SF Deserves Better

Unnecessary cuts to safety, public services, and healthcare are dangerous for us all.

Working families in San Francisco deserve world-class City services—and the people who provide them should be able to care for ourselves and our loved ones.

But Mayor Breed has ordered City departments to cut 3.5% from their budgets in each of the next two years, hurting already underfunded services and the people who depend on them. **We must fight back.**

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Is the problem really **San Francisco’s budget?**

**No.** In FY2018-19, Department heads were directed to trim their budgets by 2 percent based on deficit projections at the time of budget instructions. But at the end of that year, total revenues for the year far outpaced expenses while San Francisco’s General Fund balance grew to $2.8 billion.

These budget games are more than numbers on a spreadsheet—they impact the health and safety of us all.

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The bottom line is we have to fight back.

For years, the City has projected deficits when it came time for budget instructions from the Mayor. But at year’s end, actual revenue totals always far outpaced projected deficits. In fact, over the last 5 years, SF’s General Fund revenues have outpaced expenses by a cumulative $1.9 billion. City reserves are at an all-time high.

Nothing will change if we don’t fight back. The City will continue to manufacture a budget crisis every year to justify dangerous cuts to vital services. The health, safety, and well-being of working families will continue to be at risk.

Say no to destructive cuts that hurt us all.

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