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[Police Code - Prohibiting Public Nudity]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code by adding Section 154 to prohibit nudity on public streets, sidewalks, street medians, parklets, ~~and~~ plazas, and public rights-of-way, and on public transit vehicles, stations, platforms, and stops, except as part of permitted parades, fairs, and festivals.

NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are *~~strike-through italics Times New Roman~~*. Board amendment additions are double-underlined; Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The San Francisco Police Code is hereby amended by adding Section 154, to read as follows:

SEC. 154. PROHIBITING PUBLIC NUDITY.

(a) The Board of Supervisors finds that a person's public exposure of his or her private parts (1) invades the privacy of members of the public who are unwillingly or unexpectedly exposed to such conduct and unreasonably interferes with the rights of all persons to use and enjoy the public streets, sidewalks, street medians, parklets, plazas, public rights-of-way, transit vehicles, stations, platforms, and transit system stops, (2) creates a public safety hazard by creating distractions, obstructions, and crowds that interfere with the safety and free flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and (3) discourages members of the public from visiting or living in areas where such conduct occurs. The Board of Supervisors has enacted the provisions of this Section 154 for the purpose of securing and promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of all persons in the City and County of San Francisco.

(a~~b~~) *A person may not expose his or her genitals, perineum, or anal region on any public street, sidewalk, street median, parklet, ~~or~~ plaza,* or public right-of-way as defined in Section

2.4.4(t) of the Public Works Code, *or in any transit vehicle, station, platform, or stop of any government operated transit system in the City and County of San Francisco.*

(~~b~~c) *The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to (1) any person under the age of five years or (2) any permitted parade, fair, or festival held under a City or other government issued permit. Notwithstanding this exemption, all persons participating in or attending permitted parades, fairs or festivals shall comply with Section 1071.1(b)(2) of the San Francisco Police Code.*

(~~c~~d) *Any person who violates this Section 154 shall be guilty of an infraction and upon conviction thereof such person shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100) for a first violation, and not to exceed two hundred dollars ($200) for a second violation within twelve months of the first violation.*

(~~d~~e) *Upon the third or subsequent conviction under this Section 154 within twelve months of the first violation, such person shall be guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor. The complaint charging such violation shall specify whether, in the discretion of the District Attorney, the violation is an infraction or a misdemeanor. If charged as an infraction, upon conviction, the violator shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500. If charged as a misdemeanor, upon conviction, the violator shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not to exceed one year or by both such fine and imprisonment.*

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Section ~~3~~2. Effective Date; Operative Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of passage. The operative date of this ordinance shall be February 1, 2013 or the effective date, whichever is later.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: _____
ADINE VARAH
Deputy City Attorney

FILE NO. 120984

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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Existing Law

Police Code Section 1071.1 (Regulating Public Nudity in Restaurants and Public Seating Areas) currently regulates the public nudity of waiters, waitresses, entertainers, and customers in restaurants and of people who sit on public benches, steps, or other public seating areas without clothing or other material as a barrier between certain of their body parts and the public seating.

Both the Park Code and the Port Code provisions regarding "disorderly conduct" prevent members of the public ages 5 and up from exposing certain body parts on Recreation and Park or Port property. (Park Code §4.01(h); Port Code §3.1(H).)

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Police Code to prevent any individual from exposing his or her genitals, perineum, or anal region on any public street, sidewalk, street median, parklet, plaza, and public right-of-way, or in any public transit vehicle, station, platform, or stop, except as part of permitted parades, fairs, and festivals or when the individual is under the age of five. The fine for a violation shall not exceed one $100 for a first violation, and shall not exceed $200 for a second violation within twelve months of the first. A third or subsequent conviction within twelve months of the first violation will be an infraction or a misdemeanor. If the District Attorney charges the violation as an infraction, upon conviction, the fine shall not exceed $500. If charged as a misdemeanor, upon conviction, the punishment shall be a fine not to exceed $500 or imprisonment in the County Jail for no more than one year, or both.

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Supervisor Wiener

Subject:

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To: Derek Evans/BOS/SFGOV@SFGOV,
Cc: Rowena Carr/SFPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Mr. Evans,

In speaking with DC James Dudley, he advised he worked with Supervisor Wiener's office when the legilsation was being drafted. At that time, the SFPD wanted to make sure that the general language of California Penal Code Section 370 was included. And it was.

We feel the legislation is straightforward and we have no additional suggestions or input.

We appreciate your time.

Christine Fountain
Office Manager
Chief's Office
415-553-1135

-----Derek Evans/BOS/SFGOV wrote: -----
To: Greg Suhr/SFPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
From: Derek Evans/BOS/SFGOV
Date: 10/19/2012 02:31PM
Cc: Christine Fountain/SFPD/SFGOV@SFGOV, Timothy Falvey/SFPD/SFGOV@SFGOV
Subject: Referral: BOS File No. 120984

Attached is a referral for BOS File No. 120984 (Police Code - Prohibiting Public Nudity), which is being referred to your department. If you have any reports or comments to be included as part of the file, please forward those to me.

This item is tentatively scheduled to be heard at a Special Meeting of the City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee on Monday, November 5, 2012.

(See attached file: 120984_Police Department - Public Nudity.pdf)
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Thank you in advance.

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Fw: File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/15/2012 08:51 AM

---- Forwarded by Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV on 11/15/2012 08:57 AM ----

From: Thomas Hatch <thatchx0@yahoo.com>
To: "Linda.Wong@sfgov.org" <Linda.Wong@sfgov.org>
Date: 11/11/2012 10:40 AM
Subject: File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Dear City Supervisor:

As a former resident and now occasional visitor to your city
I am writing to express my concerns about what effect the impending nudity ban may have on one of my primary reasons for visiting your city; The annual Bay to
Breakers. Below is a copy of a letter I have sent to race sponsor Zazzle and other local sponsors and merchants expressing my cause for concern.

To B2B or not to B2B? That is the question I must now ask
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to participate in the unique event that is the Bay to Breakers. One of the best
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I have been closely following this controversy over the past
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For this, and other similar reasons, I and many like me,
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While I and others may feel that we are completely covered and in compliance with the laws of a newly conservative San Francisco, individual police officers
with ticket quotas to fill may have a different opinion. Just as the Oakland A's have decided that their city is no longer suitable, likewise SF may no longer
be suitable for the unique expression of freedom and liberty that is the B2B. The
last thing San Francisco needs is a New Jerseyite like Scott Wiener, inflicting
his east coast values on a city that he clearly doesn't like and does not understand. If San Francisco does indeed turn its back on its history, heritage
and tradition, perhaps it is time to end a century of Bay to Breakers and instead start a new tradition in another Bay Area city, one that remains liberal and would not be ashamed to fully support it, rather than making mockery with vague exemptions under nebulous laws. I hope that as a sponsor, Zazzle can help persuade city Supervisors that the Wiener bill is not only unnecessary
but harmful to both the institution of the Bay to Breakers as well as the reputation of the City itself. While I am hopeful of attending the 2013 Bay to Breaks, I am fearful that I will be forced to find another city in which to spend my hard earned money.

Thank you for your time and support.
T. Hatch

GoTopless actively supports nudity in San Francisco / see attached article
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Dear members of the San Francisco Government,

The members of GoTopless, an international organization based in the US that claims women's constitutional right to go topless in public wherever men have that right, have been closely following the conflict in San Francisco over a ban on Nudity.
We fully support the SF Nudists in their right and find the ban on Nudity introduced by Mr. Weiner a complete human rights violation.

The following article was published on our website and passed on through numerous social media venues.

http://gotopless.org/news.php?extend.89

Sincerely,

Nadine Gary, President GoTopless

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Please sign the petition for Constitutional Equal Topless Rights:
http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/womens-consitutional-right-to-go-topless/

File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Bill Ung to: John.Avalos, David.Campos, David.Chiu, Carmen.Chu, Malia.Cohen, Sean.Elsbernd, Mark.Farrell, Jane.Kim, Eric.L.Mar,

11/13/2012 08:25 PM

Sent by: Bill Ung <ufopinball@gmail.com>

Cc: Derek.Evans, Linda.Wong

San Francisco is my favorite city. I visit several times a year. I take friends with me, and/or meet up with friends from nearby cities, and show them the town! Even if I'm more than an hour's drive away, I'll make an excuse to visit while I'm in the area. I love the diversity of San Francisco, and the idea that you're really free to express yourself however you like, so long as you aren't hurting anyone.

This brings me to my opinion about the proposed ban on public nudity. San Francisco currently doesn't have a ban on public nudity, so people go ahead and do it. Nude, but not lewd, which is within the bounds of the present statue. The current version of the law seems to be the perfect balance between freedom of expression, and something that is X-Rated.

I've been to several of the events that allow nudity, and I think it is a beautiful thing. I'm sure if it was a bunch of college girls walking around nude, there would be far less of a protest, but that's hardly fair. The human body *is* a beautiful thing. I've seen all shapes, sizes, ages and sexual orientations at these events, in all states of dress or undress. Everyone is friendly, and nobody judges. This alone is beautiful, but it should not be restricted to one or two events in a year.

I may not be a resident of your lovely city, but I'll always know its there, in the back of my mind, waiting for my next visit. I'll never know what I'll run into when I arrive, but that's all part of the charm. Every time I leave, I feel the visit is too short, and I can't wait to come back. Whether it's for business or pleasure, I hope the freedom and the spirit of the city remains the same. Please consider voting against the ban on public nudity.

Thank you for listening to my opinions.

Bill Ung

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please include the following comments in the legislative file reference number, 120984:

I have been a resident of San Francisco, California for over 18 years and reside within zip code 94114. Among a few reasons why I moved to San Francisco is one that, I believed, SF supported a community with a tolerance for all types of lifestyles. This has, for the most part, been a reality. The Castro in particular has been a neighborhood where many have flocked from around the world to live their lives free from judgment and ridicule. The nudists remind me of this when I see them around the City enjoying the elements in whatever "fashion" they see fit.

I believe the naturalists (nudists) who express themselves should be permitted to continue so long as their expression is without outward and explicitly lascivious behavior. Please do not ban nudity in San Francisco. If this proposed ban on nudity is approved, I believe it will be more of a threat to our society than a few views of exposed penises, buttocks, and breasts can ever be.

We don't always enjoy what we see in the world but the difference invokes TOLERANCE which is a core value that more of us need to observe in life. Please, for all of us whether nudist or not, DO NOT PASS the ban on nudity in San Francisco.

Yours truly,

Jason Wood

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Please put this email in File NO. 120984. Thank you.

Supervisors:
My message to you is simple: no ban on nudity in SF. As an older gay man, I remember the days when laws were passed to restrict public space to gay men or drag queens because people were offended by us. In my hometown of Philadelphia in the early 70s, two or more gay men couldn't walk down the street at night after a certain time or we'd be stopped by the police and possibly arrested. There was actually a law against it. In the Rittenhouse Square area of town, gay men and drag queens used to congregate at night. Neighbors complained to police about us because they were offended at the sight of gay men cruising and drag queens simply because of who they were. Police would come into the park and chase us out because we were offensive to neighbors.

In the late 90s right here in SF in the Castro, neighbors and merchants opposed three shelters for homeless queer youth that I helped establish because they were offended by the thought of having these kids in their neighborhood. One mother stood up at a community meeting and said that her children would get "cooties" (I kid you not, she said that) from the homeless kids. Fortunate for us, then-Supervisors Mark Leno and Tom Ammiano did not give in to this foolishness and the shelters all opened.

Show the same courage: don't give in to the anti-nudism bigotry of those few people in the Castro who are "offended" by naked men. Keep SF the wild and wonderful place it is when we allow personal freedom to flourish.

Tommi Avicolli Mecca
queer activist of 42 years and counting
Castro resident of 21 years and counting

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and tradition, perhaps it is time to end a century of Bay to Breakers and instead start a new tradition in another Bay Area city, one that remains liberal and would not be ashamed to fully support it, rather than making mockery with vague exemptions under nebulous laws. I hope that as a sponsor, Zazzle can help persuade city Supervisors that the Wiener bill is not only unnecessary
but harmful to both the institution of the Bay to Breakers as well as the reputation of the City itself. While I am hopeful of attending the 2013 Bay to Breaks, I am fearful that I will be forced to find another city in which to spend my hard earned money.

Thank you for your time and support.
T. Hatch

the ban on public nudity reference # 120984
wil Nolan
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Please respond to wil Nolan <wilnolan1@yahoo.com>

greetings my name is Wil Nolan. I have previously sent you an email regarding the proposed ban on public nudity in San Francisco, but I feel so strongly about this issue that I am sending you anther . Please hear me out on this issue. I strongly feel that the ban should not take place. I feel it is a violation of our right to expression and freedom. I am a 3rd generation born in San Francisco. I love this unique open city, and sincerily hope it stays that way. I have been a professional nude figure art model for over 25 years in the Bay Area, and fully appreciate the beauty of the human form when it is expressed in a tasteful, non-threatening way. I have been coming regularly to the Castro area for about a year and have met most of the regular folks there (men and women) who enjoy nude freedom . They are delightful , harmless , happy people who simply enjoy the nude lifestyle. They are not trying to shock, provoke, or disturb anyone. I have spoken with the other nudists and we all agree that if any nude individual is seen bothering anyone or being sexually inappropriote, that we would tell them to stop immediately. We have never had to act on this. My observation has been that most of the reactions from the (dressed) public has been either very positive or simply taking it in stride. of course there have been some complaints , which is to be expected, but they are few and far between. I have been photographed hundreds of times with my arm around a smiling tourist. Tourists LOVE the nudists and many of them have told me that they heard about it in their country and came to the Castro specifically for that reason. They say how great this city is because it is so open. no doubt it helps the stores, since the tourists probably shop for items while they are visiting there. Honestly, about 80 % of public reaction has been positive. Children usually seem just fine with the non-threatening, non-sexual nudity. Their simple , unconditioned minds see it as natural. its only when parents cover the childs eyes , that it confuses the child. This

has happened to me when at Castro ,but not very often at all. There is so much poverty, crime, and sexual violation in any city , and San Francisco is no different. Can we focus on these unfortunate things instead of targeting a harmless , beautiful , expression of human freedom and celebration. The Castro, in particular, is a very colorful place, with a world reputation. Gays proudly expressing their life style, people being fully creative, and of course the joyous freedom of nudity. What a wonderful and healthy way to live ! I hope WITH ALL MY HEART that you will vote to keep public nudity legal in San Francisco. I speak for many many people both nudists and non nudists . Some of the magic of SF will be gone if this ban passes. please, please, please. do think about this with an open mind and heart. thankyou for taking time to read my message. my phone number is 707 291 3404 this is for file reference # 120984 Ban on Public Nudity thankyou again Wil Nolan

Please reject the anti-nudity law proposed by Supervisor Wiener

Todd Snyder to: Derek.Evans 11/12/2012 09:52 PM

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to oppose legislation introduced by Supervisor Scott Wiener that would ban nudity and revealing clothing throughout the city except at a handful of special police-sanctioned events. The controversy over nudity at Jane Warner Plaza is local, not city-wide. Neither side is claiming that the nudists have harmed anyone -- the whole issue revolves around activities at one small plaza. Why should a drastic city-wide solution be used to resolve a minor local controversy? Scott Wiener is turning a problem that could be quietly solved in his own district into a media-grabbing story involving the whole city. His "solution" to the problem is like putting cyanide in the water supply to improve the taste. Legislation should be designed to efficiently solve a specific problem, without huge unpredictable side effects. Scott Wiener's proposed anti-nudity law is poorly designed, inefficient, and has huge unpredictable effects on San Francisco's reputation as a city where personal freedom is encouraged to flourish. Wiener's Law would make San Francisco into just another city where prudishness and irrational taboos are in control of social policy. The national media will be watching the outcome of this controversy in San Francisco. If the city bans nudity, the news media will have a field day with it. The story will be on every TV news program and in every newspaper. But the news media often misreport the details of the stories they carry. The story of Scott Wiener's nudity law will inevitably contain inaccuracies in some news reports and will be misunderstood by many readers. Some potential visitors to the city's big nude-friendly events will assume that these events will be spoiled or even canceled because of the new law. No amount of explaining to reporters about exemptions will prevent a certain amount of misreporting and misinterpretation. This confusion will cost San Francisco dearly in lost tourist business. About 150,000 people attended the Bay to Breakers event last year, many of them from out of town. Some of these visitors stayed for days, or even a week. They spent money on food, hotel rooms, taxis, and sightseeing. If even 1% of those attendees skip the event next year because of confusion over a new nudity law, that's a loss of 1500 people — and a loss to the city's businesses of the money they would have spent here. Attendance at the Folsom Street Fair is about 400,000. If Wiener's ban results in the loss of 1% of that number, that's a loss of 4000 people, along with the money they would have spent in San Francisco. These losses would be in the millions of dollars. Do San Francisco's supervisors really want to take the blame for recklessly damaging the city's economy?

Sincerely,
Todd Snyder
1941 Turk street # 4
San Francisco, CA 94115
todd.clark.snyder@gmail.com

SF Nudity Ban
Mark Bivings
to:
Derek.Evans, Linda.Wong
11/05/2012 06:14 PM
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From: Mark Bivings <markbivings@aol.com>
To: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org, Linda.Wong@sfgov.org,

For the Public Record,
The following was sent to the entire Board of Supervisors individually.

November 5, 2012

Re: File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Dear Supervisor Olague:

I am writing to you to ask you to oppose the proposed ban on public nudity. San Francisco has been a beacon of freedom for minorities for decades, and we feel that this legislation puts this freedom at risk. While some consider public nudity objectionable, this is an objection rooted in a culture that sexualizes the body. We are all born naked, but we cover it not only for warmth, but because we perceive any exposure of the body is for sexual purposes. Members of Gay Naturists International (GNI) find this notion antiquated. We celebrate our bodies, whether they are toned or flabby, young or old. For our members, San Francisco is one of the few places that honor diversity and difference, and the current rules allow for a rich dialogue about the role of the body.

We understand that there are concerns about the activities of some individuals who choose to be naked in public, but existing legislation on lewd activity can and should be enforced to address this problem.

GNI is the largest organization for gay male nudists, and organizes and sponsors social events for nudists across North America. Our organization exists because of the limitations placed on nudity. In order to provide opportunities for our members to socialize in the nude, many of the local events sponsored by our affiliates occur in private homes, and larger events are limited by the relatively small number of clothing-optional beaches and resorts in the U.S.

While many of our members restrict their nudity to their homes and these isolated events, some of our members live a significant part of their lives without clothes, and others desire to. We support those who wish to live more of their lives free of clothing, as well as those who seek to increase acceptance of the body through events such as the World Naked Bike Ride.

Thank you for your time, and please consider opposing the ban on public nudity.

Sincerely,

Mark Bivings

President

Gay Naturists International (GNI)

www.gaynaturists.org

Fw: Police Code- Prohbiting Public Nudity
Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/05/2012 09:42 AM

—— Forwarded by Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV on 11/05/2012 09:48 AM ——

From:	Michael Cronbach <mcronbac@yahoo.com>
To:	"Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org" <Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org>, "Carmen.Chu@sfgov.org" <Carmen.Chu@sfgov.org>, "Christina.Olague@sfgov.org" <Christina.Olague@sfgov.org>
Cc:	Supevisor Scott Wiener <Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org>, "Linda.Wong@sfgov.org" <Linda.Wong@sfgov.org>
Date:	11/04/2012 08:55 PM
Subject:	Police Code- Prohbiting Public Nudity

November 4, 2012

I heartily support Supervisor Wiener's proposed ordinance amending the police code to prohibit public nudity except a part of permitted parades, fairs and festivals.

I live in Noe Valley and regularly pass through the area of Ca stro between 17th and 19th Streets. I also shop at Cliff's Variety store, AG Ferrari's and the Walgreen Pharmacy. I frequently use the Muni Metro station at 17th, Market and Castro. I sometimes attend film showings at the Castro Theater. In the last few years I have been bothered to have to look at nude exhibitionists as I walk drive or ride the bus through this area.

It's very different from people who choose to go nude at the far end of Baker Beach, in a locker room, etc., in that the exhibitionists don't really give us a choice on whether or not we want to see them.

Please approve this proposal and recommend it for passage to the full Board.

Thanks.

Michael Cronbach
860 Elizabeth Street

File 120984: Nudity on Castro Street Is the Heart Of San Francisco
Board of Supervisors to: Derek Evans 11/05/2012 12:55 PM

From: Sister Dana <sisterdana@gmail.com>
To: Lee Mentley <leementley@sbcglobal.net>,
Cc: John.Avalos@sfgov.org, David.Campos@sfgov.org, David.Chiu@sfgov.org, Carmen.Chu@sfgov.org, Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org, Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org, Mark.Farrell@sfgov.org, Jane.Kim@sfgov.org, Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org, Christina.Olague@sfgov.org, Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org, SanFrancisco Clerkof TheBoard <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>, San Francisco Examiner <letters@examiner.com>, BayArea Reporter <news@ebar.com>, SF Sentinel <sanfranciscosentinel@yahoo.com>, Seattle Gay News <sgn2@sgn.org>, Blade Washington <news@washblade.com>, Gay Chicago <LGBTliberation@aol.com>, Advocate <newsroom@advocate.com>, Daily Queer News <info@dailyqueernews.com>, RFD GAY <submissions@rfdmag.org>, SFGay Media <sisterdana@pacbell.net>
Date: 11/04/2012 01:47 PM
Subject: Re: Nudity on Castro Street Is the Heart Of San Francisco

YES!!! Check out my "Local News Briefs" column in sfbaytimes.com and on the street in print regarding our little Nude-In last week.

