

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: File No. 200883
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:08:28 PM

From: Lori Chan <lyc2travel@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: File No. 200883

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To the San Francisco District Supervisors:

My husband and I have lived for over 25 years on Twin Peaks at 1 Burnett Avenue North, Unit 6. I have both hiked and driven up to the top of Twin Peaks frequently, sometimes with visitors but often alone. I would like to add our voices in strong and determined protest of the decisions made without notice to nor input by we, the people, who live in this neighborhood.

While aware of the rash of thefts up at the top in the past ten years or so, as a third generation San Franciscan as well as a neighborhood resident, it was still an activity I greatly enjoyed. Furthermore it is important to note that it was not the thefts which took place at the lookout atop Twin Peaks which was the genesis for the closure decision.

As I'm sure some of my neighbors have already expressed, since the abrupt closure in question, there have occurred a myriad of problems from unintended consequences created by this closure of Twin Peaks Blvd at Burnett Avenue.

Here are some main areas of our concern:

- **Traffic Congestion**

Driving home, I have several times been met with so many cars jamming the area, searching for a place to park, or trying to turn around, that there was no way to reach my driveway without waiting in a long line for the traffic to "unwind."

Sure, in an urban area, there is traffic, and there will be traffic jams occasionally; but in 25 years, my quiet, residential neighborhood has never experienced anything like this --- not even on the Fourth of July with people searching for a vantage point from which to view fireworks!! Now we have lived on Telegraph Hill and gone through the summer lines of traffic waiting to go up to Coit Tower, so we "get it", sometimes there are lines. But this is not simply an orderly line creeping along; it has much more potential for accidents from the jockeying that takes place, the people getting out of their vehicles and weaving their way between cars trying to back up or otherwise maneuver the tight space, and therefore is

much more of a nuisance and hazard.

- **Noise and Partying**

At night, sound may carry more, but almost nightly when I am in that part of my apartment facing away from the road I hear loud voices, music, and other sounds of people "partying". Usually, it is after 11:00 pm, often even after midnight. Though I have not walked up to those people directly to ascertain whether alcohol added to this revelry, from the bits of conversations I can hear and the debris left over afterwards, I think it's pretty certain a lot of drinking or perhaps drugs accompany this behavior.

Now, with our bedroom facing the Bay, we do not get the brunt of the noise, but I know from speaking with some of our neighbors that they have had their sleep interrupted by this constant loud activity (or sometimes even been unable to fall asleep.)

Do I want to poke my head out and ask these people to quiet down? And risk retaliation? A mob? Future vandalism? Not really. Would you?

- **Trespassing and Car Break-Ins**

More than once, people have ventured onto our common property, or worse, climbed up onto the roof of our neighbor. The latter could prove risky, and if someone falls and hurts (or kills) themselves, would our HOA be liable? Would the MTA or the City?

Or what about the potential damage to the surface of the roof itself? Spiked heels or big boots could well do damage to the roof's membrane, causing expensive leaks and requiring costly repairs. Another potential HOA expense and headache, which we had no opportunity to voice our concerns over.

And then there are all the car break-ins, which was one of the problems up at the top of the hill, at Christmas Tree point, wasn't it? Police patrolling there would have been a contained solution. But with so much traffic camped right on our doorsteps, we are now like sitting ducks; people easily "casing" out our cars and property and then choosing their moment to commit their "petty" crime. It has the effect of diluting police effectiveness if they have to respond to each of the citizens' calls rather than making scheduled patrols.

- **Trash and Refuse**

Because people are not simply walking up to Christmas Tree Point or the observation area of Twin Peaks, in short, a lot of "action" has been pushed down the hill right towards us. Yes, they are congregating along Burnett Avenue right above and overlooking our property. From all this activity, we have found all manner of items dumped onto our property, pretty much every day, but especially on weekends.

These items range from good old trash left over from a night of revelry: empty alcoholic beverage containers, food wrappers, cups, and the like to items probably stolen and then discarded (small luggage, gym bags, purses, briefcases and miscellaneous items.)

One of my neighbors regularly fills up 1 to 2 large trash bagsful each day from items left on our property. On one occasion, he found a foreign passport and personal items and went to the effort of tracking down its owner to return said property. Had he not, that tourist to our City might have gone through huge hassles to secure his homeward journey and been left with a pretty sour taste of his visit to San Francisco.

I mention this to illustrate how we endeavor to be good neighbors, kind citizens, and cooperate in our community.

And after all, we do pay property taxes and are voters as well.

So it is extremely disappointing and not a little distressing that we were given no opportunity to voice our concerns before this closure happened, yet now we are the daily recipients of the really obnoxious unintended consequences foisted upon us by City Hall, the MTA, and whomever else made this decision. WE MOST CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT THIS TO BE A PERMANENT SITUATION!!

[We would much rather they had made the decision to install speed bumps on Burnett Avenue and on Gardenside, where cars regularly and dangerously speed along, right by Rooftop School, where in pre-Covid19 times, parents are dropping off and picking up their children.]_____

Let us add that the blocking off of some neighborhood streets around the city to afford more outdoor space for residents to recreate outside during the Covid19 pandemic is not a bad idea at all. But the closing of Twin Peaks Blvd at Burnett does not fit that bill, does not afford more outdoor space for residents, and in fact has created a unique set of problems for our community which other street closures do not. It is more than a simple, small nuisance, and we just hope that there nothing worse will occur

I note that there will be a virtual meeting on September 1st, which I plan to attend. I hope that you or others in a position to help and to evaluate our very different situation will do so and consider the point of view of our once quiet neighborhood which has now become a daily and nightly mess! Thank you in advance for your time and attention. We appreciate you have many constituents with many concerns.

Sincerely,

Lori Y Chan and Peter L Greene

From: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Subject: FW: REOPEN CHURCH STREET NOW!
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:06:00 AM

From: Jamey Frank <jameyfrank@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Marstaff (BOS) <marstaff@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: MTA Board <MTABoard@sfmta.com>; tellmuni@sfmta.com
Subject: REOPEN CHURCH STREET NOW!

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Supervisors and Mayor,

SFMTA creates more Urban Blight and Suburban Flight!

Two more homeowners in our building on Church St., 40+ years in SF, have had enough of Draconian SF government, and are leaving the city.

75% of our street's businesses have died, and closing Church St. only destroys what's remaining. It's now a dead, lifeless, and empty neighborhood with no parking and jammed traffic on the few remaining surrounding streets, and scary street people everywhere.

14th St. - closed S. Van Ness to Folsom
16th St. - 50% parking loss and lane closure
17th St. - closed at Market, all parking lost Church St. to Sanchez St.
18th St. - closing at Castro
Noe St. - closing full length
Sanchez St. - closed through Noe Valley
Church St. - closed 15th to Market, all parking removed
Duboce St. - closed Church to Fillmore
Steiner St - closed Page to Oak
Page St. - closed entirely
....where does it end?

SFMTA in its obsessive hatred of vehicles has ruined local businesses, and run families and

seniors out of town.

Stop Urban Blight and Suburban Flight!

Reopen our streets NOW!

—Jamey Frank, Church St. Neighborhood Assoc.

