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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and other city officials,

I am Gehrig Ertle and a home owner in the Castro District and have lived in the city for over 10 years. I am tired of having our sidewalks blocked and endless amounts of used needles, feces and trash all over the neighborhood and literally right in front of my house and in my driveway.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. I do think this however, is a temporary fix while shelter in place exists and schools are closed. There needs to be a better effort of creating a permanent solution to ensure the homeless have a safe place to live and our neighborhoods aren't destroyed by the trash, blocked sidewalks, drug use, feces everywhere and increased crime. It's really sad that this is what our city has become and honestly it has been getting only worse over the years and especially now in our neighborhood.

Some of the reasons I support the temporary initiative to use available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents:

- Multitude of tents on sidewalks that impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise, including often blocking driveways or even our entry stoop/stairs.
- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
- Sanitation services (hand-washing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
- Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
- While the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration"— but the sidewalks we rely on for

safe passage are NOT the right place.

- A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It’s in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success. We also need to have our sidewalks free so we can walk safely and not in the street. It's abhorrent to see the city to allow people to live on sidewalks (whether in tents or not) and in personal driveways, while creating unsanitary conditions for not only themselves but the entire city population. It lacks total human decency and in time where extreme public safety measures are in place, this has been almost ignored.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Gehrig Ertle  
SF Resident & Homeowner

**From:** [Sean Lee](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:07:00 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and City Staff,

My name is Sean Lee, and I am a long-time San Francisco resident and recently moved to the Castro neighborhood. My family: wife Angela and sons 4+ yr old Evan and 18 month old Dylan, and my brother-in-law, Jonathan, moved from the South Beach area just before last Thanksgiving. We are excited to be a part of a Castro community that is vibrant and open.

Having lived in San Francisco for close to 15 years, we are acutely aware of the homeless issue, yet decided to raise young kids in the city. We deal with regular homeless issues on a daily basis, but the recent dangers presented by COVID-19 endanger both the homeless as well as those with official residences, and those dangers can effectively be prevented or at the very least mitigated by this proposal. I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. It seems like a prudent and cost effective way to at least give the homeless the opportunity to properly social distance while respecting the space of others. In a city that regularly has limited space, the closure of schools provides additional room as well as sanitation facilities without the additional cost of navigation centers or hotel rooms. It just makes sense, compared to other options, other than doing nothing, which I hope will not be the case.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,

Sean Lee

**From:** [Chuck McCall](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Sanctioned homeless encampments  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:00:56 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, SFUSD Board President Mark Sanchez, and DPH Director Grant Colfax:

My name is Chuck McCall. I moved to mission district of San Francisco in 1997, bought a house on Guerrero Street in 2000, and have been here since. I live with my wife and 7-year-old daughter. I love it here, with the exception of one serious issue:

The homeless situation was very serious before the pandemic. It is now a matter of greatest urgency.

It is in this context that I urge you to support the resolution proposed by Supervisor Mandelman to create **sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for the homeless currently living on city sidewalks**. Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense.

- Infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality.
- Congregate-living on sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
- Sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed haphazardly across the city
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) are far easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments
- the city needs to use multiple tools. Hotels have a place but are expensive, far more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the hotel room priority list
- the City should at least pilot-test this idea in order to assess whether it is a viable longer-term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of shelters,

Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution. Time is of the essence. There is simply no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Chuck McCall

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Chuck McCall  
415.595.3913

**From:** [Matt Brezina](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](mailto:rafael.madelman@sfgov.org); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** I support safe camping sites in old parking lots in the castro & other hoods  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:04:43 PM

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Camping on sidewalks without access to trash collection, toilets or bathing is dangerous campers and other city residents at all times, and especially dangerous during covid.

I support the use of Everett middle school parking lot for this purpose 1 block away from my home.

I would ask two requirements to make this successful as an SF-wide policy:

- When a camping site is created, no further sidewalk camping is allowed within a 3/4 mile radius of that location. This addresses a neighbor concern of sanctioning this behavior and neighbors having to now accept a camping magnet. Without nearby enforcement we get into all kinds of NIMBY issues
- On the NIMBY issue - please create safe camping sites in ALL districts. If one camp site is full (say in the castro), please help people that need camping space to move to a camping zone in another district (say the outer sunset). We have families & children here too.

-matt

D8, father of 2 under age 2

**From:** [Ken Edhammer](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments during Covid19 crisis  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:38:17 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisor Mandelman, et al,

I am a resident of District 8, I have lived on Ford street for the last 6 years and prior to that Hancock Street for many more. I love this neighborhood, and this city.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless living on city sidewalks, especially when social distancing is needed most at this time!

I live in a 3 unit TIC with no outdoor space and so walking and jogging on the sidewalks in my neighborhood is my only method of exercise at the moment.

I support this position as it will allow the chronic homeless a temporary relief, sanitation, SF city services or at least information about navigation centers and other city services, but most of all - this will allow citizens to walk on sidewalks and continue social distancing and keeping our neighborhood safe and healthy during this crisis.

The corner of 14th and market, in front of Safeway, the old Pottery Barn vacant storefronts front, and other shuttered store fronts, even on our cute little Ford Street has started to fill up even worse with tents which force us to walk into the street which isn't safe or push us into non social distancing spaces. This isn't safe or healthy during this crisis.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense because.....

- Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise
- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
- Several sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments vs what is currently available
- the city needs to use multiple tools, and hotels have a place, however they are expensive, more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the priority list (those most likely to die, or who have tested positive are the top priority for hotel rooms).
- Sanctioned camps provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, pollution and unhealthy conditions
- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned safe places in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.
- while the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for

Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration” - and the tents need to be somewhere. But the sidewalks we rely on for safe passage are NOT the right place.

- A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It’s in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Sanctioned encampments should be tried, and assessed after modifications made as warranted, ensure

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving this to try it out during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,  
Ken Edhammer  
District 8 resident

Ken Edhammer, CMP



**From:** [Suzanne Shade](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](mailto:rafael.madelman@sfgov.org); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Safe Shelter Resolution: Please support care for populations in need  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 2:48:55 PM

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Dear Mayor and Supervisors:

I am Suzanne Shade and I've lived in District 8 in the heart of the Castro Village for 15 years. I have an 11 year old daughter that has grown up here.

I will start by saying that I'm deeply moved by your leadership so far on this crisis. It has been a model for preparation, organization and smart thinking. Thank you for your incredible efforts!!

I urge you to support the Safe Shelter resolution not only as a way to keep the homeless safe during the pandemic, but as a pilot program for continued care, shelter and organization of this population moving into the future.

This pandemic has underscored the need to care for folks who cannot care for themselves. I support on this for the following reasons:

- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
- Several sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments vs what is currently available
- the city needs to use multiple tools in addition to hotels which are not ideal in some circumstances.
- Sanctioned camps provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, pollution and unhealthy conditions

- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned safe places in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies.
- A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Sanctioned encampments should be tried, and assessed.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

The lives of people are in your hands.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Shade

San Francisco resident

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**From:** [Eric Jacoby](#)  
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**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 3:00:51 PM

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Dear Mayor and Supervisors,

I am Eric Jacoby. I have been a resident of San Francisco for over 20 years and have lived with my husband on Ford Street for the last 10 years. We are now a family of four with twin 2 year old boys.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

We have been trying to honor the Mayor's request to not drive to parks, beaches, etc. but rather to stay in our neighborhood for walks and exercise. With the current state of our area this is not feasible. There are very few blocks that don't have some type of encampment on the sidewalk. I tried again today with my boys and it was a fail.

If we're being asked to stay in our immediate vicinity rather than driving to locations where there are no encampments (Golden Gate Park, Ocean Beach) it seems like we should relocate tents so that safe distance can be maintained while walking.

I look forward to your support.