It is fascism when the government tries to take back civil rights!

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Luv,
Sister Dana
The best - bar nun

Dennis McMillan
SF Bay Times Staff Reporter/Reviewer
sfbaytimes.com

also known as Sister Dana Van Iquity of
the SF Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.

Check out my biweekly ***"Sister Dana Sez"*** column at sfbaytimes.com

On Sun, Nov 4, 2012 at 9:59 AM, Lee Mentley <leementley@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

November 4, 2012

Dear San Francisco Supervisors;

San Francisco is a unique destination for everyone. In The Castro many vulnerable individuals and under represented c where else to go and gave them safety.

Now is not the time if there ever is a time to roll back rights people already have to appease the business community or

There are so many more important issues to address..., like homeless Gay Youth...!

A Founding Member of The Castro Neighborhood 1971

HRH Lee Mentley

Your very own..., old, miserable, cranky, S.O.B...!

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x

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Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/05/2012 09:39 AM

----- Forwarded by Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV on 11/05/2012 09:45 AM -----

From: greg fiorini <goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com>
To: Linda Wong <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Date: 11/03/2012 04:57 PM
Subject: Fw: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

Good day,
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Thank you.
From: greg fiorini <goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com>
Subject: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
To: Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 7:12 PM

Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

Dist. 1 Eric Mar Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org

Dear Supervisor Mar:

I am a neighbor of yours from the city of Concord and I am surprised to be contacting you concerning a plan city of San Francisco. It is not a mob on a crime spree or a revival of The Inquisition. The Supervisors of the 2012 have been compelled to discuss revoking a right that San Franciscans and many of its visiting tourists h dress or not dress as one chooses. Don't be remembered for that.

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As a Viet Nam era veteran I am astounded that our government is attempting to do what I fought against. Dor

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I carry a cover–up in case of need. However it is risky to be alone due to my high blood pressure so I really lc and all the welcoming people I meet there. I drive in late morning. I Park. I Walk around. People speak to me somewhere, clothed of course. I drive back to Concord.

Some citizens have voiced a concern about lewd acts being committed on the streets and a fellow supervisor, enforce the law in his district against lewd activity has dragged you into an untenable position of being either pro "pervert" as nudists and naturists are tagged by the ignorant.

I do not envy you your position. We nudists have been victimized by these same lewd persons. If they were ir would be kicked out and banned for their activity. Most clubs are comprised of couples with children and we that gay clubs also enforce their rules.

I hope the famously progressive City of San Francisco can also enforce its laws instead of enacting a new rest for that.

Respectfully,

Greg Fiorini

Fw: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
greg fiorini
to:
Derek Evans
11/02/2012 04:50 PM
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To: Derek Evans <derek.evans@sfgov.org>,

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--- On **Sat, 10/27/12, greg fiorini** <*goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com*> wrote:

> From: greg fiorini <goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
> To: Jane.Kim@sfgov.org
> Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:30 PM

Gregory Fiorini

1255 Detroit Ave #22

Concord, Ca 94520

Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
Dist. 6 Jane Kim

Dear Supervisor Kim,

If this law passes, I request your aid. There is a park 2 blocks away from my home that I used to visit. It has been taken over by immigrants every weekend. Perhaps we can work out a way to ban them. Of course I am not serious though this event does happen every weekend weather permitting.

I am a neighbor of yours from the city of Concord and I am surprised to be contacting you concerning a planned theft of individual rights in the city of San Francisco. It is not a mob on a crime spree or a revival of The Inquisition. The Supervisors of the City of San Francisco in the year 2012 have been compelled to discuss revoking a right that San Franciscans and many of its visiting tourists have enjoyed for years: the right to dress or not dress as one chooses.

There is no harm or injury occurring. No one is being forced to take part or approve or

walk down a street in the clothing God gave me, my skin. Yet one of my freedoms is being threatened in the city of San Francisco.

During warm weather I enjoy walking nude in Lime Ridge and Briones Regional Park

I carry a cover–up in case of need. However it is risky to be alone due to my high blood pressure so I really love when I can enjoy San Francisco and all the welcoming people I meet there. I drive in late morning. I Park. I walk around. People speak to me about nudism. I eat lunch or dinner somewhere. I drive back to Concord.

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I do not envy you your position. We nudists have been victimized by these same lewd persons. If they were in a naturist club, landed or non-landed, they would be kicked out and banned for their activity. Most clubs are comprised of couples with children and we are all entitled to respect. I am sure that gay clubs also enforce their rules.

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Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/05/2012 09:38 AM

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To: Linda Wong <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Date: 11/03/2012 04:56 PM
Subject: Fw: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

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Subject: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
To: Mark.Farrell@sfgov.org
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:03 PM

Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

Mark.Farrell@sfgov.org
Dear Supervisor Ferrell

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From: greg fiorini <goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com>
Subject: Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity
To: David.Chiu@sfgov.org
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:07 PM

Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

Dist. 3 David Chiu
Dear Supervisor Chiu

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To: Carmen.Chu@sfgov.org
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:25 PM

Reference file number120984 Ban On Public Nudity

Dist. 4 Carmen Chu
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To: Christina.Olague@sfgov.org
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Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/05/2012 09:35 AM

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From: greg fiorini <goodlittleboyboy@yahoo.com>
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To: Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:34 PM

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No Anti nudity Law
Kelly Bryan
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Derek.Evans@sfgov.org
11/02/2012 10:00 AM
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From: Kelly Bryan <kellydbryan@earthlink.net>
To: "Derek.Evans@sfgov.org" <Derek.Evans@sfgov.org>,

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2012, at 1:29 PM, Kelly Bryan <bryankd2020@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Mr. Evansl,
> Please vote against any anti-nudity laws!
>
> I think once nudity becomes more normalized and accepted its exhibitionistic qualities will die down. We are currently in a transition period. If we can get past this particular moment in time as nudists we can move on into the natural fabric of this wonderful city. And Castro Plaza will no longer need to be the ground zero of nude human expression because all neighborhoods will have the occasional nudist residents and be accepted. In cold weather like all San Franciscans we all tend to cover-up naturally. Please let us be as nudist without recrimination.
>
> Thank you for listening,
> Kelly Bryan
> 155 Jackson St.
> #1704
> San Francisco, CA 94111

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For Inclusion in Legislative File #120984
Sferra, Pete
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To: "Derek.Evans@sfgov.org" <Derek.Evans@sfgov.org>, "Linda.Wong@sfgov.org" <Linda.Wong@sfgov.org>,

Please file this letter in Legislative File #120984 (Proposed Nudity Ban)

Supervisor Scott Wiener is a very shrewd and ambitious politician and let's be painfully clear here; the current public nudity debacle that he has single-handedly created is almost entirely politically driven. He undoubtedly surprised no one with his magnanimous announcement yesterday that he's removing "buttocks" from his draconian legislation. Supervisor Wiener must have known all along that his original draft would clearly upset San Francisco's significant leather community and he timed his "grand compromise" perfectly. He's undoubtedly hoping any support nudists may have from other "alternative lifestyle" groups will evaporate like the morning dew . . . just before Monday's public hearing. I hope insightful people on both sides will see through this shamefully manipulative charade.

While we're talking about this latest twist, let's look at exactly what anti-nudity folks would be getting with the new and improved "genital only" ban. If the law passes, my wife and I would be allowed to roam around the city wearing a string around our waists with a small piece of fabric hanging in front . . . just enough to safely cover our genitals. And Supervisor Wiener believes this would solve the problem of concerned Castro parents having to explain to their allegedly curious children why on earth someone might actually prefer the freedom of not wearing clothes on a warm afternoon?! Kids are very inquisitive and as a lifelong nudist, I can guarantee you such a minimalist outfit would attract FAR more attention than total nudity, yet ludicrous and unnecessary laws like this one create just such a paradox. It will force free-spirited individuals to look for alternatives that may be even more eye-opening than simply being unclothed. And whether or not opponents choose to believe it, the vast majority of urban nudists are NOT attention-seeking exhibitionists. Wouldn't it be healthier to just teach our children up front that the human body is not something to be ashamed of? And I'd like to ask those same "concerned" parents how they explain other regular Castro neighborhood sights to their children. Things like graphic window displays at the many sex shops, aggressive panhandlers, homeless people urinating on the sidewalks, drug addicts wandering aimlessly, lurid posters for sex shows plastered over all of the power poles, etc. As much as I personally love the flavor of the Castro (and financially support it feverishly when I'm there), it has never felt like "Mayberry" to me. I think urban children are a lot more insightful than some parents give them credit for being, and respected studies have consistently shown that nudity (in the absence of lewdness) does absolutely no harm to them.

On a separate subject, when I hear people say that my right to be nude is trumped by their right to not be offended, it makes me cringe. Society gives us absolutely no "right" to not be offended. There are many people who I might find disturbing to look at (and a good number of them seem to congregate CLOTHED at Jane Warner Plaza) but I would never dream of seeking legislation to ban them from the streets. That's not what a free society is about and NO OTHER CITY exemplifies that freedom like San Francisco. Rights are an emotional issue. It's easy to dismiss the urban nudists by minimizing their plight as simply being about an "apparel choice" but that freedom matters a great deal to them and the right to choose that option has in fact been granted to them by the city for many years. The bottom line is that Supervisor Wiener's ban would take that existing right away from them and I dare say they see that as being far more important than their opponents are willing to recognize.

The saddest part of this colossal waste of city resources is that the entire problem could have been easily resolved with two quick actions. Simply designate the seating area at Jane Warner Plaza as "nudity prohibited" and enact a ban on displaying so-called "cock rings" in public. Supervisor Wiener said all along that the catalyst for this decidedly local controversy was a perceived congestion at the Plaza so why not just ban nudity there, instead of all over the entire city? He even stated that he had no problem with nudists just innocuously strolling around so why take that right away from them? And there are already very clear laws against lewd behavior in public. If we need to add genital jewelry to the list, so be it. But do we really want to throw the baby out with the bath water? A city-wide ban on an activity that has become integral to San Francisco's make-up (and one which brings many visitors . . . and their vacation money) is unconscionable and will only serve to diminish the city's enviable reputation as an undisputed bastion of tolerance.

Respectfully,

Pete Sferra

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Item 120984 Committee Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee
George Davis
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Derek.Evans
11/02/2012 01:51 PM
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From: George Davis <george123570@yahoo.com>
To: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org;

Public comment before San Francisco City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting November 5, 2012. (10 am) Item #120984

Because I refuse to be misquoted or misrepresented in this presentation which on purpose (and rightfully so) uses inflammatory imagery I am releasing the text of my presentation in advance. I will be wearing a blazer with a pink triangle and a yellow "Star of David"

My name is George Davis. Let me tell you a little story from the pages of history. We all know the story about how when the Nazis came into power they made Jews and homosexuals sew yellow "Stars of David" and pink triangles on their clothes. A lot less well known is that in 1930 Weimar Republic Germany 4 million out of 85 million Germans were members of nudist organizations and clubs. In 1933, after the Nazis seized power, Hermann Goering issued a decree calling for the use of all police and Gestapo forces to "destroy the so-called" nude culture. And they did.

In San Francisco, we have an urban nudist movement. At best, you can say that we are regular people demonstrating body acceptance, freedom, and comfort. At worst, all you can say is that we are a harmless group of non-violent eccentrics.

A small, vocal, manipulative, unrepresentative and discriminatory clique (that's polite-speak for fascist group) is controlling Supervisor Wiener. Mr. Wiener has made a Faustian bargain. If there has to be a nudity ordinance, let's have the people of San Francisco decide if they want to lose their freedoms by an initiative in a free and open election. This initiative will only require the approval of 4 Supervisors who believe in letting the public decide whether they are for tolerance and body freedom. Or else, kill this legislation now!

This is San Francisco, people all over the world consider us a beacon of light for freedom of expression, freedom from censorship, tolerance, and center of free thought. This is America, land of the free. This kind of legislation can't happen here. Can it?

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November 2, 2012

Via email and Hand Delivery 11/2/2012

District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall – Room 244
1 Dr. Carleton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA 94102-4689

Re: BoS File No. 120984 - Proposed Police Code Amendment Prohibiting Public Nudity

Dear Supervisor Wiener,

I am pleased to confirm that the Members of the **Merchants of Upper Market & Castro (MUMC)** voted at the monthly Meeting on November 1, 2012 to **SUPPORT** your proposed legislation to limit Public Nudity in San Francisco.

MUMC is the merchants' organization serving San Francisco's Castro-Upper Market area, generally along Upper Market Street from Octavia Blvd. to Castro Street, Castro from Market to 19th Street, and cross streets throughout that area. **MUMC** has about 250 currently-paid Members for 2012.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding **MUMC**'s support for this Legislation. Please share this letter with the Board's Committee(s) and all Board Members at the appropriate time(s), and place a copy of it in the proposed Legislation's permanent file where it can be seen by everyone with an interest in this topic.

Respectfully,

Terry Asten Bennett, President

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Pete Sferra to: Derek.Evans, Linda.Wong 11/03/2012 08:14 AM

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Thank you!

Important Input From C.A.N.E.

I'm forwarding the attached material on behalf of a group called C.A.N.E. (Castro Area Nudism Enthusiasts). The group's founder and leader is currently on the East Coast and has been adversely impacted by Hurricane Sandy so he asked that I act as a liaison.

Like many others, the members of C.A.N.E. are looking for "win-win" compromise. The nudity ban is NOT the will of the people in San Francisco. While the issue may not seem as crucial as others the city is facing, it's VERY important to nudists, and to a lot of folks who simply believe in tolerance.

If you have any questions regarding the material, please don't hesitate to contact me personally.

Thank you!

Pete Sferra

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From: C.A.N.E. - Castro Area Nudism Enthusiasts
Subject: Proposed anti-nudity legislation

We are pleased that you, unlike Supervisor Wiener, probably do not have direct political influence from the Castro and will hopefully act responsibly for the city of San Francisco, its nudist citizens, and responsible nudist visitors. We are anxious to help.

We are a non-political, non-funded group which is part of the greater San Francisco "Urban Nudist" movement with objectives of providing public awareness, welcoming visitors to the Castro, helping to keep the area clean, and providing security similar to the clothed volunteers who provide a similar service there. Please don't think that a small group of serious enthusiasts cannot be effective. Similar groups have shown that with cooperation, peaceful outcomes can be obtained to the satisfaction of all parties.

We are very sensitive to our neighbors and have for some time now, on a daily basis, used actual police reports as well as contact with citizens as a means of judging public acceptance. Items noted as **"FACT"** below come from these reports. A summary of these is also attached. Please study all of them. It is apparent that Supervisor Wiener has not used such information as he continues to erroneously claim that the majority of Castro residents oppose public nudity. He cannot substantiate this with actual documented evidence and makes vague references such as "I've heard businesses have suffered" or "People have told me their neighbors are unhappy".

Mr. Weiner himself largely brought on this issue and in so doing created a major problem out of a minor issue! Nudists in the Castro and the rest of the city had been coexisting with the public for many years. We accept that the situation at Jane Warner Plaza could be improved and will close with recommendations for it.

Supervisor Wiener's statement that he had hoped the situation "would self-correct but it has not" is false. **FACT: Actual complaints are now are at a level at or below that which existed before the Wiener-inspired increase occurred.** He has said many times that he is not opposed to nudists strolling and that his problem is only with the Plaza. He has also responded directly to some of our members stating this position even after publishing his sweeping anti-nudity legislation. Supervisor Wiener went as far as to tell these same members that he'd be willing to "wait and see" if things could improve with self-policing by our ranks . . . four days before submitting his city-wide nudity ban proposal! **He has done absolutely nothing to constructively address the situation at the Plaza and, in fact, has only stirred up trouble and encouraged large protests which have made matters even worse!**

We have heard Supervisor Wiener speak before and while he seemed lucid, his proposed legislation shows extreme insensitivity and poor planning as well as irrational judgment. After the last "Nude-In" demonstration, he made the following statement:

"I completely support their right to protest in the nude. I don't agree with the statements, but we are an open and diverse neighborhood, and we need to embrace everyone."

The "statements" he was referring to were our observations that he was proposing a city-wide ban to solve a local issue. And claiming that he believes "we need to embrace everyone" while attempting to take away the rights of a legitimate group of citizens is absurd! We should indeed embrace everyone,

including nudists. His legislation does exactly the opposite and is specifically designed to cater to a relatively small but very vocal and powerful group of his own constituents.

Supervisor Wiener has proposed nothing whatsoever that could help to alleviate the current controversy at the Plaza and has steadfastly refused to listen to responsible nudist leaders who, unlike him, are looking for a "win-win" compromise. While it would violate rights previously granted to nudist citizens (and is not necessarily the best option), he could have solved the decidedly local Plaza dilemma by simply proposing the following restriction:

No nude sitting, standing, or gathering in Jane Warner Plaza

The mere idea that the proper solution to a local issue at one gathering space is to legislate a city-wide ban of an innocuous practice that has become integral to San Francisco's character is unconscionable and makes no sense whatsoever. This ban would be a black eye for a city that has spent decades building an enviable reputation for tolerance of alternative lifestyles of ALL kinds!

Supervisor Wiener's claim that things have not worked out on their own is false based on accurate police data. In the two months since the last "Nude-In" there has been only one police complaint and it was three blocks from the Plaza. Over the years, public nudity has become increasingly common in several areas of the city, including (but not necessarily limited to) the Haight, SOMA, Downtown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Embarcadero, neighborhoods adjacent to Golden Gate Park, and of course the Castro and areas west and south of it.

FACT: On the day of last year's "Nude-In" there were no complaints in the Castro area where we monitor. None! And this year, there was only one.

Other factors you should consider before we move on to rational legislation options.

1. Nude-Ins: These unlicensed events, held yearly at the Plaza, have drawn in many nudists. The city, and in particular Councilman Wiener, knew about them yet did nothing at all to make formal recommendations that they be held elsewhere, therefore letting them add to the tensions in the Castro. We are certainly not opposed to these events but they have indeed taken over the small, tight quarters of the Plaza. We suggest such gatherings might become a formal yearly event in an area that can better accommodate them. Such gatherings are very similar to the annual World Naked Bike Ride which is held in large metropolitan areas all over the world, even conservative cities like Philadelphia.

2. False claims: One glaring example repeatedly made by the minority opposition in the Castro (influential political supporters?) is that nudity is the biggest problem there. Not So! Please see attached typical daily crime summary. This example has one nude to four homeless complaints. The reports typically show the ratio to be zero to six or more.

3. Public acceptance and comments to nudists from passersby: Personal complaints are nil. By far the most complaints and even physical abuse directed toward people walking nude come from the homeless in the Tenderloin. The Castro is no exception as far as homeless and panhandlers are concerned. Recent verbal abuse has come from a guy living on 15th at Sanchez behind the restaurant, sleeping there on a pile of cardboard, and another in the Pink Triangle Park where physical contact was involved. Is Mr. Wiener catering to the homeless and panhandlers of the city?

San Francisco's enviable reputation as a leader in supporting freedom for all is at risk! Ours is one of the most vibrant and diverse urban areas in the world but reckless legislation like this could turn us into "just another big city". Supervisor Wiener's proposal would be a backward step for San Francisco, eliminating individual rights previously granted, and all for what appears to be his own political gain. Time to start over! Mr. Wiener has bigger fish to fry. Please see attached sample of crime in the Upper Market section of the city.

Complaints primarily come from areas where nudists and major pedestrian concentrations exist such as Jane Warner Plaza.

"Nudists are spotlighted in the sun with not even a partial visual barrier. They also often sit on the plaza very close to that intersection which is not the best situation."

Let's use this example to demonstrate how cooperation will help. A proposal that would be fair to those who have practiced nudism in the past and that would also respect those looking for some moderation involves the placing of a barrier similar to the concrete structures already there, or the rearrangement of some of the existing planters. This would form an area most distant from 17th and Castro (near Market Street on the side adjacent to Castro). A decorative chain separating the nudist area has also been suggested. Such a barrier would serve to give both sight and seating restriction and would better allow nudists the ability to self-regulate. Should this solution not work, the remaining area could be posted with signs simply stating "no nudist seating in this area". Different colored chairs, appropriately placed, was another suggestion.

<u>Proposal</u>
Amend the existing law which acknowledges nudism in the city as follows:

1. Nudity is banned on public transportation and immediately associated boarding and debarking areas city wide.
2. Nudist demonstrations and celebrations shall be licensed just like other gatherings.
3. A means to define and limit seating for nudists at Jane Warner Plaza shall be implemented that would locate them at the corner closest to Castro and Market.
4. From dawn to dusk, nudists strolling shall limit their group sizes to no more than four. Extended standing or obvious posing is prohibited (though casual posing for requested tourist photographs is acceptable). Body jewelry or outlandish hats or other wear that clearly serve to draw attention are prohibited. Financial gain from nudity is prohibited.

Let's not turn San Francisco into a place folks will choose not to visit with rash, poorly thought out legislation. Better that we find a way for San Francisco to remain a bastion of freedom and to BE San Francisco!

