## Save Our Sausalito

#### Introduction

Save Our Sausalito is pleased to present the results of the first ever Save Our Sausalito Election Issues Survey. A total of 364 Sausalito voters participated, both through paper and online surveys, giving a strong indication of concerns and aspirations of Sausalito residents.

All five city council candidates also filled out the survey and their responses are reported here as a Voter Guide.

To ensure a broad representation of opinions, our outreach efforts included digital media, engagement at farmers markets, and grassroots outreach through word of mouth. This enabled us to collect diverse opinions from the Sausalito community regarding key issues affecting our community.

The survey data revealed a clear consensus among respondents on several key priorities:

- 93% support preserving the Historic District
- 93% support maintaining scenic views
- 89.5% support affordable housing in Sausalito.

These findings reflect a strong desire within the community to protect the unique character of Sausalito while addressing pressing housing needs. "Considering housing in the Marinship" had a greater diversity of opinion, but still was opposed by 56% of respondents.

Among infrastructure investments "sidewalks" and "sea level rise mitigation" were clear priorities.

In contrast, it is troubling and noteworthy that only 16.7% of participants felt that the city council's decision-making process was transparent.

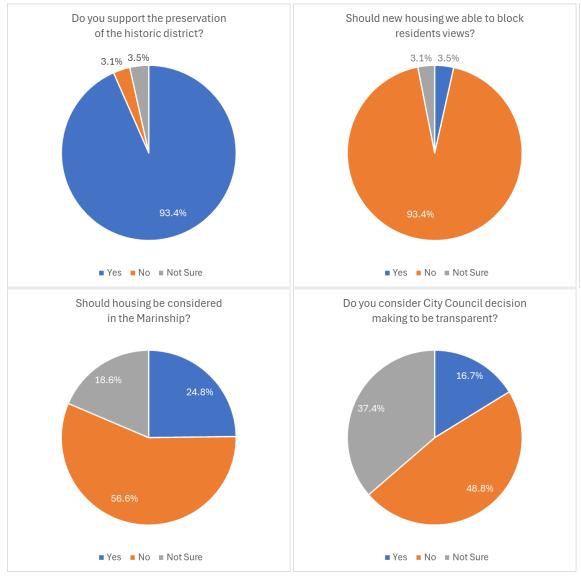
We invite you to review the council candidates' fuller statements and the several hundred comments from citizens in the Issue List and Voice of the People sections.

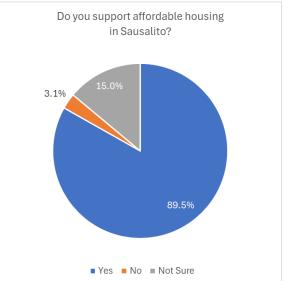
Save Our Sausalito hopes these detailed responses and insights will provide a deeper understating of the community's views and priorities as we move forward together.

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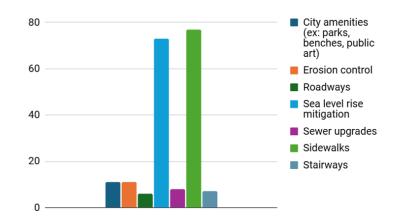
## **Summary**



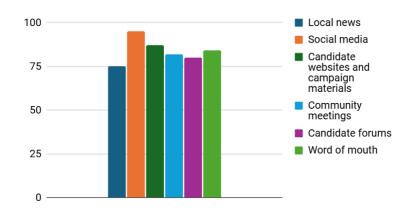


## **Summary**

# Which infrastructure investments are the highest priority to you?



# How do you typically learn about candidates and their platforms?



We invited each candidate for council to complete the same survey that residents had completed.

#### **SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL VOTER GUIDE: ISSUES** Melissa Blaustein Ian Sobieski Jacqueline Amrikhas Sandra Bushmaker Steven Woodside Issue (incumbent) (incumbent) Do you support the preservation of the historic Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes district? Should new housing we able to block residents No No No No No views? Do you support affordable Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes housing in Sausalito? Should housing be considered in the Yes No Yes No Yes Marinship? Do you consider City Council decision making to No Yes No Not Sure Not Sure be transparent?

