



## Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association

DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND ENHANCING OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

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### Additional Local Property Tax Not the Answer to Mission Dolores' Problems

The Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association, along with other community members, are sympathetic to residents' desire to improve our neighborhood. However, after years of study, including close evaluation of San Francisco's only existing Green Benefit District, **we are strongly opposed to GBD creation in Mission Dolores.**

Among our reasons:

- The City and County of San Francisco has among the nation's highest municipal budget, more than \$10 billion, greater than many individual countries. CCSF spends \$3.7 billion on Public Works, Transportation and Commerce activities alone every year. **More money to support efforts that are already the Department of Public Works' responsibility isn't the solution to nurturing cleaner neighborhoods;** better focus and effectiveness is.
- Mission Dolores is a center of tourism, drawing thousands of non-community members to its park, churches, and restaurants. **It'd be unfair to saddle local property owners with excess costs caused by regional impacts.**
- **A GBD could add hundreds of dollars a year to annual property taxes, an additional burden those on fixed incomes are ill-equipped to pay in an already expensive City.**
- **A significant chunk of GBD revenues would be dedicated to administration and overhead for the new organization, adding another bureaucratic layer to a less than responsive City.**

- GBD supporters, backed by DPW funds, have tried, and failed, to convince other neighborhoods to adopt the concept. Only one, Dogpatch, which suffers from an extreme absence of open space and public amenities brought on by an industrial past, has endorsed the idea. Buena Vista and the Inner Sunset carefully considered the scheme and rejected it as burdensome and ineffective.

GBD supporters are as well-intentioned as those of us who oppose the concept. But they're being funded with tens of thousands of our tax dollars; the City is sponsoring a campaign targeted at a defined group of property owners – us – to pay for a job we're already paying for.



For details on MDNA's opposition: <https://missiondna.org/no-mission-dolores-gbd/> and [NoGBDtax.org](https://www.nogbdtax.org)

Google **Mission Dolores GBD Opposition** to get the same results.

For more information about the GBD concept:

<https://www.potreroview.net/other-neighborhoods-less-enthusiastic-about-adopting-green-benefit-district-model/>.

To join our efforts to defeat this new tax, please become a MDNA member,  
<https://missiondna.org/contact/>

And let District 8 **Supervisor Rafael Mandelman** know that **you oppose spending taxpayer money supporting this new tax**: 415-554-6968.