

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Relief for Temporary Structure Approval in SF Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:00:00 PM

From: Amy Morris <amymorrisgibbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>
Subject: Relief for Temporary Structure Approval in SF Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

We recently learned that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

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Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Morris Gibbs

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Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter RE: Skystar Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:44:00 PM
Attachments: [Ltr to BOS re Skystar Wheel.pdf](#)

From: John Doherty <jdoherty@ibew6.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS) <eileen.e.mchugh@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter RE: Skystar Wheel

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Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter indicating IBEW Local 6's support of the Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Regards,
John J. Doherty
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
IBEW Local Union No. 6
415-861-5752 Office





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March 8, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse

Dear Board of Supervisor Member:

I am disappointed to see that Supervisor Peskin and Chan are trying to override the Rec & Park and Historic Preservation Commission's unanimous votes to keep the Skystar Wheel in its current location for 4 years. Apparently, they are claiming that the temporary installation is "a structure" and will now come to your Board for a decision.

The Skystar Wheel is temporary and is not a structure. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face difficult, time consuming and costly hurdles to putting on events. They are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

These events all create and sustain good paying jobs both during the event and throughout the year. Right now, unemployment in California is at 9.3% and my union is approaching 20% unemployment or under-employment. I am asking you to reject this this action and let the Skystar Wheel stay.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Doherty
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
IBEW Local Union 6

cc:

All Rec & Park Commissioners
All Historic Preservation Commissioners
Phil Ginsburg, Rec & Park
Mayor London Breed
Sean Elsbemd
Dennis Herrera

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Structures in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:09:00 PM

From: Melinda Frenkel <melindafrenkel@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:55 AM

To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>

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Please don’t kill jobs, events, and recovery by agreeing to create so many more barriers to San Francisco's recovery.

Sincerely,
Melinda Frenkel

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Melinda Frenkel, LMFT #82575
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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Temporary Structures in San Francisco Parks- Please Hear Us
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:10:00 PM

From: Emma Marcus <emma@anotherplanetent.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Emma Marcus <emma@anotherplanetent.com>
Subject: Temporary Structures in San Francisco Parks- Please Hear Us

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Dear Supervisors,

I live in the Upper Haight and while I have been following the saga surrounding the temporary installation of the Ferris Wheel in GGP closely, I recently learned of developments that would have a huge impact on the future of events in Golden Gate Park. It has come to my attention that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

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Please consider how the repercussions of the action taken on one structure could impact the future of entirely unrelated special events, gatherings, and civic celebrations. As we begin to emerge from a year that has been riddled with fear, sadness, and loneliness, coming together is going to be an important part of our future. Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

Sincerely,

Emma Marcus
Another Planet Entertainment

Office: 415-624-8932
Cell: 415-272-7120

From: [Robert Hall](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support a maximum one year extension to the GGP Ferris wheel
Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:09:36 PM

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Imagine a continuous five year Outside Lands event. Imagine a five year hangover. That doesn't feel very temporary.

Five years of the Ferris wheel, with it's 1 million LED lights strobing late into the night, may feel temporary to the out-of-town private company that owns it, but to all the migrating birds and bats, resident insects, owls and great blue herons in the park it feels like permanent damage.

Please limit the diesel-belching behemoth to one year and insist that SFRPD restore 20 acres of new habitat to make up for their callous disregard of nature.

Thanks,

Bob Hall
1946 Grove St. Apt. 6
SF, CA 94117

From: [Steph Wiseman](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please approve the one-year compromise on Observation Wheel with lights out at night, to protect John McLaren's life work
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:15:03 AM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-1.png](#)
[451144af-f859-42b5-8831-4e1b9e117140.png](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

In 2/17/2021 HPC testimony Phil Ginsburg stated, **“The concourse was always designed to function like a downtown part of the park”**

Please see how John McLaren's words and deeds, related to another illuminated Observation structure in 1894, clearly refute Mr Ginsburg's testimony.

John McLaren “fought tooth and nail” against the 1894 Midwinters Fair with it's theme of “Illumination”, stating **"the damage to the natural setting would take decades to reverse"**



official photo of the 1894 Midwinter's Fair taken by Isaiah West Taber

After the fair closed John was left to remove many of the structures. A public sentiment grew to keep the Music Concourse with its 266' tall Observation Tower.



The “Electric Tower” (also called Bonet’s Tower) had three observation decks and 3000 lights that created images. It stood in the center Grand Court, what now we refer to as the Music Concourse.



After two years (in 1896), in his impatience John had his crew place dynamite at two of the tower’s legs, and after it fell had it cut up and sold for junk, the proceeds going to the Park Improvement Fund. He did not want a bright Observation Structure in the park.

Also notice the horse drawn plough regrading the land and the original museum behind the observation tower debris. Note: Some of these images from the Western Neighborhoods Project / OpenSFHistory.org)

In addition, the first **Golden Gate Park superintendent, William Hammond Hall stated, "The value of a park consists of its being a park, and not a catch-all for almost anything which misguided people may wish up it".**

According to Chris Pollock, "Hall considered the park to be a place to enjoy nature without the trappings of the city, a place that did not include a lot of structures, particularly ones that did not contribute to the true park experience."

As you can see, **the challenges of 1894 and 2021 both involve Observation Structures and Unnatural Illumination.** The 1894 Fair is sometimes referred to as the “worst threat to the park” that it has ever seen.

Please support compromise, limit the wheel to one year

... and keep its lights out at night.

The Observation Wheel functions as a **single 150' circular STROBE LIGHT that flashes multiple colors at incredible brilliance and frequency** (it is not the same as the bay bridge lighting)

Strobe lights produce shadows intolerable to owls and other birds. Motion activated strobe lights are sold in pet stores to protect your backyard pets from owls. The negative impact to wildlife of this massive strobe light cannot be left unassessed for 4 more years.



One Massive STROBE LIGHT (2/12/2021)



Lights out at sunset (February 20 2021)

Please keep the lights out at night.

And please as time goes on, do not let the Music Concourse be transformed a "Downtown of the Park".

Parks and Rec has also permanently installed 26 robotically controlled strobe lights and a disco floor onto the Music Concourse Bandshell.



(February 12, 2021)



(February 12, 2021)

Finally, Parks and Rec have allocated a large budget for new lighting without saying where it's going. Please leave the DeYoung and Academy of Sciences low light. There is no lighting on the Tea Gardens, please leave it that way.

Please support the compromise by limiting the wheel to one year with lights out at night.

Please stop Great Horned Owls and Great Blue Herons from being driven out of the park.

Thank you,
Stephanie Wiseman

SFUN's "Keep the Park Dark" enough

for GGP's resident Owls & Herons

SFUN
by University of
BRIDGESIDE

WE SUPPORT COMPROMISE ON THE OBSERVATION WHEEL
A ONE-YEAR FIXED EXTENSION ... WITH LIGHTS OUT AT NIGHT



ENJOY THE RIDE!

BUT PLEASE
KEEP THE PARK DARK
ENOUGH FOR US OWLS!



1 MONTH OLD BABY GREAT HORNED OWLETS
BORN AT BUFFALO Paddock



2 MONTH BABY OLD-GREAT HORNED OWLS
BORN AT STRAWBERRY HILL



Bird-X Bird Strobe Light sold at Pet Stores
to drive Owls Away from your Backyard!

“This highly effective, *pulsing strobe light*
features three colors that flash and produce
shadows intolerable to birds.”



Observation Wheel is a
GIANT STROBE LIGHT!



Lights Out At Night!

From: [Alison tourguide](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Environment, ENV \(ENV\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [RPDInfo, RPD \(REC\)](#); [Johns, Richard \(CPC\)](#); [Foley, Chris \(CPC\)](#); [Black, Kate \(CPC\)](#); [Matsuda, Diane \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: GG Park wheel, illuminated billboards & light pollution
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:21:08 AM

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Dear managers of San Francisco city, parks, quality of life:

I am appalled to hear that you wish to extend the period of the Ferris wheel until 2025.