Thanks,  
Eric Jacoby  
14 Ford Street

**From:** [Gideon Kramer](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [markshanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:markshanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 3:03:09 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, SFUSD Board President Mark Sanchez, and DPH Director Grant Colfax:

My name is Gideon Kramer. I've lived in the Mission Dolores neighborhood (D-8) since 1977 and have long been involved in improving the quality of life here, in particular seeking solutions to our very difficult homeless situation. I'm also the president of Dorland & Dolores Neighborhood Association and block captain of our neighborhood Watch group. The homeless situation was very serious before the pandemic. It is now a matter of greatest urgency.

It is in that context that I urge you to support the resolution proposed by our supervisor, Rafael Mandelman, **to create sanctioned tent encampments** as a Safe Shelter option for homeless currently living on city sidewalks. Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense.

- A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It’s in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.
- Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement
- Congregate-living on sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone, and almost invites COVID infections
- Sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed haphazardly across the city.
- Sanctioned encampments would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) is far easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments
- the city needs to use multiple tools. Hotels have a place, but are expensive, far more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the hotel room priority list
- Sanctioned camps provide neighborhoods that are most heavily populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, pollution, and unhealthy conditions that come with unsanctioned encampments on the sidewalks
- the City should at least pilot-test this idea in order to assess whether it is a viable longer-

term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of shelters, Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms.

- the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration." Tents need to be somewhere, but NOT on sidewalks.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution. There is simply no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Gideon Kramer

President, Dorland & Dolores Neighborhood Association

Block Captain, Dorland & Dolores Neighborhood Watch

**From:** [Robert Anyon](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](mailto:rafael.madelman@sfgov.org); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** I Support Safe Tent Encampments  
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Dear Mayor and Supervisors

I am Robert Anyon in Dist. 8. I've lived on Sanchez Street for over 20 years. You are our leaders. TOGETHER, please lead this city out of this crisis and learn from it. Then please apply the lessons learned to post-pandemic San Francisco. Make structural and budgetary changes that are appropriate to deal with the reality in which we live today and in the future. Our homeless citizens deserve change and those of us who are fortunate to have a home do as well. For more than 6 years we have been given excuses and band aids. Our city should restructure to enable us to deal with what is front of us, not behind us. Please do not allow the past to blind you to what might be necessary to really address the future.

**I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless living on city sidewalks.**

If people living in tents can be required to live in areas where there are counselors, services, sanitation, etc. then it will be easier to create a social environment in which social distancing, common health practices, and common decency are encouraged and practiced. This would also facilitate contact tracing.

It has become clear that not everyone who lives on the street will be willing to take advantage of that. But the more we can create safe and sane environments for those who ARE willing, the better. Then we need structural changes in our city's approach to those who do not comply.

***Please approve and implement ASAP sanctioned/monitored tent encampments and make it structurally permanent through legislation.***

Sincerely,  
Robert Anyon

**From:** [Chris Cheng](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** In Support: Resolution for Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and other city officials,

My name is Chris Cheng -- my husband and I are home owners in District 8. We have lived in San Francisco for 13 years and have been constantly frustrated by the lack of improvement for the city's homeless population.

Our city has the money and resources to do better, and with COVID-19 threatening our health and safety it is necessary for the city to improve how it protects its vulnerable homeless population. In turn, fewer homeless people on the streets protects residents at large.

**I support the proposed resolution to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.** I implore you to summon the political will and courage to support this resolution.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense because:

- Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise
- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
- Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
- the city needs to use multiple tools, and hotels have a place, however they are expensive, more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the priority list (those most likely to die, or who have tested positive are the top priority for hotel rooms)
- other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We should be collaborating and learning together



- Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.
- while the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated “Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration”— but the sidewalks we rely on for safe passage are NOT the right place.
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The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Please consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Chris Cheng  
Homeowner, 24 Hartford St in District 8

**From:** [Joan Anyon](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Mayor, SF City Supervisors, and officials,

My name is Joan Anyon and I have lived in the Castro district for 20 years. I am over 70 years old.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense:

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A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It’s in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk

tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

We are in a crisis situation and you should use emergency powers to ensure that our population, housed and unhoused, is safe.

Sincerely,  
Joan Anyon  
Neighborhood Action Group (Castro)

**From:** [Rocky Mullin](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tent use for Everett School  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:17:08 PM

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I live on Sharon Street right next to Everett and we really really need to use the internal parking space at Everett for the unhomed people to have a safe place with sanitation and proper social distancing.

This is a bare minimum solution. My real ideas are using eminent domain to claim unoccupied investment properties from foreign nationals, sell them on the open market to actual US residents, and use the money to fund buying properties for the unhomed. That is of course after we secede from the USA.

So it's probably best to shut me up and help these people with Everett School's space, lest I get really annoying with my crazy socialist agenda, no?

PS: I think y'all are doing a FANTASTIC job right now.

- Hugh (Rocky) Mullin  
Sharon Street tenant  
IATSE Local 16 worker

**From:** [Stuart Goldstein](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 5:30:53 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors,

I am Stuart Goldstein. I live in the Castro District for 16 years. I'm retired.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense because.....

**-Two months ago, when I had three encampments in front of my door... felt threatened and had to deal with the filth. I own my condo and pay huge amount of city taxes. I shouldn't have to deal with this! Just imagine what it must feel like to walk out of my home, and face this encampment. Literally 3 feet from my door!**

- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available  
- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.

-The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Respectfully, Stuart Goldstein

**From:** [KEVO](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Closson, Jessica \(POL\)](#)  
**Subject:** Encampments- Castro  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 5:33:03 PM

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Mayor Breed, Supervisors,

The homeless situation in Castro post Corona is surreal. Huge encampments of 20 plus tents. No social distancing. Open drug use and sales. Open fires. Last night vandalism and destruction of property on Sanchez Street.

This is a dangerous situation for homeless and residents. Unhealthy. Please support the establishment of a mandatory tent zone at the Sanchez Street schools parking lot with security toilets showers and services. The current situation is unhealthy and unsafe. Let's get this done w support from SFPD to let people know if you camp. This is the place. The only place temporarily to do so. This neighborhood needs help!!

Kevin O'Shea  
Hancock Street

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Nancy Hammer](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor and Supervisors

We live on Sanchez St between 16th and 17th Streets. 5 years ago homeless, mentally/emotionally disabled, intoxicated or drug addicted people did not exist living on the streets of our neighborhood. Now our street is crowded with them.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense.

- Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise
- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVI- Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
- the city needs to use multiple tools, and hotels have a place, however they are expensive, more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the priority list (those most likely to die, or who have tested positive are the top priority for hotel rooms)
- other cities (Seattle, LA, Portland and Phoenix) on the west coast are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keephomeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We should be collaborating and learning together
- Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.
- while the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration"— but the sidewalks we rely on for safe passage are NOT the right place.
- A study found infected homeless individuals have "extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality" and predict they're twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It's in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hammer  
Ronald Paskin



**From:** [Lorraine Gallagher](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [Gideon Kramer](#)  
**Subject:** Mission District - Sanctioned Homeless Encampments  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 5:51:25 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, SFUSD Board President Mark Sanchez, and DPH Director Grant Colfax:

We Emmet & Lorraine Ward, are writing to plead with you to act on the homeless situation in our neighborhood, which has become increasingly worrisome since the COVID-19 pandemic with the sanctioned homeless encampments.

We have lived in the Mission Dolores, neighborhood for the past eight years and watched in utter dismay as our beautiful neighborhood has become overrun with homeless, who create tent cities, shoot up in broad daylight, discard needles and wast at will and use the public sidewalk as their bathroom. Not to mention the ongoing harassment of passerby's and acts of violence when coming off their drugs. There is daily car theft and burglary attempts.

