

San Francisco's Bribery, Corruption And Kick-Back Deals Means SF Can NEVER Solve It's Housing Crisis

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overnment employees in San Francisco made anywhere between \$36,000 and \$601,000 last year, averaging around \$127,000, the data showed.

The San Francisco Housing Authority is laying off 150 employees as of Sept. 30, part of the continued fallout of a 2019 U.S. Housing and Urban Development audit that found widespread problems at the agency.

The audit found SFHA, which manages San Francisco's public housing, had shown financial irresponsibility and mismanagement of its housing program contracts and ordered the agency to contract out essential functions to a third party. A contractor was tapped in 2020, but the pandemic delayed the transition until this year.

"As the health impacts of the pandemic have subsided due to vaccinations and various other mitigating factors, the Authority resumed fulfilling its mandate," said SFHA CEO Tonia Jedju.

HUD declared SFHA to be in default as a result of the agency's failure to document and submit required financial reports, calculate accurate financial projections and manage its budgets. The agency had a nearly \$30 million budget deficit in 2018, requiring a bailout from both the city and the federal government, [as reported by The San Francisco Chronicle](#).

SFHA's "over utilization" of its federal Housing Assistance Payments led to this deficit, [SFHA's Barbara Smith told Curbed SF at the time](#). She also cited SFHA's difficulty in retaining "experienced" and "competent" financial staff.

HUD mandated city officials to assume responsibility of SFHA's essential functions — making the city responsible for approximately 14,000 households reliant on rental assistance — in a letter issuing in the transition.

Fifteen employees will be impacted from the San Francisco Housing Authority administrative office, 65 employees from Sunnydale Development and 66 employees from Potrero Development, the layoff notice stated, and 85% of the workforce is being cut, according to Jedju.

The impacted job classifications range from construction carpenter journeyman to an SFHA program manager and senior administrative clerk. The majority of affected jobs fall into construction work categories.

Of the 146 employees impacted, Jedju said 89% belong to the building trades where they are provided with the opportunity to return to their union halls for new assignments.

Union representation for affected employees include Carpenters Union Local 22, Electrical Workers Local 6, Floor Layers Local 12, Plumbers Union Local 38, LIUNA Local 261, Glaziers Union Local 718, Painters Union Local 1176, Municipal Executives' Association and SEIU Local 1021.

"The SFHA has invited all union member representatives to meet with their members and trust to provide answers to questions raised about wages and benefits after a layoff," Jedju said.

"Significant efforts" have been made to minimize the adverse impacts of the layoffs, Jedju noted. The SFHA has been working with impacted staff since early spring, with 88 impacted staff members attending resume building sessions, 92 attending interview technique sessions and 87 attending rapid response workshops.

San Francisco homelessness crisis increases despite \$1.1 billion in spending

Since the fiscal year 2016–17, San Francisco has spent over \$2.8 billion on homelessness, but year after year, the number of homeless in the city continues to spike.

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Rubbish! San Francisco’s \$20,000 designer trash can struggles to contain trash

In 2018, San Francisco set out to build a better bin. The prototypes are finally ready for action – so we gave them a try



A prototype of the Salt and Pepper trash can seen near the Embarcadero and Ferry Building in San Francisco. Photograph: Eric Risberg/AP

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San Francisco may struggle with an intractable housing crisis, gaping income inequality and a [deserted downtown](#) – but one thing it will not tolerate is second-rate trash cans.



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In 2018, the city's department of public works began the [process](#) of replacing its more than 3,000 existing public trash cans. Not content with the models already on the market, San Francisco launched what is now a three-and-half-year (and counting), [\\$550,000 project](#) to design bespoke bins for its streets.

The [design criteria](#) for the trash cans stressed innovation ("Each can must be outfitted with an electronic sensor that sends alerts when nearing trash capacity so it can be emptied before overflowing"), aesthetics ("The design must be a visual asset on the sidewalk"), and above all, rummage-resistance.

The existing bins were "easy targets of scavengers, who rummage through them and leave behind a mess", [according to the public works department](#).

In July, the city finally rolled out custom-made prototypes of the three finalist designs. Production of the prototypes cost between \$11,000 and \$20,900.



