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Cc: Board of Supervisors (BOS); Cabrera, Stephanie (BOS)

Subject: Addressing Car Break-Ins

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Supervisors,

On today's Government Audit and Oversight Committee agenda, Supervisor Preston is leading an item on car break-ins. I read the Supervisor's letter about the approach he believes the city should take to car break-ins, and I am left wholly disappointed. Where else is the strategy, "departments should talk more, and people shouldn't leave stuff in their cars"? How is this a practical approach to solving a significant issue that impacts the quality of life for all residents and visitors, especially those who are poor?

Where is the focus on actual deterrence? Where is the focus on solving the problem itself? Where is the focus on the consequences for those who are smashing windows and those who are buying the stolen goods?

Our city streets are littered with car window glass. Is this the best our Board of Supervisors has to solve an issue plaguing us and worsening? I hope today's hearing contains far more nuance than Supervisor Preston's proposal, which reads more like a last-minute brainstorm and less like a well-thought-out policy presentation that can turn the tide on break-ins.

Let's come together and truly solve these issues!

Thank you, Ted From: Board of Supervisors (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS);

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Subject: FW: Public comment for September 20, 2023 BOS Government Audit & Oversight Committee

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Hello,

Please see below for communication from Adele Framer regarding File No. 230951, which is Item No. 2 on today's Government Audit and Oversight Committee agenda.

File No. 230951 - Urging the Recreation and Park Department to Publicly Share Information Regarding Pilot Activation of UN Plaza and Take Steps to Mitigate Any Impact on the Farmers' Market (Preston, Peskin)

Sincerely,

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Comment on 2. 230951 [Urging the Recreation and Park Department to Publicly Share Information Regarding Pilot Activation of UN Plaza and Take Steps to Mitigate Any Impact on the Farmers' Market]

My name is Adele Framer. I live in current District 8. I've enjoyed shopping at the farmers' market on UN Plaza for more than 20 years, like thousands of other San Francisco voters.

I urge all supervisors to support this resolution.

I am very concerned about the health of the farmers' market. There are signs that the relocation to Fulton Plaza has been very rough for them. The new location is out of the way, too small, and logistically difficult. The farmers cannot afford much in the way of financial losses.

Everyone agrees that the farmers' market has been a shining asset to the city for 41 years. The crowds attracted by the farmers's market transformed UN Plaza every market day. It was established with a state grant to remedy a food desert. Without the market, the area is still a food desert.

The farmers' market is a small business and its members are mostly people of color who have worked hard to feed a poor neighborhood as well as thousands of other San Franciscans. If the farmers' market fails, I urge the committee to consider how this will affect food equity in the heart of San Francisco. How will this make our city look?

Overall, the UN Plaza project is poorly planned. Other than a paragraph describing skate ramp construction for Rec & Park's Planning application, I can find no formal plans, studies, or projected demographics or usage patterns for the skate park project. It never went before the Rec and Park board. The Planning department was told it was a temporary installation. Exactly how temporary is this slipshod pilot project?

This is not an obscure corner of the city. UN Plaza is a historic landmark and the gateway to our Civic Center. The Civic Center of the city of San Francisco belongs to all San Franciscans.

Why a skate park? Will that bring in the same kind of foot traffic as the farmers' market? I want to know why the Recreation and Park board did not explore other alternatives that would keep the farmers' market in place on UN Plaza. The night market organized by Supervisor Joel Engardio was a raging success. People come out for food. Why not have food in UN Plaza 7 days a week?

Sincerely,

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Thursday 10am/ Hearing on Car Break ins--Urg

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 10:59:31 AM

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Dear Government Heads of San Francisco,

I write to you today as a concerned business manager on Haight Street, a street celebrated for its vibrant culture and welcoming atmosphere, but that has now become synonymous with the rampant car break-ins that plague our beloved city. I must admit that it is increasingly difficult to find anything positive in a city that is suffering from a seemingly unending epidemic of car break-ins and increased crime.

It deeply saddens me to report that San Francisco has reached a point where tourists, who should be captivated by the beauty and charm of our city, are instead leaving with harrowing tales of their vehicles being broken into, leaving them not just inconvenienced, but emotionally scarred by the loss of their belongings and personal security.

Recently, I had two friends visit San Francisco, both of whom had their vehicles broken into. It is not an exaggeration to say that the impression this left on them was nothing short of terrible. They, like many others, took to social media to share their unfortunate experiences, and I fear the damage this does to our reputation as a tourist destination.

The situation is dire, and it is utterly perplexing that we find ourselves here despite the extensive surveillance infrastructure throughout the city. We can see where these criminals live, we can track them, and we can follow their actions. Yet, car break-ins continue to plague Alamo Square, Twin Peaks lookout, Haight Street, Fisherman's Wharf, and countless other areas. It is disheartening to witness the decline of this once-great city into a hotbed of criminal activity.

The devastating sight of shattered glass in our neighborhoods is now an all too familiar one. We are tired, and yes, we are angry. We have been voicing our concerns for years, yet the problem persists. Why are these criminals not being held accountable for their actions? It is time to put an end to this cycle of leniency and slap-on-the-wrist justice.

As residents and business owners in a city with one of the highest costs of living, we deserve more than empty promises. It is time for action. We implore you to take decisive steps to incarcerate these criminals, protect our streets, and restore San Francisco's reputation as a safe and welcoming destination.

We understand that addressing this issue is complex, but the longer we delay, the more damage is done to our city's reputation and, consequently, our economy. We urge you to work tirelessly to find a solution that ensures the safety of our residents and visitors alike

Let us not allow San Francisco's legacy to be defined by crime and open air drug abuse. We have the potential to turn the tide, but it will require a collective effort and unwavering determination. We stand ready to support any measures that will bring back the San Francisco we once knew and loved.

Sincerely,

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