From: jaespo@bellsouth.net
To: Board of Supervisors
Subject: [File No. 200883 - Please Re-Open the Western Gate at Twin Peaks Park](#)
Date: [Monday, August 24, 2020 11:08:00 AM](#)
Attachments: [Outlook Message](#)

From: jaespo <jaespo@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BO) <boardofsupervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: File No. 200883 - Please Re-Open the Western Gate at Twin Peaks Park

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(Sending with correct File Number this time)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jim Esposito. My wife (Gisela) and I are homeowners at 3 Burnett Avenue North. We are located barely a few blocks away from the intersection of Burnett Avenue and Twin Peaks Boulevard where the western gate to access Twin Peaks Park remains closed. I've included the below, marked up map so you can understand our close proximity to the gate and negative activities happening in our neighborhood due to the park closure.

As a home owner and resident of District 8, we are very directly affected by the negative consequences as a result of the park closure. I'm writing to respectfully voice my strong opinion that the **westside Twin Peaks Park gate be re-opened to vehicles and NOT considered for permanent closure under the Slow Streets program.**

Since the gate closure, I've been able to directly witness the increased and now regular stream of disturbing consequences due to what should have been only a temporary gate closure. Some of these negative effects - which as SFPD knows used to occur up at Christmas Tree Point - and now are regularly in our neighborhood and felt by our family include:

- Alcohol induced revelry, late night noise and weed smoking along Burnett Ave just above our homes
- Bikers: illegal parking around the gate closure and significantly increased, non-local traffic and traffic incidents on Burnett Ave
- Car break ins and private and public property vandalism
- Speeding and erratic driving down Burnett Avenue
- Lots of noise, garbage thrown on the streets and down on to our property

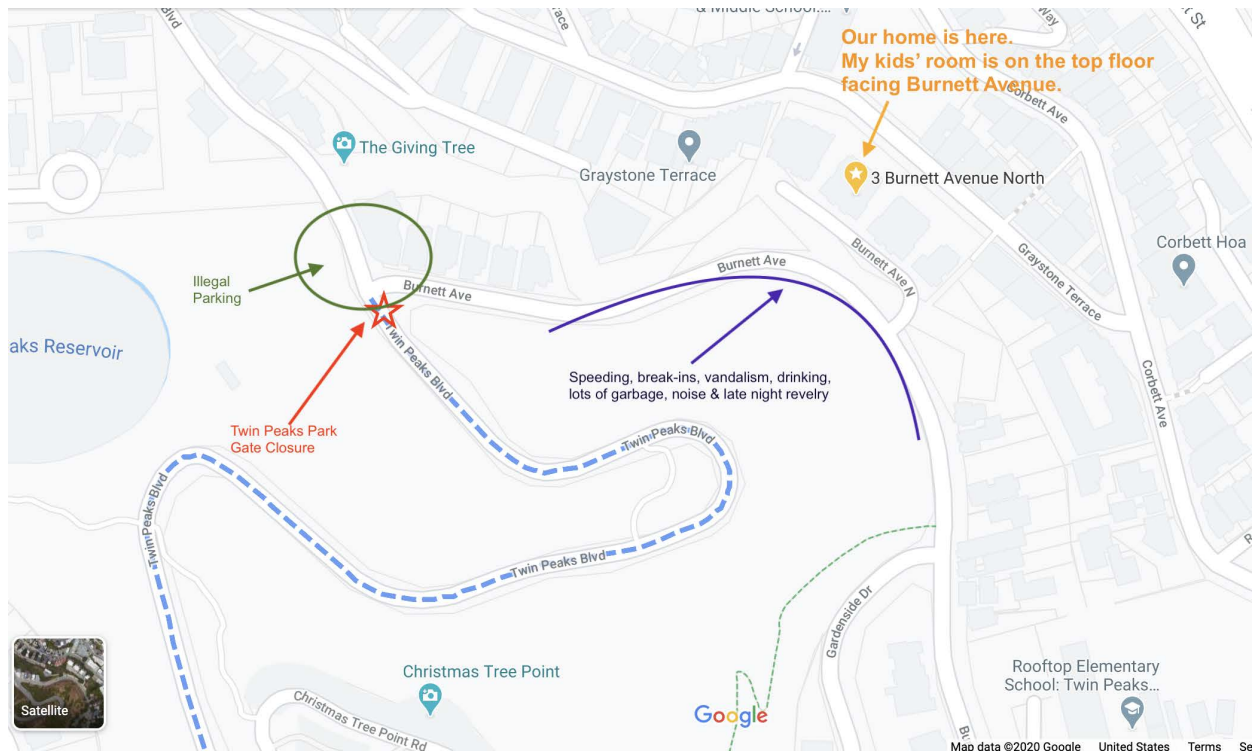
The most upsetting part of this closure is that it has been directly affecting my two, young daughters (Valentina and Paola). Their room is on the top floor of our complex and directly faces Burnett Avenue. The late night noise from visitors - drinking alcohol and smoking pot - regularly floods down into our complex, making my girls feel unsafe and unable to sleep. These parties and all the other related activities would otherwise be happening at Christmas Tree Point as has been the case for many years. However due to the temporary gate closure, these negative activities have been pushed down directly into our neighborhood causing disruption, mess and a very meaningfully lowered quality of life for those of us residing here. Just last evening, I called the SFPD Non-Emergency number to report late night partying and property destruction.

I understand that the City may be considering the permanent closure of Twin Peaks Park to vehicles as a result of the Slow Streets program and other influencing interests that don't directly represent the actual homeowners in this neighborhood. I'm baffled that this would be considered without intentionally examining the very obvious, direct and measurable consequences that the temporary closure has been having on neighborhood residents. I hope that you will consider my respectful plea to re-open the westside gate and allow vehicles and visitors to once again drive up to and park at Christmas Tree point. Returning open vehicle access through the westside entrance - as has been the case for many, many years - will eliminate the significant surge of these unwelcomed issues that have been pushed down into our neighborhood.

I appreciate you considering my view and hope to hear back from you on this important neighborhood issue. Many thanks from the Esposito Family. :)

Sincerely,

Jim Esposito
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954-650-7252



From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: File No. 200883
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:10:00 AM

From: Gale Bradley <galesemail@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: File No. 200883

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File No. 200883

San Francisco Supervisor,

The closing of Twin Peaks has created a serious crime and traffic congestion problem when has never existed in this area. Cars park anywhere they can since they are not allowed in the lot near the view. When the hundreds of people who come everyday leave their cars roving gangs smash the windows and steal. I was confronted by a thug who blocked Burnett Avenue as he smashed every window on the street.

NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY WAS EVER DONE. The result has been several home robberies and two murders.

I have lived here and paid taxes for 35 years. It worked fine the way it was.

This is a major tourist site. Why would you deny access to the most beautiful view in SF? Not everyone can walk up the steep mile to the top.

Please OPEN TWIN PEAKS!

Gale Bradley
Native SF
Tax payer
voter

From: [Board of Supervisors, 2020](mailto:boardofsupervisors@sf.gov)
To: [Board of Supervisors](mailto:boardofsupervisors@sf.gov)
Subject: FW: File No. 200833 - Please Re-Open the Western Twin Peaks Gate - A Plea
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:18:00 AM
Attachments: [Download Attachments](#)

From: joespo <joespo@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (805) <boardofsupervisors@sf.gov>
Subject: File No. 200833 - Please Re-Open the Western Twin Peaks Gate - A Plea

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jim Esposito. My wife (Susana) and I are homeowners at 3 Burnett Avenue North. We are located just a few blocks away from the intersection of Burnett Avenue and Twin Peaks Boulevard where the gate to access Twin Peaks Park remains closed. I've included the below, marked up map so you can understand our close proximity to the gate and negative activities happening in our neighborhood due to the park closure.

