

Housing and Relocation Resources For New and Prospective Students

Welcome to CIIS! We are thrilled to welcome you to the San Francisco Bay Area and to our unique educational community. What follows is a general overview of Housing and Relocation resources that we hope will help you with your transition to the Bay Area.

You will find useful tips, housing related internet sites, short-term housing options, including an introduction to our Guest Hosting List. Also included are descriptions of all of the San Francisco neighborhoods to help you make the best decision for your needs and lifestyle.

Additional helpful information to assist you in learning about your new home includes general information on things such as San Francisco transportation, important phone numbers, local government information, hospitals, interesting statistics, and annual festivals. We hope this will serve you in joining us in the Bay Area!

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1. TIPS TO GET STARTED

Climate: San Francisco enjoys a temperate climate and mild weather year-round. Temperatures usually range between 40 F (5 C) and 70 F (21 C). Morning and evening fog rolls in during the summer months, so lightweight summer clothes are seldom practical in San Francisco. The warmest months of the year are in the fall, and the coolest are in the winter. The weather can vary from one neighborhood to another.

Neighborhoods: San Francisco offers a variety of unique neighborhoods. It is recommended that you explore the City and identify several neighborhoods that you think would fit your needs. At the end of this document is a description of each neighborhood, as well as a map. Watch for signs on doors, windows and in neighborhood gathering spots (cafes, shops, bookstores, laundromats, etc.) that often have community bulletin boards available.

Rents: San Francisco is experiencing a very low housing vacancy rate and rents are some of the highest in the nation. Depending on the neighborhood you will find rents starting at approximately \$800 for a studio and \$1,100 for a one-bedroom. Expect to pay higher rents for the more desirable neighborhoods.

Deposits: New tenants are expected to pay the equivalent of first and last month's rent plus a security deposit payable at move-in. As an example, if your rent is \$900 per month, expect to write a check for \$1800-\$2700.

Parking: Parking in San Francisco neighborhoods is often restricted and requires a residential permit. Community parking permits are available at the San Francisco Residential Parking Permit Office, 370 Grove Street, and telephone (415) 554-9910.

2. SHORT TERM HOUSING

➤ Hotels

Air Travel Hotel - 655 Ellis Street, (415) 771-3000

Best Western Civic Center – 364 Ninth St. (415) 621-2826 (800) 444-5829

Days Inn – 465 Grove St. (415) 864-4040 (800) 325-2525

Econo Lodge - 825 Polk St. (415) 673-0411 (800) 824-0005

Embassy Motor Hotel - 610 Polk St. (415) 673-1404
\$ 75.00 - 145+ tax

Holiday Inn - Civic Center - 50 8th St. (415) 626-6103 (800) 243-1135
\$109.00 - \$185+ tax

Howard Johnson Abigail Hotel - 246 McAllister St. (415) 626-6500
\$ 69.00 - \$139+ tax

Inn at the Opera - 333 Fulton St. (415) 863-8400 (800) 325-2708
\$145.00 \$300+ tax www.innattheopera.com

The Oasis Inn - 900 Franklin St. (415) 885-6865 (800) 843-4021
www.oasisinn-sf.com

Hotel Whitcomb - Civic Center -1231 Market St. (415) 626-8000 (800) 227-4747
<http://www.hotelwhitcomb.com/>

Red Coach Motor Lodge Inn -700 Eddy St. (415) 771-2100

Renoir Hotel - 45 McAllister Street (415) 626-5200 (800) 576-3388
www.renoirhotel.com

Rodeway Inn - 101 Ninth Street (415) 621-3655
www.rodewayinnsf.com

Phoenix Hotel – 601 Eddy St. (414) 776-1380 (800) CITY-INN
www.thephoenixhotel.com (415) 776-1380

Opal Hotel – (415) 673- 4711 – 1050 Van Ness, SF CA 94109 This includes a continental breakfast: bagels, waffles, cereals, eggs, fruit, juices and coffee.

Personality Hotels – (415) 474-4800 or (800) 553-1900 - www.personalityhotels.com
This is a Boutique Hotel Company with “four trendy and tastefully renovated properties off of Union Square to choose from; they offer 15% off on a stay of three night at all four hotels.

1. **Hotel Diva** – 440 Geary St 94102 415 885 0200

2. **Hotel Metropolis** – 25 Mason St 94102 415-775 4600

3. **Hotel Union Square** – 114 Powell St 94102 (415) 397 3000

4. **Kensington Park Hotel** – 450 Bost St., 94102 (415) 788 6400
Complimentary limousine service from this hotel to Financial District offered Monday –Friday.

➤ CIIS Guest Hosting List

Each semester the Student Affairs Manager and the Student Alliance work together to create a list of students who would be willing to host international students or those coming from out-of-state. These students make their homes available to new students for a small fee \$10.00 - \$25.00/night for a few days to a week, the goal is to support students in having a place to land when they first arrive, in the event they have not secured housing yet. Please contact the Student Alliance Resource Coordinator, Indulata Prasad, at iprasad@ciis.edu or the Student Affairs Manager at (415) 575-6118 or kdarcy@ciis.edu if you are interested in finding out about this program.

➤ Hostels and Other Lower Cost Short-Term Housing

Golden Gate Hostel

1412 Market St. Btw. 10th & 11th
415-703-9988 phone 415-703-9986 fax
Full kitchen/TV rooms/laundry
\$17/night \$105/week – dorms
\$40/night \$262/week - private rooms

San Francisco Zen Center

300 Page Street
415-863-3136
coffice@sfzc.org
\$72/night single
\$132/night double
4-8 beds 10% off night rate for 7 nights
Nightly rates include breakfast.
Weekly rate includes three daily meals.
Monday-Saturday, Sunday breakfast only
Shared bath

Globetrotter's Inn

225 Ellis (Union Square)
(415) 346-5786
Dorm-style(4-6 beds per room)
TV/VCR in common area
laundry/open 24 hours

Green Tortoise Hostel & Guesthouse

494 Broadway (Chinatown)
415-834-1000
800-867-8647 (US & CAN)
www.greentortoise.com
\$70/night Dorm-style rooms -200 beds,
per room with common kitchen
laundry room, TV/VCR, secured storage

Hostelling International

(Marina District)
(800) 909-477

www.norcalhostels.org

Lower prices with HYH membership

Downtown-Union Square
312 Mason
415-788-5604
\$29 in summer \$25 night beginning
September – 262 beds in dorm-style rooms
shared with ensuite Bath, self-service kitchen,
complimentary movies, Internet access,
information desk, 24 hour access.
Private rooms - \$67-70 night
Single sex dorm have 4 beds
Co-ed rooms have 6-8 beds

Fisherman's Wharf Building
Building 240, Fort Mason
415 771-7277
\$21-\$23
162 beds in dorm-style rooms,
baths, self-service kitchen, dining room.
Wheelchair accessible - Free Parking
Complimentary movies, laundry,
Internet access, information desk. 24 hr
access.

Inter-Club/Globe Hostel

10 Hallam Place (South of Market)
 415 431-0540
 \$19 - \$47 night
 Shared accommodations and private rooms,
 community lounge. TV, pool table, sun deck
 and free safety deposit boxes.

Pacific Tradewinds Guest House

680 Sacramento (Chinatown)
 415- 433-7970 (800) 486-7975
 US & CAN
www.hostels.com/pt
 \$24 night
 30 dorm-style beds (coed), w/shared
**baths Guest kitchen, laundry
 service, Internet access.**

Other Resources: www.hoteldiscount.com/1-800-715-7666

➤ Residential Hotels/Residence Clubs+

For students who are relocating from far away, one option is to come and stay at a Residential Hotel while exploring the City for a place that is right for you. There are a few residence clubs in the area which offer weekly and monthly rates. Make sure you ask to see the room before you accept it. Call ahead for detailed information regarding availability, meal plans, room design, and current rates. Below are several options and their rates and amenities.