## **SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL VOTER GUIDE: INFRASTRUCTURE** Melissa Blaustein lan Sobieski **Jacqueline Amrikhas** Sandra Bushmaker Steven Woodside Infrustructure (incumbent) (incumbent) Roadways **√** Sidewalks Sewer upgrades Stairways Erosion control City amenities (ex: parks, benches, public art) Sea level rise mitigation

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL VOTER GUIDE: CONCERNS	
Jacqueline Amrikhas	Financial transparency to the Sausalito residents.
Melissa Blaustein (incumbent)	Improving our Infrastructure: Using our Measure L dollars to improve our streets, reduce liability, monitor costs, and ensure quality of life Leading in Housing Solutions: Identifying new opportunities for housing in Marin that work for Sausalito Enhancing Emergency Preparedness and Advancing Climate Action: Through strategic disaster planning to ensure the safety of all our residents and by utilizing Smart-City technologies to push our Climate Action goals forward. Working to mitigate impacts of the Climate Crisis on the hills, the waterfront, and everything in between.
Sandra Bushmaker	We need over \$500 million for infrastructure repairs/mitigation. We must stop spending on non priority items.
lan Sobieski (incumbent)	Our housing site mess is because we spent \$1M on lawyers and consultants to specify the housing sites and ZERO dollars on designers and urban planners. Plenty of European towns have managed to preserve their historic character and small town feel AND build a lot of housing. They did this with comprehensive design and hiring the right experts. Using a comprehensive planning approach could allow housing to be designed in a way that fits with the site neighbors AND preserve our small town character and views and comprehend traffic and circulation. I believe this can be done if we set our minds to it.
Steven Woodside	Defensible space (fire); landslide mitigation, subsidence mitigation.

If I could say just one thing to a City Council Member	
Jacqueline Amrikhas	The City of Sausalito has a \$1,000,000 deficit.  Why is The Mayor of Sausalito telling the Sausalito TaxPayers there is no deficit? We want transparency. Show us the city's budget where you assert there is no \$1,000,000 deficit Sausalito.gov See the \$1,000,000 deficit
Melissa Blaustein (incumbent)	As an incumbent City Councilmember, I am fortunate to speak with all four of my colleagues on a regular basis about our vision for the future of Sausalito and how we achieve our goals collectively. As a new council forms next year, I hope to have the opportunity to join in conversation with a focus on collaboration and creativity to develop solutions that will ensure the preservation of our unique community character and charm
Sandra Bushmaker	Stop spending on nonpriority items.
lan Sobieski (incumbent)	The one thing I would say to a council member is: Just try to always do the common sense thing based on facts and data. That will usually always be aligned with the quiet desire of a majority of the residents.
Steven Woodside	Affordable, not luxury, housing. Reverse the decision to put an opportunity site in the historic district.

#### CITY FINANCES AND GOVERNANCE

#### **City Council Transparency**

Financial transparency to the Sausalito residents

lack of transparency within city council. cronyism. in the past two years we are now back at deficit spend and have lost our insurance. city is being lead backwards.

The cronyism and the lack of transparency in City government.

#### **City Property Management**

Rent on former Bank of America building is subprime!!!. Tenants need to adhere to lease!!

The city should not use our tax dollars to subsidize the Sausalito Center for the Arts which has failed to deliver any of its financial promises. I want my tax dollars spent on the essentials not on vanity projects.

#### **Financial Management**

**Budget** 

Budget deficit and out of control spending

City sustainable finances

How unfunded Pension liabilities are hurting services

Oversight of city expenditures

Pension liabilities

Reducing our deficit

The city's budget and long-term obligations.

We need over \$500 million for infrastructure repairs/mitigation. We must stop spending on non-priority items.

We need to tighten the budget and get out of the RED! We do not have the money to pull out of the sky!!

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

#### **Homelessness**

Keep the militant homeless out of Sausalito. The last settlement was too costly and irresponsible. Don't allow land to be seized in the first place - these people are stealing from other citizens and the children of our communities.

Remove homeless encampments!! Also get rid of vehicles on Bridgeway and Coloma St and behind Mollie's, where ppl sleep!

#### **Multiple Issues**

Marinship, Waterfront, tourists

Traffic, the insane amount of bikes, the number of tour buses, people using Dunphy park as an offleash dog park, lack of police, the fact that there doesn't seem to be any speed limit in town and pedestrian safety in the crosswalks!

#### **Community Amenities**

Have Farmer's market somewhere BUT NOT in parking lot at Dunfey park.

Help the Sausalito Center for the Arts survive by assisting the nonprofit with a reasonable lease adjustment.