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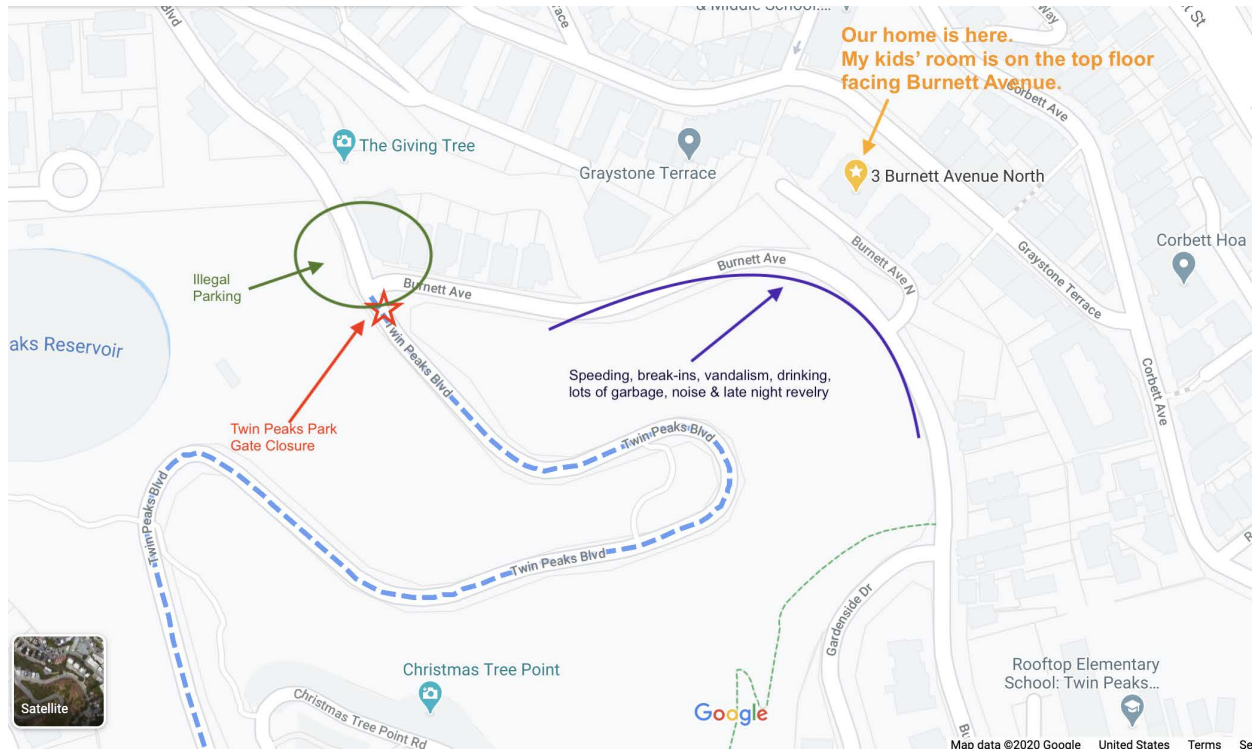
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I appreciate you considering my view and hope to hear back from you on this important, neighborhood issue. Many thanks from the Esposito Family. :)

Sincerely,

Jim Esposito
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From: [geoff.platt](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Case 200883
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 8:10:10 AM

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Dear Board,

I am writing in reference to case 200883 which is insisting you vote to disband slow streets at least until proper reviews and community input have been allowed.

I see Slow Streets as MTA's commandeering of public streets that exist for cars by state law. I also see it as using covid to advance the car-free vision of Mr. Tumlin, as there is no end to safe streets listed, only expansion. (As an aside, I thank the six of you who voted against Jane Natoli's placement at MTA). Below are my observations of Slow Streets just from my neighborhood. I live on the corner of 26th and Lake.

1) With Baker Beach being a large, daily gathering space during Covid, cars from all over the Bay Area are searching for parking that isn't there. 25th Ave is backed up to Geary consistently, especially on weekends and holidays. This means drivers are using Lake Street as a means of their parking search. This puts cars and bikes and baby strollers on the same street. This is why sidewalks exist!

2) We have seen frustrated Muni drivers abandon their route to escape the Baker Beach mess. Yes, they have used Lake too.

3) Contrary to Tumlin's rhetoric, Lake Street has become a playground for families, not simply an extension of the sidewalk for social distancing. We expect barbecues to break out any day now.

4) Obviously, California Street, with its many busses, has become clogged. To enhance this, and to show MTA's lack of common sense vision, California Street lost one lane in either direction west of Arguello last month to create turn lanes. It is now a true slow street.

5) As I do not have a garage, I am always looking for street parking. This means lots of time driving on Lake. As the bikes and pedestrians now lay claim to the center of the street, confrontations are a constant. I have been blocked in by groups who won't allow me to proceed on my parking quest. This will only get worse the longer non-driving citizens think the streets are theirs.

In conclusion, Slow Streets amounts to an illegal land grab by Tumlin and MTA. His vision is similar to that of Seattle which started this as a "temporary" idea that has now been made permanent. Without proper review and community input, I believe the entire program should be scrapped immediately.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey B Platt

From: [Dennis](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); gary.russ@sbcglobal.net
Subject: File No. 200883
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:41:44 AM

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My name is Dennis Ehrler. I have lived in District 8 for the last 34 years. I wanted to relate my concerns regarding the closing of Twin Peaks Blvd between Burnett Street on the east and Panorama Street on the west side of Twin Peaks. The closure has been in effect for I believe four months. Since the closure, the east side of Twin Peaks has become a nightmare. Without access to the lookout, all cars now park at the corner of Twin Peaks Blvd and Burnett, with excess cars parking downward on Burnett. My problem with this is that with all the cars come the folks with all their trash, loud parties late at night and cars broken in to. Our neighborhood has become a late night club with no regard to cleaning up after themselves or that people do live and sleep at night. This behavior (especially the massive amount of empty beer cans, papers, food containers, loud music, human waste, and cars vandalized) never plagued us until the closure of Twin Peaks Blvd. It's a mess with weekends being the worst. Was there ever an environmental study done before this closure?

I ask that Twin Peaks Blvd reopen to thru traffic once again. I would also like to see the SFPD come by late at night to monitor this situation. Please stop this mess. Thank You.

**Dennis Ehrler
5 Burnett Ave North Apt 6
San Francisco, CA 94131**

From: [Gmail](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Twin peaks : File No. 200883.
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1:06:41 PM

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Hi we live in saint Germain Avenue. I have so enjoyed twin peaks being shut and would like that to continue- very much.

I do sympathize with the neighbours who are experiencing more crime and litter but perhaps this is better considered as a separate issue eg should we install trash cans and step up police patrols or install cctv. These problems are solvable and should not mean we just revert to loosing this wonderful open amenity for the neighborhood and the city - not to mention tourists when they can come again?

Bw jane
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gary Russ](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 200883
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:07:04 AM

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Please see the Email below. Thank you.

