



Aaron Peskin
President, Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City and County Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, Ca 94102-4689

Re: Ordinance #231191

In May 1986, one of San Francisco's most fascinating and iconic art pieces opened at the end of the small boat harbor in the Marina District. The Wave Organ, conceived of and built by Exploratorium Senior Artist Peter Richards and sculptor and stone mason George Gonzalez, is a world renowned public artwork that powerfully connects people to the wonders of the ocean and the San Francisco Bay. 25 organ pipes, artfully installed in the jetty at the end of the harbor, make music out of the the rise and fall of the tides, delighting the many thousands of people who have visited the Wave Organ over its nearly 40 year history. Visitors from all over the world make pilgrimages to it. It is, in short, a city treasure.

As the institution that established the Wave Organ, the Exploratorium strongly supports its preservation, just as we strongly support the health of the extraordinary ecosystem that is the San Francisco Bay. We are concerned that the proposal from the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for the Marina Harbor may negatively impact both. We hope that the Board of Supervisors will take into account the importance of this iconic artwork as they consider which direction Marina construction and toxic waste clean-up should go.

Sincerely,


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