More recreational and social activities for the elderly.

More support for artists

#### **DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Business Development**

Getting more businesses into downtown

Invest in the business community through marketing, advertising and financially supporting the chamber

Lack of favorable environments for businesses.

We have lost tourism thus revenue

#### **Economic and Environmental Concerns**

Economic growth

#### **Downtown**

Downtown Sausalito should be beautified. I think the merchants could do more to make the city attractive and could help with litter. I'd vote for planter boxes, as in other fine cities like Quebec City. Getting downtown more useful to locals instead of just tourist shops.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **City Infrastructure**

Roads, Infrastructure, Budget

#### Infrastructure and Housing

Safe infrastructure for bicycles, economic vitality, cost of fire department, infrastructure and housing to support aging in place, maritime infrastructure, regulatory red tape and overly strict zoning

#### **Road Conditions**

The roads are horrific

#### **Tree Preservation and Construction**

Save our trees that are dying. Stop the adu influx there is not enough parking curb building too many projects one after the next in one block we have had 7 rebuilds nonstop

Tree care and maintenance

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### Fire Safety

Fire safety

Tree on curry is a fire hazard it's a mess

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

Have blinking crosswalks- my blind friend would appreciate as would most residents (on Bridgeway) Reprogram cross walk times, too fast to make it all the way across right now.

#### **Public Safety**

CRIME!

Safety

Climate change/sea level mitigation

#### **Bridgeway Median**

I HAVE HEARD THAT THE MEDIAN WILL BE REMOVED???? WHERE WILL DELIVERY TRUCK STOP TO DELIVER THEIR PRODUCT TO THE RESTAURANTS. WORSE THAN THAT, HOW WILL THE FIRE DEPT. OR AMBULANCE GET UP TO THE GG BRIDGE IF THE MEDIAN IS REMOVED. HOW WILL THEY GET TO THE S

Keep the Bridgeway median

#### TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

#### **Traffic Issues**

Ingress and egress of weekend traffic

Moving traffic efficiently by stop lights being timed to the flow of traffic involved.

traffic

Traffic control such as one way street control (across from Poggio) and pedestrian safety/bike violations

#### **Parking**

Heightened parking along San Carlos making San Carlos into a one lane street between spencer and central

Keep parking downtown, we don't need a bigger park. We need parking revenue.

More parking at Dunphy Park!

Parking for residents

Parking situation at Dunphy Park. Day workers park all day and take most parking spots.

Parking turning two-way streets into one way.

Sausalito worships at the altar of parking meters, a false god propagated by the owners of the failing business' in our so called 'business district'. It's time for a new model that prioritizes public use over ease of parking.

Visitors should be steered towards metered parking downtown instead of residential neighborhoods near b; Bulkley is a good example.

We need more parking spaces

The amount of tourism and maintaining our community; bike traffic and lanes for better safety.

#### **Bicycle Concerns**

Bicycles, slowness in getting things done

Bike traffic and bike parking

Bike traffic control and management

Lawless cyclists should be ticketed. Faster permits, improvements on Bridgeway.

Need more bike lanes and less car-centric infrastructure

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CITY CHARACTER

#### **Historical Preservation**

Maintaining the historic Sausalito

No out of character development in Historic areas.

preservation of historic districts. maintain Maritime/Artist/Cottage industries/spaces/workshops/studios in the Marinship

#### **Opposition to Bridgeway Project**

Out of control development of the downtown area

#### **View Preservation**

preserving views including trees and buildings

#### **Preserve City Character**

Allowing business to flourish while balancing maintaining of Sausalito's Beaty charm and history

Do not allow the basic nature of our town to be ruined by greedy developers. I.E. Bridgeway Apartment huge complex

I feel there are some residents who want to gentrify the whole downtown area and don't really care what happens to the rest of the town.

Keeping Sausalito beautiful

Keeping Sausalito charming and small in scale.

Keeping Sausalito, Sausalito.

Preservation of the feel of the town

Protecting Sausalito Reputation of Unique Views & Bayside character.

Public Landscapes are included in the 2040 General Plan as key infrastructure, as the result of Sausalito Beautiful advocacy and language. I'm happy to share content and Explanations of why it's critical to Sausalito's economic vitality and the wellbeing

Sausalito is a charming Bayside city with beauty everywhere.