My Best,

Gary R. Russ
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From: Ty Sheppard [mailto:tysheppard@post.harvard.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:53 AM
To: Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org; Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org; Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org; Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org; Dean.Preston@sfgov.org; Matt.Haney@sfgov.org; Norman.Yee@sfgov.org; MandelmanStaff@sfgov.org; Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org; Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org; Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org; Jacob.Bintliff@sfgov.org
Cc: Mike Terry <mike.j.terry@gmail.com>
Subject: File No. 200883

Dear Supervisors,

Thanks in advance for considering a re-opening of Twin Peaks Blvd. I know you've heard from many of my neighbors on the topic, and I wanted both to echo what they've shared and offer what I think are the main hazards of continued closure:

1. Pedestrian and driver safety risks from congestion at the intersection of Twin Peaks Blvd. and Burnett Ave. This intersection was simply never meant to be a parking lot, and due to the volume of parked cars, masses of pedestrians and driver confusion, the situation is primed for accidents. The persistent snarl on nights and weekends also makes it difficult for residents to pass through as we conduct our daily routines.
2. Increased crime and vandalism on Burnett Ave due to sheer volume of parked and unattended cars. There have been multiple car burglaries and incidents of vandalism (one of our cars got broken into as well) along Burnett Ave., as vehicles sit unattended with their owners often way up the hill. This has contributed to a general deterioration of peace and safety on a block known to be very quiet.

If it were to reopen, Twin Peaks Blvd would still be very much walkable and bike-able. The traditional lookout point has ample parking and was purpose-built to handle crowds of tourists and residents alike. As it stands, the intersection of Burnett and Twin Peaks Blvd. simply cannot accommodate the crowds intended for the official lookout point, and we residents are left to shoulder the brunt of all the unlawful and disrespectful behavior. Please help us restore both points of interest to their original state.

Sincerely,

Ty Sheppard & Mike Terry
425 Burnett Ave
San Francisco, CA 94131

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Subject: FW: Twin Peaks close down.
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:59:00 AM

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

From: Cynthia Schramm <ctschramm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:20 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Twin Peaks close down.

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Hi -

My name is Cynthia Schramm and my husband and I live directly across from the street that goes up to Twin Peaks. I have a dog and have walked up that road pretty much daily for the last eight years - and before that whenever we had company and wanted them to see the view (seemed silly to drive up there).

Since Twin Peaks has been closed down, here is what has happened. At least once a week, some poor tourist who has had their car broken into has knocked on my door thinking that I have a camera (I don't - my next door neighbor does). These poor souls are most often tourists from other countries (the last group was from Japan and so pathetic - Mother/Father/two hysterical young girls) that I let them all use my restroom).

This is not the image we want for San Francisco. You may say that they are naive but this is a residential neighborhood - why would they EVER think their cars would be broken into? There are no signs letting them know this.

Second, groups of drunk partygoers who used to drive up to Twins Peaks are now walking up to Twin Peaks but apparently, from the sheer amount of garbage they leave on our street, partying down here first.

Third, people have apparently mistaken the entrance to the road up to Twin Peaks as a place to discard all their trash, including dirty diapers.

This is all inexcusable to the people who live here. I think I understand why Twin Peaks needed to be closed down for a while (because of the pandemic?) but it's time to reopen it because, frankly, closing it down has done nothing but harm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gary Russ](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, J \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 200883... To San Francisco's District Supervisors... Twin Peaks Neighborhood Demands Twin Peaks Blvd Be Reopened & Why...
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:23:17 PM

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To San Francisco's District Supervisors:

File No.

200883

My name is Gary Russ and I live at 5 Burnett Avenue North, Apt 6, about 200 yards from where the City closed Twin Peaks Boulevard where it intersects Burnett Avenue. I am writing you to strongly complain how the closure of Twin Peaks Blvd has severely impacted my neighborhood and am demanding the City reopen Twin Peaks Blvd immediately. In its decision to close Twin Peaks Blvd, the City totally failed to undertake any kind of environmental impact study contemplating what might happen in our neighborhood. Well, the evidence is now abundantly obvious to any of you who will visit our neighborhood.

As I understand it from SFMTA's Slow Street Program webpage, the City's goal is to make San Francisco's dense neighborhoods more welcoming/accessible for people who want to travel on foot, bicycle, wheelchair, scooter, skateboard or other forms of "micromobility" and at the same time provide more space for social distancing during essential travel. The City's Slow Streets Program is supposed to be designed to limit thru-traffic on certain residential streets and allow them to be used more as a shared space.

Based on the foregoing, I fail to understand why the City ever closed Twin Peaks Boulevard. First of all, Twin Peaks Blvd is in no way a residential street. And prior to it being closed, it had comparatively limited foot/bicycle/scooter traffic and no wheelchair traffic. I know because for years, while working from home, I regularly and safely walked from my home to Twin Peak's observation deck and then on to Portola and then back home via Burnett Avenue for a 50-minute walk just for exercise. Always lots of cars parked up there.

Twin Peaks Blvd has specially marked lanes on both sides for cyclists and joggers/walkers. I continue to regularly walk thru my neighborhood. And finally, I see zero essential travel on Twin Peaks Blvd.

Now, with the closure, there are no cars at the top of Twin Peaks. Instead visitors to Twin Peaks are tourists almost entirely from outside the city who would drive there for the magnificent view. By closing off Twin Peaks Blvd, the City has shoved the car break-ins, the huge amounts of trash, the traffic/parking congestion and the noise (especially the nighttime noise) into our neighborhood while not actually serving the goals of Social Distancing. In closing off Twin Peaks Blvd, it seems the City failed to consider/anticipate the environmental impacts of its action. But clearly the City should now understand all the impacts.

And to be fully transparent here, I am aware of a few organizations like the Bicycle Coalition who have been lobbying the City to permanently close off Twin Peaks Blvd. I suspect you are aware of this too. In fact, the Bicycle Coalition has lobbied and convinced the City to close at least 2 other major streets that in no way meet the criteria of the City's Slow Street Program which has caused a

lot of citizen outrage: namely The Great Highway and John F. Kennedy Drive.

So, here is a summary of all the impacts that the closure of Twin Peaks has caused:

Trash: The trash that shows up in our neighborhood is lots of beer cans, beer/wine bottles, soft drink cans, plastic cups, bags, napkins, wrappers, spent condoms, etc. The trash shows up every single day and is just somewhat worse on weekends. A lot of this trash winds up all over Burnett Avenue and Twin Peaks Blvd. At the intersection of those 2 streets, cars regularly illegally park all the time and leave lots of trash there. Also, the hill that overlooks my Burnett Avenue North HOA is a favorite viewing place for the many alcohol-fueled revelers who gather there at night loudly laughing/talking/screaming and throwing their garbage all over that steep hill overlooking our HOA which we maintain via an expensive contracted landscape service. And sometimes, they throw their bottles below onto our driveway even striking/damaging our cars. I and some of my good neighbors are now forced to pick up all this litter. And much of it still remains on our steep hill because it's just too dangerous to access it without expensive professional help. Can you imagine? At the end of this email are [pictures of trash left on Burnett Avenue](#) just above our HOA over the last 3 days plus a picture of a car filled with 4 men who drank and then left behind 1 whole empty bottle of tequila, a soft drink and an empty bucket of chicken. They left with a [second](#) two-thirds empty bottle of Tequila.