The Kenmore
 1570 Sutter Street
 San Francisco, CA 94109
 (415) 776-5815
www.kenmorehotel.us
 (includes 2 meals/day)

The Monroe
 1870 Sacramento
 San Francisco, CA
 (415) 474-6200
www.kenmorehotel.us
 (For link to site for The Monroe rates)
 District: Inner Sunset/ half block to UCSF
 Email: gwhitt@ix.netcom.com
A non-smoking house

Civic Center Residence
 44 McAllister St.
 San Francisco, CA 94102
 (415) 431-2870

Mosser Victorian Hotel
 54 Fourth Street
 San Francisco, CA 94103
 (415) 986-4400 (800) 227-3804
www.themosser.com

Civic Center Residence and the Mosser Victorian Hotel have the same management that manages 26 buildings in Tenderloin with rates based on income. See: www.tndc.org/gov

Whitt Guest House
 1359 4th Avenue
 San Francisco, CA 94122
 (415) 614-2400

Vantaggio Suites, Cosmo
 761 Post St.
 San Francisco, CA 94109
 (925)-376-5875 - For reservations only

Vantaggio Suites
Jefferson Square
835 Turk Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 614-2400

Vantaggio Suites
Union Square
580 O'Farrel Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 885-0111

Visit the website www.vantaggiosuites.com for rates at these various locations and for comprehensive information on amenities.

3. RESOURCES FOR FINDING HOUSING

The CIIS Student List Serve: Once you are registered as a student, you may contact the Student Affairs Manager at (415) 575-6118 or kdarcy@ciis.edu and ask to be added to the Student List Serve. Through this list serve you can post and receive e-mails about housing opportunities.

CIIS Housing Board: CIIS has its own housing board on the 3rd floor in the Student Lounge. It is much more informal and does not have nearly as many listings as the ones listed in the following pages, but it is a good place to post especially when trying to connect with other CIIS students.

Golden Gate Hall: CIIS has recently developed a relationship with Golden Gate Hall, a new Residence Hall just for students from various schools in San Francisco. It is located just blocks from CIIS and is a way to be in the heart of the City while saving money on transportation and parking as well as precious time commuting.

Knowing that many students who come to CIIS are looking to build community with fellow students, this provides a great opportunity to do so. Our hope is that over the next year we can create this community living situation with those interested and willing to be the pioneers in doing so. Please take a moment to visit their web-site at www.goldengatehall.com for more information.

Useful Websites: Most of our students are interested in renting an apartment and perhaps the best resource in the Bay Area for doing this is Craig's List. Craig's List also provides many useful resources for familiarizing yourself with the Bay Area in general. The web-site is

www.craigslist.org The different sections that you will find on Craig's List include

Community	Discussion Forums	For Sale
Gigs	Jobs	Personals
Resume Posting	Services	

In addition to Craig's List, the San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, Bay Guardian and many other Bay Area Newspapers have classified sections which list apartment rentals. Check out the following link which is the SF Examiner web-site.

<http://www.sfgate.com>

After getting to this site, click on “Real Estate” and then click on “Homes for Rent” and then enter in the relevant information related to what you are looking for.

Additional free rental agency listings

www.rent.net
www.rentalguide.com
www.roommateservice.com

Fee-based listings

www.metrorent.com
www.bayrentals.com
www.sf4rent.com
www.renttech.com

If you are looking for housing outside of San Francisco there are two fee based companies you can look into.

East Bay (Berkeley, Oakland etc.): Ehousing - (510) 549-2000 - www.ehousing.com

Marin (North Bay): Marin Rentals – (415) 383-1161 - www.rentinmarin.com

Housing Boards at other San Francisco Schools:

University of California, San Francisco –500 Parnassus Ave, Milberry Union, Rm. 102
<http://www.ucsf.edu>

San Francisco State University – 1600 Holloway Ave., Student Union – www.sfsu.edu

University of San Francisco – 2130 Fulton St., Housing Office – www.usfca.edu

Additional Resources

The Chamber of Commerce – (415) 392-4520 – 235 Montgomery St, SF CA

This is an excellent resource if you are relocating to San Francisco. They have a great package of information for \$20.00 that includes A guide to Living and Doing Business in San Francisco (some of which you will find in this packet), an Employment Guide, a Real Estate Guide and a School District Guide. It also includes a very good map of San Francisco that includes all of the bus lines and a basic transportation layout for the entire Bay Area. There is a Bus and Ferry Transit Guide connecting the North Bay to San Francisco and Capitol Corridor Train Schedule (which connects Sacramento to the Bay Area) as well.

Rainbow Grocery: 13th and Folsom. It is a few blocks from CIIS and has a good housing board

The following are newspapers with housing listed in the classified section:

San Francisco Chronicle- Daily-check Saturday for Sunday edition.
www.sfgate.com

SF Bay Guardian- Free weekly, Wednesday distribution-www.sfbg.com
SF Weekly- Free weekly, Wednesday distribution- www.sfweekly.com
SF Advertiser- Free at most markets-Thursday distribution www.sfadvertiser.com
BayArea Reporter- Free, Gay, weekly distribution
East Bay Express- Free weekly, Wednesday distribution –
www.eastbayexpress.com
Marin Independent Journal- Marin County – www.marinij.com
Contra Costa Times- East Bay Daily - www.bayarea.com
Oakland Tribune- Daily – www.oaklandtribune.com

4. DESCRIPTIONS OF SAN FRANCISCO NEIGHBORHOODS, BAY AREA COUNTY PROFILES AND RESOURCES

➤ San Francisco Neighborhoods

Although many American cities are described as “melting pots”, San Francisco’s neighborhoods can most accurately be characterized as a mosaic. Each enclave, a singular entity that is distinct and rare, comes together to form the rich tapestry that is the San Francisco community. From the posh, spectacular views of Pacific Heights and Russian Hill to the bohemian, artistic vibe of the Mission district, one can find a living area suited to his or her particular tastes. The neighborhoods are varied, and yet as cohesive as the people who inhabit them.

You will notice that some of the neighborhoods have an asterisk next to their names. These indicate neighborhoods that tend to be closer to campus, and/or seem to be both popular among students, as well as within their price-range.

Alamo Square - These popular four blocks surround the grassy park and playground called Alamo Square. Most famous for its picture-perfect row of colorful Victorians, the “Painted Ladies”, Alamo Square has true San Francisco charm. Attractions include the Addams House-like Imperial Russian Consulate of czarist days at 1198 Fulton Street, and the Archbishop’s Mansion, which now functions as a bed and breakfast, and the French-American School at Steiner and Grove Streets. Alamo Square borders the Western Addition.

Anza Vista -Anza Vista was developed during the 1930s and 1940s. A quiet neighborhood in the Western Addition, the homes, flats and apartments of Anza Vista are designed with little ornamentation. Unlike many San Francisco neighborhoods, the streets in Anza Vista have little overhead wiring, giving it a quiet and suburban feel. The area’s boundaries include Masonic Avenue and Turk, Broderick, and O’Farrell Streets. Anza Vista is located near Alamo Square, a park an playground surrounded by Victorian Homes.

Ashbury Heights - This charming nook of the city is just steps from the shopping and dinning of the Haight-Ashbury district. At its summit is a mini-park called Mt. Olympus,

great for dog-walking and picnicking. According to city archivist Gladys Hansen, the neighborhood was developed in 1911 as a part of a tract called Ashbury Park.