This is light pollution.

I cannot understand why San Francisco is going increasingly "Las Vegas style."
That is not who we are as a city or region. We stand for intimate, integrated, respectful co-existence with nature.

Couldn't our artists and engineers come up with a wheel design that is more attractive, and less damaging, than the unimaginative one you put in?

Please implement a more muted light design.

Better yet, remove it: it disrupts our animal life and is blinding to humans.

Humans and animals all pay a price for too much light, but I imagine I don't need to school you in such things as circadian rhythms, sleep cycles, nocturnal navigation and fertility/reproduction.

Stop allowing so many lights, such as high-def video billboards and too much light on skyscrapers (Salesforce Tower, that's you!!).

San Francisco is supposed to be classy, elegant and above all integrated with nature, not Times Square.

Sincerely,
Alison Merrill

From: [Vicky Hoover](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please support Chan compromise for ferris wheel to stay in Golden Gate Park one year ONLY
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:21:38 AM

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Greetings,

As a long-time resident of San Francisco, and frequent visitor to Golden Gate Park, I cherish this park for its valuable access to quiet Nature for urban residents. And that includes urban residents who lack the means to go to natural lands, like rational parks, elsewhere.

Our country and the world face sinister crises of biodiversity loss and species extinction. To combat these, last October Governor Newsom by executive order called on California to conserve AT LEAST 30 percent of our lands and coastal waters by 2030. On January 27, President Biden made this a national priority.

It means that urban green spaces large enough to serve as habitat need to be LESS DEVELOPED -- MORE Nature-friendly. In our city Golden Gate Park is the best example.

The ferris wheel in this park goes SHARPLY against this directive, and this urgent need. Even apart from the new and vital 30 by 30 mandate, the ferris wheel is a glaring interruption and a monstrosity in the midst of our Nature refuge.

Earlier I asked that it be removed right away.

That cannot happen, but it is a REASONABLE compromise to ask for it to be removed after one year's extension. That additional time will give anyone who cares, to ride on it.

And yet, it will return the park to be a bastion of Nature for people and for wildlife --more needed now than ever before.

Thank you for making San Francisco a nature-friendly city.

Vicky Hoover
735 Geary St. #501
San Francisco, CA 94109

From: [joseph chmielewski](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support the Chan/Peskin resolution providing a maximum one-year extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park. (Rules Committee Item 6; BOS Item 17)
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:10:32 AM

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March 14, 2021

To: SF Board of Supervisors

From: Joe Chmielewski

50 Golden Gate Ave. #506

San Francisco, CA 94102

email: jcin506@yahoo.com

Subject: Support the Chan/Peskin resolution providing a maximum one-year extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park. (Rules Committee Item 6; BOS Item 17)

Dear Supervisors,

My name is Joe Chmielewski and I've lived in San Francisco almost 40 years and vote in District 6.

I am asking you today to please support the Chan/Peskin resolution providing a maximum one-year extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Proponents may argue that this is a revenue-generating measure for San Francisco but not a penny of the revenue from the SkyStar wheel will go to the city. It's split between SkyStar and the Parks Alliance, which is supposed to use it to finance celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park. This is more of the same commercialization of public assets for private profit that has characterized the direction of San Francisco's open spaces since Phil Ginsburg took over as General Manager for Recreation and Parks.

No more commercialization of public space for private profit!

Please vote to APPROVE and adopt a maximum one-year extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Chmielewski

From: [Amber McClure](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SkyStar Observation Wheel: remove within a year please
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:37:41 AM

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Hi Board of Supervisors,

Regarding the extension for the SkyStar Observation Wheel, I oppose the four-year extension. Instead, I request you extend the permit for a maximum of one-year and then the wheel should be removed from GGP.

GGP is a refuge for wild animals struggling to deal with the loss of habitat and open space. Light pollution can have a negative impact on birds, as well as bats, insects, amphibians and other animals. We need to reduce the impact on these animals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Amber McClure
189 Commonwealth Ave #4
SF

From: [khu](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Limit the Ferris Wheel to 1-year maximum. NO to 4-year extension.
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:30:28 AM

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Dear Supervisor,

Stop pimping the peace and quiet of the Music Concourse. Don't do it for the \$.

--Do not allow the Ferris Wheel to remain in the GGP Music Concourse for more than 1 year. 4-years is too long.

--If the operator needs more than 1-year to recover costs, or SF needs "family entertainment" to attract visitors, MOVE the Ferris Wheel to a more appropriate area, such as Fisherman's Wharf, Union Square, Yerba Buena Park, Portsmouth Square, etc.. These areas are busy, well-lit sites that have restaurants and stores that NEED business.

I don't think that Cal Academy and the deYoung will benefit greatly from having a Ferris Wheel nearby. Admission to these places already exceeds \$20-\$25/person. How many families will then spend another \$20/person for an amusement park attraction?

Also, note the deYoung Museum tower already offers a panoramic view....for free!

--SFBOS have the right to vote on structures in the parks. Temporary "structures" that are in place for less than one month, e.g. lighting of Xmas Tree, the Menorah in Union Square might be able to waive this requirement. However, a huge, for-profit structure that is visible at night, placed in a normally quiet, relaxing area of the park, requires oversight by the Board.

--THANK YOU Supervisors Chan and Peskin for pausing this 4-year giveaway.

Sincerely,

Karin Hu
District 7

From: [Lance Carnes](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: In support of the Resolution Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:17:38 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

The recent installation of a Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park detracts greatly from the Park as a natural setting, and upsets wildlife that inhabit the Park.

Please vote YES on the Resolution **Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park**, that will be presented to the full Board for a vote following the Rules Committee meeting on March 16, 2021.

The Resolution is a reasonable compromise of a one-year extension that gives people a chance to ride the Ferris wheel, yet will soon restore Golden Gate Park as a natural refuge for all visitors, and as a wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your support of this import issue.

Lance Carnes
North Beach

From: [khu](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: PS (Re: Limit the Ferris Wheel to 1-year maximum. NO to 4-year extension.)
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:27:41 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

PS: I'm sorry for the line, "Stop pimping the peace and quiet of the Music Concourse. Don't do it for the \$."

I should have been more clear: **Stop the RPD and SF Parks Alliance from pimping the peace and quiet of the Music Concourse**, i.e. arranging to give up something precious just for the \$.

Karin Hu

On Sunday, March 14, 2021, 10:29:57 AM PDT, khu <brainz_ca@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Karin Hu
District 7

From: [James Parke](#)
To: [Hyland, Aaron \(CPC\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: The Wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 12:17:03 PM

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Please vote in support of the compromise before you Monday that tolerates an extension of the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park for another year, ONLY. While this Coney Island blitz of light and crash of sound is an abomination scarring the quiet enjoyment of this nature preserve, it was always promised as a one year celebration which in the tradition of temporary abominations, could be tolerated. Four years is anathema in any accounting for its presence. The compromise of two years, the additional one to make up for COVID hiatus has a certain logic that in lieu of four years is infinitely preferable.

There is a myriad of searchlight lumens, death defying decibel readings, and the garrish contrast of our museums and statuary groves that cement the multi-modal ugliness of this "attraction". As a business "barker" mechanism for aggrieved local merchants, it panders to exactly the opposite customer base. A virtual 7/11 store magnet for predators and opportunist malcontents, it alienates and repulses the people who support the gardening, the plethora of events, and the quiet enjoyment of the lush, beautiful urban escape from ugliness, stadium-like lighting and diesel noise attending this Wheel.

Please vote for the compromise, this Monday or whenever it is brought forward for your consideration.

Many thanks!

James Parke
The Sunset

On Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 8:48 AM James Parke <jdbparke@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Historic Preservation Commission members

In my life in San Francisco, I have never expected and certainly not desired to see Coney Island replicated in a nature preserve of the stature and integrity of Golden Gate Park. What one would tolerate on the Las Vegas strip, is abominable in our sanctuary of green, quiet, aesthetic, blessedly dark at night, urban oasis.

