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LAFCo 2020 Year in Review

March 19, 2021

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San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission



- Every California county has a LAFCo
- Legislature's watchdog over city and special district boundaries
- SF LAFCo was formed in 2000 when there was an effort to create a municipal utilities district
- Assigned oversight authority of CleanPowerSF in 2007
- Conducts special studies

Ridehail and Delivery Worker Surveys

- LAFCo commissioned three groundbreaking representative surveys of app-based ridehail and delivery work in San Francisco
- The City's first in-depth snapshot of this workforce
- Unique partnership between UC Santa Cruz, Jobs With Justice San Francisco, Jobs With Justice Education Fund and the Driver's Seat Cooperative

On-demand and On-the-edge: Ride-hailing and delivery workers in San Francisco *Summer 2020 Survey of Delivery Workers*

Chris Benner, *UC Santa Cruz*

with
Erin Johansson, *Jobs with Justice Education Fund*
Kung Feng, *Jobs with Justice San Francisco*
Hays Witt, *Drivers Seat Cooperative*

October 16, 2020

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Not a Gig For Most

- The majority of survey respondents work full-time for platform companies
- Workforce is mostly people of color and significant immigrant
- Up to 20% may be making 0 after expenses

Survey link:

<https://sfgov.org/lafco//emerging-mobility-labor-study>

Key Presentations

- Presentations to San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, SF Planning Department, SF Transportation Authority, Department of the Environment
- SFMTA used the data to inform potential incentive programs to encourage ride-hail drivers to use zero emission vehicles
- Presentation and webinar to the Urban Sustainability Directors Network with

On-the-Edge: App-Based Ride-Hail & Delivery Workers- A San Francisco Labor Study

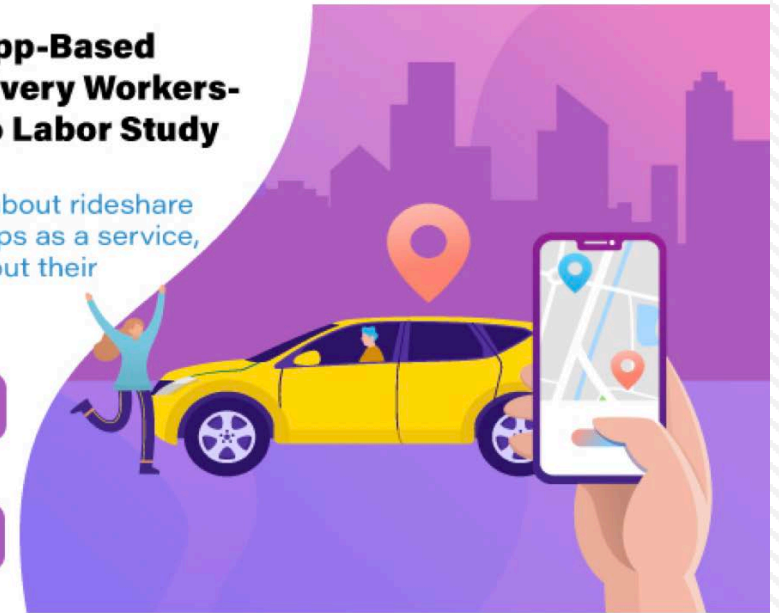
You probably know about rideshare and food delivery apps as a service, but do you know about their workers?

Date:
November 18, 2020

Time:
10:30 AM PST



Click Here to Register!



Impact

- The survey was cited in the California Voter Guide
- Helped voters make an informed decision on Prop 22
- Influenced how the media covered gig workers



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California General Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Polls Are Open From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

Media Coverage

- Wired, TechCrunch, Vice, SF Examiner, SF Chronicle, CNN, NYTimes editorial on Prop 22
- Survey frequently cited on Twitter: JWW tweets achieved between 13-18,000 impressions

City commission urges new protections, support for gig workers

Recommendations include minimum wage, licensing, restrooms, rideshare co-op

IDA MOJADAD / May, 13, 2020 4:30 p.m. / NEWS / THE CITY



Gig workers in San Francisco are mostly people of color and many are immigrants, according to survey

Megan Rose Dickey @meganrosedickey / 9:45 AM PDT • May 5, 2020



SF survey addresses gig workers' concerns amid COVID-19 pandemic

Megan Rose Dickey @meganrosedickey / 12:16 PM PDT • March 25, 2020





Preliminary Recommendations:

How to Address Problematic Labor, Safety, Health and Transportation Issues Among Ride-Hail and Food Delivery Workers

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Recommendations

- LAFCo issued a set of policy recommendations to address the findings in the survey



Enforce City and State labor protections for ride-hail and delivery workers

- Ensure workers are compensated at SF's minimum wage
- Ensure health care ordinance contributions and paid sick leave
- Prioritize enforcement of Assembly Bill 5

As much as

20%



of workers might be earning nothing when all expenses are accounted for.



The City should create a task force to explore the viability of a City-Run worker-owned ride-hail and delivery cooperative

- Clear these services are valued by San Franciscans
- Companies argue they cannot afford to comply with Assembly Bill 5
- Company models are not sustainable



Recommendation

Establish a Pilot Cooperative

The City of San Francisco should establish a plan to develop a Pilot Delivery Cooperative. This cooperative would be run, operated, and financed by its members, but would in the initial phases be given special treatment as a business to mitigate the initial challenges.