Bayview/Hunters Point - This working-class neighborhood is on the southeast side of the city and is near the former Navy Yard and Candlestick Park. There is a mixture of single-family homes, apartments and factories. The main commercial strip for this area is Third Street.

The boundaries for Hunters Point include Mendel Street, Evans Avenue, Palou Avenue and the bay. In 1867, Hunters Point served as the site of the first permanent dry dock on the Pacific Coast. By 1939, the Navy purchased the site to use as a shipyard. Along Hunters Point Boulevard are small boat-repair yards, spots for fishing and an old stone brewery.

****Bernal Heights*** - South of the Mission District and bordered by Cesar Chavez Street and Bayshore and Alemany boulevards, Bernal Heights and its pastel-colored houses sits quietly away from the hustle and bustle of urban San Francisco. Its open-space hill keeps Bernal Heights from straying too far from rural, remaining distantly connected to its farming history. In 1776, this area was deeded to soldier Juan Francisco Bernal and continued for a century to serve as grazing grounds for goats and sheep.

Buena Vista Hill - Buena Vista Hill lies adjacent to Ashbury Heights and is home to the city's most heavily forested area, Buena Vista Park. Steep slopes with vast views are lined with baroque mansions, restored Victorians, family homes, flats and apartments.

****Castro*** - Considered the center of alternative living in San Francisco, the Castro district offers some of the most colorful and vibrant settings in the city. The neighborhood's main thoroughfare, Castro Street, is home to many restaurants, alternative bookstores and diverse shops. Architecture in the Castro is contemporary, with Victorians and apartment buildings lining its side streets. The Castro is the center for the city's gay-lesbian-transgendered population.

Crocker Amazon - Crocker Amazon is a middle-class neighborhood on land that once belonged to the Crocker Estate. The neighborhood is well-maintained, with some streets beautifully landscaped and most front yards well-manicured. Boundaries include Amazon and Crocker Avenues, Mission Street and McLaren Park.

Cow Hollow - Cow Hollow is located between Pacific Heights and the Marina, consisting of a small section along Union Street. Once filled with natural springs, sand dunes and a small lagoon, Cow Hollow is home to many young professionals and is characterized by quaint homes and apartments. At the heart of Cow Hollow is popular Union Street, which is lined with fashionable shops and restaurants.

Benito Diaz, a Spanish chaplain, was the first to inhabit this area. In 1845, he petitioned the governor for the land and a year later sold the area for \$1,000 in silver to Thomas G. Larkin, a real-estate speculator and dealer in hides. Cow Hollow is named after the dairy farms that comprised the area during the 19th century. Approximately 30 dairies existed,

the largest having more than 200 cows. During the early part of the century, Cow Hollow's vegetable gardens provided San Francisco with much of its produce.

Downtown/Financial District - Some call San Francisco's downtown "Wall Street West" because it is ranked as one of the top four financial centers in the nation. The Financial District begins at Montgomery Street and extends east toward the Embarcadero, comprising of only a few city blocks. Montgomery Street has been linked to banking since the Gold Rush and, today, continues to be a bustling business area. Two easily recognizable landmarks distinguish the Financial District. Rising to 858 feet, the Transamerica Pyramid is one of San Francisco's famous icons and a dominant feature in the city's skyline. The 52nd floor of the Bank of America Building offers breathtaking views of the city.

****Duboce Triangle*** - Beautifully restored Victorian homes line Duboce Triangle. Bordered by Market Street it's a shockingly quiet neighborhood within a stone's throw of restaurants, coffee houses, pubs and boutiques, and other forms of entertainment. Also, Duboce Park is perfect for those with dogs. Nearby Noe Valley provides public transportation and a lively 24th Street.

Eureka Valley - Eureka Valley is made up of both flat land and hills. On the lower slope is the San Francisco archbishop's headquarters and on the upper is the dramatic pinnacle known as Corona Heights.

Excelsior - Excelsior borders McLaren Park on the east and the Portola District on the north. The homes in this area are about 50 years and older, and are predominantly single-family, stucco and wood frame. There are also apartments, duplexes and public housing available. Only a short bus ride downtown, Excelsior is near Highways 101 and 280 and close to a BART station.

Forest Hill - Once a part of a 4,000-acre ranch owned by the last Mexican mayor of San Francisco, Jose Noe, Forest Hill was divided into single-family home lots in 1912. In 1918, the Twin Peaks tunnel was completed, and people began visiting and residing in the Forest Hill area. Today, Forest Hill is a very exclusive, extravagantly landscaped area with curving lanes, hills and a sprinkling of Bernard Maybeck architecture, including the Forest Hill Clubhouse. The streets and common areas in Forest Hill are beautifully maintained by the Forest Hill Association. The Forest Hill Garden Club has become a ladies social club. This is a very suburban community, with gems such as the elegant Grand Pacheco Stairway that connects Castenada Avenue to Magellan Drive. Nearby West Portal Avenue provides residents with shopping, dining, and a movie theater. Parking is not a problem, and Muni has several lines to and from the area.

Glen Park - On the lower slopes of Diamond Heights, just south of Noe Valley, sits the charming and quiet neighborhood of Glen Park. Victorians and architecturally interesting modern homes line Laidley Street. Coffee shops, bookstores, pizza parlors and boutiques line Chenery and Diamond Streets. The neighborhood feels worlds away from

downtown, but with a BART station at Diamond and Bosworth streets, locals can reach the city center in 20 minutes.

Glen Park was once a dairy capital in the 1850s. Today, the rural area is confined to beautiful Glen Canyon Park, a haven for dogs, Frisbee throwing and picnics.

Golden Gate Heights - Sometimes called Larsen Park or Sunset Heights Park, Golden Gate Heights is perched on a 725-foot high bluff and is characterized by huge retaining walls and panoramic views of the ocean. Steep streets curve around relatively new and very upscale homes. Quaint dwellings are found facing Forest Hill. Golden Gate Heights is at the top of Funston Avenue (south of the Inner Sunset and west of 7th Avenue).

***Haight Ashbury** - Universally known for its 60s flair, Haight Ashbury is still recognized for its creativity and diversity. Haight Ashbury is home to colorful Victorians, eclectic shops, sidewalk cafes and popular night clubs. In 1870, California Governor Henry H. Haight formed the San Francisco Park Commission to develop Golden Gate Park, which is adjacent to Haight Ashbury.

Haight Ashbury is also famous for its residents of the past, including Jerry Garcia, the Jefferson Airplane and Janis Joplin, to name a few.

***Hayes Valley** - This is one of the up-and-coming San Francisco neighborhoods. Located close to downtown, with Franklin and Divisadero streets as its east and west boundaries, Hayes Valley has been expanding with new restaurants and shops. Hayes Street, with its boutiques and eccentric galleries, is great for browsing and window shopping, as well as serious shopping.

Before the 1989 earthquake, Hayes Valley was known to have problems with crime. When the earthquake weakened the nearby Highway 101 freeway, which was then dismantled, the historical, charming Hayes Valley emerged. Today, Hayes Valley is experiencing a healthy influx of new residents.

Ingleside Terrace - Ingleside Terrace is located in the southwestern corner of the city and enjoys more sun than the rest of San Francisco. At its gateway is the neighborhood's ode to the sun, a sundial that measures 34 feet in diameter and 28 feet in height. This neighborhood is close to the Pacific Ocean and has good views of San Bruno Mountain and Mt. Davidson. Nearby are San Francisco State University, Stonestown Shopping Center and Lake Merced. The neighborhood is built on both sloping and steep hills. Many of the homes in this area are single-family and built between 1900 and 1940. There are many shops and restaurants along Ocean Avenue, and some great views from the rock outcropping at Shields and Orizaba streets. On a clear day, one can see Oakland and Alameda to the east, as well as the Golden Gate Bridge.

