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I don't usually send form letters, but this really says it all. Supervisor Chan's resolution is a great plan, but please amend this resolution to keep cut-through traffic off car-free JFK. I am confident that with the garage, music concourse loop, and so many alternate routes, the park and its institutions will still be just as accessible to all, including people with disabilities, without ripping the "beach-to-bay car-free connection" connection in half, and do not believe we should slow down Muni service to/from the park by favoring private vehicle traffic here.

Thank you!

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From: [Christopher Pederson](#)
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Subject: Revise "Beach to Bay" resolution - Land Use Committee agenda item 4
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Dear Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Supervisor Peskin:

I strongly support the provisions of the "Beach to Bay" resolution that call for (1) creating a car-free route through Golden Gate Park from Stanyon Street to Ocean Beach for pedestrians and bicyclists; (2) increasing the accessibility of the Park from low-income, historically underserved communities and for low-income households; (3) improving public transit service to the Park from all San Francisco neighborhoods; and (4) enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Park.

Other elements of the resolution, however, conflict those goals or the Transit First mandates of San Francisco's Charter. Providing free parking to affluent residents of Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill, and Westwood Park and to wealthy retirees from Atherton, Belvedere, and Blackhawk who possess a disabled persons placard does nothing to advance equity and undermines the City's Transit First policies.

I urge the Committee to revise the Resolution in the following respects:

1. Limit any reduced-price parking in the Music Concourse garage to low-income households. In particular, allowing all residents of the four specified zip codes to park in the garage for free conflicts with the requirement of the Charter that parking policies for areas well served by transit must encourage travel by transit and alternative transportation. The zip codes are not well-tailored to encompass lower income neighborhoods with poor transit access to the park. At least two of the zip codes include substantial areas that are not remotely lower income. Zip code 94112, where I live, includes Westwood Park, Mission Terrace, and parts of Sunnyside. In addition, Muni routes 29 and 43 both directly connect neighborhoods throughout 94112 to Golden Gate Park in substantially less than one hour. Zip code 94133 includes much of the Telegraph Hill and Russian Hill neighborhoods, while excluding much of Chinatown.
2. Possession of a Disabled Person Placard should not by itself entitle a person to park for free within the Concourse garage. Disabled Person Placards are provided to individuals without regard to income or wealth. The placard program is also notoriously subject to abuse.
3. The 8th Avenue/Fulton Street entrance should not be reopened to cars. Opening the 8th Avenue entrance is likely to lead to conflicts between cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Vehicles with disabled, senior, or limited mobility visitors approaching the Park from the north should instead be encouraged to use the 10th Avenue entrance to the Music Concourse garage. By driving through the garage, they may gain access to the museums, the concourse, and the ADA parking behind the band shell.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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