Parking & Congestion: Before the City closed off Twin Peaks Blvd, we had virtually no illegal parking in our neighborhood. But over the last 4+ months, there has been a lot of illegal parking at the intersection of Twin Peaks Blvd and Burnett Avenue where the City had long ago posted a sign clearly stating "No Parking" at that location. In the last 3 weeks, someone spray-painted that sign. Recently, I spoke with a police officer at that intersection who insisted he would be wasting his time ticketing the illegally parked cars and somewhat angrily refused to do so. As is, now parking on Burnett Avenue is intense. Most cars are parking on Burnett with the passengers the exiting and walking up to the observation deck that they previously drove to. And now, Burnett Avenue is often very congested and noisy with all the traffic. In fact, it is now somewhat dangerous just to walk on Burnett Avenue.

Car Break-Ins: There is literally broken car window glass all over 1/10th mile of Burnett Avenue and at the intersection discussed above. The criminals breaking into the tourists' cars do most of their crimes in broad daylight. Police at the Park Station are fully aware of this situation. The criminals prey on our neighborhood because there are so many unsuspecting tourists' cars there where they leave behind their valuables. I have found open suitcases with contents strewn all over. Ditto for backpacks, purses, gym bags, etc. Just imagine the negative reputation our city is garnering thru all of this crime. I and several of my neighbors have actually witnessed these same criminals prowling our neighborhood looking for cars to break into and then doing so. The situation here has become so dire that plain clothes officers are now using spike strips to immobilize some of these criminals' cars. And the fact is that closing Twin Peaks Blvd has in no way improved social distancing for San Francisco's residents, visitors here, and tourists.

Partying, Noise, & Open Consumption: First of all, the people hanging out on Burnett Avenue on the hill just above our HOA and on Burnett Avenue North are typically in their early 30s and younger and they do so at night anytime literally between 9:00 PM and 4:00 AM on most days when the weather permits. Their partying tends to be a bit more intense and protracted on weekends. They are often very loud and even screaming at each other and waking us up at all hours of the night. They often are drinking beer, hard liquor and wine and then leaving behind their bottles, cans, wrappers, condoms and trash all over the hill above our HOA which we maintain. And sometimes, they have thrown their bottles below onto our driveway even striking/damaging our cars. These same people would formerly do their partying at the observation deck. But now, they come here and disturb/annoy many of us late at night.

I want to be clear here: Our neighborhood is not looking for Band-Aids just to lessen the negative impacts we are suffering right now. By Band-Aids, I mean temporary City trash bins, temporarily increased police patrolling, the City's occasional trash pickup alongside Burnett Avenue and Twin Peaks Blvd and their adjoining sidewalks and from our HOA's hill. While we appreciate the City's limited efforts in this regard, none of that is a solution.

The actual solution is reopening Twin Peaks Blvd which in no way will impact social distancing....something I think you all know.

So let me finish my reply like I earlier began. I really want to invite you here to see for yourself the mess that the City has created here. I would be delighted to meet any of you here and give you a tour of the affected area. Also, please contact the SFPD Park Station for a briefing on all the crime that has occurred here ever since the City closed off Twin Peaks Blvd. It's a lot and SFPD is doing fairly little to curb it. Once Twin Peaks Blvd is reopened, I expect virtually all of the problems that the City has created in our neighborhood will vaporize and move back up to Twin Peaks observation deck.

Finally, you will be hearing from many of us here. We are fed up with the mess that the City has created and want Supervisor Mandelman and the City's other Supervisors to know. Without conducting any kind of environmental impact study before closing Twin Peaks Blvd, sadly the City's closing of Twin Peaks Blvd has delivered virtually no benefit whatsoever while creating so much negative impact on my neighborhood's taxpaying homeowners and renters.

I am pleased to talk with any of you if needed at 415-550-0930.

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Burnett Avenue Above Burnett Avenue North