Lakeshore - Located on the Pacific on the southern border of the city, Lakeshore was the last neighborhood to be developed. This area includes San Francisco State University, Lake Merced, two golf courses and Stonestown Galleria, which is the only "suburban"

shopping plaza in the city. The area has mostly apartment housing, but there are also small tracts, condos and single-family homes.

Laurel Heights - This neighborhood centers on the Laurel Village shopping center, which caters not only to residents but also to elite clientele from Pacific Heights and Presidio Heights.

Marina - Once marshland, the Marina is now home to many young professionals and is recognized by the landmark Palace of Fine Arts. In 1915, the Palace of Fine Arts was built to host the Pan Pacific Exhibition, celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal, as well as San Francisco's recovery from the physical and economic devastation of the 1906 earthquake. Designed by Bernard Maybeck, the palace became the focal point of the fair. Deeded to the city by the Army after World War II, the once-temporary structure fell to ruin. By the 1950s, a movement to save the palace emerged, and funds were raised to tear down the entire building and rebuild using permanent materials. The unique San Francisco landmark is owned by the city and is leased to the Exploratorium and the Palace of Fine Arts Theater.

The Marina attracts many people who are seeking the pleasures of jogging, sunbathing and strolling by the bay. The Marina Green is a wonderful place to enjoy the outdoors, with a pedestrian path that is perfect for rollerblading, walking or running. For shopping enthusiasts, Chestnut Street has many fashionable shops and boutiques. Fort Mason is also nearby and hosts many cultural events, including the San Francisco Blues and Jazz Festival. With views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz, the Marina offers a quaint, upscale neighborhood with a relaxed lifestyle.

****Mission*** - The Mission is home to the city's oldest structure, Mission Dolores, the sixth Franciscan mission built along El Camino Real. Located nearby is the ornate Mission Dolores Basilica. Within the Mission District, it is easy to find spicy taquerias, Mexican bakeries and colorful murals depicting Mexican and Latino history. The original Levi Strauss factory was located in this area at 250 Valencia Street.

Today, the Mission is a popular area for a mix of working-class Latino families, young professionals, artists and others who enjoy its culturally diverse atmosphere.

Mission Bay - Mission Bay, also known as Mission Rock, Mission Creek and China Basin, is a rapidly evolving area of the city, thanks in part to the new San Francisco Giants' stadium and the Mission Bay development project. This eclectic neighborhood features San Francisco's houseboat enclave, as well as the Lefty O'Doul drawbridge. The current development is transforming 303 acres of former rail yards and warehouses, into a new neighborhood of apartments, office buildings, retail shops and the University of California, San Francisco's medical research campus, including 49 acres of parks and the neighborhood's first supermarket.

It is hard to bear the convenience and proximity to Highways 80 and 101, as well as the CalTrain station. The expansion of Muni's Third Street rail line will provide direct downtown access beginning in 2005.

Nob Hill - Nob Hill hosts some of the most elite San Francisco addresses, as well as some of San Francisco's richest history. With the completion of the cable car in 1843, the influential and wealthy moved to Nob Hill. In the late 1800s, major figures of the mining and railroad industries resided in the huge mansions that now make up the Fairmount Hotel, Stoufer Stanford Court, Huntington Hotel and Mark Hopkins Inter-Continental Hotel.

Today, Grace Cathedral sits beautifully atop the hill, with the Fairmount and Pacific Union Club nearby. Impressive apartments and flats dot the area. Taylor and Jones Streets offer a few select restaurants and shops, while the cable car makes its way through the neighborhood, giving it a true San Francisco flavor.

****Noe Valley*** - Nestled in the lowland between Twin Peaks and Diamond Heights, Noe Valley is a quaint neighborhood, centered around 24th Street, with its coffee shops, boutiques, bookstores and multitude of ethnic restaurants.

The architecture of Noe Valley is predominantly Victorian. Noe Valley is named after Jose De Jesus Noe, a Spanish colonist who formed the Hyar and Padres colony in 1884. Noe was also the last Mexican Mayor of San Francisco. Numerous Irish and German immigrants moved to Noe Valley over the years, and the international influence is evident in the Irish pubs and the specialty food stores lining 24th Street.

North Beach - North Beach is known as "Little Italy", with its abundant Italian restaurants, cafes and bakeries. The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul gracefully sits on the northern side of Washington Square, a grassy piazza and center to North Beach's energy and cultural buss. Every dawn, Washington Square hosts anywhere from a handful to a hundred people greeting the day with the practice of Asian Thai Chi.

First settled by Italian immigrants in the 1870s and later populated by a range of nationalities, North Beach exemplifies San Francisco's diverse populace. The main attractions of North Beach are its restaurants, which include fine dining, traditional cafes and Italian delicatessens. The oldest street in the city, Grant Avenue, extends into North Beach and offers several Barbary Coast saloons, second-hand shops, pizza parlors and clothing boutiques.

Pacific Heights - One of the most prestigious neighborhoods in San Francisco, Pacific Heights is home to the most breathtaking views of the Golden Gate Bridge and the bay. This neighborhood was first developed during the 1870s to accommodate working-class families that were moving from the wealthy Nob Hill area. Small Victorian homes were built until the turn of the century, when these homes were replaced with period homes. Still largely residential, the area is characterized by painted Victorians, historic chateaus and architecturally superior mansions. Today, there are many consulates and consular

residences in Pacific Heights. It is home to many of San Francisco's first families, as well as successful entrepreneurs and artists.

Parkside - Parallel to Pine Lake Park and Stern Grove, Parkside has a community feel, with two playgrounds, a meadow-like playing field at McCopping Square and elementary schools with their playing fields and swing sets. This area is predominantly filled with single-family residences. The active Sunset Neighborhood Coalition, the neighborly Sunset Beach newspaper, the world-class UCSF Medical Center, number of high schools and proximity to San Francisco State University add to the Sunset's appeal for many families.

Westlake Shopping Center, Stonestown Galleria, Lakeshore Plaza Shopping Mall and Serramonte Shopping Center offer residents all the shopping they can handle.

Portola Heights - This area is also known as University Mound, because its street names include Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale. Landmarks include a home for the elderly, the Convent of the Good Shepard Home for Girls and McLaren Park.

****Potrero Hill*** - Potrero Hill sits south of 16th Street and is framed by Potrero Avenue, Cesar Chavez Street and Highway 280. The neighborhood has a community feel all its own; it even has its own weekly newspaper, the Potrero Hill. Pleasant window shopping and café dining is popular with locals. The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House has existed for almost a century and is used by residents for various occasions, such as town meetings and recitals.

This area of the city gets more sun than most, and has attracted a lively mix of professionals and artists. Residences are comprised of free-standing houses (many built in Victorian architecture), town homes, flat-style condominiums, warehouse spaces, lofts, and multi-unit buildings. Many enjoy outstanding city views from the 300-foot high hill.

Potrero Hill is rich in history, originally serving as farmland until the 1870s when immigrants – Scottish, Irish, and Italian – began populating the area. In the early 20th century, Potrero Hill was known as Scottish Hill.

Presidio Heights - Located just west of Pacific Heights and adjacent to the Presidio, Presidio Heights is a small enclave of elegant homes. It is a short walk to the fashionable shops of Union and Chestnut Streets. Some of San Francisco's most elite families and dignitaries reside there.