Thank you for listening!

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Please include my comments in the LEGISLATIVE FILE 120984 Ban on Public Nudity.

Dear Supervisors,

I reside in the state of New York. I travel to San Francisco two times a year for vacation, and, as such, believe I offer a valuable perspective on Supervisor Wiener's public nudity legislation. If the legislation passes, I will surely cancel my future travel plans to San Francisco. I believe the "blanket exemption" is too nebulous and in dire need of substantive and definitive guidelines to prevent possible law enforcement abuse at such popular events as the Bay to Breakers and Gay Pride.

I am in agreement with Supervisor Wiener concerning the existence of a problem in Jane Warner Plaza. However, this problem is local in nature, requiring a local solution rather than a city-wide ban. Supervisor Wiener has stated that a city-wide ban on nudity is the only solution, but it would be impossible to know that for certain. Accordingly, incremental legislative action would seem more appropriate than the uniform and indiscriminate legislation currently under consideration.

By passing a city-wide ban on nudity, you risk undermining the unique aspects of some of San Francisco's most popular and cherished events. The intent of the "blanket exemption" is to preserve those unique aspects, but it is unlikely to achieve that result unless prudent guidelines are added. For example, under the current legislation, once the Bay to Breakers race officially ends, the "blanket exemption" would expire as well. But the official end of the race occurs much earlier than the actual end and thus would allow an overzealous police officer to fine nudists. Moreover, the "blanket exemption" does not adequately address issues of jurisdiction and thus leaves too much discretion for law enforcement, while promoting uncertainty and confusion over the new restrictions.

If you do pass a city-wide ban on nudity, I would hope that you add additional content and safeguards to the "blanket exemption" to ensure that nudity will truly be preserved at these unique and celebrated events.

Yours sincerely,

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Their naked intentions
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Dear Mssrs. Evans & Wong:
Please include my Oct 4 2012 email (below) as a part of the official record. File Reference No. 120984 Ban on Public Nudity.
Thank you,
Tim Reeves
Berkeley, California

Oct 4, 2012

Dear Supervisors:

The move to ban nudity is gentrification, pure and simple. It's spearheaded by the same people who would probably prohibit *swear words* on public sidewalks if they could get away with it; no understanding of free speech can permeate their very prideful desire to judge, rather than minding their own business. (Their own business has *become* judging others).

You can tell this because the very arguments you hear for creating a ban are being thrown aside in the process of legislation. "Lots of them are not using the required towels on public seating!". Well, the answer there is not legislation but enforcement. Who's petitioning the police for stronger enforcement? "The problem is they're calling attention to their genitals now with cock rings, etc." ... well then, why aren't you legislating against public display of genital decorations - or at least trying that first before you ban nudity outright?

The answer: Weiner is looking for higher office and is interested in responding to monied interests who see nakedness as in-poor-taste (much of this is jealousy -- bitterness -- towards the people who fail to obey the same moral stricture to act "respectably", to "keep up appearances"). These same people have been looking, watching for a reason to be "outraged" by the new nudity. They're (many of them) boomers who at one time danced naked in the street (on NON-street fair days, no less!) but have agreed to buy into a disabling ethic of respectability as the moral price of their new-found wealth and the underlying feelings of guilt their wealth instills in them. They act like "they don't use towels" and "now they're wearing cock-rings" is the *reason* for the legislation, but actually they are just *justifications*. Ignoring the obviously simpler responses to these two reasons gives the lie to their true desire to outlaw nakedness (whether it's done "respectfully" or not).

How ironic that the new elite of our great city -- supposed to be a bastion of free speech -- would cling to respectability over free expression. On more than one occassion, St. Francis of Assisi, the city's namesake, stripped naked in public as an act of free speech.

I guess sometimes the medieval displays more enlightenment than the modern.

Happy Feast of St Francis of Day (October 4th).
Tim Reeves, San Francisco native

Regarding proposed anti-nudity legislation
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File Reference Number 120984

4 November 2012

As a resident of Minnesota, with many relatives in the Bay Area, I look forward to my visits to San Francisco.

Typically I travel several times a year. Each visit, I spend between $1000 and $2000 within the City of San Francisco.

I look forward to being in, and enjoying, San Francisco because it has long been, and remains, a city open to difference and diversity. That's what makes it exciting, and vibrant – and a city head and shoulders above most in this country.

I'm writing because there is legislation proposed that would ban nudity. If passed, it would be a sorry signal for the city to send to its residents and its visitors.

Such legislation signals intolerance of personal difference and personal expression. Many will wonder "who's next?" If the city can single out one group for repression, how many more will it target?

If this targeted group were somehow contributing to public disorder, it might be worth considering legislation of some sort. But I have been following the debates over this matter, and it is clear that there is already legislation at hand that addresses any opportunity for public disorder.

Behind this ordnance are people who, legitimately, have an aesthetic preference for clothing over nudity. But it can hardly be the city's duty to enforce aesthetic preference, particularly with respect to the human body. Falling into the same category would be banning dissheveled clothing, clothing with strident political messages, people with less than optimal grooming, and so forth.

This is a slippery slope and San Francisco should not be misled onto it.

I urge you to vote against this legislation, for the reasons above. And although the number of people like me who will forgo visiting San Francisco if this does pass, may I suggest two things: (1) the city needs every bit of revenue it can get, and it will lose my patronage if this passes; and (2) people from all over the world will see that San Francisco is bending to the forces of repression that are so active in our country today.

Please vote this legislation down.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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I'm opposed to banning Public Nudity (File Reference Number 120984)
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Greetings Supervisors,

I'm a 16 year resident of San Francisco. I discovered San Francisco via Tales of the City while i was in high school, visited for halloween, and moved here as quickly as possible. I have been delighted for almost 16 years to see the city stay modern, while still keeping true to itself in a way that did that book proud.

I frequent the businesses of the Castro often. I do my banking there, purchase my toiletries there, purchase the majority of my clothing there, and eat and drink at least 3-5 times per week there. I spend a significant amount of money, which has increased dramatically every year as this city has allowed me to prosper with it.

[Short Summary]
I am entirely opposed to banning nudity in the city. There are already laws to prevent people from doing the things this law is allegedly aiming to prevent. Enacting this law would be irresponsible and will only hurt a larger number of people who are doing nothing wrong, and who provide the financially valuable service of making San Francisco a truly unique city.

[Longer version]
The naked guys don't interest me. They're just part of the colorful tapestry that makes up this peerless city by the bay. the fact that most residents, neighborhood visitors, and city tourists either walk by, smile, possibly titter, maybe get there picture taken with them, or maybe make fun of them on halloween just adds to the attitude that we are the most grown up city in the world that doesn't mind a bit of harmless fun, and aren't ashamed of the human body we were born with.

If one of these folks started wagging his weenie on a threatening way, I would be upset too. That's not cool. I would tell him to chill. If he persisted, I would call the police and ask them to enforce laws that are already in place to handle people who are doing uncool or even dangerous/harmful things.

I ask you now: WHY AREN'T THOSE EXISTING LAWS ENOUGH? How is it useful or a good use of time or money to enact more laws that will only punish a larger number of people for no benefit to society whatsoever?

Adding more laws—instead of using the laws already in place to manage a few bad apples who are

causing meaningful problems—will have a handful of chilling effects:

1) **Banning nudity will punish a much larger number of people who aren't doing anything wrong.** In the Mid October Bay Area Reporter Scott Wiener said "My intent is not to interfere with people's ability to wear chaps," Wiener said last week. "I don't see any chance that the police will stop someone on their way to the Powerhouse." -- It is dangerous to enact laws to prohibit something but which you do not intend to enforce, and saying so is irresponsible, embarrassing, and shows disregard for governance and our legal system, let alone how wrong headed this entire thing is.

2) **Banning nudity damages the "branding" of our city.** San Francisco has long fought the influx of big chains. We have lead the way on responsible bicycle transit integration. We have always strived—perhaps imperfectly—to socioeconomic harmony in a city of extremes. There are plenty of cities in flyover states that cater to Applebees, Home Depot, and tight lipped unhappy body shame. Let them be a shining counterpoint to our thriving city.

3) **Banning nudity codifies that the human body is shameful.** It is not. There's plenty of that message to go around everywhere else. Why bother repeating it here?

I love our city. Please let it stay unique!

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FW: Reject the proposed anti-nudity law for San Francisco
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Hello,

Please include my comments below in the legislative file, Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Thank you!

Sincerely,
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Subject: Reject the proposed anti-nudity law for San Francisco

Dear Mayor Lee and Supervisors of San Francisco,

Please reject Scott Wiener's proposed ban on nudity for San Francisco. Nudity is not a crime, as the State of California correctly recognizes, and this silly proposal should be rejected out of hand. It flies in the face of what most San Franciscans stand for – freedom of expression.

If you haven't noticed, nudity is more popular than ever in San Francisco. Instead of trying to micro-manage and limit people's expressions of nudity to street fairs and festivals, why not revisit some of the antiquated park laws that prevent our citizens from freely using our abundant parkland? There's nothing magical about Jane Werner plaza- it's just one of the few public places besides the beach where our nudist folks can legally gather.

Doesn't our fine police department have enough on their hands already without creating another unenforceable law that, through no fault of their own (except the poorly conceived law itself), would have them harassing and haranguing our innocent citizens for the most natural of expressions of liberty and pursuit of happiness?

I'm not talking about the policing of lewd behavior – we already have appropriate laws that should continue to be enforced.

What I'm talking about is needless harassment for so-called 'inappropriate' jewelry or 'breast flashing' nursing mothers or 'over exposed butt crack or butt cheek' outside of an officially sanctioned 'approved nudity zone' - harassment such as this is what this law would encourage and give teeth to.

Lewdness is a crime and yet it requires the discernment of an officer and the law. This overreaching ban makes mockery of those laws by attempting to criminalize people's very bodies.

I can't explain the pathology behind someone taking offense at the human body. It's crazy. But people get offended

all the time for ridiculous reasons. Simple offense shouldn't be the basis of the law of the land. (We can see how that's going in the Middle East...)

Please don't encourage those offended crazy people whispering in Scott Wiener's ear with laws that support their puritanical suburban mindset.

It's anti- San Franciscan.

Sincerely,
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Second request. I think that this law would be a bad mark placed on your very diverse city. Keep it the way it is.

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Subject: Nudity Ordinance

I'm sending this to you in reference to the proposed city ordinance that would ban non-sexual nudity city wide, instead of in the city park.

In what I've read, this ordinance would permit nudity in certain events such as permitted fairs, parades, festivals, etc. If this is going to be allowed during these events, I see no reason why non-sexual nudity should not be allowed city wide, except where currently prohibited by any city or state codes.

I do see in 2011 that Sup Wiener did introduce an ordinance requiring that any nude person sitting on public chairs or benches, place a covering between themselves and what they are sitting on. This is nothing out of the ordinary, as anyone attending a nudist resort are required to do the same when sitting in a chair.

San Francisco is a city of diversity and I think that it should stay that way. In Texas, the City of Austin allows females to go topless, which I've seen a few, if they desire, but not full nudity. While Austin is a

city of diversity and accepts a broad range of individuality, your city goes well beyond what Austin does.

I'm aware that many people come to your city to attend some of the festivals and events because nudity is allowed, especially events such as; bay to breakers & Folsom Street Fair. While I've not got to attend these, I've known people that have, and they have enjoyed themselves because of this freedom.

In reading some additional information, surveys that have been done show that about 68% of your citizens are not offended by non-sexual or social nudity. I should point out that there is a BIG difference between non-sexual nudity or social nudity and sexual nudity and lewd behavior. Nudist are offended by this type of behavior, because it gives us social nudist a bad name. This type of behavior is not even allowed at nudist resorts, at least those that are members of AANR or TNS.

With the diversity in your city, any non-sexual nudity being allowed and everyone seeing it daily, I would think that those that are "offended" would have said something sooner, especially when additions were made to this ordinance in the past.

As I've mentioned, non-sexual nudity or social nudist is just that, social, a choice made by the person to express their desires to be free in public or in private, such as home nudists. Social nudist don't want people to confuse social/non-sexual with sexual nudity or lewd behavior. As stated above, nudist have no tolerance for lewd behavior and will report this to police.

It seems that this issue is only limited to one certain area in your city and that is the Castro/Market area and Jane Warren Plaza. So, concentrate on this area. If seating is an issue, maybe install additional seating. I don't see where one area would require a city wide change, if no other areas are complaining. As pointed out, an addition was made to address one issue, so just address something for this one area.

I'm not aware of many cities that allow full non-sexual nudity in public - this is what makes your city unique, don't change that. Don't restrict someones right to free speech and expression just by changing non-sexual nudity to certain events in your city.

While I'm in Texas, and have been to California in the past, I've not been to your city, but hope to one day, and as a social nudist, I'd like to be able to express this freedom in your city, if I choose to do so.

As I stated, there are not that many cities that are as diverse as yours and I would hate to see that diversity go away. As the slogan for Austin is "Keep Austin Weird", I say "Keep San Fran Diverse."

I hope that your board will NOT make any restrictions to non-sexual nudity in your city.

Sincerely,
Wayne Dennis, D.Th.
Social Nudist

Follow Up on Nudity Laws Proposed

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Please respond to Wayne

'"complainers argued that they were being deprived of their right to walk through the plaza without having to see "fat, hairy, old men"; they claimed that these "perverts" were soiling the chairs with their bare butts, and causing mental trauma to children who might happen to see them."

I found the above in another article about this proposed law. I hate to tell this person and anyone else, but not all nudist, male or female look like Ken & Barbie. They come in all shapes and sizes. Nudists are not "perverts", they are normal people. Yes, there are those out there that are in it for "other reasons", but the majority are real nudist and enjoy social nudity. Yes, the towel deal is normal among nudist, most all will carry a towel to sit on.

There is nothing wrong with kids seeing a naked body. How many of you may have been to the "Y" years back or had family that did and swimming was in the nude. How many may have been to other swimming classes where it was done nude? How many have read stories about this? Today, kids and even young adults to the "towel dance" in the locker rooms, because they have been taught that being nude or being seen nude by others is a shameful/harmful act. How many of you may have played sports in high school or college? How many showered in the "gang" type showers? Now, days kids are taught that even showing after PE or playing sports in shameful, because they will be seen naked. They are taught their bodies are something shameful rather than body acceptance. Nudist are all about body acceptance and not something sexual.

I think that if your city does pass this, you will still have those that will still try and challange the law and still go nude in public. You have events were nudity is common and would be allowed under this law, but why restrict this to only certain events? If allowed during various naked bike rides, Bay to Breakers, Folsom Street Fair, Dore Alley ("Up Your Alley Fair"), St. Stupid's Day Parade, Castro Street Fair, Halloween in the Castro, and the Gay Pride Festival, to name the largest ones.

I know that as a social nudist that if I lived in your city I would be a nudist there when out. Even as a visitor this would be one of the mail reasons that I would want to visit your city. Many cities do have top-free laws for women, Austin, Texas being one of them. They are diverse, but I don't think they are as diverse as your city, because they have not passed a city law to allow full nudity.

I hope that you all will see that this law does more harm than good. People are going to be against things no matter what. They are allowed to voice their opinions and what they would like to see, but many times that is not what is good for business.

Sincerely,
Wayne Dennis, D.Th.

Roamin Bares, President

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November 5, 2012

Dear Supervisors and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in order to request that you vote against the proposed ban on public nudity.

As a tourist, it is a pleasure to visit San Francisco for its amazing freedoms, non-discrimination and great lifestyle. It would be a shame if the city decided to be just like every other city as it would take away from the cultural identity of San Francisco.

Supposedly, some people have complained about the nudists in the Castro district. There is therefore no reason to impose an outright ban on public nudity across the entire city if the issue is specific to the Castro district. Instead, the problem in the Castro should be dealt with locally, if there is indeed a problem to begin with. If the issue is lewd behaviour, then current laws already allow for the police to take action. Again, there is therefore no need for an outright ban on public nudity as police already have the tools necessary to deal with lewd behaviour.

Interestingly, many of those who may have complained about public nudity, probably have never complained about the unfortunate "homeless beggars", the drunks and the content visible in the sex shop windows of the Castro district. They most likely simply look the other way when they come across these, and there is nothing stopping them from doing so when it comes to a simple naked human body. If you don't like it, simply look the other way. Its a very simple concept.

Nudity is not harmful, either to adults or children, and currently none of the naked bodies that may adorn the city sidewalks are harmful either. What will be next, banning nudity at Bay to Breakers and Folsom Street Fair? Allowing a ban on public nudity would create a very slippery slope.

Again, I ask with all due respect that you vote against any ban on public nudity in San Francisco. Lets keep the city the great place that is is known to be.

Regards,

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Dear,

San Francisco is in history an unique city. San Francisco was always ahead of times. It's a living laboratory. And by this aspect the World is watching San Francisco !

San Francisco is much more than USA, it's Universal. It's a proof that all mankind despite differences can leave together !

This is the best message and the more powerful message that give hope in the all planet.

Public nudity is considered as a problem only since a few 100 years. Not talking of the primitive tribes where public nudity was not an issue, not talking about Ancien Egypt, Ancien Greece or Ancien Roman. Up to the French Revolution public nudity was common for bathing, washing, sleeping ...

It seems that only when the world developed economically that the nudity was seen as obsolete, not modern.

But nudity is the natural state of the humans. We all are naked under our clothes. Lets live this that. It is only the oversexualized civilisation we are living in today that makes plain nudity a private and sexual statement !

Please don't fall into that trap ! We should (collectively) never create rules for a natural state and furthermore for a minority.

Yes this Ban on Public Nudity is only targeting a few people. It is always a wrong message to create a law for a small group.

And even if some think that this group is already too many, lets face it Nudity is legal in San Francisco since a very long time and never the situation was creating security or any kind of chaos.

On top it seems that "No City Ordinance is Needed to Ban Public Nudity In San Francisco" stated the Law Offices of Christina DiEdoardo (copy below)

Best regards,
Jerome Jolibois
Brussels - BELGIUM

Why No City Ordinance is Needed to Ban Public Nudity In San Francisco

While other cities fret about underfunded pension liabilities, here in San Francisco the latest keruffle is over the supposed "

problem" of nudists in public spaces.

Of course, this being San Francisco, the measure is being pushed by the unfortunately-named Supervisor Scott Weiner, whose main

target (based on published reports) seems to be the supposed practice of some nudists to wear "cockrings" or other devices to draw attention to their genitalia.

Lost in the debate are three fundamental (at least to a criminal defense attorney like me) questions. First, is the conduct targeted by the proposed ordinance a protected activity? Second, assuming the government can restrict the behavior, are extant State laws sufficient? Third, has state legislation already preempted the field of regulation of nudity in public spaces?

With regard to the first question, the general trend by courts in California seems to be not to grant First Amendment protection to public or private nudity **unless** the nudity is accompanied by or part of " 'some mode of expression which itself is entitled to first amendment protection.' " **Elysium Institute, Inc. v. County of Los Angeles 232 Cal.App.3d 408, 424 283 Cal.Rptr. 688 (2nd Dist. 1991)**[internal citations ommitted].

Of course, this raises as many questions as it answers–and it's almost an invitation to anyone who wants to go sky-clad to chant political slogans or carry a sign when they do so. What about a naked man with an #occupy cockring?

It may, however, explain why Supervisor Weiner says wants to exempt events like the

Folsom Street Fair and presumably, though he didn't say so explicitly, the Dyke March and the Trans March from the proposed ordinance. Simply put, he's not doing it out of kindness–those events, particularly the Dyke and Trans marches, are clearly political speech subject to First Amendment protections.

With regard to the second question, Penal Code Section 314(1) provides "Every person who **willfully and lewdly**...1. Exposes his person, or the private parts thereof, in any public place, or in any place where there are present other persons to be offended or annoyed thereby...is guilty of a misdemeanor" (Emphasis added).

Of course, this begs the question "What does 'willfully and lewdly' **mean** for the purpose of the statute? Fortunately, the California Supreme Court settled this question over 40 years ago when it decided **In re Smith, 7 Cal.3d 362, 497 P.2d 807 (1972).**

In **Smith** the Court found a man who was arrested for indecent exposure under PC 314(1) was entitled to habeas corpus relief because "The necessary proof of sexual motivation was not and could not have been made in the case at bar. It is settled that mere nudity does not constitute a form of sexual 'activity.'" (J.

Mosk). Instead, the People would have to establish something more, such as "additional conduct intentionally directing attention to [the defendant's] genitals for sexual purposes" if it wanted to convict Mr. Smith of violating PC 314(1).

Similarly, a juvenile who "mooned" (i.e. exposed his buttocks) to traffic for reasons of adolescent jackassery could also not be found delinquent, since he lacked the lewd intent required by the statute (although he absolutely had the intent to annoy people) See **In re Dallas W. 85 Cal.App.4th 937, 102 Cal.Rptr.2d 493 (2nd Dist. 2000)**.

Going back to the cockring "problem", since the purpose of a cockring is to draw attention to the wearer's genitals, wearing one in public while nude would appear to make one subject to arrest for violating PC 314(1) based on the plain language of the **Smith** case. Thus, existing state law is more than sufficient to deter the supposed problem to be remedied and the ordinance is unecessary.

