

Jobs with Justice San Francisco

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2013 Executive Board

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San Francisco Employees Retirement System

Rev. Israel Alvaran San Francisco Pride at Work/HAVOQ 30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3000

San Francisco CA 94102

Jaron Browne
People Organized to
Win Employment
Rights (POWER)

Dear Commissioner Paskin-Jordan,

Guillermina
Castellanos
La Colectiva of
Dolores Street
Community Services

I am writing to express support for a motion that I understand will be considered at the April 10th San Francisco Employees Retirement System Board of Directors meeting concerning the risks posed by the predatory and discriminatory lending practices of major banks such as Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase and Bank of America.

Conny Ford OPEIU Local 3 Jobs with Justice San Francisco is a coalition of 30 community and labor organizations whose members include thousands of SFERS members. We urge the board to invoke its Social Investment Procedures in order to be sure that the retirement savings are not again put at risk as a result of these practices—as they were in 2008. Many of our members have expressed personal hardships over the past five years—some have lost their homes to foreclosures precipitated by predatory loans. The pension fund is still recovering from its lowest funded status in decades and all of us are paying more in contributions as a result of the Great Recession caused by the mortgage and debt crisis brought to us by the practices of the large banks.

Shaw San Liu Chinese Progressive Association

We know that as long term investors, the SFERS cares about the health of our overall economy. We believe you have a duty to take action. Please be an active long term shareholder in these companies by voting your proxies in ways that support reform AND urging the companies to:

Giuliana Milanese Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

End Foreclosures

Pilar Schiavo
California Nurses
Association

Provide affordable permanent loan modifications to borrowers

James Tracy Community Housing Partnership Implement and disclose practices and policies which will prevent the recurrence of predatory and discriminatory lending

Ken Tray United Educators of San Francisco Safeguard the SFERS from risks associated with other banking practices which contribute to volatility in the markets or which pose reputational, compliance, litigation or regulatory risks.

Sheila Tully California Faculty Association Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Julia Wong
Unite Here Local 2

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Sincerely,

Gordon Mar Executive Director