

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Temporary Structures in San Francisco Parks- Please Hear Us
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:10:08 PM

From: Emma Marcus <emma@anotherplanetent.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Emma Marcus <emma@anotherplanetent.com>
Subject: Temporary Structures in San Francisco Parks- Please Hear Us

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Dear Supervisors,

I live in the Upper Haight and while I have been following the saga surrounding the temporary installation of the Ferris Wheel in GGP closely, I recently learned of developments that would have a huge impact on the future of events in Golden Gate Park. It has come to my attention that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

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Please consider how the repercussions of the action taken on one structure could impact the future of entirely unrelated special events, gatherings, and civic celebrations. As we begin to emerge from a year that has been riddled with fear, sadness, and loneliness, coming together is going to be an important part of our future. Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

Sincerely,

Emma Marcus
Another Planet Entertainment

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Structures in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:09:40 PM

From: Melinda Frenkel <melindafrenkel@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:55 AM

To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>

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Please don’t kill jobs, events, and recovery by agreeing to create so many more barriers to San Francisco's recovery.

Sincerely,
Melinda Frenkel

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From: [San Francisco Travel - President & CEO](#)
Subject: San Francisco Travel Support for GGP Sky Wheel
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:12:34 AM
Attachments: [Support for GGP Sky Wheel BOS MARCH 2021.pdf](#)

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

We are concerned about the assertion that the temporary Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park is a “structure” and would need a supermajority vote of the Board of Supervisors to keep spinning and delighting residents and visitors alike.

This is concerning not only because we know that providing attractions in our park is a vital part of our collective economic recovery planning, but also because it is precedent setting as to determining a temporary vs a permanent exhibit in Golden Gate Park.

Many of our most important visitor attracting cultural events, which make our city the unique and special place that it is, would be compromised should an interpretation that the structures required to put on events such as Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and others be subject to increased hurdles to gain approval for such events.

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Thank you.



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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

March 8, 2021

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

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Best regards,

Joe D'Alessandro,
President and CEO
San Francisco Travel Association

From: [Samantha O'Neil](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefan, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Temporary Structures and Outdoor Events
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:49:18 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I have been a San Francisco resident for 12 years (District 7 in West Portal). I moved to San Francisco after attending the first Outside Lands in 2008 to work on festivals and outdoor events. Selling festival merchandise at Hardly Strictly Bluegrass was my first paid job in SF and now I work full time for Another Planet Entertainment producing the festival that inspired me to move to San Francisco, Outside Lands.

We recently learned that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is "a structure" and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It's temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

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Sincerely,

Samantha Davis O'Neil
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From: [Joyce Han](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SF Board of Supervisors - Temporary Structures in Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:51:58 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I recently learned that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. ***It’s temporary.*** Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Events such as Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

Special events, attractions and civic celebrations are joyous gatherings that have become part of the social and cultural fabric of San Francisco. They are fun and an opportunity to bring people together! This overreach is too much in normal times, but at a time when events and entertainment have been hardest hit by this pandemic this is hard to even fathom. We have furloughed and laid off workers, we have closed venues. Given the nature of COVID, our businesses will be the last to recover from the pandemic.

Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

best wishes // warmest regards,
joyce

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joyce han
c: 925-989-9927

From: [Kara Lawson](#)
To: [Kara Lawson](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: OPPOSE 2/3 VOTE - SF Temporary Structures in Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:49:07 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you today to **vehemently oppose** the proposed 2/3 Board of Supervisors vote for temporary structures. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Imposing the 2/3 vote would mean every stage, tent, bleacher and more would need full approval from the Board – crazy even by SF standards. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle in producing live events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

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Please save jobs, events and recovery by *OPPOSING* this unnecessary mandate.

With care & concern,

Kara

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From: [Zander Boom Boom Room](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefan, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please don't kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:52:00 PM

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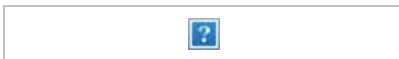
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Sincerely,
Zander Andreas

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From: [Lizzy Schliessmann](#)
Subject: Please read - Board of Supervisors - Temporary Structures in Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:42:54 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

We recently heard that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park.

