" compared to over \$4.00 per vote by the "Yes on B" campaign.

CSFN and the other groups went into this election to create a debate that the *real* need in our parks is for increased general funding for **maintenance and operations**--not capital bonds to build new structures without the maintenance funds to keep them up. San Francisco can show leadership by funding good public policy that supports and rewards the SF Recreation and Parks Department when it focuses on our parks *primarily as a public service, not as a private enterprise* generating revenue at the expense of its public service. Going forward, San Francisco must build a political infrastructure of deeply committed citizens to encourage the SF Recreation and Parks Department to redirect its management policies back to its core mission of stewarding resources and providing the broadest access to our parks.

It's just the beginning for us. We are working hard with the many other San Franciscans who are the real voice of the residents, and who want to restore access to our parks and stewardship of our precious investment as the public service it should be. *(Thanks to Katherine Howard, SPEAK)*

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