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Please exile this thing to its proper venue outside Golden Gate Park... how about Candlestick Park? Or any of the piers?

Thank you for any action you take to remove that wheel from our park!

James Parke
The Sunset

From: [Carolyn Kenady](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Golden Gate Ferris Wheel - limit its stay to one year max
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:55:05 PM

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Dear Supervisors and Clerk of the Board -

I do not know how a ferris wheel that typically travels with a fair or is in an amusement park is able to take over our Music Concourse. This use doesn't fit in the Concourse which is already busy with three distinct and popular venues. I oppose the Ferris Wheel being a part of GG Park's Music Concourse. If it must stay in SF, there are many other locations for this wheel - including near the Great Highway or on one of the Embarcadero Piers.

This is a citywide issue as Golden Gate Park has become a key resource for all San Franciscans during our COVID lockdown. It will continue to have high use as many people enjoy cycling, jogging, walking, or otherwise engaging in recreation in the Park. Please vote to limit the Ferris Wheel to a maximum of one year at the Music Concourse. Thank you.

Carolyn

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From: [Fritzi Drosten](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:27:18 PM

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Please don't allow the wheel to stay in GG park for another 4 years! It is very bad for the wildlife in the park. I am a Berkeley resident, but I love the park and was very perplexed when the shell came up, and now I think enough is enough. After hearing owls at night, I wonder what they think? The light pollution too. Please remove the wheel as soon as possible! I thought it was a one year event.

Thank you,
Fritzi Drosten, Berkeley CA

From: [Denise Zietlow](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: GGP Observation Wheel - Maximum One-Year Extension Only
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:40:41 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to support a **maximum** one-year extension to the Observation/Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park. The Wheel is an obtrusive structure that does not fit into the park. The park was conceived as a peaceful and natural retreat for the residents of San Francisco. Over the years it has become a home for wildlife, (flora, fauna and avian). Having an intrusive artificially-lit amusement park ride powered with diesel fuel goes against this idea.

Also, as someone who took a ride on the Wheel when it first opened, I can attest that it is an overly-priced activity lasting less than 10-minutes. One would be better off spending a little more money to visit either the Academy of Sciences or the DeYoung Museum where one may have “fun” for many hours. Also, anyone may visit the DeYoung to see pretty much the same views from their tower as access to the tower is free to the public.

The Wheel was erected for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Golden Gate Park which is now over. I realize due to the pandemic it was shut down for many months. An extension is a reasonable solution, but only a one-year maximum extension (a 4-year extension is ridiculous and makes no sense). One year would be sufficient to allow many people to enjoy the Wheel, but then it should be removed from the park.

Thank you.

Denise Zietlow

From: danrichman@earthlink.net
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The Ferris Wheel, etc
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:21:06 PM

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TO THE SF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

I believe it was our Mayor who urged everybody to catch a ride on the Ferris wheel in GG Park "...before the Fun Police shut it down," the Fun Police being all those who strongly urge that the Wheel be removed in one year, and not four. Meaning us, the "park purists."

"Fun Police" evokes an image of a squad of grim Puritans. Think of the Wicked Witch of the West in The Wizard of Oz.

Could this be yet another example of how the techno-corporations have dominated our consciousness? What they would have us believe is that "fun" can only be found using electronic gadgets – computers, smart-phones, robots, hovercraft, etcetera, things that profit their companies. Things that blink and shine and make noise and move under their own power. Like the Ferris wheel.

For people who have fallen under the techno spell, there's no joy to be found in a blanket and a picnic basket holding home-made sandwiches. There's no "fun" in throwing a Frisbee around under the sun, or a ball, or anything. Kids can get no kicks out of chasing each other, playing hide-and-seek, turning cartwheels and somersaults, nor experiencing joy by driving a dog mad with joy.

This is sad. This is scary. This sort of technology removes us – especially kids – even further from the real world.

An urban park is just made for fun, natural fun using our natural bodies. So please don't accuse us of being kill-joys because we are appalled by a 150 ft high, lit-up Ferris wheel right smack in the heart of the most significant Park in our City.

Please limit the existence of the Ferris wheel in our Park to one year.

Dan Richman
San Francisco

From: [Susan Brock](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please! Only one more year of the Observation Wheel!
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:36:33 PM

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Hi Supervisors,

I heard there was another hearing about the Observation Wheel. PLEASE just let it be extended by ONE year only! This is about what was originally agreed to.

he park is a relaxing place to take in nature. It is not an amusement park.

Thank you.

Susan Brock, SF resident

From: [Nancy DeStefanis](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Pls. support only ONE YEAR EXTENSION FOR FERRIS WHEEL
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:02:52 PM
Importance: High

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As a field ornithologist who studies and teaches about the GREAT BLUE HERON COLONY at STOW LAKE since 1995, I urge you to support an extension of ONE YEAR ONLY.

It is settled science that Bird Migration is severely impacted by artificial light. San Francisco is on the Pacific Flyway so millions of birds are impacted by the artificial light of the Ferris Wheel.

Pls. vote to limit the time left for the Ferris Wheel to one year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy DeStefanis

Field Ornithologist and Exec. Director, San Francisco Nature Education

From: [kevyn lutton](#)
To: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Environment, ENV \(ENV\)](#)
Subject: Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:19:40 PM

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Dear Commissioners, Mayor London Breed, and Board of Supervisors.

I just learned of a 4 year extension of the permit allowing the ferris wheel installed in Golden Gate Park. Because of the harm done to the wild life finding shelter in the park and the elimination of necessary darkness required by them to survive healthily I find it shocking that you are considering such an extension.

Please reconsider this and limit this extension to no more than one year.

Sincerely,
Kevyn D. Lutton
415 312 4640

From: [Cira Curri](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Maximum one-year extension for observation wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 5:26:09 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to vote for the park's well-being and a fair compromise. To extend this project to February 7, 2022 will not only extinguish the glaring lights of the Ferris wheel before the beginning of the spring bird migration but fulfills Recreation and Park's pledge to the out-of-state vendor. They proposed a one-year project with no interest in extending it and the Historic Preservation Committee agreed to that one year in their conditions of approval. It is outrageous that both agencies recently extended this project for four more years given that the city portion of the profits generated is being paid to the SF Parks Alliance, now under investigation by the FBI. These funds were to be used for the now passed park anniversary. On what will they be spent now?

Ferris wheels are fun but does one belong here? Why place it in the music concourse described on Park and Rec's own website as "a landscaped basin.....serving as a respite and picnic spot." As a symbol to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the park it was a bad choice and slap in the face to founder William Hammond Hall who recognized "the value of a park consists of its being a park and not a catch-all for almost anything misguided people may wish up." Commissioners certainly were not considering long time superintendent of the Park (1887-1943) John McLaren who was an outspoken opponent of the 1894 Winter Exposition.

McLaren planted two million trees; Phil Ginzburg when asked had no idea how many trees are in Golden Gate Park. Some were planted for the anniversary, but considering the large number of trees that have been cut all along Fulton St. and throughout the park, many more would have been welcomed. Having lived on 21st Avenue across from the park for 45 years, I do mourn the loss of each tree or of a favorite birding spot like the area beyond Portals of the Past which used to be a quiet good-for-birding area thick with trees and shrubs. Now it is a denuded wasteland devoted to disc golf. Yet Golden Gate Park's website describes Lloyd's Lake "a tranquil setting for visitors" and "backdrop to many wedding ceremonies over the years."