What about the final question–whether or not the State has preempted this area of regulation? Unfortunately, here things get murky. While a 1975 case out of the Second District upheld a Los Angeles ordinance banning public nudity in parks (on the somewhat tortured ground that the ordinance did not purport to ban *all* nudity across the City's public spaces, but only regulate it as a time/place/manner restriction) *see* **Eckl v. Davis 51 Cal.App.3d 831, 124 Cal.Rptr. 685 (2nd Dist. 1975)** and held that the L.A. ordinance was not preempted by PC 314(1), it is unclear how modern courts would treat a similar issue today. Since Supervisor Weiner aims to ban nudity on public sidewalks as well as parks and beaches, the proposed ordinance has a far wider ambit than the measure challenged in **Eckl** and so the holding in that case is much less helpful to his case than it could be.

The bottom line is that–as with so many other public policy issues–what's needed is not **additional** laws, but enforcement of ***existing*** laws. That would solve the "problem" of the nudists with cockrings, to the extent it's not anecdoctal and actually exists. With regard to the wider issue of those who object to nude people in public, there's an easy remedy which costs no public money, requires no court time and consumes no scarce jail space: **look away**.

–CAD

http://diedoardolaw.com/criminal-law/why-no-city-ordinance-is-needed-to-ban-public-nudity-in-san-francisco/

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Dear Mr. Evans and Ms. Wong:

Please enter the following comments into the Legislative File (reference #120984) concerning the proposed ban on public nudity.

Thank you.

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Dear Mayor Lee and Member of the Board of Supervisors:

With regard to the proposed ban on nudity, I hope you'll consider the broader picture: Such a ban is ill advised and will, in my opinion, have negative repercussions for the City for many decades to come.

People flee small towns and communities – narrow minded places where conservative, "mainstream" values dominate – and seek refuge and acceptance in San Francisco. Indeed, the City's reputation, both nationally and internationally, as a groundbreaking leader in gay rights, in multiculturalism, and in artistic, political, and technological innovation is legendary.

It is that intangible quality to San Francisco that gives people the courage to try new things, to innovate, to brainstorm, and to be authentic. It is through thousands of individuals, free to unleash the full potential of human creativity, in ways not yet imagined, that the most important advancements have been discovered and developed. That freedom is why the United States thrived, while command-and-control countries languished in the last century.

Will an urban nudist be responsible for the next Ipad? Probably not. But the environment that encourages uniqueness over conformity, that

nurtures experimentation and odd connections, probably will. And I'd hate to see San Francisco lose that unique edge.

San Francisco needs thinkers – unique individuals willing to openly question tradition and custom, people willing to examine dominant social norms and their unintended and unrecognized oppressions. Supervisor Wiener's cynical law to ban public nudity is designed to directly pander to the type of people he wishes to attract to the City – mainstream, wealthy individuals who can drive up rental costs and patronize expensive restaurants and shops in the neighborhood. I think that's a dangerous direction for a City like San Francisco. We're not Los Angeles, with a thriving entertainment industry. We're not New York, a center of finance. We're an innovative, quirky little town that has attracted some of the best and brightest from around the world. Lose that, and all we have is tourism, and that's a fickle industry to rely on.

Our laws should be designed to attract the thinkers, the skeptics and the rebels, not to drive them away. Granted, we don't want to be a magnet for the crazies or the dangerous, who are admittedly sometimes attracted to tolerant areas with a reputation for freedom, but there are already clear laws on the books that strictly limit lewd and dangerous behavior, and those laws should be aggressively enforced. If this City follows Wiener's lead, it will be comprised of people who migrate here only for the high wages and the extremely poor (dependent on social support), and it will lose its core. While I'm a liberal, I've seen the impact of high taxes and burdensome regulations on businesses, and how it has driven them out of the area. Take the unique appeal of the area out of the equation and it's not difficult to predict that businesses will leave the area for friendlier regulatory environments, jobs will leave – taking the high income earners with them – leaving San Francisco a shell of its former self, perhaps another Oakland.

Naturally, society needs laws to maintain order and to promote safety. But the State of California itself has already determined that it's not necessary to make simple nudity illegal. Nudity can be artistic, politically expressive, or simply a rejection of the notion that a person has to have expensive clothes or a fit, thin body in order to have self respect or be a valid human being. Nor does simple nudity harm

children. Every child has seen his/her own genitals by the time they're able to walk; in this country, we're not horrified at the sight of an uncovered face, nor is there any reason to be horrified at the sight of another human being's natural body. Nudists are not child molesters (indeed, child molesters usually try to blend into their communities, acting as "normal" and "mainstream" as possible to elicit as much trust as possible, enabling them to place themselves in positions with easy, legitimate access to children – hardly the profile of a public nudist). Children should be taught the difference between nudity and inappropriate touching and to report such touching immediately. It is not fair and totally inaccurate to conflate nudists with child molesters.

It would be a mistake for a city of San Francisco's caliber to impose an unnecessary law like the one proposed by Supervisor Wiener. This unfortunate law has garnered national media attention and, if enacted, would send a chilling message to the rest of the country, including to that isolated young person in middle town America who might have once considered San Francisco as a new home, a home where it was safe to be a little different and unique, and instead send the message that they might as well go to Houston or Chicago or Atlanta, where it's cheaper to live, jobs are available, and people are as accepting as in San Francisco.

Thank you,

Casey Shaw

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DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BAN NUDITY IN THE ENTIRE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. I WAS ALSO RATHER SHOCKED. I MOVED TO THIS CITY 4 YEARS AGO FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS I CHOSE THIS PLACE WAS THE OVERWHELMING ACCEPTANCE IT SEEMED TO POSSESS FOR ALL WALKS OF HUMANITY, AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE HUMAN FORM. THE FIRST TIME I VISITED THIS CITY, I REMEMBER SITTING IN A BAR IN THE CASTRO, AND LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW TO SEE NO LESS THAN 3 NUDE MEN, STANDING ON THE STREET CORNER, CASUALLY CHATTING AMONGST EACH OTHER. I ASKED MY FRIEND IF THIS WAS A NORMAL OCCURRENCE, AND HE SAID YES, THEY COULD BE SEEN ON THE STREET QUITE REGULARLY. AND I REMEMBER AT THAT MOMENT JUST KNOWING, THIS IS WHERE I BELONG. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FREE SPIRIT, LOVER OF THE HUMAN BODY, AND A NUDIST AT HEART. I GREW UP IN THE MIDWEST, AND EVERYWHERE I HAVE LIVED PREVIOUSLY, HAD ALWAYS FELT REPRESSED AND LIMITED BY THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES/ VENUES WHERE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO EXPRESS MY TRUE SELF. SO, I RETURNED

TO BALTIMORE, SAVED AS MUCH MONEY AS I COULD, AND A YEAR LATER, ARRIVED BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO — THIS TIME TO STAY. SINCE THEN, I HAVE FELT HAPPIER AND MORE AT HOME THAN EVER IN MY LIFE, FREE TO BE AND EXPRESS MYSELF, IN A COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN IN ISOLATION. TODAY, I KNOW THOSE 3 MEN I SAW ON THE CORNER THAT DAY BY NAME, AND AS PEOPLE WHO SHARE MY VALUES. I HAVE FOUND TREMENDOUS STRENGTH IN HAVING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY, OF SOLIDARITY, OF BELONGING. AND, I FEEL LUCKY EVERY DAY TO LIVE WITH THIS FREEDOM = EXPRESSION. WHEN I IMAGINE THIS PLACE WITHOUT IT, I AM DEEPLY SADDENED, AS I LIKE TO DREAM THAT ONE DAY THE REST OF THE WORLD MIGHT RISE TO SAN FRANCISCO'S EXAMPLE, RATHER THAN SAN FRANCISCO CAVING TO THAT SET BY THE REST OF THE WORLD. I TRULY HOPE THAT BEFORE ENACTING THIS LEGISLATION YOU WILL CONSIDER WHAT MAKES THIS PLACE SPECIAL, MAGICAL, AND DIFFERENT FROM EVERY OTHER CITY IN THE U.S., AND WHAT MAKES CREATIVES, ECCENTRICS, AND FREE SPIRITS, LIKE ME, LOVE IT SO MUCH. CONSIDER WHAT MAKES SAN FRANCISCO WHAT IT IS, AND TO YOU MIGHT HURT BY TAKING AWAY, AND CRIMINALIZING, HARMLESS FREEDOMS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY, FLEEY BEYER

File 120984
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Oct 30, 2012

Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

I am against any legislation that restricts our right to be nude. This is the only place in the country where we can be free and without clothes. IF someone objects to that, have them move back to Ohio or Iowa, wherever they came from, and be safe and comfortable there.

Bill Maltsberger
SF Resident of 25+ years

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I consider the legislation proposed by Mr. Wiener as an attempt on the very heart and soul of San Francisco. The most important part of that soul is tolerance. That's what made this city what it is: the center of one of the most intensively wealth producing areas on the planet. It happened because instead of excluding minorities of all kinds we integrate them. Instead of wasting public resources on witch-hunts and prosecutions we keep these people as productive tax payers contributing to the society. That is exactly what attracts creative people to the city. That's what made the city what it is.

Please, do the city a favour: don't let Mr. Wiener start us on a slippery slope towards intolerance and escalating police state. As the history clearly shows us, such steps usually stent the decline and degradation.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mikhail V Novoselov

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Dear Supervisors,

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope you find it in your hearts to allow us continued freedom to be nude in Public. I love this Wonderful city for its diversity and progressiveness. In my experience here in San Francisco there may only be one person in thousands who may not appreciate the human form in public. We get and bring so many smiles from passers-by. The tourists absolutely love us. I think this can be continued in a thoughtful and responsible way. Thank you so much for allowing me this freedom thus far. I love you all!

- Michael R. Hernandez

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File 120984

Scott Weiner
SF Supervisors

I am writing in regards to your ~~[illegible]~~ and other residents of SF concerning public nudity. Growing up there was nudity in school and on TV programs; It was works of art and people who lived with less attire

The issue was never the nudity but the reaction of a few boys laughing at the women. Nothing except the teachers took the boys to task asking to remain quite.

I feel this is the same situation. Some vocal individuals having a problem with how some people

Dwight Jones

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

I strongly but respectfully urge you to not pass any ordinance/law to ban ~~xxxx~~ public nudity anytime/anywhere in San Francisco.

As a SF resident of 57 years, I've always appreciated the open mindedness and tolerance of the majority of the diverse and progressive citizens of my beloved hometown.

Please do not allow the very few to spoil our city.

Thanking You.

Bob Mitre

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I Am against This Legislation Banning Public Nudity Nude is not Lewd Its only Natural I Love San Francisco I sit in the Square at Castro and Market Sunbathing Naked I Feel Comfortable there being able to Be Nude In Public

Jack H Dorf IV

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DUTY IS FOR FREEDOM OF FOLLOWED ACT
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Hello, one of the things I love about living in SF
Is that I live in an town with no public nudity law
I don't take advantage of this, but the one due the
reasons of why I love to live here. Take this
away and you destroy what's so special about
SF. Thank you.

Russ.

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Dear Supervisors, File 120984

I am a San Franciscan man who has lived in this glorious city for about 1 year. Although it was not the main reason I moved into the city, when I read online that the City Supervisors allowed respectful public nudity, it was the "icing on the cake" that convinced me that I should move here. I have long practiced nude sunbathing, since it helps to strengthen my nerve force. Although I love being a San Franciscan, unfortunately I am a poor disabled man (with both physical + emotional difficulties), and thus I am forced to live in one of the worst ghettoes in the City (on the corner of 6th street and Mission street...). 24 hrs. a day of people screaming wildly outside my window was made much more bearable by going to the beautiful Castro neighborhood and sunbathing with all of the friendly nudists in Jane Warner Plaza. Hanging out, respectfully, in the plaza and soaking up as much sun on my skin as possible has enabled me to keep my sanity, store up wonderful healing life experiences, and has been the joy of my life. The nude Human Body is not shameful and Public Nudity is not a sin.

Sincerely yours,
KUENRAAD DEETMAN

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10-26-12

Greeting Mr. Supervisor:

As a 3rd generation native of San Francisco I have always found our City to be a bastion of free speech and expression. Consequently, I am chagrined why you are taking time and effort to suppress the ability and opportunity for people to dress according to their own tastes. Your continued highligting of personal non-criminal behavior in light of more serious and damaging social issues and true criminal behavior. The citizens of San Francisco will not benefit from this legislation and enforcement of this control of personal behavior is counter productive

Sincerely, John E. Faul

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Please do not ban nudism in San Francisco. Everybody is nude under there clothes.

In my experience as a nudist, people or alot more friendly and sociable when they are nude (clothing optional).

Maurice Valkema

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If Scott Wiener continues the wasteful battle against his non issue issue I'll have plenty of material for future stencils...

E Clair Acuda Bandersnatch
Fashion icon graffiti artist

— "Scott Wiener should mind his own shortcomings"

— ect. E CLAIR ACUDA Bandersnatch

Fw: San Francisco Board of Supervisors: Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco

Linda Wong to: Derek Evans 11/01/2012 03:16 PM

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Hey,

I just signed the petition "San Francisco Board of Supervisors: Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco" and wanted to see if you could help by adding your name.

Our goal is to reach 25,000 signatures and we need more support. You can read more and sign the petition here:

https://www.change.org/petitions/san-francisco-board-of-supervisors-refuse-to-ban-public-nudity-in-san-francisco

Thanks!
Glendon Anna

You're receiving this message because Glendon Anna Conda Hyde sent you an email through Change.org's petition sharing tool. If you believe you have received this message in error, respond directly to Glendon Anna Conda Hyde at herrachick@yahoo.com.

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Dear Ms. Wong and Mr. Evans,

I ask that my comments be included in the legislative file, reference number 120984, re: Ban on Public Nudity.

I am not a nudist. Nor do I care that others around me live comfortably without clothes. I believe that this ban removes a San Franciscan cultural institution of clothing optionality. Nudity on the streets, parks and beaches should be most certainly legal and tolerated. The basic human right of living in your body and deciding how to live in that body must not be taken away by cultural conservatives seeking to alter the personality of this great city. Many have moved here from oppressive environments to be in a place with permissive attitudes; I say if people don't like nudity they can live anywhere; people who want to be nude have few options comparatively.

Thanks for your time.

Michael G. Bare

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dear board member

i strongly urge you not to ban public nudity in san francisco. san francisco is the last truly unique city in america, the only city were people can be them selves without fear or persecution. we do not live in san francisco, but i visit it quite frequently for this very reason, we live in los angeles and los angeles is a very uptight city. i also hold all my business meetings in san francisco for the same reason, some times in vegas, but there is actually much much more freedom in your city.
when we come there we hang out in the castro district, my wife and i are not gay, but we dont care, the people there are the friendliest, the food is the best and i like it the way it is. the nudists never bother anyone, they are not offensive to see or talk to. it is very refreshing to see such freedom. with such freedoms gone my interest in coming to san francisco would be greatly dimineshed
thank you for your time

thank you
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Subject: Against Proposed Nudity Ban

Dear Scott and others on the Board of Supervisors,

I've lived in San Francisco since 1994, and I spend a great deal of time in The City, and particularly in the Castro neighborhood.

I'd like to register my opposition to the proposed new legislation banning nudity. I believe in people's right to free expression, and I think that our society's discomfort with the nude human form, and with sexuality, is unhealthy. Nude people on the street do no actual harm to anyone, and any laws proscribing nudity will tend to overreach, to be arbitrary and difficult to enforce, to be subject to interpretation and abuse, and to infringe on the freedom of expression in that very BASTION of free speech, the public square. The slippery slope arguments also hold water in this instance, because who is to determine what is, and what is not so "obscene" or "objectionable" as to be criminal? The majority? 50% plus one? On which day?

San Francisco has a colorful history, and we have made room for LOTS of different sorts of personal expression here – much of which has been found to be "objectionable" or "obscene" to whole swaths of normative observers. But by doing so, we have MADE history, as well.

We must resist the fear-based, conservative forces that are at work weakening the roots of our democratic society. Personal freedom of expression is a critical part of democracy and it works to promote and protect civil rights of many stripes.

Joseph Mott, M.D., J.D.
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Please don't ban nudity in San Francisco...
douglasmont to: Derek.Evans 11/01/2012 09:03 AM

...we need more freedom, not less. If no one is hurt, let people express themselves. Lets set a good example of tolerance and self expression and Not narrow our self expression in response to the most vocal, who are often a minority.

Thank you,

Joseph Montgomery

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Nudity in San Francisco
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to:
Derek.Evans, Linda.Wong
11/01/2012 11:45 AM
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To: <Derek.Evans@sfgov.org>, <Linda.Wong@sfgov.org>,

Dear Sir/Madam,

There are parts of the world where women might be punished or killed for being "immodest". I feel that the United States should be an example of Freedom of Expression to the rest of the world. San Francisco typifies a truly open and accepting attitude to acceptance of the human body as something wonderful and not shameful or disgusting in any way. I would love to visit San Francisco and see this liberal attitude at first hand. There are so many places in the USA and elsewhere that are too happy to curtail the freedom of the individual. I do not wish San Francisco to become another one of these.

I request that there be no ban on public nudity in San Francisco.

Please add this email to the file below.

File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Regards

Brian Powell B Ed.

Please confirm receipt of email. Please add to Nudity Ban Legislative File: File Reference Number 120984.
Craig Scott
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To: "Derek.Evans@sfgov.org" <Derek.Evans@sfgov.org>, "Linda.Wong@sfgov.org" <Linda.Wong@sfgov.org>,
Please respond to Craig Scott <craigscottsf@yahoo.com>

Please add to Nudity Ban Legislative File: File Reference Number 120984. Please confirm receipt of email.

Dear Supervisors:

I encourage you not to approve the ban on nudity as it has been proposed. It is far too broad and not only steps on the rights of one group for the benefit of another but it also rejects San Francisco wonderful tradition of compromise and a test period on controversial issues. I urge you to consider postponing any decision so the parties may explore compromise. As of now, no attempt has been made to seek any sort of compromise.

There are many potential ways to compromise that have not been considered. Nudity on Saturdays only between May and October, is just one example. In certain areas only, etc.. San Francisco has dealt with many controversial issues this way. For example, Sunday Streets and transit only on Market Street. I urge you to postpone any decision until attempt have been made for compromise.

Thank you, Craig Scott

Fwd: Nudity Ban - Please do not vote for the nudity ban
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to:
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To: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org, Linda.Wong@sfgov.org,

Please include my email comments below in the legislative file, File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity.

Thank you very much for doing so.

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As was clearly demonstrated by the very successful community rally yesterday to oppose the proposed nudity ban, the community is by no means united around this proposed ban. Many of us feel it will have a chilling effect on San Francisco and have far reaching negative repercussions on the city if it passes.

Please do not vote to pass the proposed nudity ban. There are already laws on the books today that clearly handle inappropriate public behavior. This law is an unnecessary over reach.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

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Reject Wiener's Nudity Ban

James Borrazas to: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org, Linda.Wong@sfgov.orfg

10/31/2012 08:20 PM

To all SF Supervisors:

We don't need blue laws in SF. Vote down Wiener's nudity ban legislation.

Please include this message on the Legislative File.

James Borrazás
SF Voter

Sent from my iPhone

Legislative file: File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Patrick Mulcahey
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Date: October 3, 2012 3:03:47 PM PDT
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Subject: **public nudity ban**

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the "nudity ban" proposed by my own supervisor, Scott Wiener. I find it regressive, disheartening, and unnecessary; and while it is far from being a "gay issue," it appears to pander to a new upscale heterocentric element in the Castro community with a penchant for waving the "Save the Children!" flag. There is absolutely no research to support the sentimental fear that casual adult non-sexual nudity harms children, and plenty of experience (and common sense) to dispute it.

There are already laws on the books against public lewdness. If public lewdness is the problem, by all means, arrest the offenders. That can be accomplished without implementing this overbearing, un-San Franciscan legislation. It is repressive insanity to restrict the personal liberties of 800,000 citizens because the behavior of a half-dozen men on one streetcorner in one neighborhood chafes the sensibilities of some. I am not at all opposed to some compromise or accommodation being reached to safeguard the rights and interests of all involved, but no other proposal or negotiation has even been attempted. Is legislation really the way of leadership in this matter? I say it is not.

Patrick Mulcahey
191 Carnelian Way
San Francisco CA 94131

Public Nudity
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10/31/2012 08:46 PM
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From: Andrae Vigil-Romero <andraevr@gmail.com>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;,

Please support freedom of speech and vote NO on the Public Nudity Ban. San Francisco is a model for the nation in being open and accepting of different communities. This ban would send a message to the people of San Francisco that limiting speech and expression is okay. But, as you know from the 1st Amendment, that is not the case. Please be sure to showcase your commitment to freedom and freedom of speech/expression.

Thank you,
Andrae Vigil-Romero

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From: Geof <geof@riverdream.org>
Subject: **against nudity ban**
Date: October 3, 2012 1:48:04 PM PDT
To: David.Campos@sfgov.org

Mr. Campos,

I live in your district in San Francisco, and want to voice my strong opposition to the ban on nudity proposed by Mr. Wiener. Public nudity is part of the rich diversity of San Francisco, and does not harm anyone. Please don't bend to the publicity seeking stunt of Mr. Wiener. Please support free expression for all San Franciscans.

