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Cc: [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Morales, Carolina \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please Save Filipino-owned SBE business Señor Sisig in the Mission - 701 Valencia
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 2:12:46 PM

Dear Supervisors -

I am writing to express my support for Señor Sisig, a Filipino Food Truck Business.

Appeal (file. no 180401) is to reverse the removal of a NO FOOD condition that the Planning Commission applied to the approved conditional use permit at 701 Valencia Street on March 15th, 2018.

Señor Sisig has been operating since December 2016 at 701 Valencia Street (vacant lot) as part of the Conditional Use Application that allows food trucks to operate in vacant lots thereby creating a community space.

Señor Sisig is a a vital part of the identity of Filipino culture and cuisine in San Francisco. Señor Sisig is the only Filipino business on Valencia Street and it is important that Filipinos have a culinary presence at one of the most diverse corridors in the City of San Francisco. There are 36,347 Filipinos in San Francisco or 4.51% of the City's total population. Over 4,000 Filipinos live in the Mission.

Please vote to SAVE this minority small business for the Mission District, the Filipino community and PROTECT the jobs of the employees of Señor Sisig.

Mabuhay and kind regards!

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From: [Tom Radulovich](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403) - support for appeal.
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12:06:17 PM

Dear Supervisor Ronen and members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of Livable City, we strongly support Ryan Motzek/Pristine Parking's conditional use appeal, which would allow mobile food facilities on the parking lot at 701 Valencia Street.

We supported Mr. Motzek's original proposal for mobile food at 701 Valencia, for a few reasons - it would activate a rather dreary stretch of Valencia street with appealing and pedestrian-friendly uses, provide additional landscaping, cleaning, nighttime lighting, security, and graffiti removal, and provide a spot where small and locally-owned food businesses without great gobs of capital can get a start on Valencia Street. We were impressed with the extent of Mr. Motzek's outreach, and the thoughtful response to legitimate concerns from neighboring businesses and residents, and his plan to maximize opportunities for small, unique, and locally-owned food businesses. We were disappointed that the Planning Commission, contrary to its own policies and to good sense, approved a parking lot use but disallowed mobile food and seating.

We understand that Mr. Motzek has further scaled back the proposal to include one or two food trucks, one of which is Señor Sisig, a unique Filipino food business on Valencia that us locals have come to really enjoy. As the ED of Livable City and a nearby resident, I am confident that the revised project will be a positive addition to Valencia Street, and urge you to give it your full support.

Attached are two photos, taken a few days apart. One shows the general sad state of the parking lot, while the other shows how the space is positively transformed by the addition of food trucks – adults, children, and pets enjoying good food, sunshine and fresh air, a place to sit, the company of friends, and people-watching.

Best,

Tom





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From: [Rudy Corpuz Jr.](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Morales, Carolina \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Señor Sisig support letter
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 9:30:19 AM
Attachments: [senor sisig.pdf](#)

Dear Supervisors,

Attached please find a letter of support.

In peace,

Rudy



UNITED • PLAYAZ

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May 15, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors and Staff,

My name is Rudy Corpuz Jr. and I am writing this letter on behalf of Señor Sisig. I am the Founder and Director of the United Playaz, a Violence Prevention and Youth Leadership Development Program serving youth since 1994. United Playaz is designed to provide youth and young adults with positive, meaningful activities as an alternative to involvement with gangs, drugs and other high-risk behaviors.

I am writing to express my strong support for Señor Sisig. I am writing in regards to an appeal (file. no 180401) that is requesting the removal of a NO FOOD condition that the planning commission applied to the approved conditional use permit at 701 Valencia Street on March 15th, 2018. Señor Sisig was operating as an existing business since December 2016 at 701 Valencia Street and was displaced through the process of the project sponsor applying for a Conditional Use Application that would allow additional food trucks to operate in the lot with the vision of creating a community space. Señor Sisig is a model business in the Filipino community and its a vital part of the identity of Filipino culture and cuisine in San Francisco. Señor Sisig was the only Filipino business on Valencia Street and I believe it is important that Filipinos have a culinary presence on one of the most diverse corridors in San Francisco. Please protect this model minority small business for the Mission District, for the Filipino community and for the employees of Señor Sisig.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me at (415) 573-6219.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rudy Corpuz Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rudy Corpuz Jr.
Executive Director

From: [Fatimah M. Aure](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:11:43 PM
Attachments: [Board of Supervisors 5-14-18.docx](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see attached. Thank you in advance.

Best,

Fatimah

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May 14, 2018

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Fatimah Aure and I am a San Francisco native. I have lived and worked in San Francisco for most of my life and have witnessed many of its changes first hand from where it was before to where it is today, especially in the Mission district. As it stands today, with all the varieties of small business and restaurants, I can honestly say that there is a need for the variety of different cultural foods that reflect the beautiful diversity of San Francisco. In particular, I have always enjoyed Senor Sisig's Filipino food truck that used to park at 701 Valencia. Having grown up in the Parkmerced neighborhood near the border of Daly City and enjoyed the vibrant Filipino culture. When I found that there was a food truck that served Filipino Fusion food in the Mission, I was ecstatic and have become a frequent customer. Sadly, their absence would mean a major loss to the community, in both diversity of flavor and culture.

I urge you to please reconsider your position regarding 701 Valencia and its ability to maintain service to the Mission community. As the Program Director at Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, I cultivate entrepreneurs and help turn their skillsets and passions into viable businesses, such as Senor Sisig. Losing the space at 701 Valencia would be a tremendous loss to the business, the Mission district neighborhood and me personally as a frequent patron/customer. Please allow this food truck to remain and continue contributing to our City's wonderful culture.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fatimah Aure
Program Director (SoMa)
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center

From: [desi danganan](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Senor Sisig
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:58:36 PM
Attachments: [Senor Sisig Letter of Support.pdf](#)

Dear Board of Supervisors and Staff, I am writing to express my strong support for Señor Sisig. I am writing in regards to an appeal (file. no 180401) that is requesting the removal of a NO FOOD condition that the planning commission applied to the approved conditional use permit at 701 Valencia Street on March 15th, 2018. Señor Sisig was operating as an existing business since December 2016 at 701 Valencia Street and was displaced through the process of the project sponsor applying for a Conditional Use Application that would allow additional food trucks to operate in the lot with the vision of creating a community space. Señor Sisig is a model business in the Filipino community and its a vital part of the identity of Filipino culture and cuisine in San Francisco. Señor Sisig was the only Filipino business on Valencia Street and I believe it is important that Filipinos have a culinary presence on one of the most diverse corridors in San Francisco. Please protect this model minority small business for the Mission District, for the Filipino community and for the employees of Señor Sisig. Attached is my official letter of support. Sincerely,

Desi Danganan



LETTER OF SUPPORT

MAY 10, 2018

SF PLANNING DEPT. & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Kultivate Labs, an economic development non-profit located on Mission St. I support Senor Sisig's application to vend on the corner of 18th & Valencia. Senor Sisig is an immigrant success story. They are a unique product of cultural fusion that only the Bay Area can produce. Their unique brand of Filipino Fusion poses no threat to the local taqueria's in the area because Senor Sisig is a manifestation of Filipino Food and not Mexican Food.

Their food truck activates a dead and under utilized space that can be characterized as urban blight. When real estate is so scarce in SF, we need to explore and encourage innovative uses of spaces—particularly immigrant owned businesses.

I hope you reconsider your decision and allow Senor Sisig to continue to vend from 18th and Valencia.

Sincerely,

Desi Danganan

Executive Director, Kultivate Labs

From: [Kyle Camarillo](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 8:16:48 AM

Hillary and The Board,

My name is Kyle Camarillo. I am a Latino American photographer and filmmaker. I have lived in the Mission Dolores area with my wife and child for 15 years.

I want to express my strong support for the food truck and community use of 701 Valencia.

I know for a fact that Ryen Motzek's intentions are whole, respectful, genuine, and completely for the community. In the hands of anyone else, this location would be used to throw fancy corporate events or build expensive lofts/apartments, with only profits in mind. The decision made by the planning commission to vote down the ability to have food at this location is crippling to the possibility of any sort of prospect on this space to be able to survive, further destroying our neighborhood's culture and diversity.