****Richmond*** - This neighborhood is home to many 1920s duplexes and a few spacious Edwardians with eccentric architecture. Housing some of the many landmarks in the city, the Richmond boasts the dome of Temple Emanu-El, a Reform synagogue and the Russian Holy Virgin Cathedral. The Richmond has many Chinese and Russian restaurants.

Russian Hill - Russian Hill's world famous Lombard Street twists down the hill to the delight of tourists and the dismay of cab drivers. Just west of North Beach and east of the Marina, Russian Hill offers outstanding views of San Francisco Bay and downtown. A cable-car line begins at the base of Hyde Street, traveling through Russian Hill to Nob Hill. The area is mainly residential. Locals enjoy Polk Street with its restaurants, bars, fruit and flower markets, boutiques and cafés.

Sea Cliff - Sea Cliff attracts many sightseers wanting to see the beautiful mansions and beaches in this area. China and Baker beaches are situated where the Golden Gate meets the Pacific Ocean. Sea Cliff's residences are located just above sea level and offer beautiful views of the ocean.

Sherwood Forest - This neighborhood lies on the southwesterly slope of Mt. Davidson and is home to elaborate ranch-style homes and groves of eucalyptus, cypress, and pine trees. Although one of the most densely populated areas of the city, Sherwood Forest offers a feeling of spaciousness. The City College of San Francisco is nearby, and residents visit Ocean Avenue for their closest shopping area.

South Beach - South Beach encompasses the lively Embarcadero, South Park, SBC Park and the Muni Metro extension. The San Francisco Giants' ball park has transformed the area, bringing clean streets and new cafes to this South of Market neighborhood. The Embarcadero, with its waterfront sidewalks, draws skateboarders, lunchtime joggers and tourists enjoying the bay view.

South Park (off 2nd Street) was developed in 1852 to resemble a London Square. Today, the area hosts many cafes, chic boutiques, design studios and other businesses in the lofts around its green center.

Another San Francisco icon, the Palace Hotel on the corner of Market and New Montgomery streets, has been around since 1873. Although it has been remodeled several times, the hotel has maintained much of its original architecture. The Palace has been host to several high profile guests, including Queen Victoria and many US presidents.

***South of Market** - South of Market (SoMa) is one of the richest historical areas of the city and, today, has a character all its own. In the early 20th century, the city blocks of SoMa were made larger than those north of Market to facilitate development of the city's industrial utility and transportation hub. Although the wealthy migrated to Rincon Hill for views of the bay, the majority of SoMa was referred to as the "flatlands surrounded by freeways." Author Jack Kerouac describes living and working in SoMa in his story, "Lonesome Traveler", referring to his time as a brakeman at the shipyard in the 1950s.

Today, SoMa is the creative, cutting-edge center of the city, home to graphic artists, design, film and multimedia firms, and more. The vibe is funky and high-energy. By day, stylish baby-boomers walk briskly to and from their loft or warehouse offices. Culture abounds in SoMa, with the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, the city's modern and

beautiful Moscone Convention Center, SFMOMA (San Francisco Museum of Modern Art) the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, the Ansel Adams Museum of Photography and more. Shopping is plentiful in SoMa with boutiques and specialty stores sprinkled throughout.

By night, SoMa bustles with cool and hip restaurants and nightclubs, many hosting nightcrawlers until the wee hours of the morning. SoMa has made a great reputation for itself, drawing big-name musicians to entertain club-goers.

Residential buildings in SoMa are mostly town homes, flat-style condos, warehouse spaces and lofts, and multi-unit buildings.

***Sunset** - Before the 1930s, the Sunset district was made up of sand dunes that extended west to Ocean Beach. The dunes were paved over and replaced with pastel-colored, stucco houses on wide streets. After World War II, the need for smaller lots and low Federal Housing Administration veteran loans created mass housing, cloning mostly square homes with bay windows over the garage.

The Sunset is located just south of Golden Gate Park, north of Sloat Boulevard and framed by Stanyan Street and Ocean Beach. Commercial areas include 9th Avenue, Judah Street, Sloat Boulevard, and Noriega and Taraval Streets, where many ethnic specialty stores, coffee shops, Irish pubs and the like line the bustling streets. The Sunset is also home to San Francisco's Conservatory of Music.

Ironically, the Sunset is one of the foggiest pockets of all of San Francisco, thanks to its location near Ocean Beach. The Inner Sunset is a bit sunnier from 19th Avenue eastward. Many students populate this area, while Outer Sunset (19th Avenue and westward) is populated by many senior citizens and Asian-American families.

Twin Peaks - Names for the two hills reaching approximately 910 feet, Twin Peaks offers the most panoramic views of the city and bay. Some homes on the northern crest of Twin Peaks resemble Spanish villas, while the eastern side has mainly apartment houses. In recent decades, the southern slopes have seen development of single-family homes that face San Bruno Mountain and the ocean. Mt. Davidson, at approximately 940 feet, is the city's highest point and is located just south of Twin Peaks.

***Western Addition** - The Western Addition includes the plateau west of Civic Center, stretching west to Masonic and Presidio avenues. Victorian houses, many restored, dominate the area's architecture. Sights include the musically historic Fillmore Auditorium. The Western Addition is in walking distance of Davies Symphony Hall, downtown and San Francisco's main library.

In the 1960s and 1970s, redevelopment took hold of the Western Addition and many decaying Victorians gave way to massive apartment complexes near Geary Boulevard. More changes are on the way, as the Fillmore Street area of Western Addition was

recently declared as a Jazz Preservation District, with federal funding moving in to restore galleries and music and dance clubs.

West Portal - On the western side of the lengthy Twin Peaks Tunnel, the charming neighborhood of West Portal emerges, nestled at the foot of Mt. Davidson, Forest Hills and Edgehill Heights. With small businesses, a variety of restaurants and a movie theater, West Portal is its own “city within the city”. The neighborhood is known for its rather sedate, middle-class lifestyle.

Yerba Buena - This neighborhood South of Market (SoMa) is centered around Yerba Buena Gardens, a sophisticated center for art and business. Yerba Buena Gardens Project boasts a five-acre, well-manicured green space in this SoMa location. While many young people populate the area, enjoying the many clubs, museums, restaurants and high-energy atmosphere, Yerba Buena has a thriving senior population with six housing projects erected during the 1980s. Yerba Buena was named after the wild mint that once flourished here. Today, high-rise condominiums, warehouses and lofts dominate the area. Highways 280 and 80 (the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge) are easily accessible from Yerba Buena.

➤ Bay Area County Profiles

South Bay

Santa Clara County

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, the Silicon Valley is home to the high-technology industry, which employs more than 300,000 people. With a population of 1.7 million people, Santa Clara County includes both agricultural land to the south and a highly urbanized industrial area extending to the north from San Jose, the county seat.

Newspaper: *San Jose Mercury News*
750 Ridder Park Avenue
San Jose, CA 95190
408-920-5000
www.bayarea.com/mercurynews

Peninsula

San Mateo County

San Mateo County covers an area from Daly City to Menlo Park, encompassing the San Francisco International Airport, the coastal fishing community of Half Moon Bay and the wooded countryside of the Portola Valley. Bioscience, industrial and business parks are located along Highway 101, the county’s main business corridor.

Newspaper: *San Mateo County News*
1080 S. Amphlett Boulevard
San Mateo, CA 94402
650-348-4321
www.insidebayarea.com

North Bay

Marin County

Marin County is almost totally surrounded by water. 115 miles of its boundaries are oceans and bays, with only 10 miles of land connecting it in the north to Sonoma County. The quarter of a million residents who live in this community have carefully preserved its beauty, from the picturesque waterfront village of Sausalito to the Point Reyes National Park Seashore.

