

The San Francisco Public Press is an independent nonprofit, noncommercial news organization dedicated to producing important local public-interest news.

Our educational objective is to provide context-rich, nonpartisan journalism that fills the void of hard-hitting accountability reporting left by the downsizing of the commercial press over the last decade. More than 70 professional freelance journalists and volunteers write, edit and distribute the news, and use social media to encourage conversation among under-served communities.

The Public Press supports other local public media and public-affairs programs by highlighting the best stories from more than 30 nonprofit partners, including the Center for Investigative Reporting, California Watch, Bay Nature magazine, Earth Island Journal, Shareable.net, National Radio Project, New America Media, Mission Local, Oakland Local, the Commonwealth Club of California and the World Affairs Council.

The radio station will provide much greater exposure for our own work and that of our partners, and help inform and educate communities about the stories and issues that affect their lives.

Online since March 2009, the Public Press has published quarterly ad-free newspapers in San Francisco since June 2010. Each features original reporting, stories from our partners and team-reported special projects. Our cover stories so far:

- Cost overruns on the Bay Bridge
- Treasure Island: redevelopment on shaky ground
- Efforts to improving Muni's on-time record through technology
- The Bay Area media meltdown
- The struggle to balance San Francisco's budget
- The battle against human trafficking
- Regional approach to climate change by promoting smart growth
- San Francisco law enforcement's uneven efforts on domestic violence
- ... and hundreds of other under-reported topics

Respectfully,

Lila Lahood, Publisher