Its unfortunate that his proposed communal project has been so quickly dismissed as it would serve as a much more neighborly and pleasant location than its current cement parking lot. In a town where the homeless problem and gentrification and are at an all time high, no good opportunity should be wasted. The people of this city cannot afford that loss.

On the matter of Señor Sigig, the argument that this food truck would have a negative effect on the 6+ immediate surrounding taqueria's is ridiculous. Using a tortilla as an ingredient does not make Señor Sigig's food mexican. The addition of Filipino food only contributes to the diversity of our neighborhood and restricting it based off of false assumptions sets a dangerous precedent for the future of San Francisco.

I urge you today to carefully overturn the planning commission's decision so that, at bare minimum, Señor Sisig can return to 701 Valencia.

Kyle Camarillo

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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:31:35 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is Tomi Ajayi, I am a freelance mural artist working in SF. I'm frequently in the mission area, and have a strong connection with the Cherins lot.

I helped in the creation of the architectural 3d renderings of the new plans for the community lot area, and I also just happen to have worked as a valet for Pristine Parking years back. One of my main assignments as a valet was to manage this exact spot. I spent hours interacting with locals, parking their cars, and having my lunches across the street at the delicious El Buen Sabor taqueria.

I would say that as a mixed descent African American man, I very much miss having a friendly place to enjoy good authentic ethnic food. Being originally born in Nigeria, I feel like the upcoming plans Ryen Motzek has for the lot tug on my heart strings. They remind me of the community areas back home, where everyone in the neighborhood can gather outdoors, enjoy the fresh air, the sun, and some authentic food in a non-pretentious environment.

There aren't many places where you can go and enjoy a space that really invites the local community to come together and enjoy. It is so much better than some of the other developments that I have seen pop up because it invites anyone and everyone to partake and is ran by actual people from the community, not a money focused investor looking to cash in big off of the next hip neighborhood.

Lastly, as someone that has worked for, and with Ryen Motzek, I can attest to his character. He is not someone that would create a project that would negatively impact anyone. He is a humble, hard working guy that is looking for a new opportunity to help people. I think the decision from the Planning Commission has had a negative effect on his well being. That defeat that hurt him and an existing business (Senor Sisig). Give Ryen a chance and I guarantee he will impress you, take it away, and all we will have left is a lot primed for someone outside of the community to take over.

I hope this Tuesday we will see a change for the positive. The story of San Francisco needs it.

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From: [Alfonso S. Perez, Jr.](#)
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Subject: Save Señor Sisig in the Mision !!!
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 5:49:24 PM
Attachments: [Save Señor Sisig.pdf](#)

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA

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Sincerely,
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Pistahan Parade and Festival

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Sincerely,

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From: [Jesse Narvaez](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Senor Sisig
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 5:16:27 PM

I just recently heard about the decision to not let the food truck Senor Sisig do its thing in the Mission on the block where I spend most of my time. I was not happy about this decision since Senor Sisig was such a great addition to all the local food options. It seemed like a really great thing was going to happen with the space and the last time I heard, the project is now being shut down but the city. We need more cool things to do, not less. Oakland seems to be the only place where anyone has a chance anymore.

I'm a professional skateboarder in San Francisco and one of the company's I endorse is local company called Northern Co.. I understand what it is like to be a part of something since its beginning and I can only imagine how the employees of Senor Sisig felt after they were told they were no longer allowed to work and in a place they care so much for and I care so much for.

Many food options and supporting local businesses from SF is important and I want to see Senor Sisig back at 701 Valencia. Thank you

- Jesse Narvaez

From: [nicholas kunz](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (file number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 4:55:54 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today regarding the parking lot on the corner of 18th and Valencia Street, it's uncertain future, and to add my viewpoint to the discussion. I have known Ryen Motzek of The Project Sponsor for just over 7 years now. We met shortly after I moved to San Francisco from Portland, Oregon. I am an avid skateboarder and artist, which is largely why I came to the Bay Area, and through those networks I was introduced to Ryen and shortly after employed by him, making it possible for me to stay in this beautiful city and build upon my skateboarding and artist skills and communities. He was referred to me by my peers as a dependable, fair, and supportive employer and after working for him for over 2 years I can only say the same (I have since moved on career wise incase there is any worry that this letter is more than my desire to help the community and people who have helped me so much over my years here). I am now employed at a restaurant on 24th street, on the same corner I've worked at for over 4 years.

When I heard of Ryen's intention to turn the lot on the corner of 18th and Valencia that he's controlled since 2006 into a space for the community to come together I was impressed but not surprised. I believe that in a city full of opportunities to make an extra buck, especially in it's current state and along the Valencia strip, there are not many people who would consider to use such a centrally located and valuable lot to

In a city full of opportunities to make an extra buck, especially in it's current state, I do not think there are many people who would look to use the resource of a parking lot directly on Valencia Street to build a more connected community when there are surely more profitable ventures to be had with the space. I do believe however that if anyone would and could be concerned enough about keeping and strengthening the community with their available resources Ryen would, could, and hopefully will. That area has changed and continues to change in the short 7+ years I have lived here. I do believe that change is inevitable but I also believe in community, connection, and networking. The Mission is an incredibly eclectic and diverse area with many different networks operating within it. Giving those different networks a space to come together and connect with each other over art, food, and educational workshops/events is something that in my opinion can only strengthen the existing community there. I support and trust Ryen and his vision for this lot 100%.

When I saw that the Sr. Sisig food truck (offering the only Filipino cuisine in the area) was forced to close I was saddened. It felt like a step in the wrong direction to me. As a skateboarder and artist much of my time is spent using and observing public spaces in the city. They are absolutely vital for people who need a positive outlet space and communal interaction. Obviously a food truck is not the Yerba Buena Gardens but having that establishment there did transform the area from a parking lot where the only verbal communication from a stranger may be someone asking for spare change to a place where different people are eating and sharing a space over a meal. Obviously the loss of jobs and a local ethnic restaurant's ability to operate in such a high traffic area are also not ideal.

I appreciate you listening to my view of Ryen Motzek's plans to continue to grow his community support ideas and projects. I sincerely hope that he will be able to move forward soon with the lot at 18th and Valencia Street or at the very least restore Sr. Sisig's operation there, continuing to offer up the space for people in the area to congregate and connect.

Best,

Nicholas Kunz
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From: [Thrasher Magazine/ Chris Hafner](#)
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Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:12:32 PM

Dear Hillary and Board of Supervisors,

I am a Mission district resident of over 20 years. Through the years I have seen some change. While most of that change recently has been purely awful: gentrification, chain retail, entitled techies... every once and a while, there's something good that comes up. Recently, through a network of artists I learned about a funky little project that was about to pop up on the Cherin's lot located at 701 Valencia. For a while they had Señor Sisig, the best damn food truck in SF operating and I heard about Precita Eyes and some other artists having a space to do some cool stuff.

Apparently the planning department led the owner of the project to think it was about to pass and then the planning commission did a last minute switch to not allow the project to happen based off of feedback from a small group of NIMBYs. What I still don't understand is how a panel of non-elected "decision makers" thought it was a good idea to ditch the only Filipino food on all of Valencia st. and stomp out other chances for independently owned food vendors to have an opportunity on a street that now caters to investor backed restaurants and high end retail that definitely does not serve the authentic mission district community.

Hoping you guys make the right decision tomorrow, our city need a positive change, not the same ol'.

Thanks, Chris Hafner

From: [desi danganan](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#)
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To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of Kultivate Labs, an economic development non-profit located on Mission St. I support Senor Sisig's application to vend on the corner of 18th & Valencia. Senor Sisig is an immigrant success story. They are a unique product of cultural fusion that only the Bay Area can produce. Their unique brand of Filipino Fusion poses no threat to the local taqueria's in the area because Senor Sisig is a manifestation of Filipino Food and not Mexican Food.