Trash Alongside Burnett Avenue In Twin Peaks









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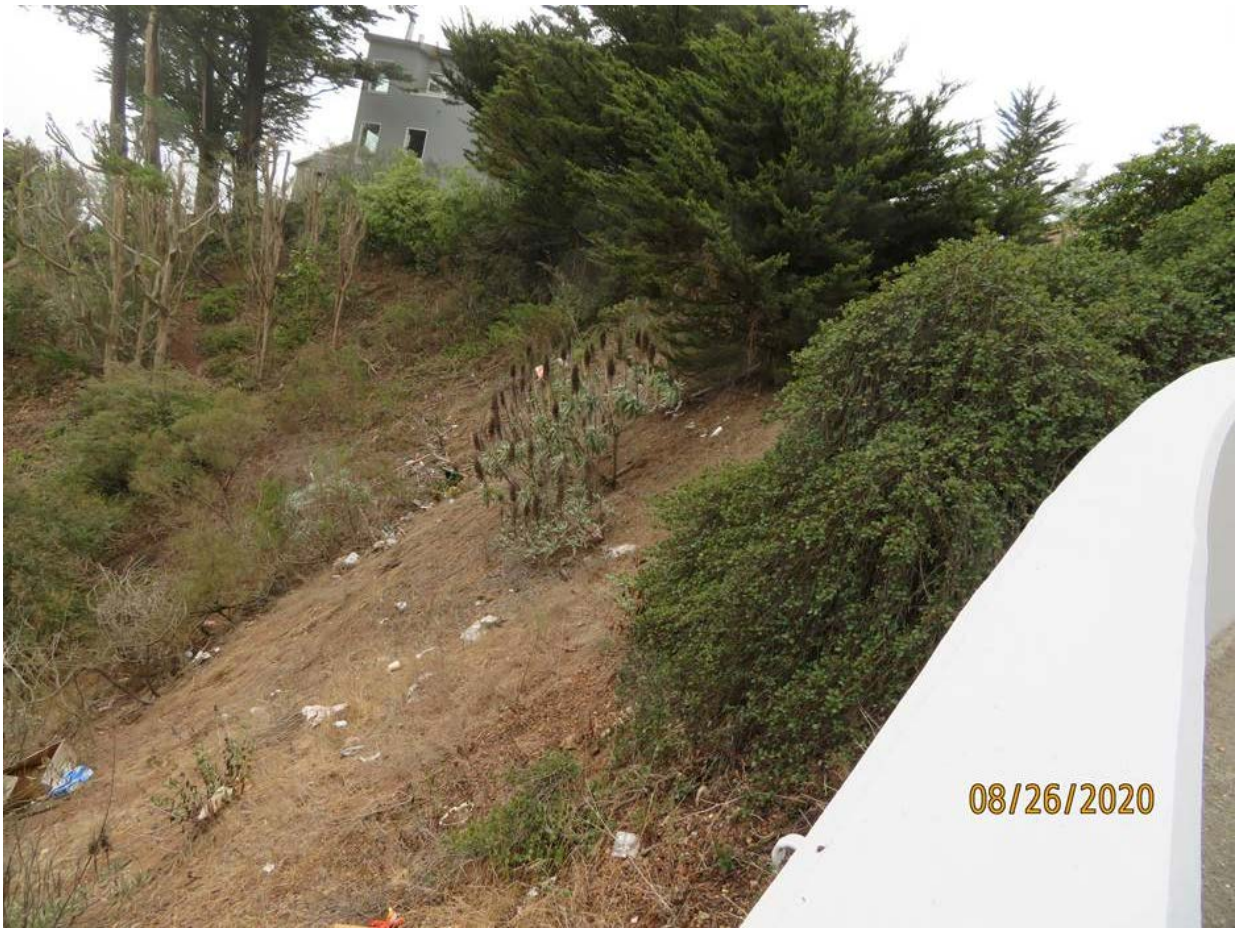
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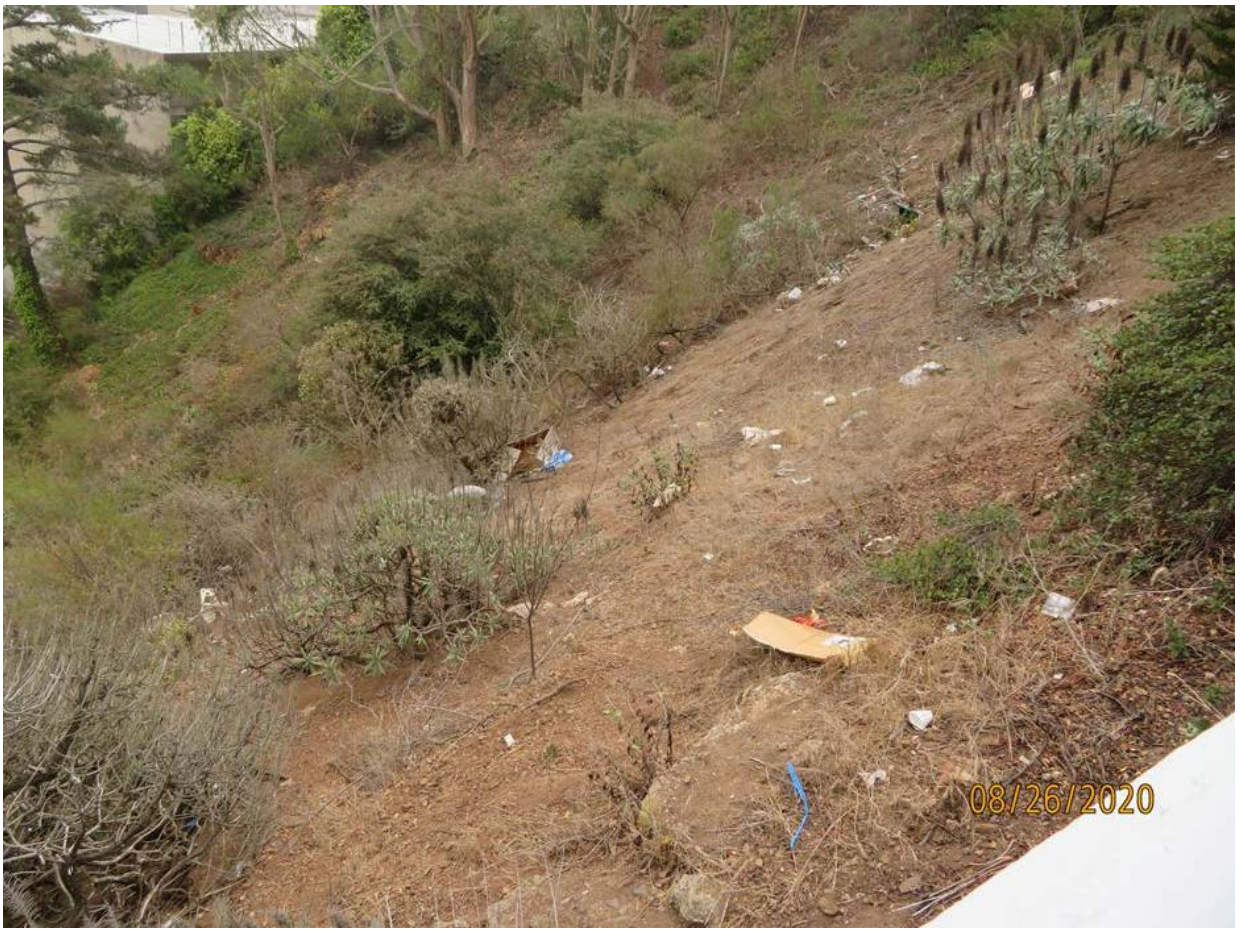






Trash In Empty Lot Alongside Burnett Avenue North Bldg 7
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Previously Owned By SFPDW & SFPUC





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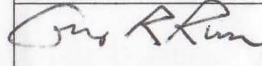
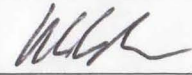
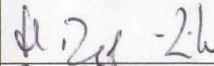

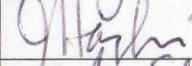
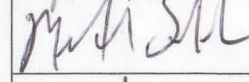
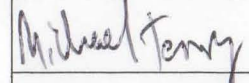
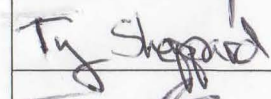
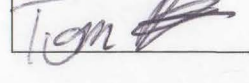
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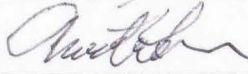
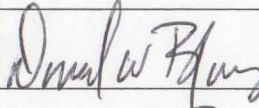
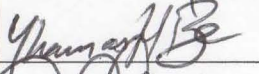
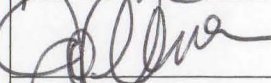
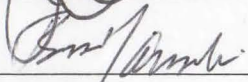
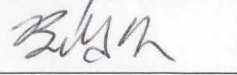
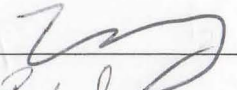
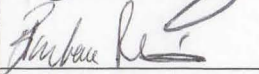
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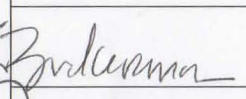
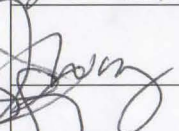
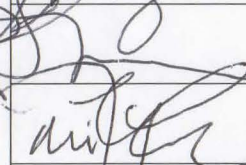
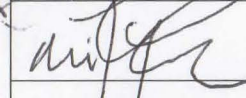

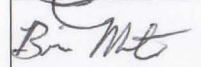
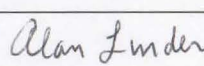

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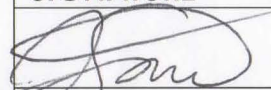
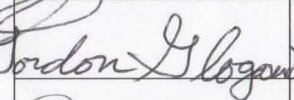
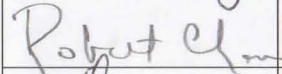
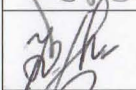

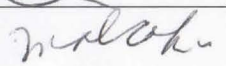
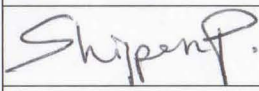
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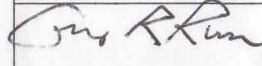
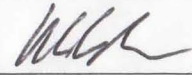
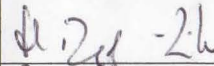

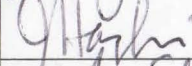
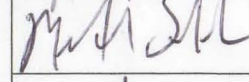
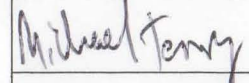
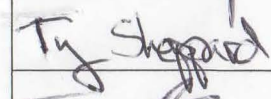
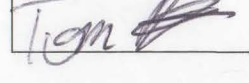
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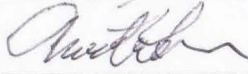
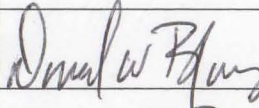
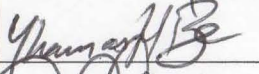
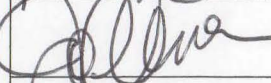
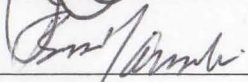
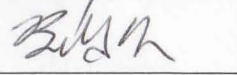
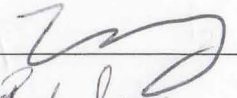
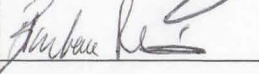
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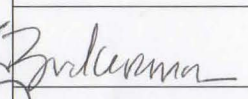
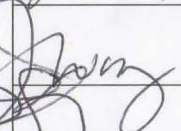