I invite you to visit the Golden Gate Park website--it's very design offers a window into the priorities of those who manage it. It opens to a list of attractions. First under attractions: Segway tours with the caption "explore 1000 amazing acres in a day." The accompanying picture of Segway riders is four times larger than all other pictured attractions including our historic Conservatory of Flowers. Under sports, the website lists horseshoe pits with a dated 1955 picture of the historic horse facade (that was rubble 10 years ago). Jesse Anderson was the artist and its companion piece the horseshoe pitcher were 1937 New Deal artworks. Had park commissioners chosen to reconstruct the white horse to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park that would have been a celebration of history. Had they chosen to revitalize some of the deteriorating natural areas, that would have been a celebration of nature. But they chose to have people pay for a ride instead.

Sincerely,
Cira Marie Curri

Sent from my iPad

From: [Virginia Kean](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:47:28 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please limit the Ferris Wheel to a maximum one-year extension in Golden Gate Park.

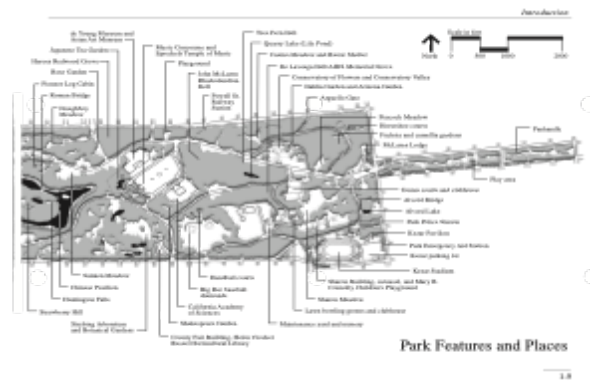
I find it unconscionable that this was ever allowed in the park, the precious jewel of San Francisco, to begin with.

From an environmental perspective, the Ferris Wheel is a source of both light and fossil-fuel pollution. A diesel-powered generator is being operated 24/7 to power it, creating noise and air-borne diesel fuel carcinogens affecting the surrounding trees, plants, birds, and other wildlife, as well as humans.

Please vote to limit the Ferris Wheel to a maximum one-year extension. Or better still, direct the St. Louis-based vendor to remove it from Golden Gate Park immediately.

Thank you for your work and efforts,

Virginia Kean



According to the Master Plan:

"Golden Gate Park has been a part of San Francisco for over 120 years. Over that time, the city and the lives of its citizens have changed dramatically, yet the purpose and use of Golden Gate Park has remained remarkably unchanged. Today, as one hundred years ago, people are coming to Golden Gate Park to picnic, walk, bicycle, to feed the ducks, to see the bison, and "as a relief and counterpoise to the urban conditions of their ordinary circumstances of life."

There will always be one more worthy structure or a popular amusement, that could be added to our parks, but if this is continues, then we will lose our parkland to these commercialized activities.

Please support the resolution, and get the wheel structure out of Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel

Nancy Wuerfel

Member, Steering Committee



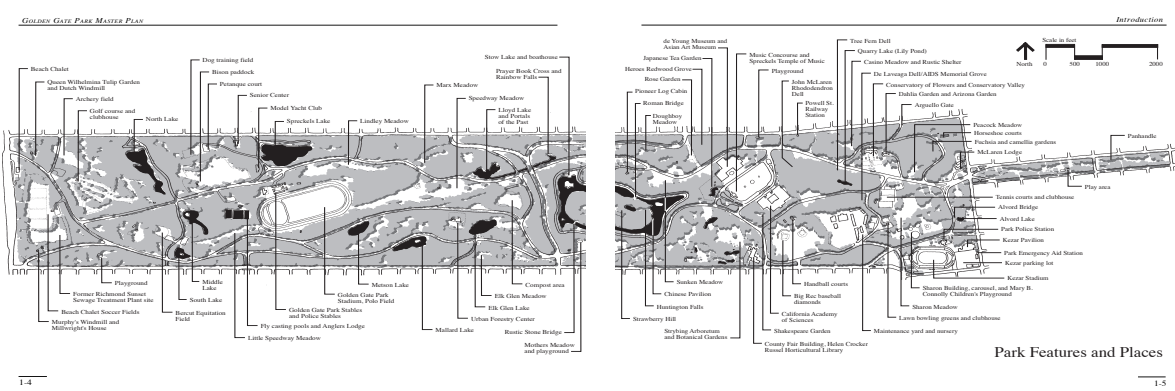
Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance (c)

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Date: March 14, 2021
Subject: Support: Item 6, Resolution to keep the Wheel in Golden Gate Park a maximum of one more year

Although we are not fans of the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse, we will go along with the one-year extension. However, we are concerned that the Department of Recreation and Park never asked for the Board of Supervisors approval in the first place. As stated in the resolution being voted on at the Rules Committee:

"According to the San Francisco City Charter, San Francisco Charter, Section 4.113 provides, in pertinent part, that no structure shall be erected, enlarged or expanded in Golden Gate Park or Union Square Park unless such action has been approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors;"

There is a reason that this language was added to our City Charter. Our precious parkland is often viewed as empty open space just waiting for buildings or other attractions to be added to it. This has been the case from the inception of the Park. The map from the Golden Gate Park Master Plan (1998) shows all of the activities and structures that have been added to the Park since its inception.



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Sincerely,

Nancy Wuerfel

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Member, Steering Committee

ggppa at earthlink.net

From: [Pam Hemphill](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please support the limited one year extension for the Ferris wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 7:10:31 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

The dispute over the Ferris wheel and its environmental and historical impact has been characterized as frivolous by Rec and Park supporters, but it most certainly is not. We all are going to have to make changes in our lives with climate change and be more respectful of the nature that remains in our urban home.

Rec and Park initiated keeping the wheel for 4 more years, but clearly wanting it to be permanent. Because of this unfair demand, many people have looked closely at the Ferris wheel, the contract with the St Louis-based SkyStar, and the historic landscape of Golden Gate Park from a lot of different viewpoints. This perusal has revealed Las Vegas style lighting on the wheel and on the Temple of Music, a polluting diesel generator, an odd and unrewarding business deal for San Francisco, a twisting of the history of Golden Gate Park, and economic arguments that have no basis. The winner from the wheel is SkyStar LLC and its investors.

Golden Gate Park means a lot to many San Franciscans as a green park. The amusement park Ferris wheel does not fit in at all and neither does the light show. The compromise of a one year extension, with the lights off after sunset, allows riders, who want to do so, to take a ride.

It made me very cynical to see that the Rec and Park Commission voted for the 4 year extension and approved it even before the Historic Preservation Commission had voted. There also seemed to be some pressure from the Mayor regarding the HPC vote.

Please support the compromise one year limited extension followed by permanent removal.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue!

Pam Hemphill MD
District 8 resident

From: [Jean Barish](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SkyWheel - One Year Only, Please
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:04:54 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to ask you to please restrict the SkyWheel in Golden Gate Park to one year. The City originally agreed that the SkyWheel would be open for one year to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Park. As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted those plans. What is most reasonable is to now allow the SkyWheel to operate for the one year that was previously agreed to.

The SkyWheel disrupts the peaceful and historic environment of the surrounding area. And the lights that will glow until 10 pm disrupt the wildlife that live in the area, upsetting the Park's precious ecosystem.

The rules of the game should not be changed after they have been established, and the original agreement should remain altered.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to a favorable resolution of this issue.

Kind regards,

Jean

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415-752-0185

Stay safe and be well

From: [Philip Gerrie](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote only one more year for the ferris wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:19:07 PM
Attachments: [Vote only one more year for the ferris wheel.msg](#)

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From: [Philip Gerrie](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote only one more year for the ferris wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:18:27 PM

Honorable Supervisors,

I rarely write to you for anything. Tuesday you will vote on how long to keep the ferris wheel open. I can't believe the only options are 1 year or four. It should have closed down after the first year.

Such a light-sore should never have been installed in the park in the first place. It is harmful and unsafe for wildlife. Especially at night. If it must stay another year please restrict its operation to daylight hours. Who goes to the park at night. The De Young is closed. The Academy is closed.