Their food truck activates a dead and under utilized space that can be characterized as urban blight. When real estate is so scarce in SF, we need to explore and encourage innovative uses of spaces—particularly immigrant owned businesses.

I hope you reconsider your decision and allow Senor Sisig to continue to vend from 18th and Valencia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Desi Danganan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Desi Danganan

Executive Director, Kultivate Labs

From: [jameel A Douglas](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 3:39:30 PM

Dear Hillary,

My name is Jameel Douglas a Bay Area native, professional skateboarder and Excelsior district resident. I tremendously disappointed to hear about Senor Sisig (seriously my favorite) getting pushed out from being able to do business at 701 Valencia. As a former resident of the mission and someone who has seen the many changes that have taken place in San Francisco I find this decision by the planning commission more than frustrating and utterly careless.

Being a Africa American I really don't have any sort of connection or excitement about many of the new businesses and restaurants that are opening up in the mission district, most seem inauthentic and cater to a much wealthier crowd.

Senor Sisig provides a complimentary and much needed option in an area that has lost a lot of what originally made it so special. (heavily gentrified)

I've also known Ryen Motzek for over 15 years and he has been a cornerstone and role model in the skateboard and art community. Through knowing Ryen, I've come to know his intentions are very authentic and fully focused on how to do what's right for the community. A good opportunity was lost, but it's not too late to salvage it. If we could at work he very least get senior Sisig back would be a dream come true.

Ryen has always struck me as a man of integrity and hard work. I guarantee you'd be putting some flavor back into a area that was once a intriguing and tasteful community it will be extremely well received by people as a whole.

Please do what's right and allow Senor Sisig to continue to operate in the Mission.

Thank you.

From: [Christopher Nash](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please support food trucks at 701 Valencia St
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:58:17 PM

Hello,

I own the condo at 3483 18th St, directly adjacent to the parking lot at 701 Valencia st. I very much wanted to attend the hearing on May 15, and the previous hearing in March regarding the conditional use permit for this space. I could not be there in person however due to work commitments. I wrote a letter of support before the previous meeting, as I know many of my neighbors did. But it seems that the Planning Commission ignored all written comments, ignored the recommendation of the Planning Department, and sided with just two very vocal neighbors who were able to attend the meeting in person. As a result, the existing business (Señor Sisig) that had been operating in this space for a long time, with no issues, lost its ability to do so. I sincerely hope this won't happen again. Most neighbors support the efforts to transform this empty lot into a community space with food trucks. However, most of us have to work during the day. I hope that the Commission will weigh ALL input about this project equally, and not favor just those who happen to be free to appear in person during business hours. To favor the voices of only those who can appear in person is to ignore the voices of those who must work everyday.

So, once again, my husband and I fully support keeping (and even increasing) food trucks at this location. Pristine Parking and all of the food trucks that have ever parked in the lot, including Señor Sisig, have been excellent neighbors. Their business is welcome in our neighborhood. Please support them.

Thank you for your time.
-Christopher Nash

Our previous email is quoted here:

To: Esmeralda Jardines <esmeralda.jardines@sfgov.org>, hillary.ronen@sfgov.org, richhillissf@gmail.com, myrna.melgar@sfgov.org, planning@rodnevfong.com, joel.koppel@sfgov.org, kathrin.moore@sfgov.org, dennis.richards@sfgov.org
Cc: Ryen Motzek <ryen@pristineparking.com>

Hello,

I am writing to voice my FULL SUPPORT for the proposed changes to the Cherin's parking lot at 701 Valencia St. The conditional use authorization is due to be discussed by the Planning Commission on March 15, 2018.

I own the residence at 3483 18th St, which abuts the parking lot at 701 Valencia. Ours is the only residential unit in our building. My husband and I have lived in this apartment for 11 years, and I have lived in the neighborhood since 1992. We are looking forward to seeing this

parking lot transformed into a community space with food trucks, tables, and planters. We expect the changes to be quite positive for our neighborhood.

We do have a few requests, which we have already discussed with the applicant, including:

- The submitted plans describe port-a-potties and a garbage enclosure to be located against our building, underneath our window. The applicant has agreed to instead locate these against the other building that abuts the lot, which has no windows overlooking the lot.
- Business hours no later than 10pm
- Please post 'no smoking' signs in the space.
- Ensure that we have a point of contact to whom we can report any problems that may arise.

I urge you all to support this project.

Thank you for your time,

-Christopher Nash

415.519.9023

From: [Fatimah M. Aure](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 1:11:43 PM
Attachments: [Board of Supervisors 5-14-18.docx](#)

To Whom It May Concern,

Please see attached. Thank you in advance.

Best,

Fatimah

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Fatimah Aure, MPP

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May 14, 2018

San Francisco City Hall
Board of Supervisors
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Fatimah Aure and I am a San Francisco native. I have lived and worked in San Francisco for most of my life and have witnessed many of its changes first hand from where it was before to where it is today, especially in the Mission district. As it stands today, with all the varieties of small business and restaurants, I can honestly say that there is a need for the variety of different cultural foods that reflect the beautiful diversity of San Francisco. In particular, I have always enjoyed Senor Sisig's Filipino food truck that used to park at 701 Valencia. Having grown up in the Parkmerced neighborhood near the border of Daly City and enjoyed the vibrant Filipino culture. When I found that there was a food truck that served Filipino Fusion food in the Mission, I was ecstatic and have become a frequent customer. Sadly, their absence would mean a major loss to the community, in both diversity of flavor and culture.

I urge you to please reconsider your position regarding 701 Valencia and its ability to maintain service to the Mission community. As the Program Director at Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, I cultivate entrepreneurs and help turn their skillsets and passions into viable businesses, such as Senor Sisig. Losing the space at 701 Valencia would be a tremendous loss to the business, the Mission district neighborhood and me personally as a frequent patron/customer. Please allow this food truck to remain and continue contributing to our City's wonderful culture.

Thank you for your consideration,

Fatimah Aure
Program Director (SoMa)
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center

From: [Sarah Li](#)
To: [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Morales, Carolina \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Safal, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary Richards, Dennis \(CPC\)](#); [Koppel, Joel \(CPC\)](#); [Johnson, Millicent \(CPC\)](#); [Moore, Kathrin \(CPC\)](#); [planning@rodnevfong.com](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(CPC\)](#); [Rich Hillis](#)
Cc: [Richards, Dennis \(CPC\)](#); [Koppel, Joel \(CPC\)](#); [Johnson, Millicent \(CPC\)](#); [Moore, Kathrin \(CPC\)](#); [planning@rodnevfong.com](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(CPC\)](#); [Rich Hillis](#)
Subject: Comments on hearing for 701 Valencia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:52:31 PM

Hi, I'm Sarah Li, and I live and work in San Francisco. I'm frequently in the Mission to work, spend time with friends and family, shop, and volunteer.

I was disappointed to find out about the planning commission's rejection of the project at 701 Valencia. Not only would the project bring business and foot traffic into the neighborhood that would in turn bring in jobs, but the current lot has been an eyesore and a rarely used, inefficient space for years.

Noise complaints are unfounded since Taqueria El Buen Sabor (directly across the street) already operates until 10:30 pm every day, which is later than this project would operate Monday–Thursday and only 30 minutes earlier than Friday and Saturday operations. There hasn't been public support for the taqueria to shut down its business or for street musicians who frequently use that corner to be banned from performing, so it's ridiculous that there's opposition to the 701 Valencia project.

When Farina Pizzeria was open (also directly across the street), there was no opposition to that business (in terms of noise/hours) though it kept similar hours to Taqueria El Buen Sabor and the proposed hours for this project. It also served alcohol like the taqueria does and the 701 Valencia project would. Since Farina Pizzeria's closure, the corner of 18th/Valencia has been sorely lacking in vibrancy.

The complaints about the project providing food that's already readily available in the Mission are also offensive and unfounded. Filipino, Taiwanese, and Mexican food are *not* the same (re: [quote about Filipino and Taiwanese food being "kind of burrito-y"](#)). Again, if there's such a concern that there are too many burritos in the Mission, why isn't there similar opposition to the taqueria? The diversity of food choices makes the Mission truly diverse and representative of the melting pot that this city is.