Yours,

Geoffrey Worcester
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San Francisco, CA 94134

Refuse to Ban Public Nudity
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Please Refuse to Ban Public Nudity
This is freakin' SAN FRANCISCO !

Regards, in freedom,
KENNETH MCBRIDE
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San Francisco, CA 94127

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Greetings should be Mayor Avalos and all,

ACT UP East Bay unanimously supports PUBLIC NUDITY. At this point it is a tourist attraction and draws tourists to the Castro hoping for a peek! Scott Weener/whiner is simply using this as an election ploy. If he cares about drawing attention to the netherworld, he should ban the wearing of cock rings not nudity.
His inner Church Lady needs to become his inner Bette Midler. What a tool. Vote NO on banning public nudity. I am an old prune, scott a young prude who is better suited for the Junior League than the County Bd.

Your truly, John Iversen
co-founder ACT UP/East Bay, Berkeley and Oakland Needle Exchanges and the most effective and known PWA golbal iads activist in the Bay Area, member-MN Chippewa tribe and a pretty good tango singer--writing from Buenso Aires now. There are more important issues. Weener is a tragic comedy. You should have seen Dana King's eyes roll when she first reported on Whiner's initiative. I think she even uttered "This is news?" How is it representing the 2% Mr. Weener?

From: mitch hightower <mail@change.org>
To: johniversen94702@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2012 12:02 AM
Subject: Update about "San Francisco Board of Supervisors: Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco"

This message is from mitch hightower who started the petition "San Francisco Board of

Supervisors: Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco," which you signed on Change.org.

Greetings Friends!
We appreciate your continued support as we do our best to prevent the proposed public nudity ban from becoming law in San Francisco.
Prior to the hearing coming up on November 5, we need to ask you to send another email or two about this matter.
PLEASE take the emails you have sent to supervisors on the PUBLIC NUDITY BAN issue and forward them to the emails that follow at the bottom of this message. Ask that your comments be included in the LEGISLATIVE FILE, reference number below.
This is the file that the supervisors look at when making decisions on how to vote, and there are very few public comments in the file right now. Let's fill it up!
File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Email both: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org and Linda.Wong@sfgov.org
Thank you again for your time and support!
Mitch Hightower

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comments on the proposed ban on public nudity
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Please respond to wil Nolan <wilnolan1@yahoo.com>

greetings my name Wil Nolan. I am writing you to express my feelings on the proposed ban on public nudity in San Francisco. I am a 3rd generation San Francisco born resident. I love San Francisco. One of the wonderful things about SF is its tolerance towards all kinds of creative expression. it makes the city one of the most colorful places in the world. about the nudity issue...I am a professional nude figure art model and have been for over 25 years. It has given me a great appreciation for the beauty of the human form. I am also a nudist as a lifestyle. I started coming regularly to the Castro area about a year ago. I have been enjoying the freedom of nudism in the Castro and have met several wonderful fellow (and female) nudists. One point I wish to make is...there have been reports that stated that there were up to 14 nudists hanging around the Plaza, creating an uncomfortable situation for the rest of the people there. That number is simply not true. I have been there many times , and on many weekends , and even on a warm sunny day, there are perhaps up to five nudists at a time. I have been observing the reaction of the (clothed) people, and notice that most folks are either not even paying attention to the nudists, or are expressing positive comments about it . of course there are a few who complain , but that is to be expected in a public setting. Most people, I want to say, are positive about the nudity. I have spoken to the regular nudists there and we all agree that if we see any individual using nudity to disturb anyone or to use it for sexual purposes, that we should tell that individual to stop immediately. now about the tourists.... I have been photographed hundreds of times at the Castro with my arm around a smiling tourist. It really makes my day ! They make comments like, wow! " they will never believe this at home! San Francisco is such a great City !" The tourists LOVE the nudists ! it is like going to the Circus for them. it is all good fun ! it makes me think that in a way the nudity (which is word known) is perhaps bringing more tourism to the Castro area and to SF in general, and helping the stores. More tourists, more purchases. these are som of my heart felt thoughts and observations about the nudity in Castro area. San Francisco is a great city, and the nudity is very harmless and part of the colorful nature of this city. We should focus on crime and sexual predators who are fully dressed. the few nude folks who are simply enjoying their freedom are a very harmless and fascinating part of San Francisco. I truly hope you do not vote to ban nudity. there will be alot of very sad tourists and a little less charm in San Francisco. thankyou very much for your time I would like my comments to be included in the Legislative File...reference number 120984 sincerely Wil Nolan

File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Woody
to:
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From: Woody <woody@nudewoody.com>
To: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org,

As a long time Castro resident and a nudist, it saddens me to see the neighborhood I have considered my home for two thirds of my life become so intolerant and unwilling to listen to logic and reason. The human body is only offensive and obscene if you see it as such, offense and obscenity rests in the mind. Many complain that we are two old, fat, ugly, hairy, etc. My body carries the record of my lived experience, its triumphs and failures, its successes and tragedies. To assert that my body should be censored from public view is to assert that my lived experience, my very identity, should be censored form public view. Some site children as a reason for us to cover ourselves. I ask, why are you teaching your children to hate their bodies? Some insist we are all straight men who do not live here. It is funny, but when I go to other neighborhoods some who do not like me call my and my fellow nudists faggots. Body freedom belongs to everyone, gay, straight, bisexual, and transgender. Some say we are ruining business, keeping people from coming to the neighborhood to shop. I ask, why do we need to cater to the intolerant and uneducated? We nudists could be used as a learning tool, a symbol of our neighborhood's and our city's openness, tolerance, and respect for the beliefs of others. This is what I had thought San Francisco and Castro values were.

I therefor urge you to vote no on Supervisor Wiener's proposed nudity ban.

Please include my comments in File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Elwood Miller

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Sorry, I am resending this , as I realized I had some typos in my first email.

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File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity
Christina A. DiEdoardo, Esq., to: Derek.Evans, Linda.Wong 10/31/2012 10:34 PM
Please respond to christina

Dear Mr. Evans and Ms. Wong:

As a local criminal defense attorney, I wanted to submit my comments to you regarding the proposed ban on public nudity ahead of the committee hearing on November 5, 2012.

The proposed ban is both unecessary and, in all likelihood, unconstitutional. Over forty years ago in In re Smith, 7 Cal.3d 362, 497 P.2d 807 (1972), the California Supreme Court held that "It is settled that mere nudity does not constitute a form of sexual 'activity.'" Instead, in order to secure a conviction for indecent exposure, the People in Smith had to show "additional conduct intentionally directing attention to [the defendant's] genitals for sexual purposes."

Similarly, a juvenile who "mooned" (i.e. exposed his buttocks) to traffic for reasons of adolescent stupidity could also not be found delinquent, since he lacked the lewd intent required by the statute (although he absolutely had the intent to annoy people) See In re Dallas W. 85 Cal.App.4th 937, 102 Cal.Rptr.2d 493 (2nd Dist. 2000).

To the extent that the ordinance seeks to ban the public display of devices intended to draw attention to male gentalia, such as "cock rings", it is unecessary. All the SFPD needs to do to remedy the conduct is issue citations for Penal Code 314(1), since the wearer of the ring would clearly be attempting to draw attention to their genitalia as proscribed by Smith.

More troublingly, a blanket ban on public nudity is likely to face constitutional challenges. Although a 1975 case out of the Second District upheld a Los Angeles ban on nude sunbathing in parks (Eckl v. Davis 51 Cal.App.3d 831, 124 Cal.Rptr. 685 (2nd Dist. 1975) as a time/place/manner restriction, even the Los Angeles authorities were not attempting to ban nudity across *all* public areas of the City, as I understand the proposed ordinance seeks to do (subject to exceptions not relevant for purposes of this discussion). While nudity is frequently seen to be "conduct" rather than "speech", it would take little effort for nudists to insert political content in their nudity. I doubt the SFPD and the District Attorney want to separate citations from nudists who claim to to be naked because they are #occupy members from those who just want a full body tan.

If I can be of further assistance I would be happy to expand on these remarks. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this issue and to assist the City as it considers this important issue.

Sincerely,

Christina A. DiEdoardo, Esq.,

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Comments on Ban on Public Nudity
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To: Derek.Evans@sfgov.org,

Please include these Comments for File Reference Number 120984

Please oppose the ban on public nudity.

I have lived in San Francisco for over 22 years and considered the Castro my neighborhood although my homes have been in other parts of the city. It is the neighborhood where I spend my most of my time when not at home or work. I explain this to say that I am a resident of the city and especially the Castro and have never seen inappropriate behavior. That is not to say it hasn't happened, but there are existing laws to deal with lewd behavior.

The character of this city embraces and gains strength from its diversity. The proposed ban harms that character by not embracing the diversity of beliefs that vitalize this city and make it draw people from all over the world. The Castro neighborhood is a neighborhood as well as a world destination. It is a destination because things like naked people congregating happen. As a neighborhood that has evolved, its more lively character has been established longer than most of the residents. The ban on nudity legislates the whole city and homogenizes away some of that one neighborhood's character.

As an artist the freedom of speech and expression is of particular concern. An element of my work as an artist challenges body shame and sees the naked body as source of commonality and beauty. My spirituality celebrates the human body. This proposed ban unnecessarily limits my free expression when existing and reasonable restrictions aren't being enforced.

Thank You for your consideration,

Ronald H Symansky
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San Francisco

File Reference Number 120984 Proposed Ban on Nudity
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Please include the following comments in the legislative file reference number, 120984:

I have been a resident of San Francisco, California for over 18 years and currently reside at 502 Church Street, 94114. Among a few reasons why I moved to San Francisco is one that, I believed, SF supported a community with a tolerance for all types of lifestyles. This has, for the most part, been a reality. The Castro in particular has been a neighborhood where many have flocked from around the world to live their lives free from judgment and ridicule. The nudists remind me of this when I see them around the City enjoying the elements in whatever "fashion" they see fit.

I believe the naturalists (nudists) who express themselves in San Francisco should be permitted to continue so long as their expression is without outward and explicitly lascivious behavior. Breast-feeding in public is of this same nature. Please do not ban nudity in San Francisco. If this proposed ban on nudity is approved, I believe it will be more of a threat to our society than a few views of exposed penises, buttocks, and breasts can ever be.

We don't always enjoy what we see in the World but the difference invokes tolerance, which is a core value that more of us need to observe in life.

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Please include the following comments in the legislative file reference number, 120984:

Please do not approve the ban on nudity in San Francisco. While I do not participate in this certain act of expression, I believe it is important to uphold this right.

It reminds all of us that freedom of expression is a natural right that cannot be taken away from us because of someone's disapproval of this expression. Nudity is portrayed in our society in many forms of art and is a natural part of humanity. Nudity is not a threat to any thread that holds our society together. Nudity reminds us that we are all human and that we should embrace our humility.

Furthermore, if we ban nudity in San Francisco we are not only banning it in the Castro, we are also banning it from "weird and queer" traditions that make San Francisco stand apart from the other cities and towns across the nation where tolerance has less presence.

Let us not forget about Bay to Breakers, SF Pride, Folsom Street Fair, Up Your Alley, How Weird Street Faire, and the various other events where nudity is present and expected by the people who seek the thrills if only for just one moment or just one day. These events produce revenue for our beloved City and we should uphold the tolerance we have for the differences that make our communities colorful.

The ban itself is a threat to our society. If we allow a ban like this to pass where does it end. If this ban passes, it will be oppressive and will move us backward in the natural progression of society. Please do not allow San Francisco to become provincial and conformist. Please do not pass the ban on nudity.

Sincerely,

Jason Wood

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San Francisco CA 94114

Public nudity
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Derek.Evans
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Dear Sir,
Derek Evans,

Concerning public nudity we the people of the United States are far too concerned about silly topics such as public nudity, The human body is a wonderful & marvelous creation, the U S seems so concerned off the wall topics, per say public nudity example.
The Bay to Breakers foot race, Folsum street fair & Door Alley & other events, seriously who cares if people are naked / nude at said events. We the citizens of the U S think we have free speech, but sadly we do not. What would be wonderful is if the U S senate & major law officials spent more time trying to put into place laws that truly would help the U S population such as a U S brand health care, or ways to help the over whelming addiction so many people have on meth & other (SERIOUS) street drugs.
But no our law officials spend time & tax dollars try to ban & arrest people for showing some skin & or being naked at festivals or events.

Spend time, energy & tax dollars on something important for a change.

Sincerely,

Joe Lopez
Salt Lake City, Utah

For Legislative File #120984
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Regards,

Pete

PETER A. SFERRA

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(Sent to Board of Supervisors on October 2, 2012)

My name is Peter Sferra and I've been a practicing nudist for my entire adult life (I'm now 57). In addition to enjoying this lifestyle in a great many traditional nudist/naturist venues such as clubs, resorts, and designated beaches, I've been able to explore somewhat more "unconventional" options thanks to living in such a tolerant area of the country. I believe that nudity is not something to be ashamed of and I raised two daughters within a community where body-acceptance was encouraged. I'm pleased to report that they're now very happy, productive, and emotionally healthy adults. I wanted to share my thoughts with you on the subject of public nudity in San Francisco in the hopes that my comments might help to guide any decisions you happen to make with regards to potential legislation that would limit or even eliminate its legal status in the city.

All too often, the street nudists are incorrectly characterized in the media as being a small group of insensitive and eccentric gay exhibitionists who have a misguided sense of entitlement and nothing could be further from the truth. We come from all walks of life and represent a very diverse population. I'm a Silicon Valley professional and work in the aerospace industry as an illustrator and technical writer. Just a relatively "normal" fellow who happens to enjoy being naked in the warm sun. My wife Laura works as a housekeeper for a wealthy couple in San Jose, where we live.

Public nudity has been an integral part of San Francisco's unique make-up for quite some time now and it's one of the many things that bring people to the city, not just at wild street festivals and crazy races but on normal days as well. It seems pretty clear that there's a huge tourist draw with the street nudists and this is obviously a very good thing for commerce. The nude-friendliness also draws in folks like Laura and me who not only want to experience the unique freedom but who also feel strongly about supporting the many small businesses up there. Every time we come to San Francisco for one of our nude adventures we buy lunch before and dinner afterwards (clothed, of course! :-). We also make sure to take the time to support local businesses by shopping for things that we could just as easily purchase in our home town. We love San Francisco as much as any resident and we want

to do what we can to help it thrive.

Nudity is an integral part of a good many large annual events in San Francisco as well as a number of smaller gatherings. I've participated in the Bay to Breakers twelve times and have always delighted in the acceptance and even encouragement that the public showed the ever increasing number of nudists. This past May, Laura and I encountered a surprising number of young people along the racecourse who took the time to say hello and thank us for being "the kind of folks that help make the city unique and special". That felt really good and it gave me hope that my long-time dream of nudists and the clothed masses freely sharing urban space might really be starting to happen in San Francisco. We took the adventure a step further this year by choosing not to dress after the race and even strolled over to the Haight for some free-spirited window shopping. We were naked for eight straight hours that day and did not encounter a single negative reaction. As a matter of fact, we had a good number of friendly people, both locals and tourists alike, approach and engage us. I even asked permission from a few business owners to take photos of Laura "shopping" in their stores and they all happily agreed. Polls have consistently shown that the majority of San Francisco residents support the legal status of simple nudity and this speaks volumes to their open-minded, tolerant nature.

Laura and I had so much fun that we returned to the city in late July for the "Up Your Alley" fair. In addition to attending the actual event on Sunday, we also visited the Castro neighborhood on Saturday just to hang out and roam around. Once again, we spent significant time strolling around naked and didn't have a single negative encounter, not from people on the street nor from shop owners. While I only actually went inside Hot Cookie on this visit, I chatted with a few other businessmen and they were all too happy to have nudists around because it brought them curious tourists who were ready to spend their money. We relaxed in Jane Warner Plaza with a few fellow nudists and quite a number of clothed folks. What struck me most was how "normal" it felt and how at ease everyone was. There was no feeling at all of us being "freaks" and everyone appeared to be enjoying the warm afternoon. I had the overwhelming sense that this was a genuine social "win-win" situation that set San Francisco apart from any other large American city.

I never take this gift for granted and am well aware that an anti-nudity ordinance could be passed at any time. With that said, my hope is that the horse is too far out of the barn at this point and that the best strategy for San Francisco is to continue setting the bar for tolerance and to remain a benchmark for other progressive thinking cities. Playing devil's advocate, I realize there are those who will abuse this privilege and cross the line from mere nudity to sexually suggestive behavior. To that issue, I say why not deal with the violators? The law is pretty clear. Nudity in and of itself is not obscene so why not create an environment where a responsible couple like Laura and I can freely take a pleasant naked stroll and not have to worry about being stopped by police. Why not focus any enforcement energy on those who choose to perform lewd acts, something that has always been against the law.

Supervisor Scott Wiener has been very vocal about proposing heavy-handed legislation with a sweeping city-wide ban on nudity in an effort to appease a relatively small group of his own constituents who are upset about nudists using Jane Warner Plaza. Rather than working toward a compromise that would benefit everyone, he seems to believe the best approach to his decidedly local issue is a city-wide eradication of those who are perceived to be making waves with a very vocal minority. As you well know, expanding social boundaries never comes without its detractors. I have no doubt that there are folks up in the city who are not happy about nudists roaming around but my gut feeling is that there are far more who either support the freedom afforded to this alternative lifestyle or who really don't care one way or another. There are many things that help to make San Francisco one of the most amazing and wonderful cities in the world but clearly unrivaled tolerance and a celebration of diversity rank at near the top of the list.

I really do respect the sometimes difficult position your job places you in and I'd be most happy to continue the dialogue with you at any time and. Thanks so much for listening!

Warm regards,

Pete Sferra

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Regards,

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(Sent to Board of Supervisors on October 16, 2012)

Supervisor Scott Wiener said that he had hoped the public nudity phenomenon would "run its course", dismissing enthusiasts as if they were simply freaks participating in some kooky fad. Instead it has grown significantly. He has repeatedly tried to characterize those who happen to enjoy the freedom of not wearing clothes on a warm afternoon as being a small group of selfish exhibitionists and nothing could be further from the truth, on any count. He went as far as to say folks like my wife Laura and me, who happen to live in San Jose, are "out-of-towners" who have undermined his neighborhood. Never mind that we feverishly support the community when we're here, not only buying lunch and dinner on every visit, but also shopping for things we could just as easily purchase in our own home town. Or that the presence of nudists draws in many curious and enthusiastic tourists from all over the world. Tourists who see the acceptance of public nudity as a positive thing and who are all too happy to give local businesses their vacation money.

Laura and I show great respect for those who share the streets with us and have received only one negative comment on our many nude strolls. One young woman actually thanked us for being "the kind of people who help make San Francisco unique and special" and another woman with two young children smiled as she passed us and said "Beautiful day for a walk!" Not surprisingly, that kind of encounter made us feel pretty good. I don't believe for one minute that nudists have "taken over" Jane Warner Plaza or that the majority of Castro residents are upset by their presence, but if we agree that this issue is the driver behind Supervisor Wiener's actions, why have no local solutions been examined for this neighborhood-level "problem". A city-wide ban on an innocuous activity that has become an integral part of the San Francisco scene seems disproportionately draconian and will only serve to diminish the city's enviable reputation as a benchmark for tolerance of alternative lifestyles.

Any expansion of social boundaries will have its detractors and like a lot of other controversial topics, public nudity will always ruffle some feathers. But for the record, a recently commissioned scientific poll (performed by a highly respected national organization) showed that over 63 percent of San Francisco residents are not offended by it. In fact, 46 percent of those polled strongly disagreed when asked if public nudity offends them and I can't help but believe this should be a powerful message to those who would attempt to determine who is "acceptable" on the streets and more importantly, who is not.

Thank you for listening.

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Regards,

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(Sent to the Board of Supervisors on October 22, 2012)

You have already received a couple of messages from me regarding the proposed city-wide ban on public nudity and I'm hoping I've expressed my feelings clearly.

What I wanted to do was follow up with you because it's becoming apparent that your votes will be of paramount importance to the efforts to preserve this unique aspect of San Francisco's make-up. Let me say up front that I would never presume to try to sway you or anyone else away from anything that you genuinely believe in. My only intent in writing today is to ask you to seriously consider everything that's at stake and to try to listen to as many folks as possible (via phone, email, letter, even in-person meetings) before making a decision that could have significant ramifications not just on "urban nudists" but on a great deal more. Once closed, I doubt that this door could be re-opened anytime soon.

My understanding is that the scheduled November 5th hearing is an opportunity for a subcommittee of the Board of Supervisors to listen to public opinion and act accordingly. This could include sidelining the legislation altogether but the odds of that are probably not good. Ultimately, it will likely come to a full vote and I hope you will consider a number of things when making your decision. Nudists have significant public support, not only from a number of San Francisco's other alternative lifestyle groups but from a great many "ordinary" residents who have nothing at all to personally gain from the bill's defeat. They simply do not believe San Francisco should be in the business of passing laws that unnecessarily restrict the rights of people who may be "different" from the mainstream public. Like me, they also see this as a neighborhood issue that can be solved rather easily without the use of sweeping all-city legislation. I have seen this increasing public support at the rallies that have taken place recently as well as out on the streets when my wife Laura and I were strolling nude. I've also been pleased to see recent media articles of the kind linked below where a young non-nudist San Francisco mother airs her feelings about basic freedoms. Though there are undoubtedly folks who support Supervisor Wiener's proposed ban, I firmly believe the majority of residents support the rights of nudists. If I didn't believe that, I would have nothing at all to do with the efforts to defeat this legislation, and I most

certainly would not have allowed my full name (or that of my wife) to be published multiple times in the media. I never hide behind on-line IDs or nicknames when posting thoughtful comments to articles and opinion pieces and am happy to provide my legitimate full contact information with any correspondence. I believe in this cause with all of my heart and am quite certain that my like-minded friends feel the same way.