I am a forty year voting resident of San Francisco.

Thank you, Philip Gerrie District 8 - Noe Valley.

From: [Steven Fields](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:23:35 PM

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Hello, please limit the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park to **only one more year**. This decision would be good for wildlife, good for historic preservation, and good for governance.

Thank you very much,
SG Fields

From: [Joan Downey](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: sfparc@earthlink.net
Subject: Limit the Ferris Wheel to ONE YEAR
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:35:14 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please limit the extension of the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park to ONLY ONE MORE YEAR. It was a great idea for the 150 year celebration and understandable that extending the time to recoup losses – but four years is way too long. The concourse shouldn't be a playland for the rich (tickets are \$18 a ride).

Please do the right thing for our gem of a Park and vote to limit the extension of the ferris wheel to one year: It is good for the Park, good for the Wildlife, good for historic preservation and good for good governance.

Thank you,

Joan Downey
324 Carl Street

From: [aeboken](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: CONCURRING WITH Rules Committee Agenda Item #6 and BOS Agenda Item #17 Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park File #210234
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:40:41 PM

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TO: Board of Supervisors members

I am concurring with the resolution to retroactively approve the construction of an observation wheel in Golden Gate Park for a term starting February 28, 2020 with a one year extension ending February 7, 2022 with full removal by March 15, 2022.

Extending the contract by one year due to COVID-19 related issues is more than fair.

As Supervisor Chan has stated "While we all can agree Ferris wheels are fun, anti-corruption and good government policies are of utmost importance. "

Extending the contract by one year rather than four years avoids the perception of the privatization of public assets similar to professional soccer at Kezar Stadium.

Eileen Boken
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: jrigo.sf@gmail.com
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File #210234 - Support - Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 8:47:46 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support the Resolution retroactively approving, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.113, construction of an observation wheel structure in Golden Gate Park for a term starting February 28, 2020, and lasting for one year following the current permit expiration term, until February 7, 2022, with full removal required by March 15, 2022.

Golden Gate Park is the crown jewel of San Francisco. It is a nature preserve, not an amusement park. The observation wheel is incompatible with the natural aspect of the park, and is opposed by the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society. Move it to Pier 39, where it would fit right in as a tourist attraction and business generator. Do your part to stop the commercialization of Golden Gate Park!

The observation wheel, which should never have been permitted in the first place, was initially allowed for 1 year to celebrate the parks 150th anniversary. Now there is a request to extend it for 4 more. Will there be an effort to make it permanent next? This is a classic case of 'give them an inch and they'll take a mile'.

Please vote Yes on this Resolution.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Rigo
1667 38th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

From: [Mike Painter](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: sfparc@earthlink.net
Subject: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:18:10 PM

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March 14, 2021

Hon. Connie Chan, Supervisor, District 1
Fellow San Francisco Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

VIA EMAIL

Dear Supervisor Chan and Fellow Supervisors:

I am a longtime resident of the Richmond District, and live directly across Fulton Street from Golden Gate Park. My day job is running a citizens group working to protect wilderness and other public lands in the West.

Wild areas have many wonderful, important attributes, at least two of which are relevant to the issue of the SkyStar Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park. For the reasons outlined below, I have opposed the Ferris Wheel in the Park since it was first proposed. However, given the extraordinary circumstance surrounding the pandemic, I am reluctantly willing to support an extension of one year to its contract.

The first relevant attribute of wild areas is the fact that in most of them, people have the ability to see millions of stars clearly at night. However, this attribute is sorely lacking in many of our urban areas. The Bay Area is no exception, because of the amount of light escaping to the sky at night. The Ferris Wheel is brightly lit at night, adding to the light pollution and subsequent inability to see many stars, even from the Park.

Light pollution at night is also known to cause problems for birds, bats and insects. If the Ferris Wheel is allowed to stay, its lights must be turned off at night as part of the stipulations in the new contract.

The second thing about wild places is that they are generally free to the public and free of commercialization. This kind of attraction has no place in Golden Gate Park, which was designed to be as natural as possible. While the Music Concourse is already home to the de Young Museum, California Academy of Science, and the Bandshell, the Ferris Wheel is an entirely different type of attraction—for entertainment, not cultural enrichment. In addition, the ticket prices are exorbitant.

Commercialization and de-naturalization of the Park needs to have limits, and the Ferris Wheel crosses the line. It goes completely against the vision that John McLaren and others had when the Park was initially conceived.

It's important to protect our wild lands, but it's just as important to have our urban parks be places of refuge from "life in the city." The citizens of San Francisco deserve to be able to have a night sky with the least amount of light pollution possible and have a Park with as few unnatural long-term installations as possible. If there is a place in San Francisco where people ought to be able to do that, it is Golden Gate Park.

Please do not extend the SkyStar contract for longer than one year.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Painter
790 – 22nd Avenue, Apt. 4
San Francisco, CA 94121

cc: Recreation & Parks Commission

From: [Patrick Schlemmer](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: limit the ferris wheel to one year
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:47:41 PM

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Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to vote yes on the one-year limit for the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park is a beautiful piece of landscape architecture. It's meant to be a place for grass and trees and birds, not giant amusement park rides.

Frederick Law Olmsted, William Hammond Hall, and John McLaren all fought to keep Golden Park free of crass commercial development. Now that responsibility lies with you.

Sincerely

Patrick Schlemmer

2001 46th Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94116

From: [Ann McPherson](#)
To: [Chad Staff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman Staff \(BOS\)](#); [Melga Staff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Absha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamoon \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peikin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Bonon, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please vote to LIMIT the Wheel to ONE MORE YEAR
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:55:54 PM

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March 14, 2021

Dear Supervisors:

I strongly support your motion to limit the Observation Wheel to one more year only with full removal required by March 15, 2022 for the following reasons:

- Transparency – Park and Rec should not be allowed to propose the Wheel as a one-year temporary project in honor of an event (150th Anniversary) and then turn around and make it a five-year event.
- Creeping Permanence – If the Wheel remains in the Concourse for four more years, it is much more likely to become a permanent fixture.
- Cost – Incorrect and misleading information about costs associated with the Wheel that the City is responsible for were not disclosed initially, nor have they been fully accounted for since the Wheel was placed in the Music Concourse in March 2020.
 - Park and Rec, Lisa Bransten, stated^[1] on December 19, 2019: “I want to be very clear that the wheel there’s no cost to the city or the Department for the wheel.”
 - According to the Use Permit^[2] (February 20, 2020), “City will provide at its sole cost and expense (a) an electric generator...; (b) all fuel required to operate the generator for the Wheel...; (c) all repairs and maintenance need to keep the generator in good operation condition and repair, etc....”
 - Up until now, to my knowledge, there has been no accurate accounting of the costs associated with: 1) rental of the diesel generator(s); 2) diesel fuel to power generator; and 3) any repairs and maintenance required.
 - Please disclose these costs and identify who (which department) in the City is responsible for them.
 - Please note that Park and Rec ran the diesel generator continuously (24/7) for more than 120 days when the Wheel only operated 39 days. The diesel generator could have been turned off each night and during the day up until the light show (5-10 pm). Park and Rec did not do this in spite of numerous pleas to do so and complaints about the noise. The burden for this unnecessary expenditure to cover diesel fuel lies strictly on Park and Rec management.
- SkyStar Wheel, LLC will receive 94% of the Wheel’s admission costs with 6% going to San Francisco Parks Alliance (e.g. \$1.00 per general admission ticket (\$18.00) and \$0.75 per reduced admission ticket (\$12.00)).
 - Most of the admission costs go directly back to SkyStar Wheel, LLC. This does not sound like a good deal for the City – especially since the City is also responsible for the rental of the diesel generator as well as the fuel costs to power the Wheel.
 - San Francisco Parks Alliance has been under investigation by the FBI for corruption.
- Inadequate Environmental Review – CAT EX did not address: Air Quality Impacts (diesel fumes from generator); Noise from generator; and Potential impacts to birds, bats, and insects from lighting on the Wheel when it is in operation.
- Historic Issues – Music Concourse is a historic landscape park. The presence of the Wheel disrupts this purpose.