Newspaper: *Marin Independent Journal*
P.O. Box 6150
Novato, CA 94948
415-883-8600
www.marinij.com

East Bay

Alameda County

Alameda County, located just east of San Francisco across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, is both a suburban metropolis and an important industrial area surrounded by rolling hills and numerous recreational parks. The Port of Oakland is the busiest port in the bay, and the fourth-largest port on the West Coast. The University of California, Berkeley, has been a spawning ground for the region's culture, as well as for innovations in business and technology.

Newspaper: *The Oakland Tribune*
401 13th Street
Oakland, CA 94612
510-208-6300
www.insidethebayarea.com

Contra Costa County

Martinez is the county seat, serving a county-wide population of 1 million people. Though once considered a "bedroom community" for other Bay Area urban centers, Contra Costa County has rapidly developed into an important business and commercial region. Many Bay Area firms have offices and a substantial number of employees in Contra Costa County.

Newspaper:
2640 Shadelands Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
925-935-2525
www.cctimes.com

5. COMMUTING, PARKING, AND TRANSPORTATION

The San Francisco Bay Area Transit Information website includes links to the region's transit systems: www.transitinfo.org or dial 511 or visit www.511.org

AC Transit	510-817-1717
BART	650-992-2278
Caltrain	800-660-4287
Larkspur Ferries	415-457-3110
Vallejo Ferries	707-643-3779
Blue and Gold Fleet	415-773-1188
Golden Gate Transit	415-455-2000
Muni	415-673-MUNI
SamTrans	800-660-4287
Santa Clara County Transit (VTA)	800-894-9908
RIDES for Bay Area Commuters, Inc. (Carpool information)	800-755-7665

MUNI is the city of San Francisco's extensive public transit system, consisting of electric trolleys, cable cars, underground subways, and buses.

Fares: The fare for a ride within the city is \$1.25, and exact change is required. No change is given, but there are change machines near most turnstiles. All U.S. coins may be used, including dollar coins.

Transfers: Transfers are issued when the fare is paid and are valid for travel on any Muni vehicle (except Cable Cars) for at least 90 minutes but for no more than two hours, from the time of issue. Transfers are not required to be surrendered to the operator of the vehicle. Transfers are considered Proof of Payment on Metro lines.

Passes: The *Monthly Fast Pass* is valid for one calendar month, with a 2-day grace period into the next month (e.g., the June pass is good from June 1 through July 2) on all Muni streetcars, buses and cable cars. Fast passes are sold at various drug stores and other locations throughout the city. The monthly Fast Pass is also valid on BART and Caltrain for trips entirely within San Francisco (no 2-day grace period and this will not get you to the SFO airport). Adult fare is \$45. Senior fare (aged 65 and over) is \$10. Disabled (with a monthly sticker affixed to a valid Regional Transit Discount Card) is \$10.

Weekly Passes are good for one week, from Monday through Sunday. They are valid for unlimited use on all Muni lines. Cost is \$12 for each week. There are no senior, disabled, or youth weekly passes. You must pay an additional \$1 to ride the cable cars.

Phone: 415-673-6864 or TTY 415-923-6363. Or see www.sfmuni.com

AC Transit (Alameda-Contra Costa Transit) is the public transit (bus) system for the East Bay. It provides service to BART stations in the East Bay and to the Trans-Bay Terminal, at Mission Street between 1st and 2nd Streets, in downtown San Francisco. Call 510-817-1717 for schedules or see www.actransit.org

Airport Service from San Francisco to San Francisco International Airport (SFO) or Oakland International Airport (OAK): BART has connections to both airports. CalTrain operates a shuttle from the Millbrae CalTrain station to SFO (weekdays only). There are also many private shuttles by reservation, costing \$15-\$20 per person on average (one way). A few are: Bayporter Express 415-467-1800 (SFO only), Lorrie's Airport Shuttle 415-334-9000, (SFO only), Quake City Shuttle 415-255-4899 (SFO and OAK) and Super Shuttle 800-258-3826 (SFO, OAK and SJC – San Jose International Airport).

Amtrak is the national rail system. Call 800-872-7245 or TDD 800-523-6590.
www.amtrak.com

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) is the rail system which serves San Francisco and the East Bay. BART now connects to both the San Francisco International Airport and the Oakland International Airport. Call 650-992-2278 or TDD 510-839-2220. See www.bart.gov for fare and schedule information.

Blue & Gold Fleet Provides commuter ferry service to and from the East Bay (Alameda & Oakland and Vallejo) and Marin (Sausalito & Tiburon). Also provides tourist service to Alcatraz, Angel Island, Muir Woods & Pacific Bell Park, and offers Bay and city tours. Ticket sales: 415-705-5555 or see www.blueandgoldfleet.com.

Caltrain provides rail service between San Francisco and San Jose. Caltrain connects to BART at the Millbrae station for service into the city and the SFO airport. It also connects to the San Jose International Airport. Call 800-660-4287 or TDD 650-508-6448. Or see www.caltrain.com

Caltrans Bicycle Shuttles operates commuter bicycle shuttles on several bridges. Call 510-286-0669 or see www.transitinfo.org/Bikes/ for information on bike commutes.

Golden Gate Transit provides bus service within San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma and Contra Costa counties and ferry service between San Francisco and Larkspur or Sausalito. Call 415-923-2000 or see www.transitinfo.org/GGT/

Greyhound is the national bus service. Call 800-231-2222 or TDD 800-345-3109.
www.greyhound.com

Samtrans (San Mateo County Transit District) provides bus service throughout San Mateo County and into parts of San Francisco and Palo Alto. www.samtrans.com 800-660-4287.

Average Commute Times to San Francisco

City	Commute		City	Commute		City	Commute	
	Miles	Minutes		Miles	Minutes		Miles	Minutes
East Bay			South Bay			North Bay		
Oakland	13	30	Daly City	12	25	Sausalito	12	25
Berkeley	14	30	San Bruno	14	36	Mill Valley	14	35
El Cerrito	16	40	Millbrae	16	40	Corte Madera	15	35
Alameda	16	40	Hillsborough	17	45	Larkspur	15	35
Richmond	20	45	Burlingame	19	42	Greenbrae	16	40
Orinda	20	45	San Mateo	22	47	Tiburon	16	40
Lafayette	22	50	Foster City	23	45	Kentfield	18	40
San Leandro	22	50	Belmont	24	49	San Rafael	18	45
Walnut Creek	26	55	San Carlos	25	52	San Anselmo	20	45
Hayward	27	55	Redwood City	27	55	Novato	29	65
Pleasant Hill	28	60	Half Moon Bay	28	43	Petaluma	38	75
Concord	30	65	Atherton	31	57	Santa Rosa	55	130
Danville	32	65	Menlo Park	32	60			
Fremont	40	70	Palo Alto	33	60			
			Woodside	34	65			
			Los Altos					
			Portola Valley	38	75			
			Mountain View	39	72			
			Sunnyvale	41	78			
			Santa Clara	44	88			
			San José	48	96			

DMV

Department of Motor Vehicles

1377 Fell Street

San Francisco, CA 94117

800-777-0133

Though prices are subject to change, current DMV fees are:

Driver's license \$25

Identification card	\$20
Senior citizens	free

To renew your driver’s license online, contact the DMV’s website: www.dmv.ca.gov

Automobile Registration: Any vehicle owned by a California resident must be registered immediately upon entry into California unless a special permit was obtained. Residents of other states may operate their vehicles with current registration in their names from their residence state for up to six months or until they: Accept gainful employment in California or become a California resident; Claim a homeowner's exemption in California; Rent or lease a residence in California; Enroll in an institution of higher learning as a California resident; Have dependents attending school (K-12); Intend to live or be located here on a permanent basis (e.g., acquire a California driver license, other licenses not ordinarily extended to a nonresident, registered to vote, etc.). *Fees must be paid within 20 days of entry or residency to avoid penalties.* See www.dmv.ca.gov for fee information.