The vast majority of "urban nudists" are responsible citizens who are interested in building bridges and they want to be perceived as positive members of the community. We're ready to work toward any of a number of compromise solutions that will benefit the maximum number of citizens. Can Supervisor Wiener say the same thing? When things started to heat up, nudist leaders were eager to jump in and work toward a "win-win" solution. Supervisor Wiener stated that the only real catalyst for this controversy was a perceived congestion at Jane Warner Plaza and claimed the community was fed up. Clearly this seemed like a neighborhood concern, best answered by a local solution. Following a community meeting for Eureka Valley residents where relatively little negative input was actually aired (and even positive comments were made), Supervisor Wiener told several local nudist leaders that he was willing to "wait and see" if some self-policing by our ranks might improve the situation. He put that in writing to me as well because I had expressed sincere interest in the outcome. Just a few days after that, he went ahead and introduced the legislation! Where was the "waiting and seeing"? Clearly, this does not speak well to his desire to fairly serve his community. He has since stated more than once that he is confident the law will pass and I believe that kind of arrogance dismisses the importance of the community-based legislative process and, quite frankly, minimizes the voice of the other Board members.

Not being a San Francisco resident I realize my own voice may not be quite as compelling as others, but my love for the city is no less than anyone else's. My daughter lives there with her fiancé and my wife is a former resident of many years (Haight, Potrero, and Sunset). We spend considerable time in the city and love it for many reasons, not least of which is how socially evolved it has become. Please don't let this divisive and unnecessarily harsh legislation chip away at what truly makes San Francisco unique and special.

I'd welcome the chance to be a part of any dialogue that might be helpful, be it in person, by phone, or via any other method of communication. Thank you for listening!

Respectfully,

Pete Sferra

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Golden Gate Xpress article:
http://www.goldengatexpress.org/2012/10/19/nudity-ban-opinion/

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Hello Derek and Linda!

As recommended by a friend who's tuned in to the process, I've been forwarding the contents of messages I had previously sent to the Board of Supervisors to both of you. He asked that we request that anything we write be included in the Legislative File (#120984). I just wanted to let you know that I'm intentionally sending multiple messages that are different so you don't inadvertently delete any of them. Thus far, I've sent three.

Thanks so much for your kind assistance!

Regards,

Pete

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File Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco

Meinzer, Chet BHCS to: Linda.Wong@sfgov.org, Derek.Evans@sfgov.org 11/01/2012 07:31 AM

Dear representative,
Nudity does not rank in the top 100 substantial problems in San Francisco. I am for nudity, but I am also pointing out that this controversial ban is a deflection from real policy. Soma is full of homeless drug addicts dying on the street. Please focus on improving people's lives as your civil service.

Refuse to ban public nudity in San Francisco
Group message follows.
San Francisco has always been on the leading edge of new ideas and social change. Currently the City by the Bay is embroiled in a controversy about public nudity. Right now there is no law preventing public nudity in the City and County of San Francisco. Let's keep it that way! This important freedom has contributed to the continued success of many long-running and popular street events including Bay to Breakers, Pride, World Naked Bike Ride, Up Your Alley Street Fair, Nude In Body Freedom Demonstration and Folsom Street Fair. The general acceptance of public nudity in is one of those cool only-in-San-Francisco things and we want to encourage the City Leaders and Elected Officials to resist giving in to a few anti-nudists who would like to impose a total citywide ban. That's totally un-San Franciscan! Show your support for body freedom and acceptance. Please consider signing this petition and ask the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and other City Leaders to refuse to introduce or enact a citywide ban on public nudity. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Chet Meinzer

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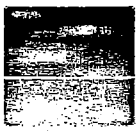

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Peter Lauterborn | Dear Angela, Per this individual's request, can y... | 10/29/2012 02:24:00 PM

From: **Rolf Holbach** <holcol@earthlink.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 29, 2012 at 2:14 PM
Subject: Letter Concerning Proposed Ordinance
To: Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org

October 29, 2012

Rolf Holbach
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Dear Supervisor Mar,

As a longtime, committed naturist and native Californian who visits San Francisco a number of times each year, and cherishes the city's unique diversity and character, I respectfully urge you to oppose Supervisor Wiener's proposed ordinance banning non-sexual public nudity.

I, like most naturists, and 63% of most San Franciscans, believe that simple nudity is not lewd. Public lewd behavior on the part of any person, nude or not, should be dealt with on an individual basis by the authorities, not with a citywide restriction on the personal liberties of all its citizens.
Your city's reputation for tolerance of progressive ideas and lifestyles serves as a model and beacon to the rest of the nation, and that model would be irreparably tarnished, if San Francisco were to become just like any other city.

In light of your team, and city, becoming World Series Champions, please continue to champion the progressive attitude and character that makes San Francisco so inviting a place to visit, and for the rest of us to aspire to, by opposing Supervisor Weiner's proposed ordinance.

Thank You,

Rolf Holbach

President,
Southern California Naturist Association

P.S.
I respectfully request that this correspondence be included in the permanent public record of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

oppose nudity ban - no dress code for public space
Joshua Alexander, CMT
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10/28/2012 01:02 PM
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To: Linda.Wong@sfgov.org, Derek.Evans@sfgov.org,

Hi there,

I was told I can get a confirmation email letting me know that my comments (below) have been added to the legislative file, Reference Number 120984 Ban on Public Nudity

Please confirm.

Warmly,
Josh

Dear Supervisors:

I'm writing to you today to ask that you oppose Scott Wiener's attempt to establish a dress code for public space.

This ban would be an essentially conservative move that values conservative institutions (in this case the wearing of a certain form of dress) over individual rights and democracy (would a nudity ban pass if it were put on the ballot)? Such a move empowers gentrification as it removes one more thing that has made San Francisco special and a progressive leader of this state and country.

And, you're in good company with Louisiana, as that bastion of progressive politics attempts to further legislate a dress code: http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/10/19/louisiana-commissioners-urge-no-pajamas-dress-codes/?test=latestnews — the author of the legislation in that story is quoted on his fear of people going naked in the streets.

This ban is a radical, city-wide solution to a micro-local neighborhood issue. Why have there been no neighborhood town halls to address this issue and seek compromise? Why have existing lewdness laws not been enforced? Why is the first and only response a move to take away the freedoms currently available to every San Francisco resident and visitor?

Scott Wiener may be my supervisor but he does NOT represent me or my interests, nor does he represent the best interests for our neighborhood our our city. He does not represent forward movement into a more beautiful future. This is why I must call on you to oppose his legislation and encourage a more reasonable approach.

Sincerely,
Josh Alexander
29 Saturn St.
SF, 94114

To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
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Subject: File 120984: NAC Action Alert: San Francisco [proposed SF city ban on public nudity]

From: Board of Supervisors/BOS/SFGOV
To: Board of Supervisors/BOS/SFGOV@SFGOV,
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Subject: File 120984: NAC Action Alert: San Francisco [proposed SF city ban on public nudity]

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> --- On Sun, 10/7/12, Rich Pasco <pasco@bayareanaturists.org>
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> > From: Rich Pasco <pasco@bayareanaturists.org>
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> > To: sunfreedom76@yahoo.com
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To Whom It Concerns:

Please be advised that, as a frequent visitor to the State of California and to San Francisco in particular, I am disturbed by the proposal by Supervisor Scott Wiener to restrict non-sexual nudity in certain areas of San Francisco.

I support diversity in San Francisco and believe that regular clothing-optional public activities are an important part of that diversity. Mr. Wiener has chosen to use dated pejoratives like "nudist colony" in his public statements, and I am disappointed in that.

The numbers speak for themselves. More than sixty-three percent of San Francisco residents say they are NOT personally offended by the non-sexual nudity of others, according to a 2009 Zogby poll commissioned by the Naturist Education Foundation.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Ronald Marsh

Dr. Ronald Marsh

> > Dear Naturist,
> >
> > This is an Action Alert from the Naturist Action
> Committee.
> > NAC is
> > asking for your immediate involvement in an effort to
> > prevent a
> > citywide ban on nudity throughout San Francisco.
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> > ACTION SUMMARY
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> > 1. Contact the members of the San Francisco Board
> of
> > Supervisors
> > in writing.
> >
> > 2. Attend a meeting of the City Operations &
> > Neighborhood Services
> > Committee on November 5, 2012 at 10
> > AM.
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> > BRIEF HISTORY / BACKGROUND
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> > The San Francisco Park Code has prohibited nudity in
> the
> > city's parks
> > for many years; however, non-sexual nudity is not
> prohibited
> > or
> > restricted in other areas of the city. Nudity figures
> > prominently in
> > several widely known and heavily attended events, such
> as
> > the Bay to
> > Breakers parade, the Folsom Street Fair, the World
> Naked
> > Bike Ride and
> > the Critical Mass bike rides.
> >
> > Several years ago, a small group of San Francisco
> nudists
> > began to
> > take regular walks in the city, focused principally in
> the
> > city's
> > famed Castro district. After several attempts at
> prosecution
> > resulted
> > in acquittals by juries, the city abandoned its efforts
> and
> > tacitly
> > acknowledged that non-sexual nudity was legal. In the
> last
> > couple
> > of years, what was initially a small group of nudists
> has
> > grown
> > significantly and has concentrated in the Castro
> District's
> > Jane
> > Warner Plaza, a small pedestrian area with limited

> seating
> > in the
> > heart of the Castro.
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> > As the number of nudists has increased, complaints
> about the
> > nudity
> > have increased as well. In 2011, the Supervisor for
> the
> > Castro
> > District, Scott Wiener, introduced an ordinance
> requiring
> > that nude
> > persons sitting on public chairs or benches place a
> covering
> > between
> > their bodies and the seats and prohibiting nudity in
> > restaurants and
> > other food establishments. This ordinance has not
> diminished
> > the
> > number of nudists using the Plaza.
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> > Allegedly responding to increased complaints about the
> > nudity in the
> > Castro, Sup. Wiener on October 2 introduced a proposed
> > ordinance which
> > would add a new section to the Police Code prohibiting
> > nudity in on
> > public streets, sidewalks, parklets, and plazas, and
> on
> > public transit
> > vehicles, stations, platforms, and stops, except as
> part of
> > permitted
> > parades, fairs, and festivals. Violation of the
> proposed
> > ordinance
> > would carry a fine of $100 for the first violation and
> > increased fines
> > for subsequent violations, but would not be considered
> a
> > criminal
> > offense, which would presumably mean that defendants
> would
> > not be
> > entitled to trial by jury.
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> > NAC IS ASKING YOU TO TAKE ACTION
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> > ACTION 1: WRITE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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> > NAC asks that you write to the members of the San
> Francisco
> > Board
> > of Supervisors (BOS). Send your comments by e-mail or
> > surface mail.
> > Those who will be at the meeting on November 5 are
> also
> > encouraged to
> > write.

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> > WHO SHOULD WRITE?
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> > NAC is requesting ALL NATURISTS and other concerned
> > individuals to
> > contact San Francisco supervisors on this important
> matter,
> > regardless
> > of your place of residence. San Francisco understands
> the
> > importance
> > of out-of-town and out-of-state visitors who come to
> enjoy
> > the city's
> > unique atmosphere of diversity and its acceptance of a
> broad
> > range
> > of individuality. The opportunity to experience those
> > opportunities
> > applies to those visitors, as well as to San Francisco
> > residents.
> > While all are encouraged to make their voices heard,
> the
> > participation
> > of San Francisco residents is, of course, particularly
> > important.
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> > Send a letter, a fax or an e-mail. Phone calls may be
> less
> > effective
> > in this specific context, but if that's your best
> option,
> > make that
> > call!
> >
> > WRITE AND SEND YOUR LETTERS / FAXES / EMAILS NOW!
> >
> > San Francisco Board of Supervisors:
> > Paper mail address is the same for each Supervisor
> >
> >   City and County of San Francisco
> >   1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
> >   San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
> >
> > Dist. 1 Eric Mar
> >   Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org
> >   TEL (415) 554-7410 FAX (415) 554-7415
> >
> > Dist. 2 Mark Farrell   Mark.Farrell@sfgov.org
> >   TEL (415) 554-7752 FAX (415) 554-7843
> >
> > Dist. 3 David Chiu
> >   David.Chiu@sfgov.org
> >   TEL (415) 554-7450 FAX (415) 554-7454
> >
> > Dist. 4 Carmen Chu
> >   Carmen.Chu@sfgov.org
> >   TEL (415) 554-7460 FAX (415) 554-7432
> >
> > Dist. 5 Christina Olague   Christina.Olague@sfgov.org
> >   TEL (415) 554-7630 FAX (415) 554-7634

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> > Dist. 6 Jane Kim
> > Jane.Kim@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-7970 FAX (415) 554-7974
> >
> > Dist. 7 Sean Elsbernd Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-6516 FAX (415) 554-6546
> >
> > Dist. 8 Scott Wiener Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-6968 FAX (415) 554-6909
> >
> > Dist. 9 David Campos David.Campos@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-5144 FAX (415) 554-6255
> >
> > Dist. 10 Malia Cohen Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-7670 FAX (415) 554-7674
> >
> > Dist. 11 John Avalos John.Avalos@sfgov.org
> > TEL (415) 554-6975 FAX (415) 554-6979
> >
> > NAC encourages you to send copies of your faxes and
> paper
> > mail to:
> > NAC, PO Box 132, Oshkosh, WI 54903.
> >
> > Send copies of your e-mails to: SF@naturistaction.org
> >
> > NOTES:
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> > 1. Supervisor Wiener is the author of the proposed
> > anti-nudity
> > ordinance.
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> > 2. Supervisors Chu, Olaque and Elsbernd are members of
> the
> > committee
> > that will hear the proposed ordinance on
> > November 5.
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> > 3. All supervisor positions in ODD-NUMBERED districts
> are up
> > for
> > election in the polling scheduled for
> > November 6, 2012. Incumbent
> > supervisors will serve through the end of
> > the year.
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> > 4. Supervisor Elsbernd is term limited and is not
> eligible
> > to run in
> > the upcoming election.
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> > WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY?
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> > a) Be polite.
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> > b) Be known. Give your name and address.
> > If you are a San
> > Francisco resident, a California
> > resident or a frequent visitor
> > to San Francisco, be sure to point that

> > out. Anonymous letters
> > have very little impact.
> >
> > c) Be focused. Keep your correspondence
> > brief and on target.
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> > d) Be positive. Remember that we're trying
> > to ENCOURAGE the
> > Supervisors to respond positively to
> > our concerns in this
> > matter. Please do not take a scolding
> > tone. By all means,
> > be vigorous in the presentation of your
> > ideas. For example,
> > if you are among those who are
> > disappointed that Supervisor
> > Wiener has chosen to use dated
> > pejoratives like "nudist
> > colony" in his public comments, then
> > you should say so.
> > Regardless, you must not allow your
> > correspondence to become a
> > personal character assassination or an
> > ad hominem attack.
> >
> > e) Be clear. Say that you SUPPORT
> > diversity in San Francisco, and
> > that regular clothing-optional public
> > activities are an
> > important part of that diversity.
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> > f) Be sure to make a request that your
> > correspondence (letter,
> > fax, e-mail) be included in the
> > permanent public record of the
> > San Francisco Board of Supervisors.
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> > IMPORTANT! OPINION SURVEY DATA
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> > Supervisor Wiener and others have suggested that the
> > majority of San
> > Franciscans are offended by non-sexual nudity. That's
> not
> > true.
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> > In late 2009, the Naturist Education Foundation (NEF)
> > commissioned
> > a reputable polling organization, Zogby International,
> to
> > conduct a
> > statistically valid opinion survey of adult California
> > residents. NEF
> > asked for fairly tight geographical sampling within
> the
> > state. The
> > result is that we know what San Franciscans think
> about
> > nudity.
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> > Zogby tells us that the statewide margin of error for
> any

> > question is
> > +/-3.4 percentage points. Margins of error are higher
> for
> > geographical
> > subgroups.
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> > Question number 5 in the 2009 NEF California Poll was:
> > "Do you agree or disagree that you are personally
> offended
> > by the
> > non-sexual nudity of others?"
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> > Here are the survey responses for SAN FRANCISCO
> >
> > Strongly agree 16.4%
> > Somewhat agree 18.3%
> > Somewhat disagree 17.0%
> > Strongly disagree 46.1%
> > Not sure
> > 2.2%
> >
> > The numbers speak for themselves. Combining "somewhat"
> and
> > "strongly,"
> > MORE THAN SIXTY-THREE PERCENT of San Francisco
> residents say
> > they are
> > NOT personally offended by the non-sexual nudity of
> others.
> >
> > View the statewide 2009 NEF California Poll:
> > http://www.naturisteducation.org/nef.ca.poll.2009/
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> > Additional talking / writing points:
> >
> > 1) The author of the proposed ordinance
> > makes a point of allowing
> > nudity for certain events. It's
> > clear from that context that
> > nudity itself is not universally
> > offensive. At the same time,
> > personal freedoms are daily liberties.
> > They are not things to
> > be kept in a closet and trotted out
> > only for special events.
> >
> > 2) Uncertainty about the legal status of
> > public nudity deters
> > attendance at major events and other,
> > less widely known and
> > attended events, creating a potentially
> > significant loss of
> > tourist revenues.
> >
> > 3) San Francisco's reputation for
> > progressive ideas serve as a
> > model to which other cities aspire,
> > That model would be
> > irreparably tarnished if San Francisco
> > were to be just like
> > any other city.

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> > 4) The proposed ordinance ignores the
> > opinion of a majority of
> > the residents of San Francisco, as
> > shown by the NEF-California
> > Poll. (See discussion above.)
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> > 5) Officials have sometimes pointed to
> > lewd behavior as a reason
> > for prohibiting nudity. In doing
> > so, they have confused simple
> > nudity with lewd behavior. Police
> > presently have the authority
> > and responsibility to stop lewd
> > activity, and naturists
> > encourage them to exercise that
> > responsibility appropriately.
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> > These suggestions are specifically for residents of
> San
> > Francisco:
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> > 6) The controversy over nudity at Jane
> > Warner Plaza is local, not
> > citywide. It does not require a drastic
> > citywide solution which
> > is out of proportion to the extent of
> > the controversy.
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> > 7) Legislation should be designed to
> > efficiently solve a specific
> > problem, without creating potentially
> > significant unpredictable
> > side effects.
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> > 8) The proposed ordinance, by restricting
> > the personal liberties
> > which make San Francisco unique, would
> > diminish rather than
> > improve quality of life in the city.
> >
> > 9) Any ordinance restricting public nudity
> > should ensure that the
> > right of free speech and expression
> > protected by the First
> > Amendment to the Constitution is not in
> > any way abridged.
> > Limiting public nudity to permitted
> > events would chill this
> > right.
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> > ACTION 2: ATTEND THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5
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> > If you're in the San Francisco area, or can be there
> on
> > November 5,
> > NAC requests that you attend a public meeting of the
> City
> > Operations
> > & Neighborhood Services Committee that is scheduled
> to

> > be held on
> > Monday, November 5, 2012.
> >
> > City Operations & Neighborhood Services
> > Committee
> > 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
> > San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
> > Monday, November 5 - 10:00 AM
> >
> > If you're planning to attend the meeting, please
> contact:
> >
> > NAC board member Charles Harris
> > carlopianoforte@gmail.com
> > (415) 492-1455
> >
> > or NAC executive director Bob Morton
> > execdir@naturistaction.org
> > (512) 282-6621
> >
> > WHAT IS NAC DOING?
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> > The Naturist Action Committee has been working on this
> > matter with
> > individual local residents of San Francisco, and
> especially
> > in the
> > Castro district, where much of the focus has been. NAC
> has
> > been
> > involved since before the time Supervisor Wiener
> introduced
> > his
> > proposed ordinance.
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> > NAC personnel have ridden in the San Francisco
> installment
> > of the
> > World Naked Bike Ride. NAC participated in the Nude-In
> on
> > September
> > 22, and along with Supervisor Wiener, NAC director
> Charles
> > Harris was
> > one of 27 people who attended the Castro/Eureka Valley
> > Neighborhood
> > Association meeting on September 26 to discuss the
> nudity
> > issue.
> > NAC alerted local naturists to that meeting and is
> working
> > with Gay
> > Naturists International to improve local awareness.
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> > MORE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES
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> > Additional information and links are available, along
> with
> > this NAC
> > Action Alert on the web site of the Naturist Action
> > Committee.