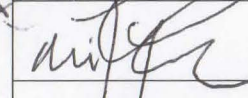


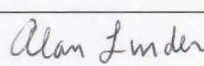

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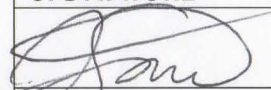
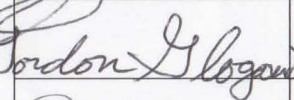
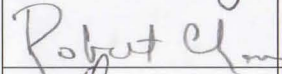
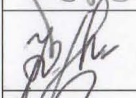
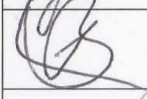
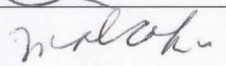
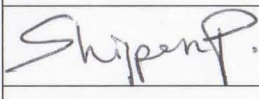
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PETITION

From: [Gale Bradley](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 200883 Open the Gate
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:20:42 PM

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Board of Supervisors,

Please OPEN TWIN PEAKS so everyone can enjoy as they have for years.
The congestion and crime that has been brought to the people trying to get to the view is staggering not to mention the residents of this once peaceful neighborhood.

This is a LANDMARK with hundreds of visitors a day! Would you close off the Golden Gate Bridge?
Please study this before you act.

Thank you.

From: [Viktar Charnarutski](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 200883 Twin Peaks Neighborhood Demands Twin Peaks Blvd Be Reopened
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:54:44 PM

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To San Francisco's District Supervisors:

File No. 200883

My name is **Viktar Charnarutski and I live at 3 Burnett Avenue North, Apt 4**, about 200 yards from where the City closed Twin Peaks Boulevard where it intersects Burnett Avenue.

I am writing you to strongly complain how the closure of Twin Peaks Blvd has severely impacted my neighborhood, and **I am demanding the City reopen Twin Peaks Blvd immediately.**

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Please help to get Twin Peaks Blvd reopened immediately!

Best Regards,
Viktar Charnarutski

3 Burnett Avenue North, Apt. 4

San Francisco, CA 94131

(415) 510-1573

From: [Brian Matesic](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Plea to re-open Twin Peaks Blvd (File Number: 200883)
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:55:16 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Dr. Brian Matesic, and along with my wife, Dr. Sybil Zachariah, we are homeowners at 1 Burnett Avenue North in District #8. **We are writing to strongly encourage the reopening of Twin Peaks Boulevard due to the heavy increase in crime near our property since its closure.** We are expecting our first child in December, and the baby's room faces Burnett Avenue, where people are now increasingly parking, trespassing on our property, drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, and making noise very late. We have grown increasingly concerned that the closure of Twin Peaks has forced people who wish to see the views from atop Twin Peaks to instead park along our roadway, engaging in criminal activity and disturbing the peace.

We personally witnessed two car break-ins on August 9th on Burnett Avenue while we were on a walk, heard the car windows shattering, and saw the assailants speed away when we spotted them. We called the police immediately to report this, just steps away from our home. As we were reporting the incident, a French family visiting San Francisco for the first time approached their minivan with their 2 young children only to hear our explanation that two men had just broken their windows and stolen their luggage. They were devastated, as were we, that our neighborhood is experiencing this increase in criminal activity, trespassing, broken windows, and littering since the closure of Twin Peaks Blvd to Christmas Tree Point. Please see the text message I received from Fabrice, the father of the family, after they had to spend hours dealing with this.

Without the re-opening of Twin Peaks Blvd to automobiles, our neighborhood will continue to see the rise in crime as people are forced to park along our road at Burnett Avenue, often erratically and illegally, to admire the views. This closure has forced crime right into our neighborhood and onto our front door: broken car windows, trespassing on our property, loud screaming throughout the night, heavy littering and broken alcohol bottles are now all very common.

We plead with you – please re-open Twin Peak Blvd, for our neighborhood's sake, our family's sake, and for San Francisco's sake. Re-opening will shift the parking, reveling, and criminal activity away from our neighborhood, where it has aggregated since the closing.

Thank you,

Brian Matesic, MD

Sybil Zachariah, MD

Text messages from the French family whose car we witnessed being broken into:

iMessage
Sun, Aug 9, 4:37 PM

Hi Brian

This is Fabrice we met this morning at twin peaks parking lot after somebody broke my car's window.

I'd just like to thank you for your help and providing me with the plate number. After filling a police report, an insurance claim, and spending hours on the phone we just got an other car at SF airport ! I did not mention your phone number at all so you shouldn't be disturbed any more ;-)

Thank you again !

Fabrice

Sun, Aug 9, 5:49 PM



Hi Fabrice, I'm glad to hear you got another car. I'm sorry all of this happened today. Especially on your family vacation. We hope you enjoy the rest of your



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on your family vacation. We
hope you enjoy the rest of your
trip. San Francisco is a great
city, and it's sad when things
like this happen! Safe travels!

Delivered



iMessage



From: [Luliia Chernorutska](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File No. 200883 Twin Peaks Neighborhood Demands Twin Peaks Blvd Be Reopened
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:19:49 PM

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To San Francisco's District Supervisors:

File No. 200883

My name is **Luliia Chernorutska** and I live at **3 Burnett Avenue North, Apt 4**, about 200 yards from where the City closed Twin Peaks Boulevard where it intersects Burnett Avenue.

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Best Regards,
Iuliia Chernorutska

3 Burnett Avenue North, Apt. 4

San Francisco, CA 94131

(415) 910 7475

From: [Mary Staunton](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Bintliff, Jacob \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: gary.russ@sbcglobal.net
Subject: File No. 200883.
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:05:29 PM

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To whom it may concern:

We would like to voice our dissatisfaction with the current closure of our majestic Twin Peaks and its impact on our neighborhood. We have always appreciated the beauty and splendor of the Peaks and the drive around it was always uplifting and a highlight for us and all our visitors who came to San Francisco over the last 30 years. While currently it can be enjoyed only by the fittest among us who have the facility to hike or cycle up there, the rest of the community is being discriminated against and deprived. It was a joy for our dear friend who suffered a debilitating stroke to be driven up there and look out on the beauty of San Francisco. Not now, anyone in his condition is deprived of this uplifting experience and instead the neighbors are burdened with illegal parking, partying and crime. It is a shame and hazard, and is something we need to rethink and fix. Please consider not just the cyclists and walkers who are already catered to with special lanes but also the less fortunate among us.

We would have objected to this sooner but we were of the misunderstanding that this was a temporary closure due to construction work being done on the road.

Sincerely,
Redmond Lyons and Mary Staunton
21 Mountain Spring Ave.,
San Francisco,
CA 94114

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: File No. 200883
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:10:16 AM

From: Gale Bradley <galesemail@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: File No. 200883

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File No. 200883

San Francisco Supervisor,

The closing of Twin Peaks has created a serious crime and traffic congestion problem when has never existed in this area. Cars park anywhere they can since they are not allowed in the lot near the view. When the hundreds of people who come everyday leave their cars roving gangs smash the windows and steal. I was confronted by a thug who blocked Burnett Avenue as he smashed every window on the street.