My husband and I have worked so very hard to purchase a home in San Francisco and continue to do so to pay a mortgage and provide a solid education and future for our two little girls age two and five. Unfortunately this city and neighborhood that we choose to call home has fallen into complete disarray. We cannot go on a neighborhood walk without being harassed or assaulted. Just last week a homeless man attacked my five year old daughter accusing her of being the devil. When my husband stepped in to protect her and defuse the situation the man proceeded to spit in his face and threatened to kill him. Although trying to make light of the situation my daughter still has nightmares. My husband did report the incident and urged the police to act but we still see this homeless person and his encampment in our neighborhood and as a result no longer feel it safe to bring our daughters for walks locally. It is with a broken heart that we continue to evaluate if Swe can continue to call San Francisco home and somewhere we feel safe in to raise our daughters. It is in this context that we plead and urge you to support the resolution proposed by Supervisor Mandelman, to create **sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless currently living on city sidewalks**. Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense. Something needs to be done immediately. We fell unsafe in our own neighborhood and the police are unwilling or unable to help manage this crisis.

**Particularly in light of COVID-19:**

- Infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality.
- Congregate-living on sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone, and almost invites COVID infections
- Sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed haphazardly across the city

Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) are far easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments

The city needs to use multiple tools. Hotels have a place, but are expensive, far more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the hotel room priority list

The City should at least pilot-test this idea in order to assess whether it is a viable longer- term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of shelters, Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms.

We urge you to vote in support of the resolution and to think of your residents who had faith and voted for you.

Time is of the essence. There is simply no time to waste and we urge you to act as a matter of urgency.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Ward

**From:** [David Troup](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfsud.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfsud.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites!  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 6:03:44 PM

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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

My name is David Troup, I'm a 20-year resident and homeowner in San Francisco, in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood, and long-time former board member and past president of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association.

I am writing to strongly support Supervisor Mandelman's resolution to create safe sleeping sites as a better alternative to the status quo for homeless living on our city sidewalks.

In my neighborhood, there are tens, maybe a hundred or more homeless living on sidewalks, largely not practicing physical distancing, and frequently creating an environment where it is impossible to maintain distance while using city sidewalks.

Congregate living on sidewalks is not safe or healthy for anyone, and it creates many opportunities for the transmission of Covid-19 within the homeless community and outside of it. With the current shutdown of schools and other facilities, there are many parking lots and open areas where these vulnerable individuals could pitch their tents while maintaining safe separation from others, as well as receive services and perhaps even begin a journey to a better life.

This is something that should be tried and assessed, and the time to do it is immediately. The cost of leaving people on our sidewalks will be much greater than the cost of relocating them to someplace safer for all.

Sincerely,

David Troup  
2224 15th St  
San Francisco, CA 94114

**From:** [Astrid Olsson](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff. \[BOS\]](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support safe camping sleeping sites  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 9:16:21 PM

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dear Mayor, Supervisors,

I Have lived in the city over forty years and on Sharon street for 36 years -working and raising our family . I have seen the affect of HIV epidemic, the changes in the Castro, 1989 earthquake, growing homelessness , escalating crime, home break-in, etc

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless than living on city sidewalks.

Governor Newsom made inspiring talk last week how some cities/counties along with corporate motel 6 Provide shelter for homeless. San Francisco has a large homeless population and not so many motel 6s so an alternative like using empty parking lots would be a compelling alternative to sidewalks. Provide sanitation, food , social distancing etc.

If we do nothing, Covid will run its course, we must do something! It can be a new course and perhaps opportunity for connection with the homeless. I am concerned about “stakeholders “ who had plans for solutions to homelessness, but COVID has upended business as usual.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution.

Sincerely,  
Astrid Olsson  
30 Sharon street

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Holley Arbeit](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfsud.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfsud.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Better Place for Tents in D8  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 10:12:12 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and Others,

I am Holley Arbeit. I live at 381 Noe St., between 17th and Noe At. in the Castro district. My husband and I retired here in 2012. We chose this neighborhood because we enjoy the location, the vibrant local activities and what was relatively a relatively safe neighborhood when we moved in. I have an active member in SF, volunteering to improve quality of life issues in our area, working with Friends of the Urban Forest to beautify our sidewalk gardens and volunteer tutor at The Bridge Program of the SF Main Library with adult ESL learners. To make a healthy city for all inhabitants, I do feel that all members' needs should be heard and pro-actively supported.

I strongly support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense because congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections. Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. Sanitation services (hand washing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available. Other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis.

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The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation. I want to feel pride again when I share this city with our many visitors. I am so deeply saddened when visitors throughout the USA and abroad express shock and confusion when they see the extent of our homeless population. They often ask me, "How can such a wealthy, innovative populace not have a solution to this problem?" Is it the general citizens or our government leaders that allow this inhumane situation to continue. Please, I want to be proud of our resolve to support all members of our society.

Sincerely,  
Holley Arbeit  
381 Noe St.  
661- 204 -8531

**From:** [William Jaeck](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [markshanchez@sfsd.edu](#); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 8:22:37 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, community leaders,

My name is William Jaeck. I have lived in San Francisco District 8 for over 26 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandelman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks.

It is time for us all to recognize that the ongoing situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially grave threat to the health and safety of everyone, including housed residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

No one deserves to be left to camp on the sidewalk. They are left helpless without the ability to avoid close contact with others, without access to food, water, toilets, showers, garbage receptacles and security. No one deserves to be told over and over that they must move from spot to spot on the sidewalk, only to be told again and again that they must pick up and move elsewhere, but with nowhere else to move.

No one deserves to have to daily avoid parts of our city's public sidewalks to keep from coming in close contact with parts of the sidewalk that are blocked by tents, dirty with feces and urine and needles and trash.

We can and we must do better than that. For the sake of all, we must take action now to move the tents off the sidewalks into a safe, secure location.

We must at once demand that our sidewalks be kept clear and clean.

We must at once demand that people who have been left with no other option than to live in tents on public sidewalks be provided with a place where they won't be moved over and over, and where they will be able to keep safe distance, have access to food and sanitation, and have access to effective services to restore their lives to a healthy standard.

Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution. Approve it as legislation. Make it happen. It's time. Now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
William Jaeck



**From:** [Norman and Sharon Kman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu)  
**Subject:** Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 9:07:01 AM

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Dear Mayor and Supervisors:

I have lived in San Francisco for 74 years! My husband and I have both worked before retirement in San Francisco. My husband was an executive at Macys for years and I a psychotherapist in Noe Valley. Over the years we have witnessed the growing problem of the homeless who to us appear to be dying Vs living in the streets. We are aware of the complexities and difficulties of coping with this problem. However the coronavirus calls for new innovative solutions to protect us all--the housed and homeless.

Please consider moving homeless tents into safer places to camp such as Everett Middle School. Trying to walk in our neighborhood too often we cannot pass safely in front of tents on the sidewalks. Some of the tents are directly in front of residents front doors so they cannot leave home safely. Finally too many in tents camp out much closer than the recommended 6 feet. For the sake of all residents including the homeless please provide spaces for tents to be set up where the dwellers can have access to washing facilities, bathrooms, and safe space to shelter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon & Norman Kman  
18th Street, 94114

**From:** [Chuck Benz](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [marksanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:marksanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, health and education officials,

My name is Charles Benz. I live in the Castro neighborhood, District 8, of San Francisco. I have lived here for more than 3 decades.

I support Supervisor Mandelman's resolution to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter\_option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

It's a good idea and we should give it a try, at least until the covid-19 epidemic ends. What have we got to lose?

Please vote in favor of the resolution and please support enacting it into legislation.