Saving Sausalito historic small village atmosphere

Loss of the culture of Sausalito

#### **HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Affordable Housing**

Affordable housing - especially senior housing

Affordable housing - we need more neighbors to support a thriving community and economy.

Affordable housing for families with young children and the elderly

Housing is a huge issue, people who work here can't afford to live anywhere close.

Not enough affordable housing for Sausalito's workforce and seniors.

Preserve low-cost housing at Bridgeway Marina 225 Locust St. Sausalito CA 94965

Sausalito needs more affordable housing and less NIMBYS.

Sausalito should be able to [have] affordable housing

#### **Housing Development Concerns**

Creating and enforcing a law limiting new buildings to 2-3 stories/levels in historic Sausalito.

Dilapidated/abandoned houses

grossly inappropriate out of scale buildings. public transportation. Diversity

High density housing development and maintaining the quality of life and current footprint of neighborhoods

Housing density

Housing mandates creating congestion, diminishing property values.

Housing project in Marinship and DT Sausalito

No high-rise buildings or over development!

Preserve historic areas of Sausalito with height limits

Rack and stack housing

The landslide risk in much of Sausalito should limit its state requirement for the housing element. Our geography does not support standard mandates.

Limiting tall buildings and construction that ruin the city

#### **Marinship Development**

No housing in the Marinship. Put it at MLK

#### **HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **MLK Park Preservation**

No development at MLK park

#### **Opposition to Bridgeway Project**

605 Bridgeway project - far too intrusive.

605-613 Bridgeway Condo Development, i am absolutely opposed!

An affordable housing complex should not be allowed in historic waterfront district.

Don't build high rises in the historic district

I do NOT support the huge multi-unit development on Bridgeway. It looks like a huge cruise ship and will ruin the traffic around princess and Bridgeway.

Issues of concern are proposed building at 605 Bridgeway and relaxation of building permit and approval process to exclude maintaining views, lights, privacy, noise, and parking in decision-making. It will be a nightmare and not at all in keeping with Sausalito. Furthermore, it will NOT bring business to downtown. Locals aren't going to frequent most shops down there. Tourists frequent them, No on the proposed monstrosity on Bridgeway near Angelinos.

Stop the Bridgeway high rise condo project.

Stopping the development of the high rise on Bridgeway

#### **View Preservation**

Blocking Views with Affordable Housing Equitable distribution of housing sites. More sights, less heights Maintaining existing views, that's why I moved here

Sausalito should be able to [have] areas that do not disrupt people's views or historic parts of the city. view protection

preserving views including trees and buildings

- Protect us from greedy property developers
- No affordable housing
- Stay out of Real estate. You don't know what you're doing.
- DON'T APPROVE THE MONSTROSITY AT 605-613 BRIDGEWAY
- Back to basics or resign
- · Please keep us informed of issues you will be discussing
- Fix the roads stop wasting \$\$\$\$
- Keep Sausalito quaint and characterful!
- Sort out traffic
- Stop the Fotch development attempt on Bridgeway
- Be transparent. Stop the special interest projects, mind the budget, repair the infrastructure
- Cut the trees down
- Be progressive and aggressive
- Let's raise money for a Sally Stanford statue.
- Don't let the huge building be built downtown.
- Stop the vanity projects and get down to the basics.
- You work for the people who elected you and the people of this community.
- Please think of your constituents (the residents) before your legacy
- Please make sure not to approve 605 Bridgeway. It will destroy Sausalito.
- Thank you for your service.
- No to the construction on bridgeway near Angelinos. And no to the transient busses taking over bridgeway between Easterby and Napa.
- Thank you for your time.
- You have a growing population of young professionals with families living around Marinship. If you build at MLK park we will all have to move elsewhere.
- Save Sausalito
- Save the charm of Sausalito and don't let new development ruin what natives and tourists all love about Sausalito.
- We need more public boat docks, blinking crosswalks on bridgeway, and not make the planning department such a nightmare.
- Your job is to serve the City of Sausalito, not self-interest!
- Fix the roads and sewer system and balance the budget
- Think of residents FIRST
- Kill the monster building above the open block on Bridgeway... no concessions. no compromises
- Do you support the alternative ODDS document prepared by the City's volunteer ad hoc
   Peer Review Group that will provide view and privacy protection, historic preservation, and
   architectural aesthetic quality in an objective, measurable, and known in advance manner

mandated by the State better than the version the Planning Commission prepared and recommended the City Council adopt?