With the influx of bikers, bike-sharing, and transportation options in the Mission, it's obvious that there's a supply of consumers willing to spend time and money in the neighborhood, and the 701 Valencia project could meet that demand. Research has shown that bikers and foot traffic provide higher returns to businesses over time compared to people who travel by car. It'd be great, too, if the leaders of this city held their word and gave priority to San Francisco's people over its cars, which you could actually do if you approved the 701 Valencia space not to be just an empty lot reserved only for empty cars (on the rare occasion they choose to park there).

I'd highly recommend reconsidering this project and working for the residents of this city rather than trying to oppose improvements and efforts to make this city vibrant and livable. There's so much opportunity for spaces like 701 Valencia in this city for the people who live, work, and play here, and as a resident, it's disappointing to see them all go to waste for so long.

Thanks for reading! Sincerely,
Sarah Li

From: [Benny Gold](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff. \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:14:30 PM
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Dear Hillary,

I am writing as a Mission District resident, husband, father of two beautiful children, that also owns and operates an independent retail store/clothing brand on the Valencia corridor.

It pains me to see the community space at 701 Valencia be restricted by the Planning Commission with the condition of "no food". Such a decision displaced one of my favorite food vendors in San Francisco from being able to operate at the aforementioned location and puts a respected person in the community in a position of not being able to execute something that would have been greatly beneficial.

As someone who is very active in the community, I can attest that this decision by the planning commission to rule down a community space with the mission district's best interest in place of an empty lot is not being well received and quite frankly has many people wondering how and why such a decision was made. The fact that the decision resulted in the expulsion of the only Filipino food served on the entire Valencia corridor is bothersome as well. A good opportunity was lost and a current business was displaced, this doesn't sot well with the continuing trend of evictions and lack of opportunity.

I hope that you will find it in the cities and neighborhoods best interest to let Señor Sisig operate at 701 Valencia. They are truly missed. I also encourage you to help activate the lot at 1701 in a positive way that can better serve the community than the current baron blight on that corner.

I will be paying close attention to this case and am hoping for a positive outcome.

Thank you,

Benny

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<http://instagram.com/bennygold>
<http://twitter.com/bennygold>



From: [Thrasher Magazine/ Chris Hafner](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:12:32 PM

Dear Hillary and Board of Supervisors,

I am a Mission district resident of over 20 years. Through the years I have seen some change. While most of that change recently has been purely awful: gentrification, chain retail, entitled techies... every once and a while, there's something good that comes up. Recently, through a network of artists I learned about a funky little project that was about to pop up on the Cherin's lot located at 701 Valencia. For a while they had Señor Sisig, the best damn food truck in SF operating and I heard about Precita Eyes and some other artists having a space to do some cool stuff.

Apparently the planning department led the owner of the project to think it was about to pass and then the planning commission did a last minute switch to not allow the project to happen based off of feedback from a small group of NIMBYs. What I still don't understand is how a panel of non-elected "decision makers" thought it was a good idea to ditch the only Filipino food on all of Valencia st. and stomp out other chances for independently owned food vendors to have an opportunity on a street that now caters to investor backed restaurants and high end retail that definitely does not serve the authentic mission district community.

Hoping you guys make the right decision tomorrow, our city need a positive change, not the same ol'.

Thanks, Chris Hafner

From: janwayneswayze@gmail.com on behalf of [Jan M. Vicente](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:52:09 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jan Vicente, I am a San Francisco raised creative from the Philippines. I work as a freelance graphic designer that grew up in the Mission district. (22nd and South Van Ness to be exact) Since my childhood days as a kid, I have noticed certain areas the mission turn from locally own family-oriented mom and pop shop owners to these high end, unaffordable places for techies to live. (22nd and Mission) This fact makes me feel uneasy and leaves me to ask myself what happened to the soul the old Mission and its people?

I have been recently reminded of this feeling while looking to do lunch at a Filipino-owned food truck business named Señor Sisig. They used to be on the corner of 18th and Valencia but have recently learned through an [online article](#) that this vendor was removed due to city planning commision. The article stated that they were to pose a threat to the surrounding Latino businesses in the area. And that the space on 701 Valencia had been told they can no longer have Senor Sisig on location.

I am writing in support of the return Senor Sisig. I'd rather see positive hard working individuals in the community. I, myself, do not see having them there as a threat. I am tired of seeing the mission turn into a soulless tech haven. I would like to see it maintain it's heart by keeping small personal sized businesses and opportunities nearby. And as a Filipino, I would love to have a Filipino option along with the variety of latino spots that I loved and grew up in. Please give Senor Sisig a return to its spot on the corner of 18th and (701) Valencia.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,
Jan Vicente

From: [Mike Jacobson](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Goossen, Carolyn \(BOS\)](#); [Morales, Carolina \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File #: 180403 Support for 701 Valencia St Appeal
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:43:34 AM

Hello,

I am an eight year resident of the 700 block of Valencia Street and I am writing in support of the appeal allowing food trucks and outdoor seating on the surface parking lot of 701 Valencia when it is not used as accessory parking for Cherin's Appliances. I support the project, and the overturning of the Planning Commission's ruling for several reasons:

1. After numerous conversations with the project sponsor, Ryen Motzek, I trust that his organization has the community's best interest in mind. He has facilitated an honest dialog with the community and has been responsive in mitigating any potential concerns.
2. 701 Valencia Street as it exists today is a blight. It is underutilized, dark and uninviting. Rehabbing and activating the lot will be an asset for the neighbors.
3. The Planning Commission's decision to grant a CU for a parking use, but not a community serving and active use is troubling for several reasons. First, this parcel is located in an NCT district, so off-street parking uses should not be encouraged. Further, the entrance on Valencia Street makes the cyclist/auto conflict necessary. A parking lot at this location will temper the positive effects of an upcoming parking protected bike lane on Valencia Street.
4. The direct competition with neighboring restaurants argument holds no water. A food truck is a low cost approach for budding entrepreneurs and we should be promoting these types of opportunities rather than discourage them. The existence of one business should not necessarily preclude the existence of another. Further, the project sponsor has been open to providing food options that do not directly compete with nearby businesses.

To summarize: activating 701 Valencia with food trucks and community space while also limiting the unproductive and deleterious parking use will be an asset for the neighbors, so I recommend overturning the existing decision.

Thanks,
Mike Jacobson

From: [Ryen Motzek](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403) - Letters Of Support, Petition Signatures, and more.
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 11:38:45 AM

Dear Hillary, Board of Supervisors and Staff,

We would like to thank all of the Board of Supervisor and/or Legislative Aids for taking the time to meet with us this past week to discuss our appeal of File No. 180401 regarding the NO FOOD condition that was applied to the Conditional Use Permit for 701 Valencia Street.

Señor Sisig had been operating at 701 Valencia in District 9 since December of 2016 and had become a beloved part of the community. The decision by the Planning Commission to add a NO FOOD condition to the lot, displaced Senor Sisig from its existing location and the neighborhood lost its only Filipino restaurant on Valencia St. We are asking that you protect this existing small minority business from being pushed out of district 9 and vote to remove the planning commission's condition of NO FOOD. We have greatly scaled back the project and we are only asking to allow one truck (Senor Sisig) to operate on this Conditional Use Permit. We are confident that you believe that cultural identity and diversity within all districts is important, as well as protecting the existing small businesses and minorities that have contributed to making San Francisco so unique. At our hearing on May 15th, please do the right thing and vote to Save Senor Sisig at 701 Valencia.

Please take a look at an online petition with 3,300+ signatures in favor of keeping Senor Sisig at 701 Valencia: change.org/SaveSenorSisig

We have done countless hours of extensive outreach to neighborhood organizations, businesses and residents and the overwhelming feedback is that our proposal is deeply desirable and necessary for the community.

Please see attached below.