> >
> >   http://www.naturistaction.org
> >
> > Select "Alerts" and find this NAC Action Alert under
> Current
> > Alerts.
> >
> > PLEASE HELP NAC TO CONTINUE HELPING NATURISTS!
> >
> > The Naturist Action Committee is the volunteer
> nonprofit
> > political
> > adjunct to The Naturist Society. NAC exists to advance
> and
> > protect the
> > rights and interests of naturists throughout North
> > America. Fighting
> > for clothing-optional freedoms in public places is
> > expensive. To do
> > its job, NAC relies entirely on the voluntary
> generosity of
> > supporters
> > like you.
> >
> > After you've contacted the Supervisors and made your
> plans
> > to attend
> > the Committee meeting on November 5, please take a
> moment to
> > send a
> > donation to:
> >
> >   NAC
> >   PO Box 132
> >   Oshkosh, WI 54903
> >
> > Or call toll free (800) 886-7230 to donate by phone
> using
> > your
> > MasterCard, Visa or Discover Card. Or use your credit
> card
> > to make a
> > convenient online donation:
> www.naturistaction.org/donate/
> >
> > Thank you for choosing to make a difference!
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> > Naturally,
> >
> > Charles Harris
> > Director
> > Naturist Action Committee
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> > Naturist Action Committee (NAC) - PO Box 132, Oshkosh,
> WI
> > 54903
> > Executive Dir. Bob Morton   -
> > execdir@naturistaction.org
> > Board Member Charles Harris   - carlopianoforte@gmail.com

> > Board Member Allen Baylis -
> > rab@baylislaw.com
> > Online Rep. Dennis Kirkpatrick - naturist@sunclad.com
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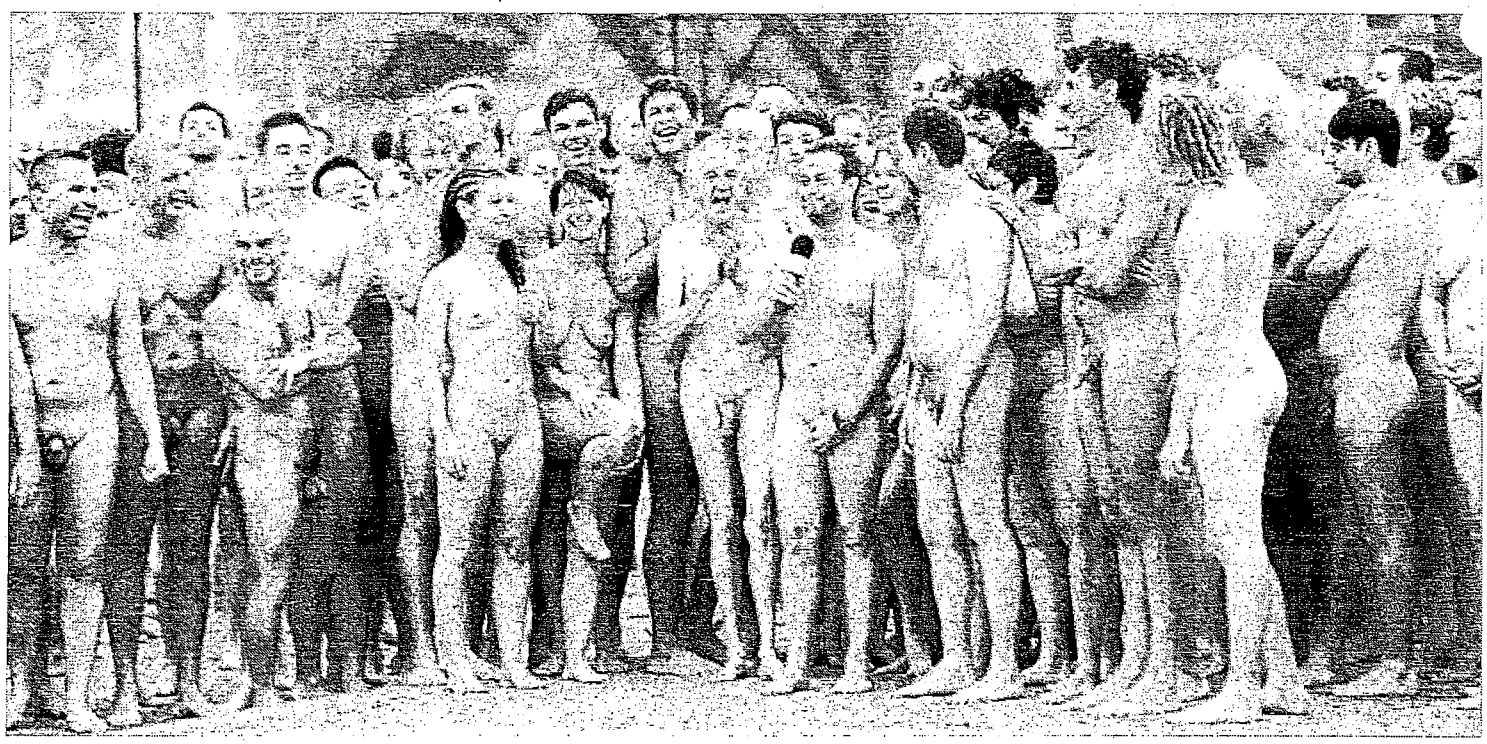
CLERK'S OFFICE - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Please Note: Additional public correspondence for this item can be found in the file (File No. 120984), located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, Room 244.

STAND UP FOR BODY FREEDOM!



ARTIST, NUDISTS AND ALL FREE SPIRITS!

We are about to lose our right to be nude in San Francisco without getting arrested and fined. Supervisor Scott Wiener has submitted legislation to the Board of Supervisors that would criminalize nudity in our city.

Come join us for a protest against this fascist legislation! Stand up for progress! Say NO to the return to the Dark Ages! Say NO to the Wiener Bill! Let's show the Supervisors that we believe in body freedom and that we can make our own decisions about what to wear and how to feel about our bodies.

We are inviting all of you to a sign making party, a protest, a nude art contest, a free Ecstatic Dance after party and a Committee Hearing with Public Comment at the City Hall that will decide the fate of our body freedoms in SF.

ARTISTS, please bring your nude art to the art contest at the protest! All events are clothing optional (as bare as you dare).

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SIGN MAKING PARTY

Sunday October 28 @ 6 PM

Location: Center for Sex and Culture: 1349 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

PROTEST AGAINST NUDITY BAN and NUDE ART CONTEST

Tuesday October 30 @ 12 noon

Location: the steps of the City Hall in San Francisco

AFTER PARTY – Ecstatic Dance: DJ Jules O'Keefe from Seattle

Tuesday October 30 @ 7 PM Admission: FREE, all ages

Location: Center for Sex and Culture: 1349 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

PUBLIC COMMENT at City Operations and Neighborhood Services COMMITTEE HEARING

Date and time: TENTATIVE (to be confirmed 72 hours prior) Monday November 5th @ 10 AM. To confirm please visit http://www.sfbos.org/meeting.aspx?page=530

Location: San Francisco City Hall, Room 263

More info at www.MyNakedTruth.TV CONTACT: gypsytaub@gmail.com

To print this flyer please go to www.MyNakedTruth.TV, right click on the image, save and print it.

File No. 120984

Dear Supervisor, 10/26/2012

My name is Gypsy Taub. I am the hostess of the nude TV series called "My Naked Truth" that airs in San Francisco on channel 29 on Saturdays at 10 PM.

I am writing to you today in response to the proposed nudity ban in San Francisco.

First off, there is a lot of misrepresentation going on around the issue of nudity. The claims that San Franciscans are against public nudity are simply not true, not even close. There is a very small minority of people who are indeed against it. But it is a very small minority. Any Supervisor supporting this bill is going against the wishes of the majority and is representing a minority or, rather, as it seems, a small special-interest group.

Have you ever tried walking down the streets of San Francisco nude? Well, I have. I once joined a so-called Freedom Walk, a nude walk in the city, with a few other urban nudists. I myself was amazed at the level of acceptance of nudity that I experienced that day. Our walk lasted about 4 hours, and during that whole time I only heard 2 negative remarks. That is not even 1% because we must have passed hundreds if not thousands of people. The weather channel filmed us and put us on the evening news – they were so enthusiastic about us being naked.

In my TV series called "My Naked Truth" I interview regular people nude (including older people, heavy people, disabled people etc...) It is not a porn contest neither is it a beauty contest, it's real conversations with real people. I've been producing the show for over 4 years. I have received a lot of feedback from the viewers, all overwhelmingly positive. I only got one negative comment in 4 years. I have to admit that I was expecting to hear a lot more negativity but I didn't.

When we did our nude walk it was so much fun! Many people took photos with us, exchanged contact info, cheered and waved and honked. The tourists were delighted beyond words. And I am not talking about men who just want to see aked women. I am talking about both men and women, tourists of all ages and nationalities, people who looked so ordinary – you would never suspect they were into nudism.

May be in some other places on this planet people are not ready for body freedom. But the city of San Francisco is not one of those places. I grew up in Moscow, and never thought I would ever call another city my home. But I now do call San Francisco my home. I am proud of my city. What I love the most here is the freedom that the people represent.

You can't stop progress, you can only delay it temporarily. Going back to the Dark Ages of body shame and sexual repression is not possible – no matter how hard some of us may try. I saw a great quote once that referred to the Arab Spring. It said: "You can crush the flowers but you can't stop the spring."

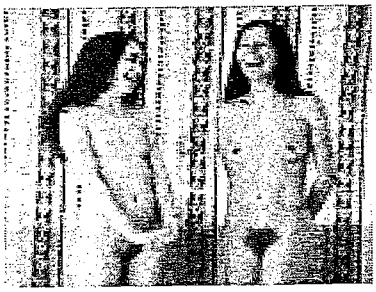
The Declaration of Independence states that we all have unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. I strongly believe that body freedom is an unalienable right given to us all by our Creator, and that no human being has the right to take it away. The day will come when laws against nudity will be ruled unconstitutional, just as we recently witnessed the Supreme Court rule that discrimination against gay and lesbian couples is unconstitutional.

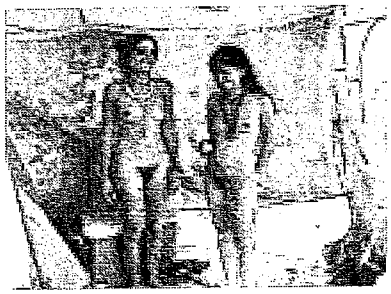
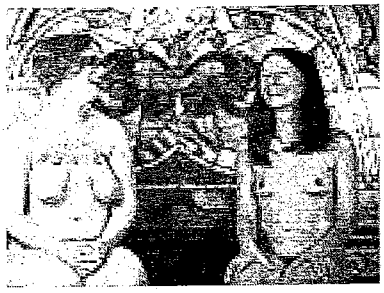
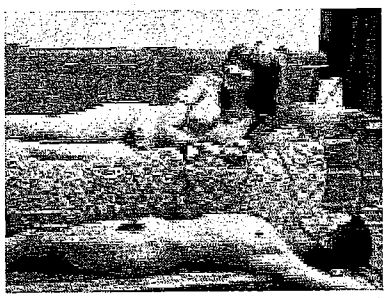
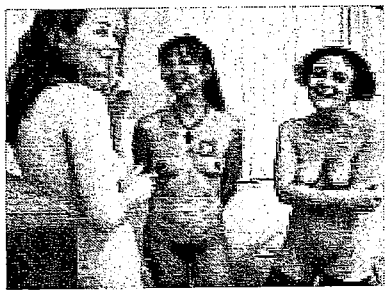
I encourage you to act in the name of progress and freedom. I encourage you to exercise true democracy where the political leaders represent the majority and not small special-interest groups. I encourage you to be true to the people of San Fracncisco. Please help us defeat the proposed Nudity Ban. Please kill this legislation! It deserves to die.

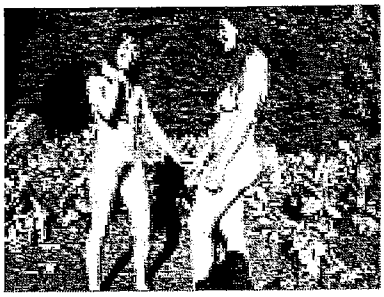
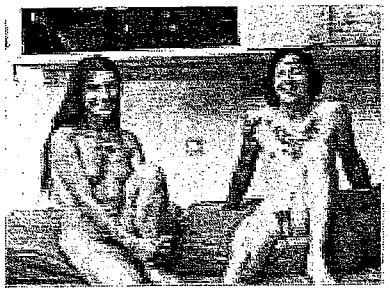
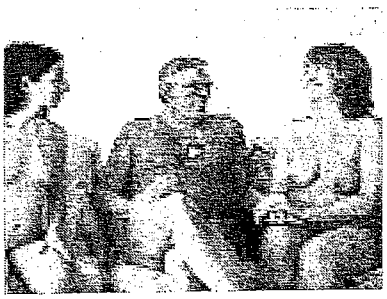
Sincerely,

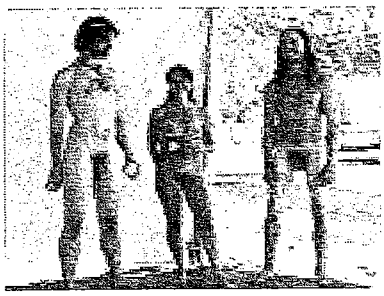
Gypsy Taub (gypsytaub@gmail.com, 510-337-4878)

MY NAKED TRUTH TV





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VIEWERS COMMENTS

"THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!! THANK YOU!!!!! The bravery and genuine sincerity that you bring to any honest life is honorable! I greatly appreciate what it is that you are doing. Is there a website or link to find out more concerning the 'cuddeling therapy' which Travis and you speak about? Thank you for all that you do for those that aren't yet brave enough to do! – GM"

"Your interviews helped me today to remember who I am . Keep up the great work. – V, Chile"

"I found your blog, the naked TV one via a search on Flickr. May I say how impressed and happy it made me feel. You really do have a beautiful, natural bond with the people that you interview. I hope that you can (and want) to make it over here in the Uk some day. Best wishes and peace – P, Great Britain"

"First, please let me say that I enjoy and appreciate your vid-blog "MyNakedTruth!" I've learned quite a bit from some of the interviews, and am inspired to visit San Fran for some nude fun and to attend Burning Man someday. I am grateful for the information. – JQ"

"So cool, I came upon your blog website by chance but I must tell you how much i enjoy it. The tv show you produce is very uplifting to a fellow nudist and dreamer of a more free world. i've always loved art, i started out as a model for art classes while in college and later started going to nudist resorts, the topics you discuss are near/dear to me. I am from Pennsylvania but now live in Los Angeles, CA, i've yet to visit San Fran but after hearing you talk of it.. i know i must go visit!! :) Theres much i want to experience.. such as Burning Man.. i LOVE discoving that a like-minded soul exists out there.
Keep up the great work!! Your fan – TC, Los Angeles, CA"

"I have been spending the last few hours watching your taped interviews with otherwise ordinary people, in the nude, on your ongoing program - "My Naked Truth TV" - and I just wish to say that I am totally enchanted and moved by these segments. A great big BRAVO to you on all counts, my dear! This program is the very best that I've seen in recognizing a precious, happy, and honest side of the human spirit and individuality since Naked News TV.

"Dear Ms. Taub,
I discovered your program accidently one Saturday night at 1am in San Francisco. Since that night, I have made it a point to stay up late just to watch you and your interesting guests. Tonight, I was even able to convince my partner (a man who is fast approaching 65) to get up from his long winter's nap and take a peek. He was very impressed - loved your nipples but that is just how shallow men are sometimes. I think you are both daring and beautiful and

look forward to seeing more of you in the future. Just a note from an ardent admirer—JG, San Francisco, CA

"I greatly appreciate your TV program "My naked truth" I see on the web. Your interviews are interesting and it's nice to be filmed into a state of complete nudity. There is the pleasure of the naked, everything is beautiful and pure and sweet.
Nudity is an excellent condition that brings a feeling of well being and happiness, and you, dear Gypsy, you know communicating with great qualities of spontaneity and simplicity. You refuse stereotypes, vulgarity and coarseness, who want to dominate us today.
Be naked (as rice) gives freedom, relax, joins, links to other people, it gives you peace signs, improves self-esteem, is back to being a child, is to find an irrational playfulness.
You are right to denounce the dark ages and to have a preference for the nakedness of the bodies and ideas.
I'm going to talk about you and your activities in a forthcoming book on art theory. A page is dedicated to friendly, rebellious Gypsy Taub. – MI, Italy"

"Just thought i would write to you and let you know how much I enjoy the site and the interviews. I have had many deeply spiritual experiences during my life and can experience the happiness and enlightenment in your web site. I expecially enjoyed Chi. what a wonderful free spirit she is... As I am also a free spirit and nudist and at one with nudity and sexuality it is so refreshing to see such a site as you have.
I am not sure where your base is but if you are ever near Brisbane in Australia doing a ride or whatever I would enjoy being a part of it. I have a strong background in recognising how the universe talks to us and how a person can tap into this energy.
Thank-you for your naked freedom and enlightened chats.
Many blessings to you – MK, Brisbane, Australia"

"you are fuking great, the naked truth its my favorite – O, Mexico"

"While I am not brave enough to do the type of interviews that you perform, I highly respect you for getting the word out and performing the way you do, thanks for everything, and I hope you continue to get the naked truth. – PT"

"I enjoyed your segment on walking downtown in San Fran. Would be so nice to be able to walk around the city without fear of arrest. Sorry to hear you got a ticket for showing too much skin on the beach. People are so afraid to see someone nude.

Thought I would share a pic with you of me with my morning coffee. I enjoy coffee and the paper in the morning...in the nude! Take care – P – North Dacota, USA"

"Just wanted to let you know that I think what you are doing with "My Naked Truth TV" is great! I have not seen anything quite like it on the internet, and enjoy the intelligent conversations you have with guests. Do you know of any others who do interviews like this? I think the fact that you and your guests are nude is also symbolic - that you are genuine and

believe in what you are saying. That definitely comes across. The interviews are so candid and beautiful! So often, society tries to depict that nudity should always be associated with something sexual and shameful, but you demonstrate in such a positive way that the human body should be celebrated and never criminalized or hidden out of shame. Keep doing what you are doing and definitely keep your wonderful format!

Love and positive energy coming to you from Illinois – T"

"I caught several episodes of your show My Naked Truth on your website and I was particularly taken with the episode where you spoke with Faye and Patrick. It's wonderful that you present a forum for a diversity of topics without censorship. As a liberal, I appreciate that point of view, of course, but I don't get the impression in these interviews that there's a real bias. You truly seem to be interested in getting to know the people and simply following where their thoughts lead them. Therefore, My Naked Truth seems a quite apt title.
I live in NYC, but if I were in San Francisco, I would certainly be a loyal viewer of your show. I wish you great continued success! – SW, New York"

"I found your site through the Sarakay videos. I have watched about four and found them thoroughly enjoyable.
I just finished watching the show with Steve which was very meaningful for me as I am a person with a disability, a birth defect called spina bifida, who spent most of my life walking with crutches and braces but have needed a wheelchair after an auto accident.
I been a nudist for most of my adult life and would also characterize myself as an exhibitionist. I guess that's what I find most appealing about your show; that people not only lead and are willing to talk about their very interesting lives but also are totally comfortable with nudity in public (permanent public nudity, since it will be forever accessible on the Internet).
The one facet that I think would be interesting to your viewers is more about Gypsy and how your show came into being. ..Again, thanks for some very entertaining programming – DM"

"I'm A, Los Angeles - based Italian journalist.
I kept following your online shows, and I find your philosophy so inspiring, thank you for doing this much needed work. – A, Italy"

"I would like to just reiterate my approval of your show. I really enjoy the format as the more i watch the more i appreciate it for what it is and not for its "novelty" as some may see it. Although i do not agree with some of the point of views of the guests its a great exercise in freedom and individuality. I was wondering how you get your guests for the show? Are they friends, acquaintances etc? Do you plan to interview a person that is more conservative?(which i am definitely not) to give different points of view. Your task is a compelling one and one i wish to see more of, If your ever in the Philadelphia Pa. area you have at least one person to interview while here!!! Thanks for everything you are a trailblazer. – R, Philadelphia, PA"

"My name is J and I am part of a small naturist group living in the West of Ireland. We are big fans of your blog and think you are great. I may be over in San Fransico later in the year and would love to chat. Just let me know if this is possible, you could get an insight into whats its like being a nudist in Ireland. – JD, Ireland"

"I just discovered your blog.
Its fantastic, I so admire you for having the courage to do what you do and I have watched three so far , girls and guys and enjoyed the conversations too- as well as the view.
I'd love to know how you came to be doing this and thank God you are. I subscribed to Naked News for a month but they were all so not relaxed at being nude it was just embarrassing watching them- mind you, way braver than me so credit where its due.
You're amazing, so relaxed, so confident, so good looking. – PM"

"I would give anything in the world to be a part of these interviews that you have given by far. I would, if at all possible, LOVE to have an interview with you. I always feel extremely exhuberated when I talk with people about such life changing and life enriching experiences. And it's even more wonderful, straight forward, honest when it's done NUDE --- "with nothing to hide". :-) Nudism is always something that I have a lot to say about, and it has enchanted my life to the fullest.