- We need a balanced budget and to be better stewards of tax dollars for the long term.
- Utilize our relationships with Newsom & Pelosi to gain grant money
- Be fiscally responsible
- Thank you.
- Be honest. Don't make decisions that benefit your personal business.
- Mindful development. Preserve historic districts. Preserve Marinship industries. Transparency. Generate new business in the downtown.
- Be more transparent and objective in site selection.
- Housing in the Marinship will be the end of the boatyards. Sanding boat bottoms and condos a no go.
- Sausalito is unique and special, let's keep it that way.
- I want a transparent council and decision-making.
- You must stop the building proposal on the waterfront.
- Be transparent with every action you support.
- Make the process of the housing plan clearer and more transparent
- Please allow all residents to buy parking permits! The tiny area in front of my building is not allowed to buy parking passes and we are getting tickets!
- Keep Parking lots
- I support low impact housing development that blends into the existing infrastructure and landscape of our community
- Be financially responsible. stop spending on vanity projects and concentrate on essentials.
- Keep it historic
- Stop taking away parking spaces
- Promote business vitality throughout town for employment opportunity and to generate revenue for the city.
- Keep things simple and safe, do not try to fill every space simply for revenue, and keep our waterfront clean and open for visitors.
- Let's keep Sausalito historic
- Listen to the Residents
- The application for the 605 Bridgeway project should immediately be rejected on the
  grounds that it does not comply with the US Secretary of the Interiors designation of the lots
  in questions as part of Sausalito's historic waterfront district. This is a federal designation
  and it's obvious the application should be thrown out. There are other suitable locations
  elsewhere in Sausalito to add a number of residential units, but this certainly isn't one of
  them.
- Fix the roads!!!
- Move faster

- Do not change ordinances without resident's vote; to recuse themselves from their special interests, i.e. Bike Coalition;
- Stop thinking about ways to increase business downtown and keep parking available everywhere you can. There are already plenty of tourists in this town to support business. Do NOT ruin the character of Sausalito in the name of money.
- Less focus on tourists more focus on residents' amenities
- Resign to several of them
- The number one priority right now is blocking the proposed condo building in the historic district
- Always preserve Sausalito.
- Fix the roads and stop wasting taxpayer money on vanity projects like the SCA and the Ferry landing "redesign". I have lived in Sausalito for sixteen years and i cannot remember a time where the council was not engaged in redesign proposal, plan, consideration, proof of concept, etc. Lastly, kill the high-rise proposal for Bridgeway!
- What happened to parks and public space?
- Promote business vitality throughout town for employment opportunity and to generate revenue for the city.
- If the Spinnaker Rest changes eventually Trader Vic's would be a perfect buyer
- LEAVE THE MEDIAN ALONE, DON'T DESTROY THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT WITH HIGH RISE BLDGS.A
- Don't make this a bicycle town. Keep all our public parking for cars.
- Make housing happen
- Keep all new construction in character with old Sausalito. No modern apartment building.
- PLEASE DON'T BUILD THIS HUGE BUILDING. IT WILL RUIN SAUSALITO IN SO MANY WAYS.
   THIS TOWN IS PRECIOUS TO ME!
- We need to do redo the last General Plan and Marinship Specific Plan.
- Protect the historic district of Sausalito.
- Make me feel more confident you are on top of finances
- Preserve the safety and historic feel of Sausalito. A 90-unit housing next two schools that will obstruct views is not the way to go.
- Be transparent. Stop the special interest projects, mind the budget, repair the infrastructure
- Thank you for serving our community.
- A council member should consider the voices of residents (and guests) living in Sausalito and loving it because of its original charm.
- Honor our existing height parking and setback regs.
- Be useful
- Invest in our local business community
- Listen to the residents and don't cater just to the tourists.