Smog: Smog inspections are required for all vehicles except: Vehicles under 4 years old, diesel powered vehicles, motorcycles, or vehicles with a year model 30 years old or older. Vehicles registered in areas subject to the biennial smog certification program are required to submit evidence of a smog certification every other renewal period. See www.smogcheck.ca.gov for further information and to locate a smog check station.

Parking

The following tips are from the Department of Parking and Traffic, online at www.ci.sf.ca.us

Parking in the City can be difficult. In order to avoid a citation or, worse, being towed, follow these tips when looking for a spot:

- **Read the signs carefully.** Many downtown streets have special towaway zones during commute hours and special truck loading zones. These restrictions carry heavy fines and your vehicle may also be towed at your expense. Look for street cleaning signs as well, covering different times and days throughout the City.
- **CIIS Note** – in front of the Mission Building there is absolutely no parking from 4:00-6:00PM Monday – Friday. Your car will be ticketed and towed.
- **Watch for colored curbs.**

Yellow curbs mean that the space is limited to commercial vehicles that are actively loading or unloading. You may park in yellow zones after 6 pm on weekdays, and all day Sundays and Holidays. (Check individual street signs.)

Yellow and black zones are for trucks only.

Red curbs and bus zones are tow-away zones. Vehicles parking in them may be cited or towed.

Blue curbs are for disabled parking only. The fine for parking in a disabled space or blocking a crosswalk with a disabled ramp is at least \$275.

It is legal to park in a *white or green* curb zone (9-6 p.m. Mon.- Sat.) as long as the business, restaurant, theater or church next to it is not open or to drop off or pick-up persons.

- **Check parking time limits.** Many spaces have a thirty or sixty minute time limit to encourage parking turnover. "Feeding the meter" repeatedly is illegal. Also, if the meter is broken, the parking time limit still applies. If you need to find parking for longer periods, use a parking garage or lot. Meters are in operation on Saturdays in San Francisco, and meters at the Port are in effect on Sundays as well, so be sure to check the meter when you park.
- **Curb your wheels.** Curbing wheels is required on streets where the grade is three percent or more to prevent runaway vehicles. Turn your wheels in toward the curb when pointing downhill and out away from the curb when pointing uphill.
- **Sidewalks are for walking!** California Vehicle Code prohibits parking a vehicle on any portion of the sidewalk. The majority of driveways in San Francisco are part of the public right-of-way that is considered the sidewalk. Be courteous to pedestrians and avoid the \$75 fine for this violation, which will go up to \$100 in January of 2004.

Street parking can be very challenging in the CIIS neighborhood. You may have luck finding a spot in one of the nearby alleys, but don't forget the two-hour time restriction. Remember, there is absolutely no parking on Mission Street (in front of the building) from 4-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. *Your car will be ticketed and towed.*

Some paid parking lot options nearby are:

US Parking, Inc.

On 10th Street @ Jesse Street - between Mission and Market
\$7.00 a day. Valet from 7 a.m.– 6 p.m. \$125.00 per month

Central Parking Systems

On Jesse Street between 10th and 11th and between Mission and Market
\$9.00 a day M-F, \$6.00 Sat/Sun

City Park -Goodwill Garage

On South Van Ness between Mission and Market
\$2.00 an hour, \$9.00 a day up to 12 hours, \$13 over 12 hours

IMPark

On 9th Street between Mission and Market
\$12.00 a day, (\$8 a day if you're in by 9:30) \$5.00 after 4 p.m. and Sat/Sun

Just a reminder: All parking stalls next to and behind the Mission Street building (on Minna Street) are RESERVED. Permits are required to park in ALL of these spaces and faculty/staff members have paid to park there. Towing occurs regularly and without any advanced warning. Please do not park in this lot. If you are towed, it will cost over \$100 to retrieve your vehicle from the towing company impound yard.

Bicycles

If you are a bicyclist, please note that bicycles are not allowed in the building or on fire escapes. A locked bike rack with cage is located in the rear section of the Minna Street parking lot, directly behind the Mission Street building. For details and lock combination, stop by the Dean of Students Office, Room 401. Call 415-585-BIKE (2453) or see www.bicycle.sfgov.org to get the latest information on using your bike in the city.

6. SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RESOURCES

Emergency Services

San Francisco Fire Department

698 Second Street
San Francisco, CA 94107
415-558-3200

San Francisco Police Department

850 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
415-553-0123

Local Government

San Francisco is the only city in California that is also a county unto itself. Its legislative powers are vested in an 11-member Board of Supervisors, elected by district. A fully supervisory term lasts four years. The Board of Supervisors' weekly meetings are on Tuesdays at 2pm, and results may be obtained by calling 415-554-5555.

The Mayor – the chief executive of the city – is elected by the voters to a four-year term, as are the City Assessor, Treasurer, Attorney, Public Defender, District Attorney and Sheriff. The Mayor, who also appoints members of various boards, commissions, authorities and agencies, appoints San Francisco's City Administrator and Controller. Exceptions are members of the Unified School District and Community College boards, which are elected by the voters. San Francisco is a charter city and can amend its power at the polls without the permission from the California legislature.

Voter Registration

Every resident of the state of California is qualified to register to vote if he or she is a citizen of the United States and will be 18 or older prior to the next regular election following registration. No durational residency requirements are necessary. To register to vote, call the registrar's office, and a postage-paid registration form will be sent. The last day to register is one month before an election. Registration remains in effect until a voter moves or dies. Additional information may be obtained from the following:

Department of Elections

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 48
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-554-4375
www.sfgov.org/elections

San Francisco Democratic Party Headquarters

100 McAllister, Ste. 407
San Francisco, CA 94103
415-626-1161
www.cadem.org

San Francisco Republican Party Headquarters

110 Pacific Avenue, Ste. 146
San Francisco, CA 94111
415-989-1259
www.sfgop.org

League of Women Voters

582 Market St., Ste. 615
San Francisco, CA 94104
415-989-8683 www.leagueofwomenssf.org

Frequently Called Telephone Numbers

Air Quality Board	415-771-6000
Arts Commission	415-252-2590
Better Business Bureau	415-243-9999
Birth Certificates	415-554-2700
Board of Supervisors	415-554-5184
Business Licenses	415-554-4400
Dept. of Aging	415-335-3555
Consumer Price Index	415-975-4406
County Clerk	415-554-4950
Courts	415-551-3800
District Attorney	415-553-1752
Economic Development	415-554-6969
Fire Department	415-558-3200
Graffiti Hotline	415-241-9274
Housing Authority	415-554-1200
Human Services	415-557-5000
Internal Revenue Service	800.829.1040
Libraries	415-557-4400
Marriage Licenses	415-554-8950
Mayor's Office	415-554-6141
Medicare	800-952-8627
Mental Health	415-981-4700
Muni	415-673-6864

Neighborhood Service	415-554-7111
Parking & Traffic	415-554-7275
Passport Services	415-554-4437
Pet Licenses	415-554-6364
Planning	415-558-6377
Police Department	415-553-0123
Post Office	800-275-8777
Public Utilities	415-554-3155
Public Works (emergency hotline)	415-695-2020
Recreation & Parks	415-831-2700
Redevelopment Agency	415-749-2400
Rent Board	415-252-4600
Schools	415-241-6000
Social Security	800-772-1213
Tax Collector	415-554-4400
Voter Registration	415-554-4375
Water	415-923-2400
Weather	415-543-3340
Welfare	415-557-5000