NO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY WAS EVER DONE. The result has been several home robberies and two murders.

I have lived here and paid taxes for 35 years. It worked fine the way it was.

This is a major tourist site. Why would you deny access to the most beautiful view in SF? Not everyone can walk up the steep mile to the top.

Please OPEN TWIN PEAKS!

Gale Bradley
Native SF
Tax payer
voter

From: jaespo@bellsouth.net
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Lisa of Supa vs vs, (BOE) lisa.ofsupa@cityoftwinspeaks.com
Subject: File No. 200883 - Please Re-Open the Western Gate at Twin Peaks Park
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:08:39 AM
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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:40 AM
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Subject: File No. 200883 - Please Re-Open the Western Gate at Twin Peaks Park

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(Sending with correct File Number this time)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jim Esposito. My wife (Gisela) and I are homeowners at 3 Burnett Avenue North. We are located barely a few blocks away from the intersection of Burnett Avenue and Twin Peaks Boulevard where the western gate to access Twin Peaks Park remains closed. I've included the below, marked up map so you can understand our close proximity to the gate and negative activities happening in our neighborhood due to the park closure.

As a home owner and resident of District B, we are very directly affected by the negative consequences as a result of the park closure. I'm writing to respectfully voice my strong opinion that the western Twin Peaks Park gate be reopened to vehicles and NOT considered for permanent closure under the Slow Streets program.

Since the gate closure, I've been able to directly witness the increased and now regular stream of disturbing consequences due to what should have been only a temporary gate closure. Some of these negative effects - which as SFPD knows used to occur up at Christmas Tree Point - and now are regularly in our neighborhood and felt by our family include:

- Alcohol induced revelry, late night noise and weed smoking along Burnett Ave just above our homes
- Illegal parking around the gate closure and sign heavily increased, non-local traffic and traffic incidents on Burnett Ave
- Car break ins and private and public property vandalism
- Speeding and erratic driving down Burnett Avenue
- Lots of noise, garbage thrown on the streets and down on to our property

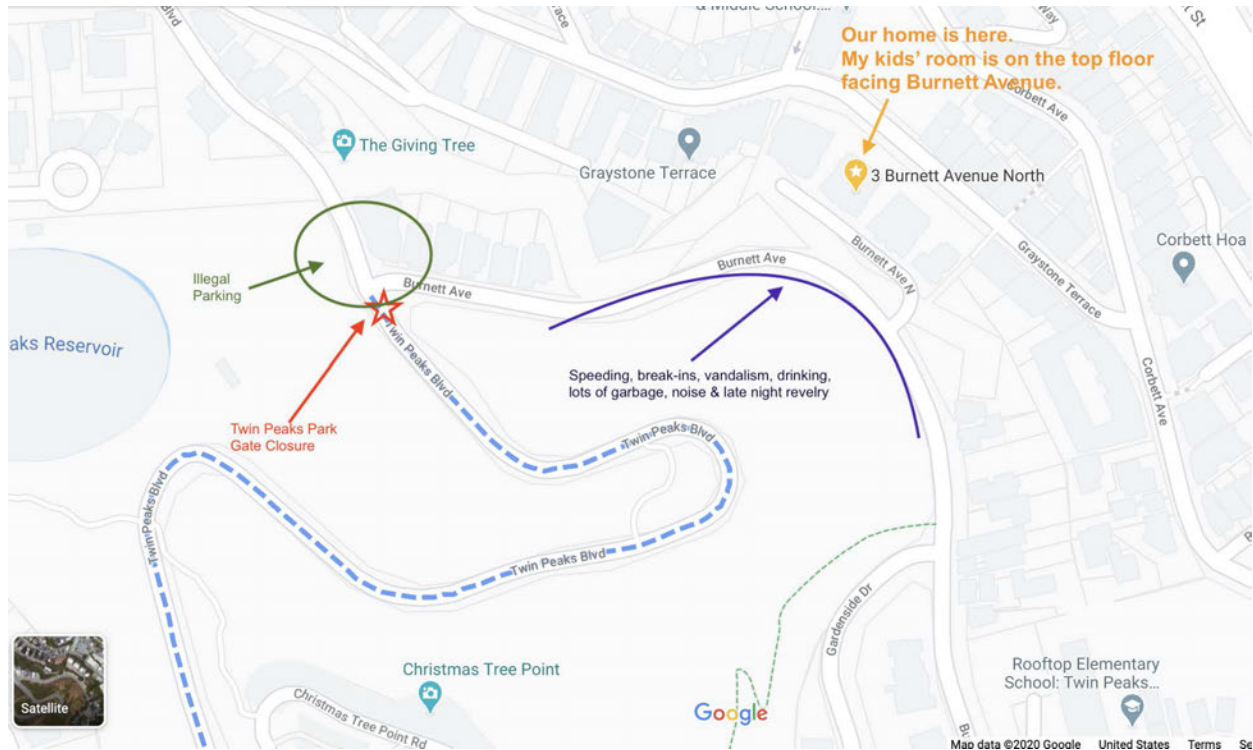
The most upsetting part of this closure is that it has been directly affecting my two, young daughters (Valentina and Paola). Their rooms are on the top floor of our complex and directly faces Burnett Avenue. The late night noise from visitors - drinking alcohol and smoking pot - regularly floods down into our complex, making my girls feel unsafe and unable to sleep. These parents and all the other related activities would otherwise be happening at Christmas Tree Point as has been the case for many years. However due to the temporary gate closure, these negative activities have been pushed down directly into our neighborhood causing disruption, mess and a very meaningfully lowered quality of life for those of us residing here. Just last evening, I called the SFPD Non-Emergency number to report late night partying and property destruction.

I understand that the City may be considering the permanent closure of Twin Peaks Park to vehicles as a result of the Slow Streets program and other influencing issues that don't directly represent the actual homeowners in this neighborhood. I'm not sure that this would be considered without intentionally examining the very obvious, direct and measurable consequences that the temporary closure has been having on neighborhood residents. I hope that you will consider my respectful plea to re-open the western gate and allow vehicles and visitors to once again drive up to and park at Christmas Tree Point. Returning open vehicle access through the western entrance - as has been the case, for many, many years - will minimize the significant surge of these unwelcome issues that have been pushed down into our neighborhood.

I appreciate you considering my view and hope to hear back from you on this important neighborhood issue. Many thanks from the Esposito Family.

Since etc,

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From: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
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Hello,

I have a public comment regarding File # 200883, the "slow streets" appeal.

The appellant's claim that the covid pandemic doesn't meet the CEQA definition of an "emergency" is ridiculous. With 50% of the surface area of our city gifted to drivers, pedestrians have always been crammed into a tiny space dotted with obstacles. Now they have to also contend with outdoor dining areas and increased homeless encampments, all while practicing social distancing. To reduce the chance of sickness or death (or passing it on if they are unknowingly infected) they might venture into the street, but then they are just trading one risk for another. Simply observe the large uptick in pedestrians being killed by automobiles in San Francisco in the past few months. Setting aside a small portion of our streets for pedestrians to navigate safely is both necessary and reasonable and meets the definition of an emergency.

Regards,
Brandon Duncan