Sincerely,

Charles Benz

**From:** [Emily Reinys](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [marksanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:marksanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** Designated camping sites for homeless  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:32:57 AM

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Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisors, and other city leaders:

My name is Emily Reinys and have lived in the Castro since 2007. These are extraordinary times, however I have never seen the encampments in this neighborhood swell to the degree that they have over the past few weeks. Blocked sidewalks are not okay. Campers using the streets, Eureka Valley library landscaping and resident's driveways as public toilets is not okay. The campers pitching their tents and congregating/using drugs in close proximity while the rest of the city practices social distancing is not okay.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. In the Castro, I specifically would like to see the Everett School parking lot opened up for this purpose. Provide these folks with porta-potties, sinks for hand-washing, trash disposal, and space to social distance. This is important not only for the health of this vulnerable population but for all San Franciscans. The status quo of tents clustered all over the sidewalk blocking safe passage by pedestrians, blocking business and residence entrances and the resultant human waste issue is not acceptable---especially now in the the middle of the worst pandemic we have seen in >100 years.

Other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We should be collaborating and learning together. San Francisco should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms. It is in ALL of our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Please consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Emily Reinys, MD

**From:** [Marian Beard](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [marksanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:marksanchez@sfusd.edu); [mhbeard@mac.com](mailto:mhbeard@mac.com)  
**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Leaders of San Francisco —

I am Marian Beard, a resident of the Castro/Dolores neighborhood. I was born here, attended public schools, and volunteered for years at Sanchez Elementary.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. This city is too beautiful, too intelligent, and too wealthy to leave our fellow citizens on the streets. Especially now that the threat of disease and death is so dangerous, we must find ways to protect people who have exhausted their resources.

It's in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Marian Beard

**From:** [Fred Winograd](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [marksanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:marksanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** I Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 12:08:01 PM

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## Mayor London Breed and Supervisors

My name is Fred Winograd and I have lived in the Castro for over 23 years. I love the diversity of our area and truly love our city. I fully support the resolution that will be voted on next Tuesday for Safe Sleeping Sites and I hope you, and all of the Supervisors will sign on in support of this measure.

Lately, the politics in our city seems to be aligned with that of the Federal government in Washington D.C. There are many ideas that may actually solve some of our problems but politics gets in the way. With the COVID crisis upon us, and all the problems facing the city both financially and practically, our city has a unique opportunity to shine in the public light. We have a chance to unite around a proposal that seems to have widespread support and that can be implemented very quickly. We all know it is a temporary solution but it will give us a chance to evaluate one potential solution while, in the meantime, bettering the environment for the homeless tent occupants.

From what I am reading, Safe Sleeping Sites idea has been stated as a possible short-term solution by many people and organizations, including The Coalition For The Homeless. We have a chance to provide yet another tool besides the RVs and leased hotel rooms to get every unsheltered individual into a safer and more manageable environment. This environment would provide the necessary separation of individuals, rest room facilities, trash collection along with the supportive health and other services efficiently and directly to the people who need it the most.

Please, let's not miss this opportunity to approve this resolution unanimously and quickly move on to getting it done.

Fred Winograd

**From:** [Simone Manganelli](#)  
**To:** [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** In Support of Permanent Housing and Safe Sleeping Sites for Unhoused Neighbors  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 2:58:31 PM

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Dear Mayor, Sup. Mandelman, President of the Board Yee, members of the SF Board of Education, and Dr. Colfax

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My name is Simone Manganelli; I live in the Castro in District 8, and I'm e-mailing to state my support for creating sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites for our homeless neighbors. But, this does not mean that this is the only solution we must pursue; homeless neighbors must be given PERMANENT housing, immediately, for every single homeless neighbor.

It is beyond cruel that during the COVID-19 crisis, our homeless neighbors have been left out in the cold. We have almost 10,000 people sleeping on the streets every night, without proper shelter, sanitation, and privacy, and are still subject to being harassed by cops.

I strongly support moving \*all\* homeless people into \*permanent housing\* ASAP. I strongly support using hotel rooms to move \*all\* homeless people in to temporary housing while permanent housing is being procured. This should be EVERY SINGLE HOMELESS PERSON, not just ones who have tested positive for COVID-19.

And I support safe sleeping sites, so that homeless neighbors can have a place to stay where they are not harassed daily by cops, and have access to safe and consistent sanitation, bathrooms, and running water.

Creating safe sleeping sites quickly DOES NOT absolve you from finding permanent housing for homeless people. This is a problem that San Francisco has been experiencing for almost half a century, and the solution is staring everybody in the face: give them housing.

— Simone Manganelli  
Constituent, District 8

**From:** [B Gladstone](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Our Castro neighborhood near Harvey Milk Memorial Library turned into a campground about 4 1/2 years ago. We have been working with 3 supervisors, 3 police captains, and many many people to make this a healthy neighborhood again. Now with Covid-19, the city seems to be supporting these local tent encampments in front of our homes. Unhealthy in body and mind, these vulnerable people are hurting themselves and threatening our safety.

We neighbors tolerate the Everett Middle School staff, students, and parents and the many problems they bring to us: driveways blocked, unrepaired lights leading to car break-ins. I am on Sanchez right across the street from the school and tents. It is time for the SFUSD to step up and agree to let their facilities be used to supplement the hotels for the homeless. The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

Yes, if school starts in the Fall this is a temporary solution. We have been asking for over a month; don't waste time. If this school won't work, find another school or another place. No solution is a good solution in this crisis, but any solution is better than leaving the tents and homeless in this area as they are.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Supervisors and SFUSD members - stop your resolutions and posturing, roll up your sleeves and get to work.

Bruce Gladstone,  
NAG member

**From:** [Cheryl Traverse](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, Community Leaders,

My name is Cheryl Traverse. I have lived in San Francisco District 8 for over 40 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandleman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks. Using public areas, like city parking lots seems an elegant solution during this emergency.

We need to recognize that the ongoing situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially Grave Threat to the health and safety of everyone, including residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

No one deserves to be left to camp on the sidewalk, particularly in this time of pandemic. They are left helpless without the ability to avoid close contact with others, without access to food, water, toilets, showers, garbage receptacles and security.

Citizens do not deserves to feel terrified to walk down their UNHEALTHY and UNSAFE streets and try to overcome tents and people that block sidewalks and to be exposed to mask-less people and dirt, feces and urine, needles and trash.

We can and we must do better than that. For the sake of all, we must take ACTION NOW to move the tents off the sidewalks into a safe, secure location.



We demand immediately that our sidewalks be CLEARED OF THESE OBSTACLES AND cleaned...AND TO BE KEPT CLEAR AND CLEAN ongoing.

Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution. Approve it as legislation. Make it happen. IT NEEDS TO BE NOW.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
William Jaeck

**From:** [Carolyn](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Safe Sleeping Sites Resolution # 200406  
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Dear Mayor and Supervisors.

My name is Carolyn Thomas. I've been a resident of the city since 1997. After the 2008 recession I became involved in community affairs, with a desire to collaborate across neighborhoods. Since 2015, my focus has been on neighborhood resiliency and the resolution of homelessness.

I fully support the Safe Sleeping Sites, and urge the Mayor and all agencies and entities responsible for collaborating to ensure the health and well-being of San Franciscans.

The number of tents and makeshift dwellings on city sidewalks has only grown and proliferated since the onset of COVID-19. The current state of cheek-to-jowl people and tents is even more of a danger to the population than an overcrowded shelter. The tents do not provide adequate distance for those who use the sidewalks, either as part of performing necessary errands or daily exercise. The risks and danger of infection are both to those living on the sidewalks, and those passing.

The safe sleeping sites provide other advantages which help reduce the infection rate by creating healthier living arrangements.

While the city has some portable hand-washing and toilets, these are not necessarily enough or convenient, and are difficult to monitor and service. Providing the utilities within a safe site creates a healthier environment, creates an incentive to use the site, and the utilities will be easier to service and maintain. Additionally, the provision of meals reduces the need for the homeless to travel to distribution sites, thus better adhering to the CDC's shelter-in-place standards.