Prototypes for trash cans designed for San Francisco Photograph: San Francisco Department of Public Works

But having already spent three and a half years on this rubbish issue, the city isn't going to make any rash decisions on the final design: everyone's invited to weigh in on which can is best. The three prototypes are distributed all over the city, with QR codes attached so that citizens can provide feedback during a 60-day pilot program. (Also planted across the city are three "off-the-shelf" models, which would reportedly cost [\\$630 to \\$2,800 each](#); the custom ones, when produced at scale, are expected to cost \$2,000 to \$3,000.)

The Guardian took a tour around the city to investigate the options.

Salt and Pepper





Salt and Pepper trash can in San Francisco, August 2022. Photograph: Matthew Cantor/The Guardian

This \$11,000 trash can lives up to its name: it looks like a salt or pepper shaker. The public works department says its “unique and elegant profile stands out from afar”, and indeed, it was visible from across the street. But it doesn’t look particularly unique or elegant when stuffed with garbage: it looks like a trash can. And though its design may limit graffiti as intended, the steel fins seem likely to prove difficult to clean; they were encrusted with some unidentifiable gunk.

The Salt and Pepper has a separate section on top that’s intended for recyclables, as indicated by an unintelligible symbol. It was packed with non-recyclable items, which seems inevitable when hurried passersby are faced with a stuffed bin.

The opening for normal trash was small, which the city says makes it “difficult to rummage in the can”. It also makes it difficult to throw out a cup of coffee. A wide lip at the bottom of the opening means you really have to reach in there to ensure your trash lands in the bin, rather than next to it. Seeking a trash can people can’t take things out of, [San Francisco](#) has built one you can’t put things into.

Appearance: 5/10

Ease of use: 4/10

Overall: 4.5/10

Slim Silhouette





Slim Silhouette trash can in San Francisco, August 2022. Photograph: Matthew Cantor/The Guardian

For \$18,800, you get a trash can with a circular mouth that makes it appear permanently alarmed.

This bin's appearance is unobjectionable; despite its name, it has an appealing heft to it. It would look at home on any street, but so do the current green trash cans. And like its slightly cheaper sibling, it's a lot more appealing in the prototype images than it is when scuffed up and nearly overflowing. Also like its sibling, it was not drawing any interest from passersby despite the QR code on its side.

The Slim Silhouette also has separate compartments for garbage and recycling; again, both were filled with trash. The trash hole was even smaller than the Salt and Pepper's, and when a finicky Guardian reporter threw out an item, he was forced to touch other trash making a bid for escape.

Appearance: 6/10

Ease of use: 3/10

Overall: 4.5/10





Soft Square trash can in San Francisco, August 2022. Photograph: Matthew Cantor/The Guardian

And finally, the bin behind the headlines: the \$20,900 Soft Square, which is neither soft nor a square. The city describes this one as having a “recognizable trash can silhouette,” which does seem like something you want in a trash can. No one wants San Franciscans dropping their mail in these things or mistaking them for long-lost friends.

This is the only trash can that requires users to open it. There’s a pedal at the bottom so you don’t have to touch the handle; unfortunately, the pedal is so sleek and subtle that the Guardian reporter didn’t initially notice it and pulled the bin open by hand. Short on trash, the reporter placed a nearby leaf into the receptacle. Reopening it revealed that both the leaf and another piece of trash, placed earlier by someone else, remained stuck in the deposit slot, from which a fly lazily emerged.

As if to prove the slot was too small, a bag of trash sat on the ground next to the Soft Square, creating the very mess the cans are intended to eliminate.

Appearance: 5/10

Ease of use: 2/10

Overall: 3.5/10

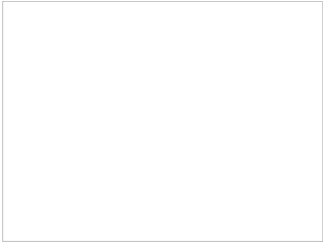
The verdict

In a city obsessed with disruption, none of the models revolutionized the world of waste disposal. Might as well just go with the cheapest – or keep what we’ve got.