I find you to be an extraordinary woman with a lot to offer from the soul... very attractive, too. :-
M U, Philadelphia,PA"

"I'm not quite sure how I ended up in "the naked truth blog", but im glad I got there. I've found the interviews extremely interesting.
Im an electronics engineering student in Chile (south america) and hear about these topics is difficult in my daily enviroment. I consider myself a man of science but I'm extremely aware of the importance of the spiritual dimension in our lives. As you can guess, among engineering students these kind of thigs arent known and sometimes I feel kind of lonely in that area of my life.
I really love the interview that you did with Polly and her BF. My GF doesnt speak english so I was explaining her about Polly's extremely interesting experiences with masturbation/meditation. I've had similar experiences but I discover this coexistance between masturbation and meditation not too long ago so I dont have too much experience. If Polly could writte an article or even an ebook talking about her experineces and devoloping process would be totally amazing.
Your interviews helped me today to remember who I am . Keep up the great work. – V, Chile"

"As militant nudists, militant ONLY in the sense that we absolutely REFUSE to put on clothes or otherwise cover up our nudity, being nude in public is normal for us. Yes, we do also travel (nude of course) by car on cross-country vacations. We have camped in several National Parks

(and the park rangers have never hassled us) as well as driving to Burning Man in Nevada the last 4 years and we have driven to San Francisco the last 3 years for Bay to Breakers and also Folsom Street Fair. We enjoy walking around San Francisco nude, along with everywhere else along the way. We don't care if we get arrested, which as it turns out is harder to prosecute than the average streetcop might think and have chatted with cops on the street a number of times without being detained. If you have any requests of places in public here in our town you'd like to see of us, tell me and we'll go take some. We are comfortable nude EVERYWHERE and not afraid to go nude ANYWHERE. Additionally, we are both bisexual poly-amorous and enjoy a very open marriage with multiple partners from both sexes. – G and C, Missouri, USA"

"I enjoyed your interview with George Davis, but wanted Davis' and your thoughts about whether there is a relationship between sexual liberation and peace. I figured you both, standing there on television in your birthday suits, would have ideas about it.
A psychologist named James Prescott wrote an article which was published in the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist" in 1975, "Body Pleasure and the Origins of Violence." Prescott surveyed anthropological literature about pre-literate societies. He looked at three things: infant abuse or neglect, attitudes toward adolescent sexuality, and adult violence. Prescott found a correlation between adult violence, and both infant abuse/neglect, and repression of adolescent sex (he found a correlation, too, between neglect and abuse, as you might imagine).
Prescott writes, "Societies ranking high or low on the Infant Physical Affection Scale were examined for degree of violence. The results clearly indicated that those societies which give their infants the greatest amount of physical affection were characterized by low theft, low infant physical pain, low religious activity, and negligible or absent killing, mutilating, or torturing of the enemy. These data directly confirm that the deprivation of body pleasure during infancy is significantly linked to a high rate of crime and violence."
Also, "Premarital sexual freedom for young people can help reduce violence in a society, and the physical pleasure that youth obtains from sex can offset a lack of physical affection during infancy. Other research also indicates that societies which punish premarital sex are likely to engage in wife purchasing, to worship a high god in human morality, and to practice slavery." I'd forgotten the part about wife purchasing, but it's interesting in light of your conversation with George Davis.

The article is online at http://www.violence.de/prescott/bulletin/article.html
There is also a cool picture at http://www.violence.de/archive.shtml - TR, Minneapolis, MN"

""I came across your blogs tonight by accident and your videos gave me something to think about.
I am from Ireland, and I lived in the U.S. for about 8 years... I lived mostly in NY and San Francisco, but spent a lot of time in Arizona and Portland OR, too. I had to leave eventually in 2006 due to increased pressure because of my anti-war stance and my general disillusionment

with the whole American experiment/dream gone wrong. I found life in the post-9/11 US extremely repressive, I saw everything as going in the wrong direction.
I live in Germany now, and I am working on a book on my experiences during my last few years in the US... it's a period of American history I hope is not prolonged or repeated. Back in Europe, I don't have to worry about death threats for expressing my opinion. (Also in Europe, by the way, casual nakedness, psychotropic drug experimentation, and frank and intelligent discussions are quite normal).
In any case, know that you have an ally here, and I give you my full encouragement in what you are doing there.... get it out of the city! SF and NY are like enclaves of sanity in a dark continent, so bring some of that magical energy to the redneck wilderness of the great American pickup-truck-traversed expanse... And don't let anyone tell you that you're "brave" or you're "pushing the boundaries"... fuck the boundaries, they're a figment of some other assholes fragile imagination! Americans need to be educated and you are doing just that! What you are doing is normal and correct, so don't be intimidated, don't back down and don't give up! It's important work! – BD"

"I come from a very conservative Country called Pakistan.... but now I am living in Rotterdam (Holland) Years ago, I came to Europe to find better living and to live a decent life.... but due to a kind Lady I found a new world and that new world is "Naturist" or Nudism and Since than I am a Lover of this Community and love to be a Naturist at all cost.

I have learnt that being a naturist you are just yourself and you don't have to show off with your designer clothes or shoes. Being a Naturist... nobody knows that you are a Millionaire or you belong to a working class.... everyone here in this community is just the same.

Recently while browsing, I saw your site (My Naked truth).... believe me I just love to visit this site over and over again.... the best thing I like about your interviewing people from different walks of life without being hypocrite and no fake smile above all no expensive clothes... you are just yourself thats what I like about you.

I would love to be a regular part of your site.... and I hope that you continue the good work...-AZ"

"Glad to see your amazing website www.mynakedtruth.tv Very nice interviews. I like to become a nudist. I live in Karachi, South Asia. Seeing your freedom and your lifestyle, you indeed are very lucky.

Can you guide me regarding some nudist living in Karachi, Pakistan whom can I meet and like to become one like them?

I really like to help in your causes. I believe that human body is such a beautiful specimen of nature. To see everybody freely expressing themselves is indeed a privilege enjoyed by a very few people. I am subscribing to your blogs. – LT, Karachi, Pakistan"

"I am from Morocco I have 28 years old I am a beautiful boy. I am single I have a diploma in graphic design computer. I speak english; french and arabic. I live in islamic environnement where is difficult to practise your freedom & your rights, I love nudity & sex. as you know if I want to move to any developed country I need a visa which it's difficult to get, I want to meet people like you who are open minded where I can share with them my desire... you have made a giant & perfect work with a simple idea thank you for all I encourage you. – KI"

"I just wanted to say I love your blogs and the videos you post up. I have seen a lot of episodes from each blog (My Naked Truth being my favorite), and I just wanted to let you know that the topics and stuff you talk about are very interesting and valuable to learn about. Also your a great hostess and I love you. So keep em coming and keep up the good work lookin foward to seeing more of your excellent work. – AK"

"My wife R and I will be joining and we love your videos. You are so open, well spoken, honest, respectful and hot. We wish we lived next door to you. Your videos that we have seen are fantastic, informative, colorful, exciting and open.....and very well done. We hope you never stop or we will be sad.

We are a married couple of over 30 years, happy, and visit nudist resorts from time to time... We love the way you pose couples would love to see you do some behind the scenes with couples, traditional, gay, homosexual and bi. I don't know how you feel about threesomes, but we do enjoy watching those from time to time including interracial.....which is a fantasy at this time. One thing we have been toying with is a video of R doing a nude hike with a friend. We have a photographer in mind, a male friend, and a safe private location in mind.....now we just need to get to a warm Spring day in Ohio. – R and W"

"I have just found your blogg mynakedtruth.tv, thanks to Lloyd the San Francisco nudist activist who has pictures on flickr where he mentions you.

It is one of the best sites I have seen and a great information centre for nudists and clothists alike.

My wife and I and our friends who came over for Sunday lunch have just watched your two wonderful Sarah-Kay episodes which proved to be very thought provoking for us all. Claire and I were both brought up with religion, me in a devoutly religious Catholic family and Claire in a Jewish family that celebrated only the main Jewish festivals. Her family are also nudists and being naked during one of their home family religious celebrations is not unusual.

Having been brought up in a repressive religious environment where sex and nudity were dirty words I have never been tempted to revisit religion but your discussion on Shamanism in the second episode prompted me to start reading the Wikipedia article on Shamanism. Maybe all belief systems are not as bad as the one that I was brought up in.

Thank you again for your great website. – TK"

"First of all, I love your show. I'm a new nudist (26 years old), and I'm looking for people to talk about nudity and life with. Since that's the theme of your show, I thought you might be interested. I'm not looking for anything sexual, I'm happily married. I'm just looking to talk with people who have a healthy appreciation for being naked.

About myself, I got into nudism when I realized it doesn't embarrass me to be seen naked, and that I was in denial of that out of fear of what others would think. As soon as I realized this, I got my wife's blessing, stripped down, and haven't looked back. And it's been really great! It's helped me mature as a person and to grow emotionally. And it's a lot of fun! So now I'm looking to find more people to share my thoughts, feelings, and experiences (I don't have many) about nudity, and to hear theirs, to better understand myself and why we do what we do. – MP"

"I really want to see you. And & really like your work what your doing for other.. I am Bio-Medical Engineer working in Saudi arabia I love nudity very much I just want to be nude always every time every whare but my culture and society does not allow to do so. And it is prohibited here in this country. I feel soffocation to live here. I want freedom. When I saw you while browsing internet I feel you can help me only. Please suggest me what can I do to come out with this situation.. —JJ"

"I just came across your site, and i am so happy to see such a beautiful soul speak with such honesty and realness!
your mind is as stunning as your body! – James M"

I came across one of your videos while searching for some burning man pictures and was fascinated by your interviews. After that, I found your truth tv page and saw some more. While I do not entirely share your views or life style, I was fascinated with your down to earth and fair interviews. I like your open ended questions to draw out your subjects, and how you don't overly glorify things just to glorify them. – Mark K"

"since september 2010 i am watching your programme on blip tv it is great for spreading naturising and shedding the textile which is unneccessary and my opinion textile to be accordance the weather. skin needs freedom. your contribution in this field a great (i am pakistani, by religion no longer muslim , i am living in saudi Arabia) – Rubin A, Pakistan"

"I occassionally view your naked interviews on net and like them very much. I am nudist by heart but unfortunately, In India, we have no nude recreational facilities and public nudity is not allowed. Sometimes I take opportunity of nude dip in ocean on odd intervals when no many people are around. – DD, India"

"I found your blog about a week ago and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I can't wait for more videos to be posted. My only selfish comment is that I would like to know from each of the

interviewees about the role of nudity in their families and about their first experience with social nudity. Please keep up the good work! – D"

"I just came across your nakedtruth.tv site. I'm a 30 year old man who is just discovering my inner exhibitionist. I truly enjoy being nude and love seeing others nude...I love the variety of shapes in the human form....it's amazing at how beautiful each unique person is. I have been slowly watching your interviews and it's really opening my ideas about sexuality. I've always been attracted to many women, but not in a way that most men are. I've never seen women as conquests, but rather I've always wanted to have a deeper human connection with the women I meet. I was wondering what your views are on polyamory. I'm starting to think it's possible to enjoy a deep and profound connection with someone sexually and not have to be monogamous. I had always felt guilty about these feelings...probably because society teaches us to be ashamed of our sexuality. But I have this strong feeling that I want to share myself in this way.

I feel so free when I'm naked! I'm so glad I came across your webpage. You are a beautiful woman and what you are doing is amazing! – Mike P, New York, USA"

"I have watched numerous shows of yours. I really like the topics you discuss. I very much liked your interview with the creator/producer of the documentary, Flow. Keep doing what you are doing. – O"

"I just discovered your My Naked Truth website and absolutely love it. As a nudist, it is both enjoyable to see people being open and forthright while nude and I also enjoy the idea of exposing one's self completely. I have to say, I especially enjoyed your interview with Fiona (with Anna) from August 2010. She seems like a very well spoken and intelligent person and I would like to chat with her personally. ..Thanks again for your great interviews! – J C"

"I just happened to catch your show last night and I must say I truly enjoyed it. So good that I figured I would check out your blog. The blog is awesome and the interviews quite nice. Of course I couldn't help noticing the link to your other website lustful goddess. So obviously being an average person in America with access to the internet I have seen porn before, but I have always thought of it as meaningless and shallow as far as how and why it was produced...not your site though. I think the true amateur spirit that is in your site and in the couple sites you included links to is downright awesome. So hey great job and please keep up the great work. – A K"

"I meant to contact you after watching the Travis interview last month, and learned quite a bit about you in it and although I'm not a drug(actually love is my drug) user I'm very happy to be your friend as we both desire the same thing. It's sad how many people don't get the idea of non-sexual intimacy (or nudity). I'm now watching part 2!! – DH , Pacific North West, USA"

"Hello Gypsy, and thank you for being!

I was watching what I guess they call a stream where you were interviewing and conversing with a woman on a roof in Upstate California.
...what was being said produced and reflected on some fundamental philosophical issues regarding our freedoms, (or lack thereof) and the states of Nazi Germany and the Ex-Soviet Union where you were drawing similarities of social freedoms and application of local ordinance or law.
I am a Los Angeles Naturist of long standing although I wish that I would have discovered that thirty-some years ago, (I'm still a young pup at 59). There is a simplicity in honesty and an honesty in simplicity that is far too lacking in the world.
I have been politically aware for forty years and the information that was being shared in that video needs to be shared as thoroughly as possible. DK - Los Angeles, CA"

"let me commend for your bravery and for a great show. I have been following it now for several months on line and find it fantastic. I have enjoyed the topics and the people you have covered and the angle that you have taken on the body. – SDX"

"I just moved to San Francisco a year ago from the east, and love it here. I caught a glimpse of your show last fall, but haven't been able to find it again until just last night. I'm very interested in everything you talk about with your guests.

Last night on the actual TV show, there were two women standing around in the bathroom. One was in the tub itself and the other was outside of the tub talking with her. I was fascinated by the conversation they were having right at the end of the show. It was on the subject of what was okay for kids to see at home, or not (sexuality-wise). As many of your show's viewers would probably agree, our society is unbelievably prudish. When I was married, my wife and I were in France on topless beaches and I adored it. We also went to coed saunas in Austria and Switzerland and they were really amazing. But it also always struck me as funny that people almost automatically try to separate nudism/nudity from anything that had to do with sexuality or sensuality. I find it pretty hard to do that, and I never quite understood why that was necessary. I think it really has to do with the fact that -- especially here in America -- people generally can't handle nudity because there's an assumption that it will automatically lead to arousal, etc. Well in some cases it probably does. And if and when that happens, I'm not sure if I know why it's such a big deal. But I also know it's not the typical "point" of nudity in general.

...I was really struck by your show, and I really enjoyed watching the other episodes that I saw on-line and can't wait to see more of them. I'm also really happy that I moved to San Francisco, where at least thank god some people are as open-minded as you and your guests are. It was really a pleasure to find your show again! – SM"

"I had seen your videos on my naked truth where you had interviewed ordinary people on video and its quite an eye opener refreshing where people are made to feel relaxed and comfortable – AV, China"

"I just wanted to let you know that I watched the videos at your blog, they are all awesome! I am a person who takes the nudity as a freedom more. And would like you to have me as one of your guests. And have some conversation with you about nudism and how it is taken by the society. I can't find words to show my emotion!! – AH"

"hey wow, people get naked and talk about intelligent stuff?! i'm impressed :) so, i guess the reason i'm sending this message is that i have had an incredibly difficult time finding legitimate social groups that are geared towards nudism and more open/progressive lifestyles. i've been aware of different alternative lifestyles and social philosophies since my late teens and have always been intrigued. i was raised Jehovah's Witness, my parents were very devout and were super protective. i got free of it when i turned 18(am now 36) and its been a gradual process of opening myself up to different experiences and attitudes. i'm fortunate that i've always been very outgoing and friendly, i've been able to enjoy a wide variety of amazing relationships and activities. i am a single male, i realize that its probably very difficult to weed out the dudes who are truly interested from the ones who are hoping for an all out orgy. i've never been to a nudist beach or get together, but i'm sure the energy level is different when nothing is being hidden or accentuated. i will go through your blog and try to learn more. if you have any suggestions for reading material, websites, or meet and greet groups i would really appreciate any information. i honestly am not trying to accomplish anything other than exploring alternative social lifestyles. most everything i have found is sexually based(gangbangs, orgies, couples groups) which is cool, but thats not my immediate goal. before i got into anything like that i would rather get to know the people. not just show up and try to figure out how to navigate that situation. i just want to make some new friends and broaden my horizons. everyone in the videos has a huge grin and is holding themselves in a very relaxed manner. so there must be something about it that is good for the soul - MJH"

"Greetings from Lowestoft in the county of Suffolk, the most easterly point in the British Isles! I'm writing to say that I think your website is great - you have interviewed some very interesting people. How refreshing to see people talking openly and candidly about themselves without the burden of clothes.

I'm a professional life-drawing model, working for art-groups and colleges, including the famous Slade School in London. I love to be part of the art process. Life-modelling is not a particularly well-paid profession here in the UK, but essentially I do it for the love of it - the best reason of all I think!
I'd love to appear on your website - so maybe if I ever get to your part of the world you might consider interviewing me! – MA, Britain"

"I have enjoyed the latest updates, the topics are potent and quite interesting to hear. It is good to see you interview and find people from different walks of life. Keep up the good work and if your on the East Coast near Philadelphia ever, i will be glad to interview with you =D"

"Have been following your web site off and on for about 6 months now and speaking as an old hippie / nudist (although a non-conforming type) I love the candid approach that nudity brings to an interview. I also enjoy the diversity of topics with the colorful people you chat with. Keep up the good work and if you ever get the the northeast I can probably hook you up with a few people willing to chat on camera. – R"

"I was searching the web and somehow came up with your site!! I love it!! I love how you are comfortable with your nudity around others, especially since you aren't trimmed. I am natural down there as well, by the way and not ashamed of it like many other women can be. I really enjoyed your talks with Anna, as she too is all natural and she and I both share similar things about childhood sexuality. – M, Philadelphia, PA"

"Just taking a moment to thank you for an opportunity to challenge my beliefs. MyNaked Truth is an interesting way to get peoples attention to express an opinion. I watched the video about the women who breastfeeds her 7 year old daughter and my first thought was that it was just weird. However, I've made it a frequent habit of asking myself where those ideas come from and this time as in many other cases I couldn't find a viable reason why I held that view. – DN"

"i was watching my television just recently (1 in the morning on 1/24/10) and your interview with a beautiful red haired lady appeared on my television. i thought i was in a dream. you two look so beautiful in the interview together. – CD, San Francisco, CA"

"Gypsy, you will always have my support, someone that can fly in the face of convention as you have done gets my respect as well...- A"

"estuve viendo tu Blog y me gustaría saber si vas a venir a Argentina, acá podriamos grabar a nudistas y visitar buenos lugares naturales nudistas. Saludos! – D, Argentina"

"Dear Gypsy:
This is great news - you are coming back into my living room each Saturday night. I can understand why you might encounter resistance from the "status quo" - you are simply ahead of your time and certain people just cannot understand or accept that. Maybe they will catch up one day, I hope. But probably not - I am afraid there are more of them than us.
I'll think about your offer to be a guest. I am no Miss America, but that's not the point of your program. However, I am shy in person and probably would freeze on camera when asked to share my thoughts (whether I was naked or not.) Unfortunately, not all of us are blessed with your natural talents.
I will continue to support you and your show and start searching for you in the coming weeks. Thanks so much for responding to my Urgent! request. I really do miss you. I would stay up late on Saturday night just to see you and your pals talk about real stuff. Best of luck in all things you do.
Your friend forever – JG, an Francisco, CA"

"I love your blog & your shows. If you are ever in Florida (Orlando) I would love to appear on an episode & talk about my lifetime of public nudity as an exhibitionist & how I have had to hide it from my family. – B"

"I wanted to say 'Hello' and congratulate you on an excellent blog. I was first introduced to you via the web and your past adult site 'Producer Carmen'. Some time passed and then the site was no longer accessible. Never the less, I continued to look for you and have just recently found you operating the 'Naked Truth'. Congratulations… what a cool blog!

Your adult videos always attracted me as they were all very open and natural. To see you verbalizing and expressing that in a different forum is exciting to watch as well.

In short, thanks for creating the blog as I intend to read up and possibly learn a few things! Keep up the good work and best of luck with the blog, the message and ultimately… your movement. – TL"

"I'm just taking the time to view all of your interviews after stumbling onto your blog - what a joy! Thank you for making all of this public, and I hope that you don't mind that I've linked my blog to yours. You've just made my evening! – K (nakeddenver)"

"hi im P an impressed viewer of ur talk blog hehe.
i was wondering is there a criteria of what topics u do or are u open to suggestion.
plus if it were possible id love to be a guest, have u been to oregon? is it solely the california area?
one of the things that i would address is my affiliation with autism and the art world. id love to give a shout out to all the wonderful youth forums in the nudist world. someone's gotta inspire the youth to get on board. i applaud ur fearlessness, a strong women to get some motivation in this sad world. thank you. – P, Oregon, USA"

"I love your show! Just wanted to say that the idea is awesome! I love all the interesting guests, and you have a great informal style for interviewing them! You really make them feel comfortable, and bring out their "Naked Truth". I wish I could get your show on tv, but the internet works just about as well. I hope you don't plan on stopping your show anytime soon! thanks for the inspiring footage – E"