As they are now, tents are dispersed across many sidewalks, putting San Francisco at risk of not re-opening in a timely manner.

Reopening is dependent on several conditions, including a low infection rate, and the ability to do contact tracing. Having approved, known locations assists San Francisco's homeless to maintain appropriate distances while still feeling safe, access to good hygiene, and ability to spend less time traveling while looking for meals. Thus, it reduces the risk of an outbreak amongst a vulnerable population who are at greater risk for other complications, and quickens the time San Franciscans can return to a semblance of life before COVID.

And, if there is an outbreak, contact tracing should be easier for health professionals ability to have additional certainty, who was in contact with infected individuals.

For the sake of all San Francisco, please approve the temporary use of school property for Safe Sites for the homeless living on our sidewalks. The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed, with modifications made as warranted to ensure success.

Return the sidewalks as places for safe passage, and create healthier alternatives for the homeless population while awaiting other remedies.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn J Thomas  
415-425-4511

**From:** [Alan Newberger](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, President, Director and to whom it may otherwise concern:

I am Alan Newberger. I have lived in District 8 for 16 years, first in a rental on Landers for 12 years and then in my own home on Prosper St for 4. I cherish these small one way blocks in the heart of upper market and have lived on them approaching 2 decades. Prosper in particular is a magical place to to call home. It is a small one block one way street bracketed by the Castro-Mission Health Center and the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, two great local institutions. These sites have also incurred an outsized and consistent burden bearing the unhoused, with the Health center having been closed for months and so having empty open parking stalls, (fantastic to see it used to drive COVID coverage now, thank you!) and the library and 16th sidewalks likely due to a mix of connectivity and street format. Prosper's sidewalks in particular are very narrow, already below ADA recommendations, presenting challenges to social distancing on a normal day and now these sidewalks are for the entirety of the crisis fully occupied and blocked. There is no egress to Prosper that does not pose a significant COVID health risk without endangering oneself.

Due to these conditions, I was very excited to see an opportunity proposed for a compassionate approach to current public health crisis facing the unhoused, and I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. These sites would allow residents to protect themselves while also being able to drive positive health outcomes in vulnerable populations. I understand in my district Edward Middle School would be considered and I support its use as a Safe Sleeping Site. I think it is essential to use a wide open space like right in our neighborhood to ensure that our sidewalks are safe for us all, and all residents have the ability to ensure their own health while performing necessary activities.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further

and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Alan Newberger  
District 8 Resident

**From:** [Bill Tannenbaum](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [shamman.walton@sfgov.org](mailto:shamman.walton@sfgov.org); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support for Safe Sleeping Resolution - April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2020 5:53:58 PM

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Dear Mayor Breed, Board of Supervisors, Board of Education and Dr. Colfax:

My name is Bill Tannenbaum. I have lived in San Francisco since the late 1970's. My wife, Rhonda, is also a decades-long resident of the City. Since the 1980's, I have been active in our neighborhood group, the Sharon Street Neighborhood Association. Our home is located just a few blocks from a rapidly growing tent encampment at Harlow and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets. Over the years, on our block and those close-by, we have had to repeatedly address issues of public safety, drug dealing, fighting, human excrement, and bike chop operations. That said, we also recognize the very real presence of mental illness, addiction illness, and poverty that vastly complicate the issue.

While tent encampments on our sidewalks have long been a chronic challenge in our neighborhood, we are particularly concerned about the proliferation of such encampments during the COVID-19 crisis. **We support the Resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites.** We believe this public policy advancement can be part of a compassionate and practical solution that will help to respond to the needs and public-health concerns of residents, homeless, and business owners. If tents are a part of the CDC-recommended distancing protocols, they should not be located on our sidewalks. As I note, this is a long-standing problem that pre-dates the current public health crisis. The current situation, however, presents an urgent opportunity for innovation. We believe this Resolution's passage can be part of a short and long-term solution to this challenge.

Be audacious. Support the Resolution on April 28<sup>th</sup> and then advance to legislative approval.

Be well,

Bill Tannenbaum  
Rhonda Rodgers  
46 Sharon Street  
San Francisco, 94114

**From:** [Cheryl Traverse](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [marksanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:marksanchez@sfusd.edu)  
**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments during the Covad-19 emergency time  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 5:02:12 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, Community Leaders,

My name is Cheryl Traverse. I have lived in San Francisco District 8 for over 40 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandleman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks. Using public areas, like city parking lots seems an elegant solution during this emergency.

We need to recognize that the ongoing situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially Grave Threat to the health and safety of everyone, including residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

No one deserves to be left to camp on the sidewalk, particularly in this time of pandemic. They are left helpless without the ability to avoid close contact with others, without access to food, water, toilets, showers, garbage receptacles and security.

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We can and we must do better than that. For the sake of all, we must take ACTION NOW to move the tents off the sidewalks into a safe, secure location.

We demand immediately that our sidewalks be CLEARED OF THESE OBSTACLES AND cleaned...AND TO BE KEPT CLEAR AND CLEAN ongoing.

Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution. Approve it as legislation. Make it happen. IT NEEDS TO BE NOW.

Thank you.

Cheryl Traverse



**From:** [Hayward Maben](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Subject:** SANCTIONED HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:46:36 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, SFUSD Board President Mark Sanchez, and DPH Director Grant Colfax:

My name is Hayward Maben. I am a physician here in the city of San Francisco. I have been as resident of the city of San Francisco for 28 years, and a homeowner in the Mission Dolores neighborhood for 19 of those years.

The homeless situation was very serious before the pandemic, and now is a matter of greatest urgency.

It is in this context that I urge you to support the resolution proposed by Supervisor Mandelman to create **sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless currently living on city sidewalks**. Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense:

- Infected homeless individuals have an extraordinarily high susceptibility to viral infection, hospitalization, and fatality.
- Congregate-living on sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone, and practically invites COVID infections
- Sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be sheltered versus being dispersed haphazardly across the city
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc.) are far easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments
- the city needs to use multiple tools. Hotels have a place, but are more expensive, far more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the hotel room priority list
- the City should at least pilot-test this idea in order to assess whether it is a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of shelters, Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution. Time is of the essence. There is simply no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Hayward C Maben III M.D.

**From:** [Cheryl Traverse](#)  
**To:** [mark sanchez](#); [GabrielaLopez@sfusd.edu](#); [AlisonMCollins](#); [JennyLam@sfusd.edu](#); [StevonCook](#); [FaaugaMoliga@sfusd.edu](#); [RachelNorton@sfusd.edu](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Tent Encampments  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:04:43 AM

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Dear members of the San Francisco Board of Education,

My name is Cheryl Traverse. I have lived in San Francisco District 8 for over 40 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandleman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks.

The order by the health department is not to move the tents during the COVAD-19 EMERGENCY. It is time for us all to recognize that this situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially grave threat to the health and safety of everyone, including housed residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

We can and we must do better than that. For the sake of all, we must take action now to move the tents off the sidewalks into a safe, secure location. At this point in time, it seems that school lots are a good possibility for such a safe and secure location during this temporary emergency.

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Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution which asks you to approve the use of school parking lots. Make it happen. It's time. Now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl traverse

**From:** [David Goldman](#)  
**To:** [Mark Sanchez](#); [Gabriela Lopez](#); [Rachel Norton](#); [Faauuga Moliga](#); [StevonCook](#); [Jenny Lam](#); [AlisonMCollins](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support Supervisor Mandelman's resolution to put homeless in school parking lots  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:35:39 AM

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Dear members of the San Francisco Board of Education:

My name is David Goldman. I am a homeowner who has lived in San Francisco District 8 for over 45 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandelman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks.