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Sincerely,

Lizzy Schliessmann



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From: lynn.schwarz
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefan, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please reject impediment to outdoor events!
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:20:29 PM

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I just found out that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are trying to mandate a 2/3 vote by supervisors for everything erected in the parks, even temporary structures. First off, shame on you for not seeing how much the ferris wheel has brightened this city and its citizens, if that is indeed the reason behind this potential legislation. It is temporary, and it's delightful.

I represent not only my own nightclub in District 10, Bottom of the Hill, but I also am one of the leaders of the SF IVA, Independent Venue Alliance, which is comprised of 33 venues at present, and I've been imploring my contacts at City Hall to reduce the already difficult processes for outdoor events for independent venues especially, who have no money and for whom the clock is ticking to be helped. We need to be able to recover from this devastating year, and will be looking to our elected leaders to streamline the outdoor event process, not add further steps! This is one of the main ways we hope to get back on our feet, and we can't believe this legislation is even being contemplated. It would be a real kick to a whole industry that is already down, I can tell you that.

Next time I reach out, I do hope it will be to discuss this streamlining of the outdoor event processes, and you can bet that I will be fighting with all my power to have the city help us, not harm us even further.

Please don't kill jobs, events, and recovery by agreeing to this overreach. And thank you so much for taking the time to read this note!

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From: [Amy Morris](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefan, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Relief for Temporary Structure Approval in SF Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:35:59 PM

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Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Morris Gibbs
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: danrichman@earthlink.net
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The Ferris Wheel, etc
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:44:43 PM

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PARK PURISTS

TO: SF Board of Supervisors

We have been called “park purists” because we simply want our beloved Golden Gate Park to function as a park. We do not believe it should be treated as a vacant lot to be “activated” by organized sports venues on a mammoth scale and glitzy lit-up “entertainments” that would not be out of place in a small-town carnival.

We are so pure we think an urban park should serve as a natural sanctuary from urban intensity. All of the entertainments placed in Golden Gate Park by Rec and Park are legitimate. Only they are misplaced.

We have tried to compromise about the grotesque Ferris wheel. We agreed to allow the thing to stand there like something from a sci-fi movie for another year. But unsurprisingly, Rec and Park, apparently deeply concerned about the loss of profits of an out-of-state corporation, wants to keep the thing in place for another four years. We say, No. Enough is enough.

If I’m a “park purist” because I want to see our beloved Golden Gate Park returned to its proper natural state, then so be it.

Respectfully,

Dan Richman
San Franciscan
Member of SFUN

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Relief for Temporary Structure Approval in SF Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:01:04 PM

From: Amy Morris <amymorrisgibbs@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>
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Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Temporary Structure in Park - killing recovery
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:13:59 PM

From: Jessica Rogers <jess@anotherplanetent.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>
Subject: SF Temporary Structure in Park - killing recovery

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Angela,

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Sincerely,

Jessica Rogers

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From: [Angele Dayer](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#)
Subject: Please keep politics out of temporary structures in parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:29:36 PM

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Sincerely,

Angele Dayer

Noe Valley

From: [Vicky Hoover](#)
To: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please keep ferris wheel extension to ONE YEAR ONLY
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:36:05 PM

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Dear Supervisor Haney,

I am pleased to live in your distinct -- but in my 35 years-plus in San Francisco I have also spent countless hours in Golden Gate Park, cherishing its focus on Nature in the City --on providing us urban residents with a quiet place to experience nature in midst of urban commotion and offering wildlife a chance to thrive.

But now, the so-called observation wheel, or ferris wheel, changed all that and gives the unique park a garish amusement park atmosphere.

Earlier I wrote to the Historic Preservation Commissioners, (copying the supervisors) and urged NO extension and immediate removal of the wheel.

Now, since Supervisor Connie Chan has urged a ONE-YEAR extension only, I wish to support her, and I am urging you also to insist that the lease-extension for the wheel be limited to ONE-YEAR ONLY -- NO MORE.