In closing, I strongly support your motion to limit the Observation Wheel to one more year only.

I appreciate your involvement with this situation.

Regards,

Ann McPherson

^[1] See Minutes from Recreation and Park Commission Operations Committee Meeting, December 19, 2019, at Internet address: [View aspx \(legistar.com\)](#)

^[2] See Use Permit at Internet address: <https://avanan.ur1-protection.com/v1/ur1?o=https%3A%2F%2Fsf.gov.legistar.com/View.aspx%3F%3D%26amp%3BID%3D9222842%26amp%3BGUID%3D26B01CDD-09F7-4E25-8435-F016FF8E6DE3&g=MjQ2MTRINDElZjM0YWVMSWw%3D&h=Wl0ZGE2NmMwMGY1MTBhZDcyYTE4NzA4OTRlOWExOTMyMTVjZjQ0NmFkYWVlM2E5ODY0Yy4M2MxYTRjMGMAA%3D&p=YXZlbnNmZHZyQmF2YW5hbjpvOjczMDIhYTJOTM4ODJhMThmMWNjOWYxYzIxY2MOMjU2OnYx>

From: [Dan Liberthson](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Limit the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park to only one more year
Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:42:20 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Please support the compromise to limit the ferris wheel in the park to only one more year. The park was created to be a natural haven for people and wildlife. The wheel is incompatible with this goal, as the light, motion, and noise will drive out wildlife and impede the direct experience of nature in the city. The compromise will benefit the park, its wildlife, and its human users, and preserve the park as its founders intended to be. Thank you. Dan Liberthson, 333 Molimo Drive, San Francisco

From: [Richard Coney](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The wheel in the park
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:10:11 AM

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My wife and I live in the East Bay and are waiting for covid to end to visit this and make a day of it in the city. Hopefully this provides you with some information on the financial impact of the wheel to the city as a whole.

Richard Coney

From: [Diane Rivera](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Cc: [Hyland, Aaron \(CPC\)](#); [Matsuda, Diane \(CPC\)](#); [Black, Kate \(CPC\)](#); [Foley, Chris \(CPC\)](#); [Johns, Richard \(CPC\)](#); [Pearlman, Jonathan \(CPC\)](#); [lydia.so@sfgov.o](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: Permanent Removal of the Wheel from Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:32:10 AM

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Dear Honorable Members,

Limiting the Wheel to ONLY ONE MORE YEAR is good for the Park, good for the Wildlife, good for historic preservation and good for good governance.

I am in **full support for the permanent removal** of the Wheel from Golden Gate Park by June 2022.

" Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can also find a refuge. Wildlife needs darkness and quiet. The increased artificial lighting from the wheel can have a negative impact on birds – both resident and migrating — bats, insects, amphibians, and other wildlife. People are also adversely affected by artificial light pollution at night and noise pollution. The fumes from the diesel generator that powers the wheel add an additional stressor to the environment and raise questions about the city's commitment to clean air." 7Hills Feb. 28, 2021

Thank you all for your diligent thought and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Rivera
Carlsbad, CA
KG6QLX

From: [Richmond District Rising](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 1 Year Extension of Wheel
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:01:05 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We at Richmond District Rising (RDR) are writing today to support a one-year extension of the SkyStar wheel in Golden Gate Park. Having the ride there for a year is a consensus solution, as many in our community would like the opportunity to enjoy the ride but also feel a 4-year extension is far too long, especially given the wheel's negative impact on owls, bats, and other resident wildlife in GGP.

With so many wonderful attractions in GGP, economic recovery from the pandemic is possible without the wheel. Our city also needs social recovery in the forms of coalition building and consensus. Additionally, only \$1 from each ticket sale goes to the city in the form of the going the Parks Alliance, which is a private organization. It is the duty of the Board of Supervisors to serve and guide our communities. The BoS has an opportunity to demonstrate its mission and demonstrate can "have fun" without doing long-term harm to wildlife in the park.

On Behalf of Richmond District Rising,

Marria Evbuoma

From: [Keith Howell](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris wheel
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:44:19 AM

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No extensions! Move that obscenity somewhere else where they really need it.
Keith Howell

From: [Ozzie Rohm](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Bruce Bowen](#); [Jerry Dratler](#); [Gary Weiss](#); [Junona Jonas](#); [Stephanie Peek](#); [Tes Welborn](#); [George Wooding](#); [Karen Wood](#); [Karen Breslin](#); [Matt McCabe](#); [Katherine Petrin](#); [Kathy Howard](#); [Marlayne Morgan](#); kcourtney@rhcasf.com; [Chris Bigelow](#)
Subject: Limiting the Wheel to ONLY ONE MORE YEAR
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:05:43 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

On behalf of San Francisco Land Use Coalition, I am writing to urge you to vote for the resolution sponsored by Supervisors Chan and Peskin to limit the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park to ONLY one year.

This is a fair and reasonable compromise that is not only good for the environment and historical preservation but also, it is good governance. We did not elect Phil Ginsburg and nor did we elect SF Park Alliance but we elected you! In a city where anyone can get postcard views on our hilly neighborhoods, a Ferris Wheel is superfluous.

Sincerely,

Ozzie Rohm
For San Francisco Land Use Coalition

From: [Denise Louie](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: GGP Ferris Wheel
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:37:27 AM

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Hi Supervisors,
My family and I urge you to vote for the 1-year extension for the Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel.

In our opinion, the Ferris Wheel should never have even been installed.

In support of the Board of Supervisors' Biodiversity Resolution, please do what you can to end the Ferris Wheel and to prevent any such folly in the future.

Thank you,
Denise Louie
D7
Volunteer, SFRPD
Member, Center for Biological Diversity

From: [V Oliva](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Maximum one-year extension for the wheel in our park
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:39:03 AM

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Dear Supervisors

I strongly urge you to vote for a maximum one-year extension on the Ferris Wheel. It does not belong in our refuge from the noise and stresses of city life. It disturbs the wildlife, the very reason the park is a refuge.

Additionally not a penny of the revenue from this carnival ride will go to the city. It's split between SkyStar and the Parks Alliance, which is supposed to use it to finance celebrations of the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park.

Veronica Oliva

304 Lily Street

SF CA 94102

From: [Madeleine Nash](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: sfparc@earthlink.net
Subject: Ferris Wheel in GGPark
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:36:01 AM

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The Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park is a horror.

It is antithetical to what the park has always been supposed to be, which is a calm green oasis in the city that is open to all.

It is a particularly important oasis for San Francisco residents who do not have gardens of their own.

Commercializing it destroys a precious piece of this city. Please do not allow it to remain!

Madeleine Nash

From: [Jo Coffey](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SkyStar in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:39:37 AM

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Honorable Supervisors,

I am opposed to extending the time this gaudy Ferris Wheel stays in Golden Gate Park.

As I understand it, a chief reason we're keeping SkyStar for an additional 4 years is so its owners can recoup their investment. The wheel opened last year, and was going to be here for a year, but the pandemic kept it closed for much of that time. Perhaps I'm missing something, but I don't understand why it will take them four years to make what they originally expected to make in one.

We don't need this expensive toy, and it's a danger to the animals who live in, or migrate through the park. Please do not extend its contract beyond 2022.

Josephine Coffey
248 Dublin Street
San Francisco

From: [ginny & steve](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:44:49 AM

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Please don't let it stay longer than a year and PLEASE don't let it be lit at night!!! It severely impacts the Owls and other wildlife. This structure belongs at Fisherman's Wharf or Union Square not in the middle of a nature area like the park!

thank you, Ginny Prior

From: [Tish Brown](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel -- one more year only
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:53:23 AM

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Thanks,
Tish Brown
109 Edgewood Ave

From: [Janet Carpinelli](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel max 1 year only extension please!
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:14:39 AM

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Dear Supervisor Walton and colleagues

Please vote for no extension or a one year maximum extension of Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park!