The order by the health department is not to move the tents during the COVAD-19 EMERGENCY. It is time for us all to recognize that this situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially grave threat to the health and safety of everyone, including housed residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

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Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution which asks you to approve the use of school parking lots. Make it happen. It's time. Now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Goldman  
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m: 415-728-7631

**From:** [Laura Forrest](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** My young family is afraid to walk outside: We Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and others:

I'm Laura Forrest, a 6th generation San Franciscan living on Sanchez St (&17th) with my wife and two small children.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned **Safe Sleeping Sites** as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

**The homeless have taken over our block: we no longer feel safe going outside with our young children.** At night they yell, fight one another, and we often wake up with human waste outside our house. This is no way for anyone to live: us or them. We beg you: PLEASE HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD become safe again!

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

Kind Regards,  
Laura Forrest

**From:** [Genie McNaughton](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#)  
**Cc:** [mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu](mailto:mark.sanchez@sfusd.edu)  
**Subject:** Moving homeless tents to a safe place  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:52:44 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, SFUSD Board President Mark Sanchez, and DPH Director Grant Colfax:

My name is Eugenia McNaughton. I've lived across the street from Mission High School for 23 years. The homeless situation was very serious before the pandemic. It is now a matter of greatest urgency.

It is in this context that I urge you to support the resolution proposed by Supervisor Mandelman to create **sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless currently living on city sidewalks**. Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense.

- Infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality.
- Congregate-living on sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone, and almost invites COVID infections
- Sanctioned encampments provide known places for people to be versus dispersed haphazardly across the city
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) are far easier to provide and maintain in sanctioned encampments
- The city needs to use multiple tools. Hotels have a place, but are expensive, far more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the hotel room priority list
- The City should at least pilot-test this idea in order to assess whether it is a viable longer-term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of shelters, Navigation Centers, and hotel rooms.



I urge you to vote in support of the resolution. Time is of the essence. There is no time to waste.

Sincerely,

Eugenia McNaughton

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, retired

**From:** [Kenneth Koehn](#)  
**To:** [Mark Sanchez](#); [Gabriela Lopez](#); [Rachel Norton](#); [Faauuga Moliga](#); [StevonCook](#); [Jenny Lam](#); [AlisonCollins](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support Supervisor Mandelman's resolution to put homeless in school parking lots  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:55:53 AM

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Dear members of the San Francisco Board of Education:

My name is Kenneth Koehn. I am a homeowner who has lived in San Francisco District 8 for nearly 50 years.

I support the resolution that Supervisor Mandelman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons many of whom are currently living in tents on city sidewalks.

The order by the health department is not to move the tents during the COVAD-19 EMERGENCY. It is time for us all to recognize that this situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially grave threat to the health and safety of everyone, including housed residents of the city as well as those unfortunate enough to be living outside in tents, and even some living on the sidewalks without tents.

We can and we must do better than that. For the sake of all, we must take action now to move the tents off the sidewalks into a safe, secure location. At this point in time, it seems that school parking lots are a good possibility for such a safe and secure location during this temporary emergency.

Please support the Safe Tent Encampments resolution which asks you to approve the use of school parking lots. Make it happen. It's time. Now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Koehn  
kmkoehn@gmail.com  
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**From:** [gregory climer](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:30:34 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and others,

I am Greg Climer. I live on the corner of 16th and Prosper St in a building which is an encampment hotspot.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

I support this resolution because i watch my neighbors being bullied by the unhoused people living outside and the unhoused people are not able to follow the health guidelines provided by the city and the CDC.

They light fires to cook food on the sidewalk. They openly use drugs, defecate on the streets, and threaten those of us living in the building. The other day I called the police when one man was banging on our door, threatening to break it down and beat us up. Neither myself nor my roommate had done anything to antagonize him. At this point, we are scared for our physical safety but the police do not do anything because when they arrive, he is calm. Those of us in the building are actually afraid to leave our home sometimes because of the explosive behavior outside our door.

This encampment is not practicing social distancing and they need to be given a space where they can follow the same guidelines the housed population is following.

Using available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents makes sense because:

1. Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise
2. Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections
3. Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary
4. Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
5. the city needs to use multiple tools, and hotels have a place, however they are expensive, more difficult to set up, and most unhoused homeless are last on the priority list (those most likely to die, or who have tested positive are the top priority for

hotel rooms)

6. other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We should be collaborating and learning together
7. Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
8. the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.
9. while the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated “Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration”— but the sidewalks we rely on for safe passage are NOT the right place.
10. A study found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge. It’s in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success. If we do nothing, we run the risk of exacerbating the outbreak and the combative situations on the streets.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Greg Climer  
California College of the Arts

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**From:** [RICHARD WIGEN](#)  
**To:** [Colfax, Grant \(DPH\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Homeless Encampment Sites  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 12:20:43 PM

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This email is from Richard Wigen and Fritz Lichty. We have lived in the Castro since 1987. We want to wholeheartedly support moving the tent encampments now occupying the sidewalks throughout our neighborhood to organized safe locations such as the currently unused open spaces like the parking lot between Sanchez School and Everett Middle school. Such locations would allow for the city to set up toilets, garbage collection, and sanitation facilities, as well as access to drug addiction and mental health services. Allowing the unregulated proliferation of sidewalk encampments not only fails to address the problems facing the people who inhabit the camps, but also endangers the health and well-being of all of us who live here. We believe this would be a much more effective use of city expenditures, since it's quite clear that the millions of dollars the taxpayers already spend on this situation has done little to mitigate the problem. Please, support the proposals to move the tent encampments off the sidewalks and into locations that could improve hygiene and offer treatment for those who need it.

Thank you.

**From:** [Mark Ungerer](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** In support of a safe space for sleeping  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:06:21 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al,

My name is Mark Ungerer and I have lived on Ford Street in the Castro for 3 years with my wife and our now 14-month old son. Prior to that we lived on Dolores Street for 3 years. We love it here.

**I am writing you today to express my support for the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.**

This will create a safer, cleaner and healthier neighborhood.

Respectfully,  
Mark Ungerer

**From:** [Kevin C](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and (add other names from DPH):

I am Kevin Cable. I have lived on Sanchez Street since 2014 and have enjoyed the neighborhood and people who live here. Although very close to commercial area, it is still a quiet area full of many diverse families and residents.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

I fully support the use of school parking lots as a temporary place to house the homeless tents during this current COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the sidewalks currently are full of homeless tents and the waste they leave behind, making it difficult to freely move around them. The closeness of them with each other is most definitely inviting additional spread of the infections and it's becoming a health issue. My partner belongs to the susceptible group and with the tents on Sanchez, I am unable to safely walk and maneuver around homeless as i take our dogs out on walks. The city needs to step up and do something about this travesty that is being pushed upon tax paying residents.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Cable



**From:** [Matthew Cirigliano](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish Safe Sleeping 4 Sites  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:55:08 PM

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Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisors, Board of Education Members, and Mr. Colfax,

I am Dr. Matthew Cirigliano, a resident of San Francisco since 2006. In 2011, I moved to District 8, close to the Eureka Valley Library.

I give my support for the proposed resolution to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. Using available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents is one of the better solutions available during this pandemic. Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, forcing pedestrians into the street. A pandemic is no excuse to give up on the Safe Street initiative. Daily, I watch senior citizens and small children in my neighborhood walk in the street because tents, accumulated garbage, and biological waste block the right of way.

As a physician working in one of our city hospitals, I am not convinced that congregate living on our city sidewalks, even in tents, is safe or healthy. Tents are often close together, or pitched beneath apartment windows making it difficult or impossible for social distancing. Limited access to sanitation on the street increases the risk of everyone in the neighborhood -- housed and unhoused. I agree that sanitation services (hand washing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available. Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now.