Establish an e-bike rebate program

Program should be funded by companies in collaboration with bike manufacturers

25% of Uber and Lyft drivers would shift or maybe shift to an e-bike for delivery if they were offered an incentive

39% of delivery drivers said yes they would switch to e-bike with an incentive

31% said maybe



E-Bike Rebate Research

Recommendation: The City should establish a Pilot Worker Rebate Program

- Can help the City achieve environmental goals, encourage a healthier lifestyle, and mitigate traffic congestion, offer flexibility for workers in San Francisco
- Allows for the collection of data for food delivery workers in San Francisco that was previously unavailable
- Require a bicycle safety training course that covers bicycle safety and is required to qualify for the rebate



Preventing a Disconnections Crisis in SF

- Produced report on how to prevent utility disconnections in SF
- Analysis of CPUC decision on disconnections
- Found decision was insufficient to prevent utility debt accumulation during the moratorium
- Urged that the moratorium on power shutoffs set to expire in April be extended (CPUC did extend the moratorium to June 30, 2021)
- Highlighted L.A.'s plan to provide \$500 grants to customers for utility debt



Completed an RFQ for a Renewable Energy Consultant

- LAFCo issued an RFQ for a renewable energy consultant in three service areas:
 - 1) Support LAFCo's Oversight of CleanPowerSF
 - 2) Local Buildout of Renewable Energy Projects
 - 3) Identify and Propose Programs for Communities of Concern
- A total of 7 firms were prequalified to work in all three service areas
- Vanir scored highest for Service Area One and was chosen for a contract
- The Commission approved a contract with Vanir in September 2020



Vanir Reports Analyzing CleanPowerSF

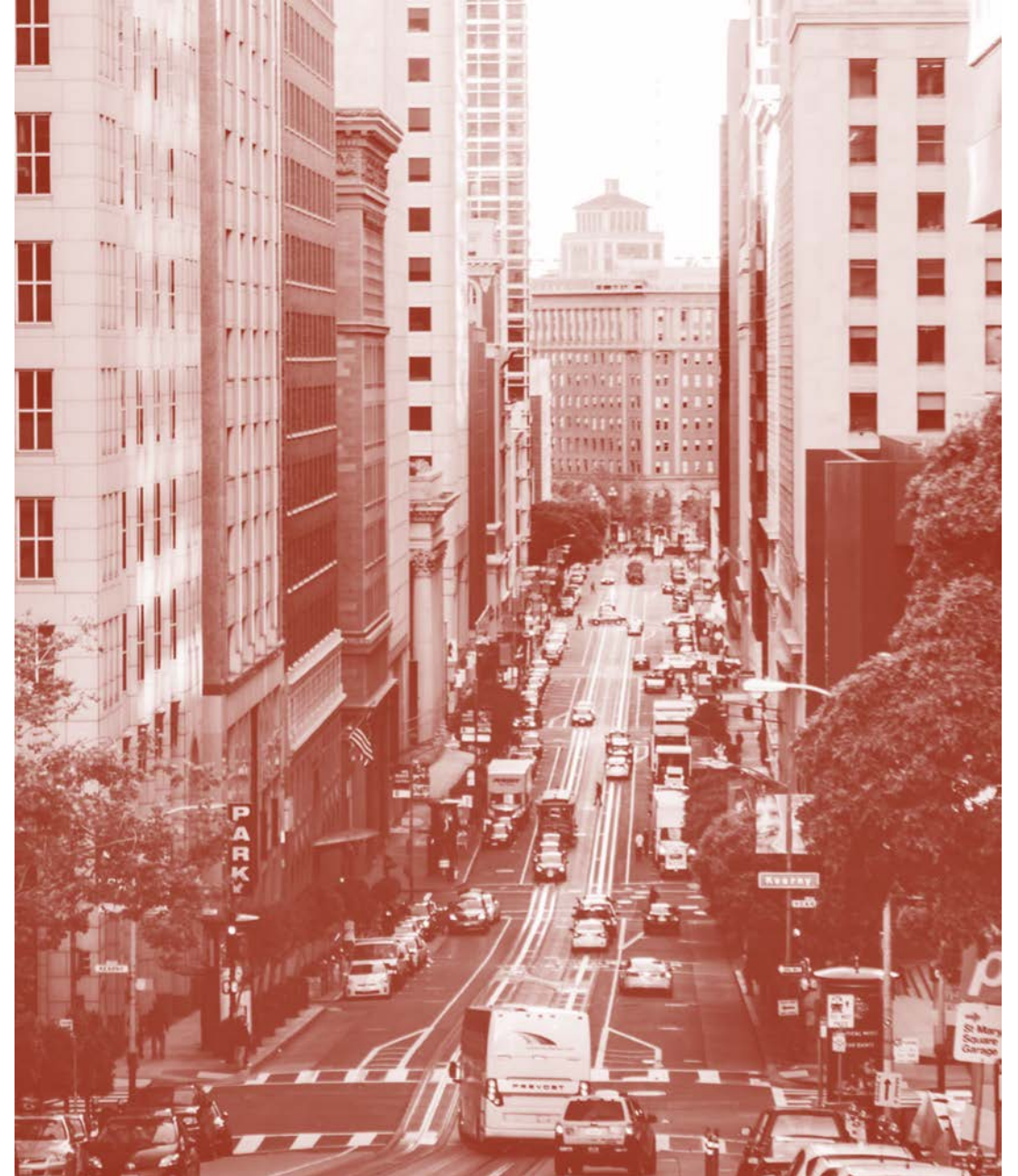


- Analysis of CleanPowerSF's Integrated Resources Report
- Analysis of CleanPowerSF's Local Renewable Energy Report
- Benchmarking report comparing CleanPowerSF with other Northern California CCAs



Bank Accountability During Covid

- Produce a report on bank accountability for the May 2020 LAFCo meeting
- A lack of bank transparency
- Found only half of SF's 46 banks committed to implementing FDIC recommendations during the pandemic (such as waiving ATM and overdraft fees)
- The report included 5 recommendations which were forwarded to the SF Treasurer's Office and shared with the Board of Supervisors



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