Letter of support from businesses in previous opposition:

- Yamo

- El Toro
- FRJ TZ (Neutral, Retracts letter of opposition)
- Raw Sugar Factory
- West of Pecos
- Alhamra Indian Restaurant
- Thanh Tam 2
- Supreme Pizza
- Gallardo's Mexican Restaurant

Letters of supports from businesses

- Sunrise Restaurant
- Pancho Villa
- Craftsman and Wolves
- Souvla
- The Little Chihuahua
- Picaro Cafe
- Esperpento

- Papalote Mexican Grill
- Cafe Ethiopia
- Big Mouth Burgers
- Flor De Cafe
- Blue Fig
- Casa Bonampak
- Taqueria Cancun
- Sun Flower
- Arwell Pizza
- Linea Caffe
- Sidewalk Juice
- Jay's Cheesesteak
- Whiz Burger
- Muddy Waters Coffee House
- L'emigrante Wine Bar

- Grand Mission Donuts & Bakery
- Western Donuts & Chinese Food
- All Star Candy
- Mission Workshop
- Aldea Home + Baby
- Dog Eared Books
- DSPTCH
- BetaBRAND
- Mission Pet Hospital
- Valencia Farmers Market
- Chrome Industries
- Self Edge
- K & H Liquer
- Good Vibrations
- Dollar and Up Inc

- Cherin's Appliances

Letters of Support from community organizations

- Mission Merchants Association
- Valencia Merchants Association
- Precita Eyes

Letters from Residents

- 24 Letters

Emails of Support

- 28 Recent (many are flowing in at the last minute)
- 52 Prior

What they will say...

“The project sponsor (Ryen Motzek) , operated a commercial parking business at 701 Valencia without permits”

NOT TRUE. Commercial parking permits are distributed by the San Francisco Police Department and revenue collection is monitored by the San Francisco Tax Collector. If any parking operator collects revenue without authorization of the San Francisco Tax Collector, the Tax Collector will drop heavy fines and the San Francisco Police Department will force an operator to shut down effective immediately, which has never happened to Ryen Motzek or his parking business at 701 Valencia DBA Pristine Parking.

“This is unfair competition, brick & motors pay more fees, taxes and rent than food trucks do”

NOT TRUE, Senor Sisig (food trucks) has to pay for the permit fees and taxes as a brick and mortar does. In order to operate at 701 Valencia Senor Sisig pays rent at 2

locations. They pay rent at 701 Valencia as well as its commissary kitchen/parking facility (2277 Shafter Ave, SF) for food prep, food storage, secure parking for its trucks, etc. Operating a food trucks has tons of hidden expenses that some individuals may not realize.

“Food trucks can easily move to another location, Restaurants can’t”

There is a unfair perception of food trucks because of the fact that they have wheels. Permits are required to serve on both public and private property and they can take up to 6-12 months to get approved or denied. This notion is also extremely insensitive to the time, effort and capital that Senor Sisig has already invested in to its location at 701 Valencia to build its business, customer awareness and community relationships. To not give the same security and protection to a existing food truck as a existing brick & mortar because they are housed differently, is a dangerous precedent to set and should be taken seriously.

“This will be a food truck village and/or beer garden”:

NOT TRUE. It’s ONE FOOD TRUCK and NO ALCOHOL will be served. There will be NO GENERATORS (electrical plug in required) and we will close at reasonable hours.

Proposed hours of operation:

Sunday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday and Saturday 10am - 10pm

Community Organization Support:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1pMHC7mD5iQAI6908-Ckbsp7XxSRwPtbx>

Business Support:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hDIGK6_qNpZF2qX4ZmHGJJz-G7FAyfbP

Residential Support:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1RdRzS0nw3-TRhqbYP6FeuUw5edCp7-zY>

Past Emails Of Support:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1hpdv3o22mUr34PuJgUr4-TY0yWVvkP6uQ>

Current Emails Of Support:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1uZ1SNxR3FVqvatr1t2krMzxnJZHGCi6>

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday at 3pm.

Sincerely,

Ryen Motzek

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Ryen Motzek
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From: [Cedric](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 10:29:26 AM

To whom this may concern,

I am writing you in regards to the 701 Valencia St. appeal. I have grown up and worked in the San Francisco Bay Area my whole life. I am a Filipino American and spent the majority of my life in the Mission area. When my family and I heard about Senor Sisig not having the Valencia location, we were heart broken. Not only is it great food, but the collaboration of Filipino and Mexican food shows the community how different cultures come together and puts smiles on our faces as well as keeps our belly's full.

The Senor Sisig family has always drawn the best of crowds in the community and is very family oriented. Taking this away from us, from Senor Sisig will not only take away from the community, but will take the drive away from minorities trying to take a different outlet to make a living in the Bay Area, versus joining the "tech world".

Cedric Senica

From: [Albert Hernandez](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403) - Save Señor Sisig
Date: Monday, May 14, 2018 12:46:19 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Albert Hernandez and I am a 32-year-old Bay Area native. I often hang out and eat in the Mission, and was deeply saddened to hear that Señor Sisig may no longer be able to operate at 701 Valencia.

Full transparency, I know Ryen Motzek very well and I have collaborated with Ryen in multiple capacities, though mostly in the context of the 501C3 I volunteer with – “Cuba Skate”. Cuba Skate is a non-profit that gathers donated shoes, skateboards and clothes and hand delivers them to disparate youth in Havana, Cuba and the surrounding provinces. Anytime I have approached Ryen for donations, he never asked me what the minimum was – but instead, asked how much I could pack.

I am self-admittedly overweight, and have always looked to Ryen for healthy eating habits. Whenever I have had a question about diet or exercise, Ryen has always made time to coach me or provide suggestions – never condescendingly; but out of genuine care and concern for my well being.

The aforementioned consideration for those around him is a hallmark of Ryen as a person overall – it spills over in to any community he is a part of. This is part and parcel of why I believe Mr.

Motzek is so passionate about providing a unique alternative (via Señor Sisig) in contrast to the many, readily available food options in the surrounding area.

Lastly, when Ryen approached me about how he was about to be approved to do a community space, I was excited for this was about to be a great platform, for the people, by the people. We talked about how awareness about Cuba skate would take place, as well as many other positive projects that are just right for the Mission. It broke my heart to see his dream be squashed by what seemed to be a rushed and uninformed decision by the planning commission.

I urge you to take a close look at this situation and take some time to hear Ryen's vision. I feel you will find that it 100% falls in line with all of the much needed opportunity.

Hopefully you will reconsider your decision and at a minimum – allow for one of the only authentic, Filipino based cuisine options in the Mission continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

-Albert Hernandez

From: [Darcy Montevaldo](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Señor Sisig
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 11:55:31 PM

Dear Hilary and Board of Supervisors,

As a 4th generation San Franciscan I have seen many changes over the years and especially in the Valencia corridor, particularly for the better in the last 10 years.

I frequent the mission district for the diversity of food, to experience a variety of cultures and the option of many types of food at a variety of price points. I was ecstatic to see the addition of food trucks because it is a shift from the typical investor backed restaurants we commonly see now- and this part of the city is lacking from an off the grid location. San Francisco has become grossly expensive and it is increasingly difficult for small businesses to start up and subsist; with the addition of exponential rent increases, near impossible. Food trucks are the perfect starting place for businesses who do not have the capital to go immediately into a brick and mortar space in a rapidly gentrified area like Valencia Street.

I was devastated when I read the Hoodline article on the Planning Commisison's decision, and if you read the public comments, I think you will see that I'm not the only one. I honestly can't understand the reasoning behind blocking a community space for new food opportunities and the immediate removal of Señor Sigsig - displacing the truck on the grounds it was too similar to nearby restaurants, when it had been there for over a year and was a loved member of the community just doesn't make any sense! Filipino food is not that common and especially not in the Valencia corridor. In fact, there is NOT ONE Filipino restaurant anywhere on the corridor. I am happy to see that the decision is going to be appealed and I am in full support of allowing Señor Sisig to stay on the 18th and Valencia lot. The community deserves it and the people that lost their jobs based off of that decision deserve it as well.