Utilities

Telephone

AT&T
800-222-0300
24-hour service
www.att.com

SBC
800-310-2355
7am-7pm, Mon.-Fri.
and 8:30am-5pm, Sat.
www.pacbell.net

MCI Telecommunications
888-624-5622
24-hour service
www.mci.com

Sprint
888-211-4727
7am-3:30pm, Mon.-Fri.
www.sprint.com

Wireless Providers

Cingular Wireless
235 Union Street
San Francisco, CA 94123
415-346-4044
www.cingular.com

T-Mobile
690 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94101
415-395-9920
www.t-mobile.com

Nextel Communications
2340A Mariner Square Loop
Alameda, CA 94501
510-749-3328
www.nextel.com

Verizon Wireless
199 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
415-984-0360
www.verizonwireless.com

Sprint PCS
388 Market Street, Suite 105
San Francisco, CA 94105
415.677-0190
www.sprint.pcs.com

Cable Television
Comcast
1-800-COMCAST
www.comcast.com

Electric Utility

As of March 1, 1998, California's electric industry was opened to competition as a result of Assembly Bill 1890. Consumers now have a choice of an electric-service provider other than their current utility. Electric-service providers (ESPs) are required to register with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and to supply you with the information you need to make the right choice for your business and residential needs. For information, call CPUC at 415-703-2782 or visit the website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

Chamber-Member ESPs

NRG Energy Center
410 Jessie Street, Ste. 702
San Francisco, CA 94103
415-777-3415
www.nrgenergy.com

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
2435 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
800-743-5000
www.pge.com

Hospitals

California Pacific Medical Center
California Campus
3700 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94118
415-600-6000; 1254 beds
www.cpmc.org

Saint Francis Memorial Hospital
900 Hyde Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
415-353-6000; 362 beds
www.saintfrancismemorial.org

Davies Campus
Castro Street & Duboce Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94114
415-565-6000; 341 beds
www.cpmc.org

St. Luke's Hospital
3555 Caesar Chavez Street
San Francisco, CA 94110
415-647-8600; 260 beds
www.stlukes-sf.org

Pacific Campus
2333 Buchanan Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
415-600-6000
www.cpmc.org

St. Mary's Medical Center
450 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117
415-668-1000; 531 beds
www.chwbay.org

East Campus
3698 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
www.cpmc.org

San Francisco General Hospital
1001 Potrero Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94110
415-206-8000; 550 beds
www.dph.sf.ca.us/SFGH

Chinese Hospital
845 Jackson Street

Seton Medical Center

San Francisco, CA 94118
415-982-2400; 29 beds

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center

Geary Campus
2425 Geary Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94115
415-833-2000
www.kaiserpermanente.org

Laguna Honda Hospital

375 Laguna Honda Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94116
415-759-2300; 1.065 beds
www.dph.sf.ca.us

UCSF Medical Center at Mt Zion

1600 Divisadero Street
San Francisco, CA 94115
415-567-6600 www.ucsfhealth.org

1900 Sullivan Avenue
Daly City, CA 94015
650-992-4000; 397 beds

UCSF

**UCSF Langley Porter
Psychiatric Institute**
501 Parnassus Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94143
415-476-7000; 20 beds
www.ucsf.edu

UCSF Medical Center at Parnassus

505 Parnassus Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94143
415-476-1000
888-689-UCSF; 365 beds

7. FAST FACTS AND ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO

➤ **Population**

- 776,733 in San Francisco
- 6,783,760 in the nine-county Bay Area

➤ **San Francisco's Population by Age Group**

- 16.5% under 20
- 30.4% 20-34
- 31.1% 35-54
- 22.0% 55 and older

➤ **San Francisco's Population by Race**

- 35.7% White
- 30.8% Asian
- 7.8% African American
- 14% Hispanic
- 4.3% Two or more races
- 0.5% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 0.4% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 6.5% Other

➤ **Jobs**

- San Francisco resident labor force: 433,300
- Percentage of jobs held by San Francisco residents: 50.3%
- In-bound commuters to San Francisco: 590,503

- **Education**
 - 81.3% of adults are high school graduates
 - 45% of adults have a bachelor's degree or higher
- **Mass Transit**
 - Percentage of residents who use public transit: 32%
 - Average weekday ridership on Muni: 757,287
 - Average weekday ridership on BART (regional): 306,570
- **Convention & Visitor Industry**
 - Annual visitors: 14.3 million
 - Spent by visitors annually: \$6 billion
 - Annual hotel tax revenues: \$138 million
 - Annual convention-related expenditures: \$1.2 billion
- **Business**
 - 43,179 businesses in San Francisco
 - More than 95% of all businesses in San Francisco employ 50 or fewer employees
- **Airport**
 - SFO is the 9th-largest airport in the United States
 - Passengers annually: 29 million
 - SFO handles 95% of Bay Area flights
 - 51 airlines; 19 airlines with international service
- **Port**
 - More than 84 cruise ships call the Port of San Francisco annually
 - 210,000 passengers sail from the Port of San Francisco annually
 - \$72 billion total trade through the Port of San Francisco
- **San Francisco Festivals and Special Events**

<i>January</i>	Berlin and Beyond Film Festival Freedom March and Celebration MLK Family Day Celebration San Francisco Independent Film Festival San Francisco International Art Expo Sea Lions Arrival at Pier 39
<i>February</i>	Chinese New Year Festival & Parade Pacific Orchid Exposition Russian-American Celebration San Francisco Bluegrass and Old Time Festival San Francisco Tribal, Folk and Textile Art Show
<i>March</i>	Across the Bay Race Asian American Film Festival

Bulgarian Festival
 Cinequest Film Festival
 San Francisco Flower Garden Show
 St. Patrick's Day Parade

April Cherry Blossom Festival
 San Francisco International Film Festival

May Asian Heritage Street Celebration
 Carnaval
 Cinco de Mayo
 How Weird Street Fair
 Irish film Festival
 Mural Festival
 Pagan Festival
 San Francisco Youth Arts Festival
 San Francisco Examiner Bay to Breakers Footrace

June Black Film Festival
 Ethnic Dance Festival
 Haight Street Fair
 Juneteenth Festival
 San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

June (cont.) San Francisco Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Celebration Parade
 Stern Grove Midsummer Music Festival
 Union Street Spring Festival

July Cable Car Bell-Ringing Competition
 Fillmore Street Jazz Festival
 First Grade Film Festival
 Fourth of July Waterfront Festival
 Jewish Film Festival
 North Beach Jazz Festival
 Silent Film Festival

August Aloha Festival
 Golden Gateway to Gems
 Harrison Street Festival
 Nihonmachi Street Fair – Japantown
 Pistahan: Filipino Festival of Arts
 San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

September Arab Film Festival
 Autumn Moon Festival
 Cine Accion Festival
 Folsom Street Fair
 Ghiradelli Square Chocolate Festival
 Love Parade
 San Francisco Blues Festival
 San Francisco Grand Prix Cycling Event
 San Francisco Fringe Festival

San Francisco World Film Festival
Viva Las Americas

October Castro Street Fair
Italian Film Festival
Ocktoberfest By the Bay
San Francisco Jazz Festival
Strictly Bluegrass Festival

November American Indian Film Festival
International Latino Film Festival
International South Asian Film Festival
San Francisco Fall Antiques Show
Tranny Film Fest

November – December
Embarcadero Center Tree Lighting Ceremony & Celebration
Holiday Festival: Celebration of Craftswomen
Holiday Festival: Great Dickens Christmas Fair
Holiday Festival of Lights
San Francisco Ballet *Nutcracker*