The City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms. While the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration"—there are better places than our sidewalks.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cirigliano, MD  
Resident, District 8  
San Francisco

**From:** [Steven Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:00:46 PM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and Officials:

My name is Steven Jenkins. I have lived in San Francisco for more than 30 years, and in District 8 for nearly 20. My husband and I have rented an apartment on Noe Street for the past 15 years, and are dismayed over the drastically declining levels of safety and cleanliness that have transformed our once-vital neighborhood into a site of suffering, crime, and hopelessness.

In the midst of our current pandemic crisis—which has only exacerbated the poverty, homelessness, filth, and lack of care that we see on our streets and sidewalks every day—I want to make clear my support for the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless and housing-insecure folks who are living on city sidewalks (many of them in desperate need of attention for mental health and addiction issues).

I firmly believe that using available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents makes sense because denizens who are otherwise forced to camp out on sidewalks provide unsafe conditions for themselves and all others in the area, and most certainly contribute to the spread of COVID-19. Safe Sleeping Sites also would be more conducive to providing access to washing stations, masks, toilets, trash pickup and other essential services that are sorely lacking elsewhere. Vacant hotel rooms don't seem to be working as temporary shelter, and the proposed use of currently vacant parking lots seems like a far more achievable temporary solution, and at the very least will alleviate some suffering. Other major cities, including Los Angeles, Portland, and Phoenix, have shown that Safe Sleeping Sites can be successful; let's please apply the learnings provided by these examples to our own backyard. EVERYONE will benefit.

San Francisco must respond immediately to the crisis as it affects the most vulnerable people in our community. Please do the right thing and at least try Safe Sleeping Sites, then closely assess results and make modifications as needed. The City's administration is filled with brilliant and compassionate people who can and should make a difference in this way. We look to you for leadership, innovation and results, and will support your efforts in any way possible.

I look forward to your unanimous passing of the Safe Sleeping Sites resolution.

With concern,

Steven Jenkins  
Castro District, San Francisco

**From:** [Terry Turrentine](#)  
**To:** [mark sanchez](#); [GabrielaLopez@sfusd.edu](#); [AlisonMCollins](#); [JennyLam@sfusd.edu](#); [StevonCook](#); [FaaugaMoliga@sfusd.edu](#); [RachelNorton@sfusd.edu](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Safe tent encampments in school parking lots  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:44:05 PM

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Dear School Board Members,

My name is Terry Turrentine and I have lived in the Castro as a homeowner for 30 years. This is a scary time for everyone and the order by the DPH to "Not Move the Tents" is making all of us terrified .

It is time for us all to recognize that this situation of tents and encampments being tolerated or encouraged on city sidewalks poses a potentially grave threat to the health and safety of everyone.

I strongly support the resolution that Supervisor Mandleman has proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments in Everett Middle School parking lot as a Safe Shelter option for homeless persons during this crisis.

This solution has general acceptance by most groups and I hope you will approve this temporary solution.

Terry Turrentine  
terryturrentine.com

**From:** [jared.goldfine](mailto:jared.goldfine)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:02:55 AM

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Dear Mayor Breed, Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Jared Goldfine, I am a resident of District 8, where I have resided for the past thirty-two years and in San Francisco for over forty- three years.

I enthusiastically support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned off-street Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. This proposal would greatly improve public health conditions, as toilets, garbage collection and sanitary facilities would be provided. Permitting the proliferation of sidewalk encampments not only fails to address the problems facing the people who inhabit the camps, but also endangers the health and well-being of all of us who live here. To date, efforts to provide adequate resources for the homeless have fallen far short of the need. The current proposal is a cost effective measure and would certainly be an improvement over the current conditions.

Please, support the proposals to move the tent encampments off the sidewalks and into locations that could improve hygiene and offer treatment for those who need it.

Thank you.

Jared Goldfine

**From:** [DPH-coreyblock](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support safe sleeping sites!!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:10:36 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and DPH staff,

My name is Corey, I have lived in San Francisco for over 30 years and have lived near the Eureka Valley Library for the past 6. Here in the Castro I have watched the tent encampments grow outside my door and felt increasing despair over the living conditions and the garbage and my homeless neighbors yelling in despair throughout the night.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

I am currently forced to walk down the middle of my street as the sidewalks are blocked constantly by tents. None of my unhoused neighbors are wearing masks so I feel nervous for my health each time I pass.

Safe concentrated living situations in unused parking lots makes sense in order to concentrate services and sanitation and mental health services in one place.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

I don't feel safe from Covid on my own street. The current situation is untenable. Let's try something new.

Sincerely,  
Corey

**From:** [Tara Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:38:00 AM

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To: Mayor, All Supes, BOS Clerk, Dept of Health  
CC: Mark Sanchez, President of the SF Board of Education, Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Dept of Public Health

Dear Mayor, Supervisors, et al,

Tara Murphy here, a 25+ yr resident of San Francisco, and mother to an 8yr old, and exasperated property tax payer.

**I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.**

Using available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents makes sense since:

- Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone
- **Our sidewalks are \*\*FILTHY\*\***. Sanitation services (hand washing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
- Other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19
- Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
- While the tents need to be somewhere, and the Coalition on Homelessness stated "Tents are actually part of the Centers for Disease Control recommendations and the recommendations of the Trump administration"— but the sidewalks we rely on for safe passage are NOT the right place.

It's in all our interests to find alternatives to unsafe sidewalk tent dwellings. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.



I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,

Tara Murphy, Homeowner & Parent @ 3029 Market St, 94114

**From:** [Clifton Tay](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Support Safe Sleeping Sites NOW  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:29:56 AM

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and DPH team:

My name is Clifton Tay and I've been an SF resident since 2008. In 2018, my fiancée and I purchased a single family home on Pond Street in the Castro district. As members of the LGBTQ community, it's been our dream to own in the Castro and hopefully start a family there. I have seen the unique challenges that have presented itself in SF and hope we can work together in the to create a solid plan to deal with our homeless in a humane and safe manner during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary safe sites as places for homeless tents makes sense because:

- Tents on sidewalks impede freedom of movement, when the sidewalk is basically our only way to get exercise and having to avoid tents, litter and used needles.
- Tents are not safe since I've been seeing a huge amount of tents on 16th street between Market and Noe disregarding social distancing protocols
- Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary.
- Sanitation services (handwashing, access to masks, toilets, trash pickup, etc) would be easier to provide and maintain in a Safe Sleeping Sites vs what is currently available
- Other cities (LA, Portland and Phoenix) are already creating Safe Sleeping Sites to keep homeless individuals safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We should be collaborating and learning together.
- Safe, sanctioned sleeping sites provides neighborhoods heaviest populated by both residents and homeless some respite from the current noise, filth and unhealthy conditions that exist now
- the City should at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be a viable longer term solution to the current policies, and expensive operation of Shelter, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms.

- Let's use space that is available in a controlled, safe manner - the sidewalks is NOT a place for that.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Clifton Tay  
Castro Resident

**From:** [Caleb Canning](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors:

I live in the Castro with my husband and am terribly concerned by the number of tents on the streets. It's an unsafe situation for the unhoused and the housed alike.

I urge you to support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks. This option will provide unhoused people with a safer place to camp and to safely access basic sanitation and services, giving them a better chance to stay healthy. It also eases the burden on sanitation services in residential neighborhoods.

When people living on the sidewalks congregate, even in tents, without basic sanitation services, it is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites more COVID infections.

I'm not against the use of Shelters, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms. But I hope the City will at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be an additional tool in the fight to keep all residents safer and more secure.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried. I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Caleb Canning  
Castro Resident

**From:** [Naomi Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and (add other names from DPH):

I am Naomi Boyd, a 50 year old resident of San Francisco in the Castro area. I've lived in my home for 14 1/2 years and until the last 5 years thought it was the best area in San Francisco. I chose this neighborhood because it was so clean, unlike the Mission area where I had lived previously.

I heard about the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks and I fully support this resolution. I know the intention is to have this in place for COVID-19 but I think this is something that should be in place even after the shelter in is removed.

