

From: [Eleana Binder](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Bolen, Jennifer M.\(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: GLIDE Support: File #240274 - Calling for Full-Service Grocery Store in the Tenderloin
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:02:58 AM
Attachments: [2024.03.25 - Tenderloin Grocery Store Resolution - GLIDE SUPPORT.pdf](#)

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Dear President Peskin and Supervisors,

Please see attached for GLIDE's support letter for Supervisor Dean Preston's resolution urging City departments to develop and implement a plan for a grocery store in the Tenderloin.

Thank you,

Eleana

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March 25, 2024

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, President
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Submitted via electronic mail

Subject: File #240274 — Calling for Full-Service Grocery Store in the Tenderloin — SUPPORT

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors,

On behalf of GLIDE, we write in support of Supervisor Dean Preston’s resolution urging the Human Services Agency, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Planning Department to develop and implement a plan for a grocery store in the Tenderloin. Healthy, culturally appropriate, and affordable food should be available to all San Franciscans, including Tenderloin residents.

GLIDE’s Daily Free Meals Program supports low-income community members who struggle with food insecurity. We are honored to be a part of an ecosystem of programs in the Tenderloin and across San Francisco that works so tirelessly to nourish our community. Adding a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin’s range of options would make a significant difference in the lives of so many residents of the Tenderloin neighborhood.

GLIDE is a leading social service provider in the Tenderloin neighborhood, and we believe in food for all — no exceptions, no exclusions. Our Daily Free Meals program has no eligibility requirements, providing three nutritious meals a day, 364 days per year. Prior to the pandemic, one in four San Franciscans — nearly a quarter of a million people — were experiencing food insecurity. The economic consequences of COVID-19 have only made it harder for low-income families and communities of color to meet their basic needs — Black and Latinx households with children were twice as likely as white families to struggle to afford food during the pandemic. In response to this growing need, we have had to expand our reach. In 2022-23, GLIDE served more than 611,000 free meals and delivered 10,306 meals and 5,500 grocery bags citywide through our new mobile service model. Despite reaching more people, we know we are not close to meeting the true need of missing meals.

The need for an affordable full-service grocery store is even more urgent now when San Franciscans are facing rising rates of food insecurity. Over 100,000 residents across 73,000 San Francisco households have been impacted by the end of emergency allotments of CalFresh, which provided additional food assistance through the first three years of the COVID-19 pandemic and ended last year. Food prices have also increased due to inflation, making it even harder for low-income Tenderloin residents to access and afford food.

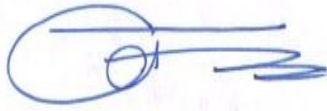
Increasing access to high quality, healthy, and affordable food in the Tenderloin and across San Francisco is at the core of GLIDE’s mission to build empathy, transform lives, and spread radical inclusivity. As a champion for food equity, we support an intentional effort to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin to provide our community members with fresh and affordable food.

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Sincerely,



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From: [Nicole Murphy](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: In Support Of Bringing a Full-Service Grocery Store to the Tenderloin
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 11:51:14 AM
Attachments: [CSC Support Letter for Grocery Store.docx](#)

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Please see an attached letter from Curry Senior Center in support of bringing a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin.

Best,

Nicole Murphy
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To: Mayor Breed, City Departments, and the Board of Supervisors

From: Curry Senior Center

I am reaching out in support of Supervisor Preston's resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin. Despite being identified by residents as a top community priority for decades, the Tenderloin continues to lack a full-service grocery store.

Of the many programs and services we provide for the seniors living in the Tenderloin, our Grocery Program is the most popular due to the fact that there is no grocery local to them. For many of our seniors, a trip to the grocery store can be a daunting task; relying on public transportation, carrying heavy bags with grocery items, and limiting the ability to purchase emergency items when needed.

The resolution specifically calls on City departments, including the San Francisco Human Services Agency, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Planning Department to report to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days on previous efforts in the past five years to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin, potential sites for a grocery store in the Tenderloin, and any current efforts or plans for a grocery store to the Tenderloin.

We need your support and look forward to working with you as we continue our momentum to bring a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin. Please feel free to reach out to me have you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Knego".

David Knego
Executive Director, Curry Senior Center

From: amos@vetsalley.org
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Re: Bringing a Grocery Store to the Tenderloin
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:21:42 AM
Attachments: [full servicegrocersupportletter.pdf](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: "amos@vetsalley.org" <amos@vetsalley.org>
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 10:52am
To: "Bolen, Jennifer M.(BOS)" <jennifer.m.bolen@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Bringing a Grocery Store to the Tenderloin

letter of support attached.

amos

I am writing on behalf of the Veterans Alley Mural Project. (VAMP), a tenderloin community organization. VAMP has long recognized the need for a full service grocery store in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. The Tenderloin is one of the most densely populated neighborhoods with a higher percentage of physically disabled residents. These residents have to manage a long trek across town to experience a full service grocery store. This is why we are writing in support of the resolution presented to the Board of Supervisors calling for a full service grocery store.

Amos Gregory
on behalf of Veterans Alley Mural Project.