Please vote to keep Golden Gate Park natural and for quiet enjoyment of nature for people and all creatures as is the successful original vision for the park.

The ferris wheel does not belong in the park! People come to the park to enjoy nature! The Ferris wheel can be put in another area like Fisherman's wharf or Pier 39 for a few years after next. That way those businesses will rightly benefit from its presence.

Do not commercialize Golden Gate Park! No more people will patronize a neighborhood business after use of the Ferris wheel than the thousands of people who are already visiting the park for its true purpose! Outdoor enjoyment of nature and fresh air!

Thank you,
Janet Carpinelli
Minnesota St, SF

From: [Janet Carpinelli](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\); Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris Wheel max 1 year!
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:27:13 AM

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Dear Supervisor Chan and colleagues

Please vote for no extension or a one year maximum extension of Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park!

Please vote to keep Golden Gate Park natural and for quiet enjoyment of nature for people and all creatures as is the successful original vision for the park.

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Thank you,
Janet Carpinelli
Minnesota St, SF

From: [Lesley Stansfield](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: sfparc@earthlink.net
Subject: Obscene GGPark Ferris wheel
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:29:16 AM

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PLEASE one year maximum for this monstrosity The diesel, the lights, the noise is bad for birds and doesn't belong!

It is way too expensive to be enjoyed by poor children and adults. We do not need it!

From: [Rachel Norton](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comments on Skystar Wheel extension
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:35:24 AM
Attachments: [Skystar comments 03152021.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors -
Attached please find my public comments in favor of the 4-year extension of the Skystar Wheel and opposing the proposed 1-year extension.

Thank you!
Rachel Norton

March 15, 2021

President Shamann Walton
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Gordon Mar
Supervisor Dean Preston
Supervisor Matt Haney
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Ahsha Safai
VIA EMAIL

Dear President Walton and Members of the Board Supervisors:

I write as a 22-year resident of the Richmond District, longtime advocate for increasing access to city and state parks, and 12-year member of the Board of Education, to urge you to support the 4-year extension of the Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park, and oppose the 1-year extension proposed by Supervisors Chan and Peskin.

2020 was the most difficult year I can recall experiencing in San Francisco, and our community is suffering from the economic, political, social and personal effects of the pandemic. Though not originally conceived as a vital tool to assist in economic recovery, the wheel will help our tourism, event production and other hard-hit businesses.

The wheel is a positive attraction for the community, creates jobs, and brings people to Golden Gate Park who may not otherwise feel welcome to experience it. There is a long and ugly history of residents of western neighborhoods wanting to discourage people from other neighborhoods from coming to Golden Gate Park, disliking crowds, competition for parking, and uses they deem undesirable. But Golden Gate Park is owned by the residents of San Francisco, not the west side.

I recently rode the wheel, and it was great to see how many young families and others came out on a cold, blustery day to enjoy the attraction. Many stayed to buy a pretzel or a hot dog, enjoy the sights in the Music Concourse or visit the DeYoung, Japanese Tea Garden and the Botanical Garden.

Many Supervisors have criticized the Board of Education for focusing on renaming schools at the expense of reopening – I am not sure how focusing on extension proposals that have already been vetted and unanimously supported by the Recreation & Park and Historic Preservation Commissions, rather than vaccine distribution, housing and economic recovery is any different?

Thank you for considering these views –



Rachel Norton
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From: [Lynn Strandberg](#)
To: [MandelmanStaff.\[BOS\]](#); HillaryRonen@sfgov.org; [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Limiting the Wheel to ONLY ONE MORE YEAR PLEASE!
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:36:01 AM

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Supervisors:

I was walking near the oversized wheel just yesterday - besides being way too big and not at all appropriate for GG Park. It s Noisy!!

Limiting the Wheel to ONLY ONE MORE YEAR is good for the Park, good for the Wildlife, good for historic preservation and good for good governance.

... and keep its lights out at night. AND it is NOISY!!

The Observation Wheel functions as a single 150' circular STROBE LIGHT that flashes multiple colors at incredible brilliance and frequency (it is not the same as the bay bridge lighting)

Strobe lights produce shadows intolerable to owls and other birds. Motion activated strobe lights are sold in pet stores to protect your backyard pets from owls. **The negative impact to wildlife of this massive strobe light cannot be left unassessed for 4 more years.**

And please as time goes on, do not let the Music Concourse be transformed a "Downtown of the Park".

Parks and Rec has also permanently installed 26 robotically controlled strobe lights and a disco floor onto the Music Concourse Bandshell - also not appropriate.

Please protect the park and limit this oversized wheel to just one year - and then get it out of the park.

Lynn Strandberg

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From: [Marilyn Kohn](#)
To: AaronPeskin@gmail.com; [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar., Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:29:41 PM

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Golden Gate Park should not be used as a prime piece of real estate to be employed for raising money and putting on gaudy, semi-permanent shows.

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Marilyn Kohn
Concerned San Francisco citizen

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Cc: barbaradelaney@gmail.com
Subject: Ferris wheel in GGP - strongly oppose a four year extension
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 4:05:58 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to you in support of a 12 month extension for the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park which seems like a reasonable compromise to make up for the time lost during the pandemic. However we STRONGLY oppose a four year extension which sounds to us like an end around to making it permanent. We live in the Sunset and I walk in that area of the park at least three times a week. The Science Academy, De Young Museum, Japanese Tea Gardens and the Bandstand all work really well together in that space but the enormous ferris wheel is out of place there and negatively affects the atmosphere and enjoyment of that area of the park. Also, the wheel lights are incredibly bright and are on until late at night which I can only imagine to be very distressing to the birds and mammals in the park whom we have a duty to protect from undue disruption.

Thank you for all you do for San Francisco during these crazy/scary times.

Best regards,

Larry and Barbara Delaney

1279 44th Ave

From: [Linda Stark Litehiser](#)
To: [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); myrna.melgar@sfgpv.org
Subject: The SkyWheel in Golden Gate Park-- in favor of keeping the 4 year extension
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 6:05:17 PM

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Dear members of the Board of Supervisors, I wish to go on record **with my wholehearted support of the extension that was approved recently by both the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.** I sent letters of support to those branches of government as well as listened to the testimony for hours by these two bodies. I was very pleased with the votes to continue the contract for this attraction for 4 more years. Please honor that process and decision.

This wonderful addition to our park has brought such joy to so many of our citizens and it is a fun attraction to the section of the park that has the most active programming and structures. This structure needs more than one year to recover the costs involved in setting it up. In addition, it is a beautiful and works well in this section of the park. It is reminiscent of the giant Ferris wheels in London and Seattle to name just a few.

My husband and I were fortunate enough to ride on it in November when it was open for a brief time. We do hope that all our children and grandchildren will have a chance to ride it--they would thoroughly enjoy it...but the pandemic restrictions have proved to be very difficult to predict. I feel the 4 year period really gives the city enough time to make sure that the Department can recover the costs AND give our citizens, family members and the visitors -- we hope will return--a much better chance to enjoy this joyous attraction. We hope to go back again soon. Don't limit the renewal to just one year. I think we would short change our citizens. The pandemic has taken so much from us.

Thank you,

Linda Stark Litehiser
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From: [Joe Litehiser](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [Environment, ENV \(ENV\)](#); [Breed, London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Another note in favor of extending the contract for the Golden Gate Park Sky Star Observational Ferris Wheel.
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:11:02 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors – As I did last February 15, when the question of SFRPD’s request to extend the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Sky Star Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park was before the Parks Commission, I write briefly in support this extension. The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission have both endorsed the SFRPD request, and now, with all else that the City and its government must contend with I have to say that I find it remarkable that the Board has chosen to weigh in on this issue.