Thank you,
Darcy Montevaldo
San Francisco Voter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [marilia.poggiali](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 11:13:05 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marilia Poggiali and I'm a proud latina artist living in San Francisco.

The Mission District is my favorite neighborhood in the whole city. Is where I feel at home. And what I love the most about the Mission is it's diversity and Senor Sisig is a part of that.

Through Senor Sisig I learned about filipino food and their presence in the Valencia Corridor is extremely valuable for the neighborhood, for the city and for the Filipino community.

I also learned that the space at 701 was meant to be a place where makers, artists and other vendors could have an affordable place to share their craft. Apparently that will not be possible since the space is not affordable anymore.

Please consider keeping Senor Sisig at 701 Valencia St., it will be a shame to loose such a good thing that the neighborhood loved so much.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Sincerely,

Marilia Poggiali.

From: [Daniel Beck](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 11:06:24 PM

Hello,

My name is Daniel Beck and I'm from Jerusalem, Israel.

I have been living in SF for the past six years working in food photography. I consider San Francisco to be one of the most beautiful areas due to it's diversity and culture. I have lived and traveled all over the world, this place feels like everywhere in one. The unfortunately thing that I have seen is that many people are being pushed because this city is getting more and more expensive. I recently stumbled upon the 701 Valencia community space at Sunday streets and learned about how this would be something that would offer opportunities to small businesses and non profits. It really sounded like a good thing that is common in places that I've traveled to, but there is nothing like it in SF.

I've heard that project at 701 Valencia was shut down and I feel really sad about this. Seeing things like this happen to good people makes me disappointed and makes SF feel like something for rich people only. As a food photographer that have been in many restaurants across the city, I know that Senor Sisig is truly unique and very tasty Filipino food and it was good for the neighborhood. If I understand correctly, it's still possible to get this space back to having Señor Sisig stay. I hope that you can help a good business not get pushed out like many others have.

Thank you,
Daniel



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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 10:10:55 PM

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I've lived in SF for 11 years making films that show off our great city... I've seen many things change, some for the better and some for the worse, and it's indisputable this usurping decision falls in the latter. If this is the direction of where SF is heading, then there will eventually be no hope for working class people who are striving to be successful business leaders. I and I'm sure many others encourage the right thing be done here. Overturn and allow a harmless small business to continue to operate.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
- Dayman Cash

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From: [Samira Bozorgi](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 8:53:52 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403). I think using the space to support small, local businesses like Senor Sisig enriches the community and provides a positive neighborhood experience to residents and visitors to the Valencia street/Mission area. In an era when big businesses and box stores are taking over the bay area, I would hope the city planning commission and Board see it as their responsibility to *support* small businesses and their well-meaning owners, not put up additional barriers impeding their success.

When I visited a food truck event at 701 Valencia during Sunday Streets I saw families enjoying delicious food and ice cream in the sunshine and people walking their dogs and stopping for a treat and catching up with friends. It would be great to see this atmosphere continue in order to reinforce a sense of community in the Mission. I sincerely hope that the 701 Valencia project is allowed to move forward on appeal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Samira Bozorgi

From: [Boris Mackovic](#)
To: [BOS Legislation \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Complaint regarding the banning of Senor Sisig
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 10:10:37 AM

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I was disappointed on several levels to hear of the sudden banning of the Senor Sisig food truck.

On a practical level, I spend a lot of time in this neighborhood and have enjoyed many times the unique flavor experience that Senor Sisig offers. Restaurants that offer burritos and tacos are fairly ubiquitous in the Valencia corridor whereas Senor Sisig is unique. I had been looking forward to them being part of the updated vision for the area.

On a philosophical level, this is a dangerous and seemingly arbitrary wielding of government power. Let's be realistic here: this is plainly and simply a local taqueria's backdoor way of getting rid of competition. Sadly, they found a willing partner in the local government. If this local taqueria wanted more business, perhaps they should focus instead on improving their health rating, food quality and inexplicably slow service. That a "noise complaint" would result in the banning of a food truck is a dangerous path to take. In case no one noticed, competition is good. It challenges everyone to be better and keeps prices down. During the many years I have lived in this city, I had been under the notion that San Francisco supported minority-owned businesses, local jobs and diverse food options. I guess that is no longer the case. I urge you to reconsider your decision regarding Senor Sisig as this is antithetical to everything the city claims to believe in.

Thank you.

From: [Robert Bilbao](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Senor Sisig - File Number: 180403
Date: Sunday, May 13, 2018 8:28:53 AM

Board of Supervisors,

As a Bay Area native and a San Francisco resident, it pains me to hear the situation that has occurred on the corner of 18th and Valencia. A proposal to revamp an old parking lot has turned into outrage and the shutting down of a small business, that otherwise was going unnoticed (except for those enjoying its exceptional food). This city has undergone massive change since I've been alive, and it tends to be a spot of soreness for long-time residents. We complain about missing the old San Francisco, with its local feel and flavor, before it was overrun by the tech industry and big business. So why, then, are we viewing a local food truck as if its a conglomerate plotting to take over the city? We're booting blue collar workers from the mission district, which is what the mission district was built on. Yet all of a sudden this is a good idea? It makes no sense to me.

Get it straight. Listen to the people. That's your job. Senor Sisig needs to stay, as it embodies what this city is all about.

I'll see you on the 15th.

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Best,

Robert Bilbao
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From: [Rich Razon](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018 7:02:22 PM

I am a Filipino and a Burlingame resident. My peninsula 'tribe' (family, extended family and visitors) routinely frequents the Mission. Our weekly routine consists of boarding BART in Millbrae, disembarking at 16th and walking along Valencia to the 24th street station a few hours later. We've met many other people who enjoy trips into the city this way, attracted by the vibrance and diversity of the area.

So it is with dismay to hear of the loss of Señor Sisig. This corner is one of Valencia Street's features that makes the area unique and attractive to begin with. The comparison of Señor Sisig (filipino food) to Mexican food is quite uninformed and is a reflection of cultural ignorance finding its way into politics and key decisions that ultimately affect the lifeblood of the district. The comparison is somewhat akin to finding similarities between a tamale and a Lo Mei Gai Fan, both steamed, both with savory fillings, but not even closely related.

As an owner of multiple multi-family rental properties, I can say I am reasonably qualified to say that Señor Sisig is an attraction that ultimately benefits business in the long run. Diversity in food, art and culture is what keeps visitors like us coming back to the district, typically leaving hundreds of dollars with merchants in the area each trip. This is how we discovered the egg-filled pastries at Craftsman and Wolves, the iced chocolate at Dandelion and the all vegan menu at Cha Ya. We are a diverse group (as is most of the SF Bay Area), seeking out diverse tastes and attractions. Again, my opinion is that the move to block Señor Sisig is significant in what it represents and what it means to the area's future.

There is no where else on earth where in a short stroll, you can grab a dosa, a boba, a paella, a strudel AND a sisig (which WAS routine for us). Speaking of sisig, Filipino food is now regarded by the LA Times and New York Times as the hottest new up-and-coming cuisine going. Yet, it is thinly represented in this part of the Mission, if not at all. Please don't let single-minded interests ruin the Mission's uniqueness- this seemingly small move to block Señor Sisig represents what could be the end of what makes the the Mission the unique cultural enclave that it is. I sinerely hope you reconsider.

Rich Razon
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From: [Josh Spira](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Saturday, May 12, 2018 5:16:04 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in regards to the food truck project at 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403). I hope that you can reconsider the decision to not allow this project to move forward. I am a native Bay Area resident, born and raised. I am currently a math teacher at a middle school in the Bay Area.

I have eaten at Señor Sisig at the 701 Valencia lot and had a blast! It is a great community space that adds value to the community. The vibe was very positive at the "space" and had a sense of community in an area that quite frankly has lost part of itself due to San Francisco's rapid gentrification. I hope that the 701 Valencia project is allowed to move forward on appeal.

