

From: [Lex Montiel](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SF Board of Supervisors Meeting - Adult Sex Venue Legislation
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 12:48:56 PM

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Mr. Carroll

My name is Lex Montiel, the owner is SF Eagle, and I wanted to call in and be part of the public comment on today's hearing for the Adults Sex Venue Legislature.

I want to express my support for this changes to the current legislature. This changes are well over due, sexual health and sex lives are a important part of our community and the topic that has been neglected for many years.

I feel that once this legislature moves forward it opens the field for proper venues that can follow the legislature's guidelines and there for they would be able to promote sexual education testing and consulting giving as a result a healthy sexlive.

I want to have my statement be part of the record for today's hearing.

Thanking you in advance.

Lex Montiel

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From: [Gage Lennox](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Adult Venue Legislation
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:24:29 AM

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Hello, my name is Gage Lennox, most of my day-to-day life is focused on creating environments that promote sexual expression. Through writings, through films, through art, and through events.

I have nothing but Positivity and Praise for the communities that I am a part of, and the legacies we continue to write together.

When barriers come down, and people are present in their own skin- people Shine! People talk and learn from each other.

We speak a language that translates to every race of man- I'm talking about communicating with touch and body language. I've always thought of our understanding of Sexuality as one of the strongest examples of Gay Magic.

Imagine the cultures and business' we have created by this shared intimacy! ..Then imagine it all taken away...

The AIDS epidemic was before my time, I'm 30 years old now and was born in 1989. BUT.. my spirit has felt a loss towards the men and women that are not here anymore. Teachers, Mentors- the true Kinky Pioneers.

What would they want me to do with my time? With certainty, and with medical science, I was one of the early adopters of the PrEP medication in San Francisco.

My gut told me, THIS was the freedom we needed to help my community thrive. The freedom of living life without fear.

Creativity wasn't in bondage anymore, and new stories can be written

again!

I am without a doubt confident that the men who were lost in the AIDs epidemic, particularly the Kinky men, who are not here to teach MY generation, would want me to have sex without fear.

My calling, my career, was to create this environment "without fear".

In the last four years, I have done that, with the help of my peers- and even some Mentors who have survived the AIDs epidemic!

I created a successful play party, called 'Friendly Fire' during our Fetish weekends, Dore and Folsom, in San Francisco.

I've never attended a party where it felt SO much like an example of a community "gathering".

I use my events as important times to get wisdom, harm reduction, and education across, and most important to my heart- to have FUN! And it works! My last event had over 300 men show up-and the Vibe of the crowd is what I call, 'Responsibly Wild'.

Men are given literature about STI testing and 'play party wisdom' at our entrance, as well as in our bathrooms.

Grown adults, given the right setting, and the right leadership, can accomplish and create amazing sexual moments!

It's been the pleasure of my life to contribute to a story bigger than myself, and I thank and fully support Supervisor Mandleman's efforts in recognizing and protecting our sexual safe spaces!

It IS a goal of mine to open a Sex-Positive venue, within this city I call home.

To even be invited to speak at this hearing is such a huge sign of respect. It instills potential. And that's all the hope I need to keep going in creating a lifetime of fun and brotherhood.

Thank You for giving me, and others a platform to feel that our message is heard.

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From: [Stephan Ferris](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - Health Code - Adult Sex Venue Health and Safety Standards
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:01:14 AM

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Mr. Carroll,

I called this morning to provide public comment for the proposed adult sex venue legislation, but I believe I was muted and wasn't able to speak to a person. Please add my comment below to the official record. I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

With gratitude,

Stephan Ferris

PUBLIC COMMENT - STEPHAN FERRIS

Good Morning, my name is Stephan Ferris. I am a sex worker, attorney, and board director for Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom and the San Francisco Leather Cultural District. I speak today in my personal capacity as a San Francisco Resident since 2005.

The legislation before us today purports to correct a policy rooted in stigma, ignorance, and shame concerning the transmission of HIV. Locked doors in bathhouses were prohibited in order to monitor safer sex **practises**, namely observable use of condoms. Today, safer sex practises can be non-observable. Undetectable HIV-positive individuals are proven not to transmit the virus, and HIV-negative individuals can protect themselves with the use of PREP. In both of these **situations** safer sex practises are non observable

and cannot be monitored by a bathhouse employee. Thus, unlocked doors are an unnecessary precaution to safer sex practises because these practises can occur off premise (taking medication at home). Additionally, bathhouses can provide additional HIV and STI testing access to a broader section of our community.

I strongly urge you to align San Francisco's bathhouse regulations with modern science regarding HIV transmission, to eliminate the prohibition against locked doors, and to allow more access to testing.

Thank You.

From: [Harry Breaux](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Public safety venue for bathhouses
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:00:27 AM

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Dear Mr. Carroll,

I wish to ad my support of the change to the rules regulating bathhouses.

I support Supervisor Mandelman's view that the restrictions imposed by the city in the 1980's are obsolete and need to be updated to reflect current times.

Bathhouses provides a social aspect not addressed by the sex clubs now allowed. They provide no privacy and little social connection as was the case of the bathhouses of previous eras.

I met people at the baths that became friends and helped me to find employment.

A sex club has little capacity for socializing as they seldom have food available and little space to congregate socially.

Bathhouses have historically served as meeting places for gay men and serve a need not found in a sex club type of venue.

Thank you.

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There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so. - Hamlet

From: [R. Lee Jewell](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: [Health Code - Adult Sex Venue Health and Safety Standards] Sponsor: Mandelman
Date: Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:52:13 AM

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I support this effort to update the Health Code as put forward. With the proven effectiveness of biomedical interventions i.e. PrEP, we can safely and effectively implement strategies that will keep patrons safe.

Mr. Lee Jewell
SF Resident, District 6

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Public Safety Committee Resolution #200141
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:23:40 AM

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From: Colin Gallagher <colinvgallagher@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:32 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposition to Public Safety Committee Resolution #200141

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Members of the Public Safety Committee-

I am contacting you in advance of the Public Safety Committee meeting to be held this Thursday, July 9, to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance amending the Health Code to permit sex venues in San Francisco to have locked doors within their establishments and prohibiting the Director of Public Health from adopting standards that would require the monitoring of patrons' behavior inside the establishments.

It is irresponsible to make these amendments to the Health Code when we are still experiencing the the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the present time it is not possible to obtain a professional haircut in San Francisco. I find it incomprehensible that the Board would consider proposed changes would facilitate the transmission of COVID-19, let alone HIV, through sex venues in the city.

There is an epidemic of crystal meth use in the lgbt community. Facilitating the use of meth and other controlled substances inside sex venues by curtailing the ability of public health authorities to mandate reasonable limits on locked doors within those venues is simply unwise. There has been at least one death through drug overdose at Steamworks in Berkeley in the past year. Is this the record that you want San Francisco's sex venues to emulate?

The Public Safety Committee would better serve the lgbt community, and public safety within the city, by conducting hearings into questions such as why, after nearly two years, there have been no arrests made or charges filed in the murder of Brian Egg, a gay male San Francisco resident? Or why is it that the District Attorney's office is not charging violent crimes occurring in the Castro district, including circumstances where the alleged assailant had admitted to the offense before police officers?

Very truly yours,

Colin Gallagher

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