I write in support of accepting the SFRPD’s, the Parks Commission’s, and the Historic Preservation Commission’s acceptance of the multi-year extension of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the SkyStar.

I understand that many opposed the original decision to allow this attraction to be erected and operated as part of the 150th anniversary of the Park on the grounds that it fundamentally did violence to what has been described as, “John McLaren’s sylvan vision of Golden Gate Park.” I recognize that the original Certificate was for the period of one year, a period soon to lapse in earliest April.

I cannot know what John McLaren had in mind for what to include or exclude for the use of Golden Gate Park, but during the 51 years I have lived in San Francisco I have found many uses for its many and diverse charms and amenities. In the words of Mayor Breed, I have enjoyed, “...all that it has to offer within its 1,017 beautiful acres (f)rom hiking trails, playgrounds and open spaces, to biking, museums, recreation, and amazing groves and gardens...).

And, of course, when the Commission agreed to the current Certificate of Appropriateness in mid-January 2020 none of us foresaw, or could have foreseen, the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruptions to virtually all of our plans that it has caused. Among these has certainly been the substantial loss of opportunity to ride on the SkyStar.

As for me, my wife and I were lucky enough to get a reservation for a well-disinfected ride on the afternoon of November 9th. It was a clear afternoon and we greatly enjoyed the views and experience.

And again, during this most restricted of years, on the evening of December 17th we made our way to the Park, walking between the Band Shell Concourse and McLaren Lodge indulging in the socially distanced cool night air to take in the lights of the McLaren Lodge tree, the “Entwined trees” of Peacock Meadow, the light show at the Conservatory of Flowers, and - yes- the lit up Observation Wheel.

I sincerely hope the Board of Supervisors will not interfere with the plan to keep the SkyStar around a few more years so that, when this horrible pandemic is finally behind us, many more visitors to Golden Gate Park will be able to say that, in this very urban park, they were able to take in a deferred “vertical circumnavigational” view of what 150 years has wrought.

Sincerely yours,
Joe Litehiser

From: [David Romano](#)
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Cc: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Matsuda, Diane \(CPC\)](#); [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#); [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [SFUN - San Franciscans for Urban Nature](#)
Subject: Limit the SkyStar Wheel to one more year only
Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:13:28 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

I am a senior and I go to Golden Gate Park every week to practice Tai Chi and find some needed peace and quiet in nature. It is an important part of my life and health. As a 30 year resident of the outer Richmond District and a homeowner, I would like to share some of my concerns.

1. The buildings, facilities, roads, parking lots, golf course, Polo Field, and many other activities (soccer fields, dog run, lawn bowls, tennis courts, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, etc.) leave very little space to just be in a park. There are probably only a few hundred acres left of actual parkland for people to experience. Every additional electric light and foot of concrete poured diminish and degrade what little parkland we have left.
2. Regarding the free tickets made available to underprivileged communities as a reason to keep the Wheel in place: "The most vulnerable and disadvantaged families" as one caller to the Rec and Park Commission described them, need computers, access to education, good nutrition, healthcare, clothing and shelter if they're homeless, sports venues and parks in their neighborhood more than they need a Ferris Wheel in GGP. It is shameful that some would exploit underprivileged children by using them in a public relations campaign for Rec and Park and SkyStar.
3. A better way to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park would be to keep the Park as dark and quiet as safety allows. We should honor the natural environment of the Park. The SkyStar Wheel is an intrusive structure that can be seen above the treeline from miles away and is inappropriate for this historic setting. We should not be sending a message that carnival attractions are more important than our beautiful Park.
4. Our parks are not an inexhaustible resource and they are already stressed. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find a refuge. Wildlife needs darkness at night. The health of our environment and the future of planet Earth depend on mitigating the impact of human activity on the natural environment. The increased artificial lighting from the Wheel has a negative impact on birds and other wildlife. Humans are also adversely affected by artificial light pollution.

Please do not support an extension for the Wheel to stay for more than one year. Thank you

for devoting time to this important issue.

David Romano

San Francisco, CA

From: [Steph Wiseman](#)
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Subject: 5 years is too long WITHOUT an Environmental Impact Report on STROBE LIGHTS - these are NOT bay bridge lights
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:19:38 AM

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Please see supporting research below. Also please note: the Great Horned Owls should be sitting on eggs ... but have not returned this year.

Thank you for your time. Below you will find data and pictures supporting my testimony plus additional scientific paper references regarding the negative impact a strobe light can have on the Great Blue Herons and Great Horned Owls nesting in Golden Gate Park.

Please require an environmental impact study on this 150' tall massive strobe light's impact to resident nesting birds in Golden Gate Park. There are also 26 strobe lights permanently installed on the music concourse bandshell.

Thank you,
Stephanie Wiseman (she, her *)
San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN)

** please note I am a transgender female, thank you :)*

The Music Concourse Observation Wheel also functions as a massive SINGLE 150' strobe light. See photo below taken on February 12,2021 at the Music Concourse from the bandshell area.

Please note: Since the strobe light concerns have been raised Parks and Rec has recently turned down the brightness and flash rate of the strobe light. Any study should be done near maximum brightness and flash rate, because if the wheel is approved there will be no way to monitor or police its usage.



Motion activated strobe lights are sold in pet stores (for pest/owl control) to protect your animals in the backyard at night. The shadows they produce are intolerable to birds.

Strawberry Hill is in direct line of sight to the wheel. See photo below taken on February 8, 2021 from Strawberry Hill.



Great Horned Owls (GHO) have been born in this section of the park (see pic below taken in Strawberry Hill area, of four two month old GHOs raised in Strawberry Hill area).

Note: Great Blue Herons have a rookery at Stow Lake. Great Blue Herons will also hunt at night, especially when feeding their young.



Finally, for the human animal, strobe lights can cause photosensitive epilepsy in some individuals.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH:

Please see the following research on strobe lights compiled by England's DEFRA. Please note the strobe lights researched in these studies were tens of thousand times less bright than the one created by the wheel's huge power generator, massive number of individual lights and sophisticated computer program.

The following information is quoted from:

<https://www.pigeoncontrolresourcecentre.org/html/reviews/strobe-lights-bird-control.html>

"The Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is the UK's Government body that oversees the Wildlife and Countryside Act and produces legislation to which the pest control industry must adhere. The following information is taken from a document provided on DEFRA website entitled: 'Review of international research regarding the effectiveness of auditory bird scaring techniques and potential alternatives'. By J Bishop, H McKay, D Parrott and J Allan."

"Flashing, rotating, strobe and searchlights are a novel stimulus to birds, which encourage an avoidance response (Harris and Davis 1998)."

"strobe lights, revolving lights and amber barricade lights might be useful for deterring night-feeding birds such as herons at fisheries" (Littauer 1990; Nomsen 1989 cited in Kevan 1992)."

"The lights have a blinding effect which causes the birds to become confused and restricts their ability to fish (Salmon et al. 1986, cited in Kevan 1992)."

“Pilo et al. (1988) showed that birds such as kites, vultures and pigeons were affected by a high intensity strobe light, which could encourage them to take evasive action and move away. They also showed no habituation.”

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Subject: Garish Wheel -- ELIMINATE
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:18:04 PM

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If we unfortunately, due to mismanagement, cannot ELIMINATE the GARISH WHEEL, limit the damned inappropriate thing to a few months before summer visitors arrive.

We live in the 1800 block of 9th Ave. and walk uphill on 8th/9th almost every evening. This monstrosity dominates the whole city to the north, obviously 50 times more bright than the Golden Gate Bridge-ridiculous. The upper level of our house is at about 526 ft., and the Garish glow in the sky can be seen above the neighbor's house. Forget about our being able to enjoy our upper deck when the Garish Wheel dominates the ENTIRE north view of the city and Mt. Tamalpais, Angel Island. GET RID of this MONSTROSITY. Return beautiful San Francisco.

J. Fiore