Thank you for your time and have a great day!
Josh Spira

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Subject: Senor Sisig
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 10:26:00 PM

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As a Bay Area native and a San Francisco resident, it pains me to hear the situation that has occurred on the corner of 18th and Valencia. A proposal to revamp an old parking lot has turned into outrage and the shutting down of a small business, that otherwise was going unnoticed (except for those enjoying its exceptional food). This city has undergone massive change since I've been alive, and it tends to be a spot of soreness for long-time residents. We complain about missing the old San Francisco, with its local feel and flavor, before it was overrun by the tech industry and big business. So why, then, are we viewing a local food truck as if its a conglomerate plotting to take over the city? We're booting blue collar workers from the mission district, which is what the mission district was built on. Yet all of a sudden this is a good idea? It makes no sense to me.

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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 6:45:35 PM

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Arthur Gradstein. I am a resident of 3494 18th Street, directly across the street from 701 Valencia, and immediately above El Buen Sabor Taqueria. I also live directly below Anna Hamilton, organizer of the opposition.

If proximity makes me a relevant stakeholder in this outcome, then I am a critical residential stakeholder.

I've been following this project since the beginning, and to say that I've been shocked by the way it has played out is an understatement.

When I saw the notice go up for Ryen's project, I was of course concerned. I called Ryen immediately to discuss what he had planned. After an in-depth conversation, it was clear to me that Ryen truly had the best interests of the neighborhood and community in mind, and that his proposal was very respectful of nearby residents and would add value to the area. I was okay with it as proposed, and preferred it to the unknown option of some careless future developer tearing up the lot for something far worse with less community value. Ryen seemed like the right guy for the job of adding value to the location in a respectful way to current residents. I supported his proposal then and continue to do so.

Since then, bending to further demands of other nearby residents (including Ms. Hamilton), Ryen continued to scale back the scope of the project to be abundantly respectful of local stakeholders, even at the expense of the financial potential of the project. Despite Ryen agreeing to her every request along the way, Ms. Hamilton continued to oppose the project and generated enough noise to get the proposal shut down entirely. Her narrative continued to shift as Ryen adjusted to her concerns, so it's become clear she will do and say whatever is necessary to shut the project down regardless of scope -- in truth, it's not about her concern for the community or noise or the protection of a local Latino business. She is an heir to the building her mother owns (which we both live in), which also hosts El Buen Sabor as a tenant, and she simply wants to eliminate any perceived threat to the value of her family's investment, no matter how small or unlikely.

An unfortunate casualty of her impressive but questionable efforts to mobilize opposition has been the loss of Senor Sisig. Living above Buen Sabor, I can tell you that it in no way suffered during the months and months Senor Sisig operated across the street. Buen Sabor always had a long line of continuous patrons. This is because 1. there's enough hunger in the Mission to go around, and 2. it's a completely different cuisine. If Senor Sisig marketed "Filipino Wraps" I don't think this would even be a conversation. But because they offer a "fusion burrito," suddenly they threaten a local Latino business because of the use of a tortilla? Deeply concerning anti-competitive practices aside (especially considering there are 8+ more taquerias in a 1-block radius and the Mission has in no way reached "peak burrito"), Senor Sisig offers a completely different flavor profile/filling. If I want Mexican, I'm not going to

Senor Sisig. If I want Filipino, I'm not going to Buen Sabor. It's that simple. They don't compete beyond both offering FOOD, and if we prevent new businesses from operating because they sell FOOD near other places that also sell FOOD, we are establishing a very dangerous precedent.

Senor Sisig literally bothered no one, cost no business any revenue, and was a beloved local favorite. While I hope that Ryen's proposal succeeds in it's entirety on appeal, at the very least, do not throw the baby out with the bathwater! I urge you to allow Senor Sisig to continue to operate.

- Arthur Gradstein

From: [Marty Cherin](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 5:18:02 PM

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Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)

Dear Hillary and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of Cherin's Appliances, a Mission District business that has been family-owned since the 1800's. I am writing to express our full support for the project sponsor and his plan to keep Señor Sisig operating on our property at 701 Valencia Street.

The relationship between the project sponsor Ryen Motzek and Cherin's goes back for over a decade. In all of our dealings with Ryen Motzek I can say, without a doubt, that he is a model tenant. Not only has Ryen always paid rent on time, he has always dealt with any and all issues that have arisen on our property with swift and careful attention.

As one can imagine, having a property on the corner of 18th and Valencia has its pluses and minuses and we believe both should be acknowledged. It's fantastic location allows as a great opportunity to do something positive such as allowing a unique small business such as Señor Sisig to operate as the only Filipino food on the entire Valencia Street corridor. There are also a handful of positive opportunities that can take place on such a vibrant corner, which Ryen has expressed great passion about engaging in. The downside, is that without a manned presence, the space is open to vandalism, littering, public indecency (urination and feces), drug use and other negative activity. Unspent firearm ammunition was recently cleaned up at the site. It should be noted that in the past couple of years over \$20,000 in damages due to vandalism have occurred at this property while the space was unmanned.

We understand that gentrification and change is a sensitive topic on Valencia Street. It is our belief that there can be a healthy balance of progress and heritage. We understand that not everyone is as open to change but we do hope that Señor Sisig is allowed to operate at 701 Valencia Street under the condition that the "no food" condition be removed under the recent conditional use.

We thank you for your time and hope for a positive outcome and that Señor Sisig is allowed to return to service at our private property at 701 Valencia St.

Sincerely,

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Marty Cherin

Donald Cherin

From: [Rad Reyes](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia St.
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 3:20:36 PM

Dear Hillary Ronan and members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rad Reyes, and this note is in support of the proposed community project at 701 Valencia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and member of the Filipino Community. I am a father of 4 and am proud to say that they were all born and raised in San Francisco. They also carry a sense of pride in being from here, as our travels have shown them that there are few cities in the country that are as culturally diverse as ours.

As frequent customers of Senor Sisig, we were very excited to see that this project could make this a permanent home for them as well as providing a safe environment for me to bring my family. There is a shortage of spaces like this in the City. This area is rapidly changing and moving further and further away from an environment that promotes any sense of community among it's residents, making way for big businesses that cater only to the affluent.

It was with great disappointment and frustration that I recently learned not only was the project shut down, but that Senor Sisig was immediately removed from the property on the grounds that it would be a threat to nearby Latino businesses in the area. How exactly are they a threat? By offering affordable Filipino food? One of the members of the planning commission, Milicent Johnson made a comment that Senor Sisig's food sounded "kind of burrito-y". That comment was dismissive, ignorant, and shows an obvious lack of cultural understanding. Your displacement of this small business sends a clear message that you, the Board of Supervisors, have no regard for the working class. Please reconsider your decision.

Thank you,

Rad Reyes

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From: [david.keagy](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Señor Sisig; Ryen Motzek
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 1:49:17 PM

Hello Team Ronen,

I just got off the phone with my friend Ryen Motzek regarding the Señor Sisig food truck issue.

I will fully acknowledge that I do not know the ins and outs of the food truck situation; but I do know Ryen. One of the things that really stuck out to me after the conversation with Ryen was that he felt he has been mis-represented in this whole ordeal.

On the subject of Ryen, I can speak very confidently with a lot of history. I've known Ryen since he was a teenager.

One of the things that he was upset about was that he has been portrayed as a privileged white guy coming in as an outsider, trying to change the Mission. I'd like to point a few things out.

White he is, but privileged, he's not. I think it is important to point out that Ryen does NOT come from money. In fact, he grew up very poor with his single mom. When I met Ryen, he and his mother lived in a very humble apartment on the "other-side-of-the-tracks" part of Redwood City. As a side note, Ryen's estranged father was a German immigrant, making Ryen first generation.

He has worked very hard to find success. He is one of the only people I know who truly made things happen for himself from nothing. By his own hard work and determination. I've always admired that of Ryen.

He is also no outsider; he grew up in the Peninsula, is a Bay native and decades long resident of SF. He and his lovely wife love our City. He has also been and continues to be a positive part of the economics of our City. He's run a business in the Mission since the early 2000's and he is also is part owner of a premier skate shop that is a globally recognized (Atlas, San Mateo).