From: [Hope Kamer](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Bolen, Jennifer M \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please Support: Supervisor Preston Resolution; Tenderloin Grocery Store
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 9:51:38 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good Morning Supervisors,

Compass Family Services is enthusiastic to support Supervisor Preston's Resolution – item 24 on today's meeting agenda – calling for a plan to establish a full grocery store in the Tenderloin. Compass supports thousands of families each year in permanently exiting homelessness and establishing stability; many of these families reside in the Tenderloin. Access to healthy, affordable food is an issue of both equity and well being for the families in this community, and we urge your support of this Resolution.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions,



Hope Kamer, MSW

She/Her ([Why pronouns?](#))

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From: [TenderloinPeoplesCongress](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The Tenderloin People's Congress (TPC) strongly supports Supervisor Dean Preston's resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin
Date: Friday, March 22, 2024 1:29:00 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

The Tenderloin People's Congress (TPC) strongly supports District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston's resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin.

While the Tenderloin People's Congress, a resident advocacy group, has advocated for this since its founding in 2015, this problem has existed for many many decades. Not having a full service supermarket has harmed the health of our residents by limiting access to fresh produce and other foods. It has also resulted in higher grocery costs. We get less and we pay more.

TPC applauds Supervisor Preston for this resolution, appeals for its swift passage and strongly hopes it will result in positive change - in the bringing of a long needed and wished for full-service supermarket to our neighborhood.

Submitted for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Elliott Lewis, Co-Chair, Tenderloin People's Congress

Norma Carrera, Co-Chair, Tenderloin People's Congress

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Reference:

SF Board of Supervisors File No. 240274

Resolution Title: *Calling for Full-Service Grocery Store in the Tenderloin*

From: [Lower Polk Neighbors](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Bolen, Jennifer M.\(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please pass Sup. Preston's resolution for a grocery store in the Tenderloin...
Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:29:40 PM
Attachments: [Grocery-store-support-LPN.pdf.pdf](#)

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Hello board of supervisors,

Please see the attached letter of support for Supervisor Preston's resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin. Thank you!

Drew McDaniel
Lower Polk Neighbors



To whom it may concern,

Lower Polk Neighbors enthusiastically supports Supervisor Preston's resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin.

Much of Lower Polk is in the Tenderloin, a long-standing food desert. It's also one of the highest-density neighborhoods in the city with some of the lowest household incomes and rates of car ownership. Lower Polk and Tenderloin residents should be able to get fresh, affordable groceries locally instead of having to travel to other parts of the city or settle for the limited selection and high prices at corner convenience stores.

For these reasons we urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt this resolution.

Drew McDaniel
Lower Polk Neighbors

From: [Geoffrey McFarland](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: St. Anthony's support for Full-Service Grocery Store Tenderloin Resolution
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 4:32:23 PM
Attachments: [IMG_0002.pdf](#)

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Hello,

Hope you're having a beautiful day. St. Anthony's leadership would like to register our support for tomorrow's resolution calling for a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin.

Please see the attached letter of support from St. Anthony's interim CEO Bryan Young.

Thank you, for all you do.

In community,

Geoffrey

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March 21, 2024

Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write to you today on behalf of St. Anthony's to express our unwavering support for the resolution calling for a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin. We commend the initiative taken to address this important facet of the longstanding issue of food insecurity in our neighborhood.

The Tenderloin neighborhood has endured decades without access to a full-service grocery store, creating significant challenges for its residents, a majority of whom are transportation-limited. While efforts such as Healthy Retail SF, Heart of the City Farmers' Market and the Tenderloin Pop-Up Food Pantry have provided some relief, they are not a substitute for a comprehensive solution.

The resolution rightly emphasizes the importance of collaboration among city departments and stakeholders to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin. We urge the San Francisco Human Services Agency, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and Planning Department to work diligently in partnership with the community to identify potential sites and develop a comprehensive plan for implementation.

Furthermore, we support the call for a report detailing past efforts, potential sites, and current plans for a grocery store in the Tenderloin. Transparency and accountability are essential in this process to ensure that progress is made effectively and efficiently.

As we witness other major American cities successfully implementing municipally-owned grocery stores, it is evident that innovative solutions are possible.

In conclusion, St. Anthony's stands in solidarity with the residents of the Tenderloin and fully endorses the resolution urging the establishment of a full-service grocery store in the neighborhood. We urge you to take decisive action to fulfill the long-awaited need for accessible, nutritious food options in the Tenderloin.

Sincerely,



Bryan Young
Chief Executive Officer

From: [Donna Hilliard](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution calling on City departments to work with the community to bring a full-service grocery store to the Tenderloin
Date: Monday, March 25, 2024 5:47:02 PM
Attachments: [LOS.pdf](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please find my letter of support for full- service grocery store to the Tenderloin

Best,
Donna



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Preston's resolution calling on City departments to collaborate with the community to establish a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin. This initiative is long overdue and critical for addressing the pressing issue of food insecurity in our neighborhood.

For decades, the Tenderloin community has voiced the need for a full-service grocery store, yet this basic necessity still needs to be discovered. Access to nutritious food is a fundamental human right, and it is unacceptable that our neighbors continue to face barriers in accessing fresh and affordable groceries.

As an organization committed to serving the Tenderloin community, we witness firsthand residents' challenges in obtaining healthy food options. Establishing a full-service grocery store within walking distance of residents' homes, at price points they can afford, is essential for promoting food equity and improving the overall well-being of our community.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to support Supervisor Preston's resolution and prioritize the establishment of a full-service grocery store in the Tenderloin. This initiative aligns with our collective mission to address food insecurity and promote equitable access to essential resources for all residents.

We respectfully request that this letter be shared with all members of the Board of Supervisors in advance of the upcoming meeting on March 26, 2024. By working together, we can make significant strides towards ensuring that every member of our community has access to the nutritious food they need and deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or assistance.

Sincerely,



Donna Hilliard