[San Francisco will have spent \\$1.1 billion on homelessness in the fiscal year 2021–22](#), which is more than some city’s entire operating budgets. Yet homelessness, crime, drug abuse, and the quality of life in the city have only According to an analysis by the [Hoover Institute](#), since the fiscal year 2016–17, [San Francisco](#) has spent over \$2.8 billion on homelessness, but year after year, the number of homeless in the city continues to spike, as do opioid overdoses, which outnumber Covid deaths as the city has become [one of the most dangerous in the US](#).

The number of homeless in [San Francisco](#) has increased from 12,249 to 19,086 since 2016 equaling roughly 2.2 percent of the city’s total population of about 860,000 which is over 12 times the national average. That amounts to roughly \$57,000 spent on each homeless person annually. The analysis pointed out that “there is little or no accountability within the city’s government to evaluate the efficacy of its spending. Some of the city’s programs are so poorly managed that some homeless people likely prefer living on the streets to the facilities that are being provided to them at enormously inflated costs to taxpayers.” [The San Francisco Chronicle](#) recently investigated San Francisco’s Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). The agency funds nonprofits that rent hotel rooms and provide aid for homeless people in approximately 70 hotels. The program costs taxpayers roughly \$160 million annually. According to the outlet, in 16 of these hotels, the city failed to oversee and evaluate the program which created “a pattern of chaos, crime, and death.” San Francisco’s permanent supportive housing did not fair any better. The analysis revealed that of the 515 tenants within permanent supportive housing that were followed by the city, 25 percent died while in the program, 21 percent returned to homelessness, and 27 dropped off the grid. The remaining 27 percent moved in with family or friends or into another taxpayer-subsidized building. In 2020 and 2021, at least 166 people died from drug overdoses in the hotels, which accounted for 14 percent of all confirmed overdose deaths in the entire city. The analysis also described how the homeless that were placed in the hotels have “threatened to kill hotel staff, chased them with metal pipes, and lit fires inside hotel rooms.” Additionally, “Tenants attack each other, including one person who sprayed pesticide into their neighbor’s eyes on at least two occasions. One tenant slashed another’s face with a knife. Other tenants have been threatened by guns and crowbars.” According to the Hoover Institute, case managers in this program supervise as many as 85 tenants, approximately five times higher than the recommended caseload. Building inspectors have cited the hotels for more than 1,600 violations since 2016. Violations have included broken elevators, rodent infestations, water leaks, mildew, mold, and fungal problems even a sink in a hotel room filled with human feces. The analysis of San Francisco’s homeless response was similar to an [audit](#) on the [Progress of Proposition 57](#), a 2016 measure that authorized spending \$1.2 billion to shelter the homeless in Los Angeles. Similarly, the number of homeless living on the streets has increased. Los Angeles is building units for housing and has only completed 1,142 units. An additional 4,205 units are under construction. According to the report, “During this review, we found that less than 1,200 units have been produced in five years and estimated costs for several projects exceed \$700,000 per unit.” That comes out to an average completed cost of \$520,879 per unit, and an average cost of \$596,486 per unit under construction with 14 percent of the units under construction exceeding \$700,000 per unit with one project currently estimated to cost \$837,000 per unit. According to the controller, “Projects exceeding \$600,000 per unit are no longer outliers.” The proposed solution in the audit was recommending the same failed model used in San Francisco, which has also been [unsuccessful in states such as Washington](#) to “...acquiring and converting buildings without tenants—like hotels and motels—because of the potential time and cost savings. While older buildings typically require renovations to make them compliant with accessibility and fire safety requirements, they are less likely to approach \$600,000 per unit.”

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SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING IS ONE HUGE CORRUPT MESS!

What takes four years to make and costs more than \$20,000? A trash can in San Francisco.

That costly, boxy bin is among six trash cans hitting San Francisco's streets this summer in the city's long saga in search of the perfect can. Overflowing trash cans are a common sight in the Northern California city, along with piles of used clothes, shoes, furniture and other items strewn about on sometimes-impassable sidewalks.

City officials hired a Bay Area industrial firm to custom-design the pricey trash can along with two other prototypes that cost taxpayers \$19,000 and \$11,000 each. This summer, residents have the opportunity to evaluate them along with three off-the-shelf options added to the pilot program after officials faced criticism.