I can also assure you that he does not want to change up the Mission, he and I have long lamenting conversations about this situation every time we see each other.

The decisions you guys make will be the decisions you make, but I needed to speak up for my friend Ryen who in this case, is trying to help his friend, also a local, make a living with his Filipino food truck.

Thanks your time.

David Keagy, SF (since 1995)

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From: [Joey Roldan](#)
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Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff. \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403) - Save Señor Sisig
Date: Friday, May 11, 2018 9:58:00 AM

Good Morning,

My name is Joey and I'm reaching out to express my full support for the Señor Sisig food truck to operate in the Mission District of San Francisco at the 701 Valencia lot. Growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area had been an honor and Señor Sisig has been a priceless asset to the community, bringing together family and friends, while in addition bridging the gap between Filipino-American culture and our culinary roots here in California offering unbelievable food and a welcoming experience. As a Filipino-American myself, I currently live in New York City, and their food truck in the Mission District has been a refreshing sight and experience to see anytime I'm back home in the Bay (as I am for a few days at the moment). It's unfortunate to hear about the planning commission's decision to prevent Señor Sisig from operating in the 701 Valencia Street lot and I hope that this can be reconsidered for approval. Thank you for your time and I hope your team can allow Señor Sisig to operate moving forward in the 701 Valencia Street lot. Please let me know if you have any questions and/or would like to connect further in regards to my support for approval to operate. Have a great day and thank you in advance for your support.

Best,

Joey Roldan

From: [tanner wilkin](#)
To: [Ronen, Hillary](#); [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff. \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Save Senor Sisig in the Mission
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018 7:21:19 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Tanner Wilkin. I am a Bay Area peninsula native and spend much of my time in San Francisco, mainly the Mission District. The project at 701 Valencia st first caught my attention several months ago. I was thrilled to find out that a part of the city where I spend much time with family and friends was going to progress into having a community based area with food and hopefully other events.

Unfortunately, in paying attention to the development of project I was shocked to learn that Senor Sisig is forced to stop serving their customers at 701 Valencia st. I highly believe this is unfair and does not represent what the Mission District or San Francisco represents. Having a Filipino based food truck brings diversity to the neighborhood and Senor Sisig represents a positive public service to the community on so many levels.

I hope that you strongly consider the impact this will have on not only Senor Sisig, but the community as a whole.

Thank you,

Tanner Wilkin

From: [Tej Dattani](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:29:11 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Tej Dattani. I am a father of 2 young children – a 3 year old and a 1 year old. I have lived and worked in the Mission for many years, and there are not many food establishments that I feel comfortable taking my young family to. The open space at 701 Valencia has been an amazing service to our community – it is a place where my children can be free to act like children; where we can dine as a family, feel safe, and enjoy not only our own company, but the company of others in our community. It is truly a family experience.

Senor Sisig has been a great addition to Valencia Street, and I am saddened by its closure – where else can we find quality and healthy Filipino food? Valencia Street and Mission Street offer a variety of dining experiences, however, with the loss of Senor Sisig, the community has truly lost a voice.

I frequent the taqueria El Buen Sabor (across the street from 701 Valencia) often, and I can say from personal experience that Senor Sisig is not competition. If anything, Senor Sisig draws more people to the area! I truly hope you will reconsider your position regarding Senor Sisig – it is already difficult enough to raise a family in San Francisco, and losing a community space such as the one we had at 701 Valencia Street is a step in the wrong direction.

I wish I could attend the hearing on Tuesday May 15th, but in my absence I hope this letter serves as my voice.

Sincerely,

Tej Dattani

From: [Megan Labrador](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Ryen Motzek](#)
Subject: 701 Valencia - Can't we work together?
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018 2:43:26 PM

Dear Hillary,

My name is Megan Labrador I am a Filipino American and a proud long-term resident of San Francisco. I am also the wife of the project sponsor Ryen Motzek. This project started with a vision to utilize an empty lot to help the community, it was an idea that we could bring more opportunity for small business in the neighborhood, a place where community could gather, a place run by folks who are not in it for the money, but real members of the community supporting the values we all hold dear – not to take these things away.

A little about Ryen and myself are that both come from broken homes, we both had alcoholic parents who could not put food on the table or cover the electricity bills, we battled adversity, put ourselves through school and now dedicate our lives to helping folks who are going through their own challenges. We are not rich, we are not privileged and we believe in doing the right thing.

Throughout this process I have been continuously baffled. I have been there from the beginning and I have seen the deck stacked against Ryen and Evan in the most unfair and manipulating way. It was recommended by the planning department to apply for a conditional use permit, one they didn't necessarily need because they already had a legal temporary permit. Seeing this as a chance to build something with a lot of potential they went for it. They then took it upon themselves to meet with the community, even made changes to their original plan to meet the needs of the folks opposing the project. Ryen and Evan went far and beyond to follow the due process, and have been met with nothing, but lies and disappointment. They were told if they followed the due process, obtained supportive letters from the community and had a letter of approval from the planning department they would have a strong chance to get this vision off the ground. When it came time for the initial hearing, this trust in the process crumbled beneath them. The planning commission did not appear to have read the approval packet, they made culturally insensitive comments and unanimously shut down the project – when reviewing the video of the hearing it almost appeared that they came into the room with this decision already made. I can see that there are deeper politics at play, but the reasoning given by the commission hurt not only as a Filipino, but also as someone who is deeply involved in small business, the community and doing the right thing.

When the decision was made to appeal the Planning Commission's decision, I went out with Ryen and collected signatures. People invited us into their homes and we knew then that a huge portion of the community was supporting our efforts – even if the very few folks determining the future of this were not. During a time when working class jobs are needed more than ever, we knew from the conversations we were having with the community that the vision for this unused space was the right thing.

We now realize that we have stepped into something complicated, but the request is simple: please allow Señor Sisig to continue serving food at 701 Valencia. I encourage you to take a good look at the planning commission's reasoning, because if their ruling is really based on Filipino food being too similar to the other local offerings and a food truck, operating on private property, being "too low of a bar for entry" sets an unfair advantage for the wealthy and little to no hope for any small business. If the opposition was willing to meet with Ryan and Evan again they would see the simplicity of this request, and I honestly believe would not be spending their energy fighting this.

I encourage you to as a person who stands up for what is right to also take a look at what is being asked. Allowing Señor Sisig to continue serving food at 701 Valencia is a request that does not hurt any group or individual. It creates low- to middle-income job creation and supports a underrepresented

community – one I am personally very proud of.

Thank you greatly for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Megan Labrador

From: [Max Martilla](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Sheehy, Jeff \(BOS\)](#); [Cohen, Malia \(BOS\)](#); [Kim, Jane \(BOS\)](#); [BreedStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Tang, Katy \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, London \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Save Senor Sisig in The Mission
Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018 2:14:39 PM
Attachments: [Senorsisigletter.docx](#)

Re: Title: 701 Valencia Street Appeal (File Number: 180403)

Dear Hillary and the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Max Marttila and I'm a local community muralist and have done a lot of work throughout the city painting walls with youth. This letter is in support of Senor Sisig and their efforts to keep Filipino food available in the Mission District. Senor Sisig is a favorite amongst San Francisco locals and provides a style of cuisine that isn't easily accessible, even in a city with a huge Filipino population. I can also attest that they've been a supporter of local arts and have even given associates of mine a creative platform with proper compensation. As artists and protectors of culture we at Precita Eyes Muralists appreciate what Senor Sisig offers to our Mission district community.

We support the use of the parking lot at 701 Valencia to accommodate Senor Sisig and their service to the neighborhood. Senor Sisig does not represent the interests of gentrification. They represent the heart of San Francisco and celebrate our diversity! We would like to see the lot stay in the interests of the local mission community and not be turned into a condominium or another empty lot.

Senor Sisig is the last of a dying breed and clearly represents a dwindling cultural movement in San Francisco. Please take this into consideration to save Senor Sisig in the Mission!

Sincerely

Max Marttila

Youth Instructor/Community Muralist

Precita Eyes Muralists