Even though I may live in the Castro, I walk around a lot of other areas and found that having tents on the sidewalks impedes me from getting through because not all sidewalks are as wide as others (e.g. side streets in the Castro and Market St near Safeway). I'm also very concerned for these homeless residents and many of them are mentally unhealthy and unstable which is why I am always afraid of walking past them because I don't know what would provoke them to turn on me and either spit or approach me. Because of this and the requirements to stay inside has prevented me from taking even a small walk in my neighborhood. I don't feel safe when there aren't enough people around to help deter or assist me if the mentally ill homeless person decides to attack. For this reason, I am staying inside more than I should and feel that my neighborhood is no longer safe.

I understand that the homeless don't want to be in shelters because they can be robbed or attacked while sleeping and why they feel safer in a tent. So having a provided space for people to put up their tent on a more permanent basis would be a positive thing because we can offer services for them there such as sanitation (handwashing, masks, toilets, trash pickups, food delivery, check-ins for medical purposes, etc). If they had something simple as toilets we could be saving tens of thousands of dollars a year from not having to have the "poop patrol" since they

wouldn't be using our sidewalks as toilets. This is incredibly embarrassing as a resident because I know visitors are always shocked when they see and realize it is human waste on the sidewalk.

For our current COVID-19 situation, this will help to facilitate contact tracing if it becomes necessary. I have also heard there is a study that found infected homeless individuals have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. The care needed could overwhelm our hospital system in the event of a surge which is why it is urgent that we find alternatives to sidewalk tent dwellings.

The City needs solutions to stem the rate of COVID infections ASAP. Safe Sleeping Sites should be tried, and assessed. Modifications should be made as warranted to ensure success.

I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. I also strongly ask that you consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

Sincerely,  
Naomi Boyd  
4054 18th St

**From:** [Caleb Canning](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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When people living on the sidewalks congregate, even in tents, without basic sanitation services, it is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites more COVID infections.

I'm not against the use of Shelters, Navigation Centers, and Hotel rooms. But I hope the City will at least pilot-test the idea of sanctioned sleeping sites as places to be in order to assess whether they might be an additional tool in the fight to keep all residents safer and more secure.

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Sincerely,  
Caleb Canning  
Castro Resident

**From:** [Tom Metz](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [rafael.madelman@sfgov.org](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)  
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To: Mayor, All Supervisors, BOS Clerk, Dept. of Health  
CC: Mark Sanchez, President of the SF Board of Education, Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Dept. of Public Health

Hi folks,

My name is Tom Metz and I live in a rent-controlled building at 51 Prosper St. I own and manage the building. My husband and I provide clean, safe, and affordable housing for four households in addition to the apartment we occupy as our primary residence. We live in a one-bedroom apartment behind the garage. We have lived in San Francisco since 1990 and 1989 respectively. We are not wealthy. We have worked and sweated to carve out a tiny toehold of security, which is evaporating before our very eyes, in a city which is becoming increasingly hostile to middle class people.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned tent encampments as a Safe Shelter option for human beings currently living and suffering on our city sidewalks.

I am a member of St. Francis Lutheran Church at 152 Church St. Our small congregation provides free meals every week to homeless people who would otherwise go hungry. St. Francis Lutheran is able to do this because we meet the people **\*where they are.\***

I encourage you to follow this example.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN? People forced to live on the streets have “extraordinarily high susceptibility to symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and fatality” and predict they’re twice as likely to be hospitalized, require critical care, and die. This is like something out of John Steinbeck. Have a heart. DO SOMETHING FOR THEM.

I implore you to provide a designated campsite in the city of San Francisco. You **\*MUST\*** also provide:

- Multiple teams of round-the-clock police patrols seven days a week.
- Full-time janitorial services.
- A battalion of social workers.

These people need help. And your social workers can’t do their job without easy access to the clients



who need their urgent assistance.

Lest you think I am responding out of NIMBY-ism, let me observe that the proposed campsite at Everett Middle School is on my usual pedestrian route and is less than 200 yards from my front door.

Speaking of proximity, this brings up the issue of ... FAIRNESS.

Just as no one is allowed to camp without a permit in wilderness areas, for the preservation of our natural ecosystems, no one should be permitted to camp on the sidewalks of San Francisco, for the preservation of health, safety, pandemic control, and equal access to sidewalks for seniors and disabled. It is completely unfair that I have to walk or roll into traffic simply because you are unwilling to enforce the law or provide services to these very sad and desperate people.

Prosper St. is a small narrow street with narrow sidewalks. I frequently use a wheelchair, and it is dangerous to have to roll out into traffic in order to navigate around encampments that block the sidewalk. My pleas to 311 to clear access for pedestrians have been completely ignored for years now. See:

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/11927414>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/11948550>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12016868>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12016857>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12183896>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12238609>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12279687>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12252808>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12238600>

<http://mobile311.sfgov.org/reports/12209391>

To give credit where it is due, the folks at DPW have been very good about removing human feces from the sidewalk in front of our house. We have cleaned up the urine and needles from injection drug users ourselves.

FINALLY:

This encampment should be only a temporary fix. You need to purchase some of the commercial, hotel, and residential properties that are currently going bankrupt in order to provide permanent supportive housing.

Alternatively, you can use property you already own at 135 Van Ness Ave. This building takes up almost an entire block and has been sitting empty for 30 years.

Fortunately, you have hundreds of millions of dollars. I know you can do this. Everyone knows you can do this.

The conditions of San Francisco streets are a national disgrace. When Donald Trump feels free to use the condition of our streets as a cudgel to beat Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a national heroine, you know something has gone very, very wrong.

Sincerely,

Tom Metz  
51 Prosper St. Apt. 5

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: for file # 200406 Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:11:22 PM

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**From:** PENNI WISNER <penniw@pacbell.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:07 PM  
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My name is Penni Wisner and I have lived in the Castro for 27 years, a homeowner. With schools closed, the huge parking lot for Everett Middle School sits tantalizingly empty while tents for homeless proliferate around Sanchez elementary and on the little alley servicing the service entry to Everett off 16th. The fact that unhoused residents of sidewalks and alleys do not practice social distancing and cannot practice good hygiene gives the lie to housed residents efforts to abide by public health recommendations.

This resolution—to use the Everett and other lots for the purpose of sanctioned tent sites with plenty of room for including services, toileting facilities, and hand washing stations—can be put into practice faster and less expensively than using hotel/motel rooms. It may, by necessity in the case of Everett be temporary, but still worth it as a test of concept as well as a humane response to the current health crisis.

The community has been asking for implementation of this idea for weeks. It should be more than a resolution, but legislation, a move forward. Neighbors of these current sidewalk tent communities would dearly appreciate a break from this threat to public health.

With respect and hope for the passage and rapid implementation of the Safe Sleeping Site resolution,

Penni Wisner  
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**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Sleeping Sites  
**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2020 4:35:19 PM

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Hello,

For File No. 200406.

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**From:** Joan Anyon <anyonj@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Safe Sleeping Sites

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Dear Mayor, SF City Supervisors, and officials,

My name is Joan Anyon and I have lived in the Castro district for 20 years. I am over 70 years old.

I support the resolution proposed to create sanctioned Safe Sleeping Sites as a better option for homeless living on city sidewalks.

Using available parking lots as temporary sanctioned places for homeless tents makes sense:

Congregate living on the sidewalks, even in tents, is not safe or healthy for anyone and almost invites COVID infections

Several Safe Sleeping Sites provide known places for people to be versus dispersed across the city. This would facilitate contact tracing if that became necessary

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I urge you to vote in support of the resolution immediately. Consider going a step further and approving it as legislation.

We are in a crisis situation and you should use emergency powers to ensure that our population, housed and unhoused, is safe.

Sincerely,  
Joan Anyon  
Neighborhood Action Group (Castro)