- Keep things simple and safe, do not try to fill every space simply for revenue, and keep our waterfront clean and open for visitors
- Stop spending on nonpriority items.
- 605 Bridgeway project far too intrusive.
- Let's keep Sausalito historic
- Please block the proposed monstrosity building on Bridgeway downtown
- Stop spending money on the vanity projects like Sausalito Center for the Arts
- Keep up the good work and stay on budget.
- If you vote for the 605-613 Bridgeway Condo Development project, it will destroy the charm and historical significance of our downtown. You will not be reelected!
- Preservation. Changes are forever. There will be no going back.
- 605 Bridgeway is NOT affordable housing. It would be a tragedy to build it. In a rush to build, build, build, please be mindful of unintended consequences to current homeowners.
- Do not let the proposed, monstrous, nine-story building get built under any conditions!
- No to the construction on bridgeway near Angelinos. And no to the transient busses taking over bridgeway between Easterby and Napa
- Be transparent. Stop the special interest projects, mind the budget, repair the infrastructure
- PROTECT THE HISTORIC DISTRICT
- Preserve income and balance the budget
- Keep a balanced budget.
- Stop listening to people who say no and put up roadblocks. Find solutions to solve the
  housing, infrastructure and transit issues that plague our city and have gone unsolved for
  decades.
- Support and build affordable housing in our city now. Don't listen to the NIMBYS who say both maritime and housing can't peacefully coexist in the Marinship.
- Have Vision
- Thank you for your service to our community
- Stop wasting money on consultants
- Your job as a city council member is to run the city, not to be a political activist.
- Please keep Sausalito as close to 1950s as possible. It was and is the way it was charming and should stay do not turn us into Long Beach or Manhattan beach
- There are other areas of Sausalito such as Marinship that could increase housing options.
- Please tell me if you agree that we have ceded our world-class waterfront to parking. And if so, what is your plan to reclaim our waterfront for public use by residents and visitors?
- Save our town please
- Be fiscally responsible
- Be more transparent and objective in site selection.
- Fix the roads and sewer system and balance the budget

- Do everything you can to prevent the monster 9 story building from going up in our downtown historic district.
- Volunteer somewhere else.
- Please vote AGAINST 605 Bridgeway. This proposed multi-storied 50 luxury unit building is illegal and a disgrace!
- Let's work together to make Sausalito a better place.
- Do not let this building development ruin our historic Sausalito waterfront. The excuse that this would be a solve for housing shortage is ridiculous. These condos/apartments will be unaffordable for even those with six-figure incomes. It's a money grab and nothing behind it is fueled by a love of Sausalito.
- Serve and speak for the whole town, the breadth of who we are and who you represent. Stop using your position on the council for personal gains or your cohorts' personal gains. You basically stole a city while no one was watching!
- Do not let developers ruin Sausalito
- Don't make this a bicycle town. Keep all our public parking for cars.
- Work to ensure Sausalito's vitality for the long term. Be stewards.
- Save our historic character (and repair & replace decrepit infrastructure!!!)
- The number one priority right now is blocking the proposed condo building in the historic district.
- Stop spending money' Parking is a major source of revenue for the city....Leave it alone!
- Fix the roads and sewer system and balance the budget
- Stop thinking about ways to increase business downtown and keep parking available everywhere you can. There are already plenty of tourists in this town to support business. Do NOT ruin the character of Sausalito in the name of money.
- I would say it's not just about them! They need to focus on the residents' needs and concerns. Business seems to also take priority over residents, and I feel they are important also, but we should matter too.
- Focus on essentials, no costly arts projects, or only those covered by donations; quit wasting our money
- Stop focusing on the feel-good projects and pay attention to the city's declining infrastructure.
- Listen to the Residents
- Please protect Sausalito unique Views & Bayside character.
- Fix the city infrastructure and not cater to the special interests.
- Think of residents FIRST
- Stop wasting money on stupid stuff like the Bank of America Building
- Stop focusing on the feel-good projects and pay attention to the city's declining infrastructure.
- Do NOT DESTROY our VIEWS or FAUNA with more housing!!!

- Protect us from greedy property developers
- Make the process of the housing plan clearer and more transparent
- Sausalito is a cherished community visited by people the world over please be a steward of that legacy while advancing toward the future
- STOP THE SHELL GAME DON'T WASTE OUR TAXPAYERS' DOLLARS ON VANITY PROJECTS THAT Positive People of Sausalito are supporting they do not care about Sausalito
- Fix the streets, kill vanity projects, help businesses that are closing

## **Save Our Sausalito**

Save Our Sausalito is a 501(c)4 public benefit non-profit corporation that organizes direct actions to preserve Sausalito's unique character today and for future generations. We fight for you by advocating for responsibly designed new developments and affordable housing and opposing developments that detract from Sausalito's welcoming community.

For more information about Save Our Sausalito and our programs please visit our website at saveoursausalito.com or email us at connect@saveoursausalito.com.

The Sausalito we treasure and love won't be here unless we fight for it.