Last month, the city deployed 15 custom-made trash cans and 11 off-the-shelf trash cans — each of those costing from \$630 to \$2,800 — with QR codes affixed to them asking residents to fill out a survey. City officials said they intend to pay no more than \$3,000 per can.

San Francisco began its search for the perfect trash can in 2018 when officials decided it was time to replace the more than 3,000 public bins that have been on the streets for almost 20 years.

Officials say the current bins have too big a hole that allows for easy rummaging. The bins also have hinges that need constant repair and locks that are easy to breach. Some people also topple them over, cover them in graffiti, or set them on fire.

The city is so serious about the endeavor [it has created interactive maps](#) so residents can track and test the different designs, which include the Soft Square, the priciest prototype at \$20,900. The boxy stainless steel receptacle has openings for trash and for can and bottle recycling and includes a foot pedal. The Slim Silhouette, at \$18,800 per prototype, is made of stainless steel bars that give would-be graffiti artists less space to tag.

If one of the custom-designed bins is chosen, the cost to mass produce it will be \$2,000 to \$3,000 per piece, said Beth Rubenstein, a spokeswoman for San Francisco's Department of Public Works.

"We live in a beautiful city, and we want (the trash can) to be functional and cost-effective, but it needs to be beautiful," she said.

But the good looks of the shiny new trash cans have not protected them from vandalism and disrespect. Three weeks after being unveiled, several have already been tagged with orange and white graffiti. Others already show the drip stains of inconsiderate coffee drinkers or have attracted dumping, with people leaving dilapidated bathroom cabinets and plastic bags full of empty wine bottles next to them.

Trash on San Francisco city streets has been an issue for decades. In 2007, then-Mayor Gavin Newsom eliminated about 1,500 of the city's 4,500 trash cans because he said they were not helping keep streets clean and were becoming magnets for more trash. Officials couldn't say how many receptacles are currently on the curb, but the city plans to replace at least 3,000.

"A trash can is one of the most basic functions of city governance and if the city can't do something as simple as this, how can they solve the bigger issues of homelessness and safety and poverty?" asked Matt Haney, a former supervisor who lives in the Tenderloin neighborhood and now represents the area in the California Assembly.

New trash cans will be the latest addition to the city's arsenal against its dirty streets. In 2014, San Francisco launched its "Pit Stop" program in the Tenderloin neighborhood, the epicenter of drug dealing and homelessness in the city, setting up portable public toilets. In 2018, the city created a six-person "poop patrol" team amid demand to power wash sidewalks.

Haney said that as a supervisor he reluctantly agreed last year to approve the pilot program despite the high prices to avoid delays.

"I think most people, including me, would say just replace the damn cans with cans that we know work in other cities, just do it," he said.

Haney said the "whole trash can saga has this stench of corruption," referring to disgraced former Department of Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru, who pleaded guilty in January to federal wire fraud charges. Nuru awarded the contract to maintain San Francisco's trash cans to a company owned by a relative of a developer who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and is cooperating with federal authorities in the case against Nuru.

On top of the corruption, the city has long been the butt of jokes for how long it takes to complete public works projects of all kinds.

A bus rapid transit system along Van Ness Avenue, one of the city's main arteries, finally opened this year after 27 years of construction. A new subway line connecting Chinatown with other areas of the city that started construction in 2010 is four years behind schedule. In 2017, the city completed the Transbay Transit Center only a year late, but the \$2 billion terminal abruptly shut down six weeks later after crews discovered two cracked steel girders.

Ultimately, what trash can the city gets will depend on feedback from sanitation employees, and the surveys completed by the end of September, Rubenstein said. The new cans are not expected on the streets until the end of 2023.

Diane Torkelson, who often picks up trash in her Inner Richmond neighborhood with other volunteers, recently trekked 5 miles (8 kilometers) with a dozen other civic-minded San Franciscans to examine three of the cans.

The two prototypes were already full when the group arrived to check them out, she said.

"If the trash can is full, it's of no use, no matter how well it was designed," she said.

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