

From: [Ken Horan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: re hotel extensions file number 220703
Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 5:00:19 PM

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Show some respect to the hard working, tax paying citizens of SOMA. How would you like these people living in your neighborhood?

From: [Mark Andrus](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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-Mark

From: [Reese Isbell](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: proposed extensions of HSA's hotel booking agreements
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President Walton and Supervisors:

I write regarding the proposed extension legislation, File #220703, Item #29 on the agenda for July 19, 2021 of the Board of Supervisors, which would authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) to once again extend their hotel booking agreements.

I reside next to two of the current hotels and have witnessed the complete lack of support to the neighborhood's public safety and cleanliness. The security provided for the hotels by HSA, highlighted by the HSH spokesperson at the Budget & Finance Committee hearing last week as 24/7, is limited to 'on-site'. 'On-site' means the security does not, and refuses to, attend to any matters outside of the perimeter of the hotel's land, even when it's directly at the entryways.

Fentanyl drug dealers continue to congregate outside of these hotels' perimeters, preying on the homeless residents inside. The dealers are surrounding these hotels because they now have easy City-supported access to them. Neighborhood residents and businesses are simply told to 'call the police' or other City departments while HSA and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) do nothing about the drug markets and remarkably unsafe conditions generated in the neighborhood.

The recent addition, referenced by HSH staff at the Budget & Finance hearing last week, of 'street ambassadors who patrol areas around the SIP hotels... to create a new sense of neighborhood safety' are not in fact working on public safety for the neighborhood. They are providing outreach to those on the street; they are not security ambassadors. Outreach to people on the street is indeed a noble activity, however, it does not address the need for security and public safety measures those of us in the neighborhood have been calling for regarding the safety of the neighborhood itself.

Further, the dealers have food delivered directly outside these hotels, by their own caterers, which they share with the City's sheltered individuals in order to entice them to buy/use. These food deliveries, and additional paraphernalia by all of those now congregating around the hotels, lead to large piles of trash all over the neighborhood-- which HSA and HSH also do nothing about.

In the specific case of my neighborhood's Americana hotel, HSA continued to allow open-air drug markets to operate over the last year on the actual City-run property of the hotel via the parking spaces on Minna. Only recently, given our neighborhood's public outcry, did HSA then 'resolve' the situation by building a fence to block the parking spaces. The drug dealers

still operate, and have their meals catered, directly in front of the fence. The fence only serves to keep the dealers and their operations off the City-run property directly.

These comments and concerns expressed are not regarding the issue of homelessness generally or the individuals experiencing it. I write to speak to the ongoing lack of attention by the City, through these HSA contracts, to the surrounding neighborhoods they are entering.

I urge the Board, and the City, to address the public safety concerns of the neighborhoods where these contracts are held, or not extend the contracts. I also urge the City to take responsibility for the physical, financial, and emotional damages they have made to the residents, businesses, and neighborhoods surrounding the City-contracted hotels.

Thank you,

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Attachments: [Neighborhood Petition July 2022.pdf](#)

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President Walton and Supervisors:

Please see the attached Neighborhood Petition signed by 70 neighbors, residents, small businesses, renters, home owners, property managers, housing organizations, and local community-based groups in the neighborhood surrounding the Americania Hotel and the Good Hotel in South of Market.

The petition is regarding the proposed extension legislation, File #220703, Item #29 on the Board's agenda, which would authorize the Human Services Agency (HSA) to once again extend their hotel booking agreements.

Additionally, I've attached a photo from today. This is actually a relatively smaller version of the ongoing open air drug markets which persist in front of the fence of the Americania hotel. The fence was built to keep the drug markets from continuing on the City-run hotel's parking spaces.

The neighborhood still has the drug markets, while HSH and HSA have simply walled themselves, and their sense of responsibility, off from them.



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From: [Joseph Mark Andrus](#)
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To elaborate on my earlier comment: the proper place to house addicts is NOT in the middle of SOMA a block from sixth street. The two hotels have created a great center of drug-trafficking activity, and are providing residents an easy and ample supply of fentanyl and other harmful substances.

Proper location of this type of facility is well outside a population center, in a restricted environment where these people can actually recover from their addictions rather than be preyed upon by drug dealers in the city.

I would fully support any bond issue to create such a facility. I understand the area around Hetch Hetchy has a good deal of city-owned land that would be well-suited to the type of isolated treatment/recovery facility that would actually help rather than further harm the residents and everyone nearby.

-Mark

> On Jul 18, 2022, at 3:04 PM, Mark Andrus <djmarksf@gmail.com> wrote:

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