Please vote YEs on item 38, on Supervisors' agenda for March 9--the resolution by Peskin and Chan limiting the wheel to ONE YEAR only.

That is a reasonable compromise that gives people a chance to ride the ferris wheel, yet will restore Golden Gate Park as long-heralded refuge for nature access soon.

A four-year extension is just TOO close to being -- and becoming -- permanent.

especially since Governor Newsom and President Biden issued executive orders urging conservation of additional places for nature—to help avert the crises of species extinction and biodiversity loss and also help mitigate climate change, San Francisco should do all it can to make our present parks *less* developed and *more* friendly to nature and without doubt Golden Gate Park is the prime example of such a nature area in San Francisco.

thank you for your consideration

Vicky Hoover
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San Francisco, CA 94109
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From: [Emily Abraham](#)
To: [Emily Abraham](#)
Subject: SF Chamber Opposes File #210234
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:36:44 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[SFChamber_File210234.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

We are concerned about the recent assertion that the temporary Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park is a "structure" and needs a supermajority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Requiring a supermajority vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in our longstanding process, and will have a detrimental impact on Golden Gate Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and the future of San Francisco outdoor events.

We need to keep attractions such as the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park operating and subject to the same approval process that all temporary structures in Golden Gate Park have been subject to. With this in mind, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urges you to oppose File #210234 Observation Wheel's 1-Year Extension and uphold the four-year permit extension of both the Recreation and Park Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Respectfully,

Emily Abraham



Emily Abraham

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March 8, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94012

RE: SF Chamber Opposes File #210234 Observation Wheel's 1-Year Extension

Dear Supervisors,

We are concerned about the recent assertion that the temporary Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park is a "structure" and needs a supermajority vote of the Board of Supervisors. Requiring a supermajority vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in our longstanding process, and will have a detrimental impact on Golden Gate Park, surrounding neighborhoods, and the future of San Francisco outdoor events.

This is concerning not only because providing attractions in our park needs to be a vital part of our collective economic recovery planning, but this resolution is also precedent setting as to determining a temporary versus permanent exhibit in Golden Gate Park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outsidelands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon, and many more cherished events would face increased hurdles to putting on events. These events, including the Observation Wheel's temporary permit, are already subject to numerous approvals and sign-offs.

Our City's small business community has been devastated by the impacts of COVID-19 and we must support meaningful ways to support this community, which contributes so greatly to San Francisco's vibrancy and culture. The Observation Wheel plays a critical role as we look towards economic recovery. Prior to the pandemic, San Francisco had over 25 million visitors who spent over \$10 billion in hotels, restaurants, retail, and recreation. Our tourism industry has been decimated by COVID-19 and recent San Francisco Chamber of Commerce data shows that approximately 50% of San Francisco small businesses remain closed.

Beyond a source of bringing economic vitality, our parks have served as essential places for our residents' mental and physical health during this pandemic. The Wheel has only enriched the limited opportunities our residents have to enjoy the outdoors safely. Our residents need access to COVID-safe outdoor activity, which the Recreation and Parks Commission has recognized. The Recreation and Park Commission acknowledged community concerns and passed the extension of the Wheel due to its positive impact on San Francisco residents and the larger surrounding neighborhood.

The Historic Preservation Commission has also recognized the historic importance of the Wheel, and approved a four year extension. One of Golden Gate Park's important historic roles has been to serve as an engine of economic growth for the City. The 1894 mid-winter fair was put on in part to pull the city out of an economic downturn, and some of the park's most iconic structures were built as part of the Works Progress Administration that pulled the nation out of the Great Depression. An extension of the Wheel permit will allow the park to continue to play this historic role for our community.



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As our cases decrease and we safely enter into higher tiers where the Wheel can reopen, we strongly believe that it will support our small business communities in its surrounding area. It is important to note that there are at least a dozen legacy businesses located nearby the wheel.

We need to keep attractions such as the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park operating and subject to the same approval process that all temporary structures in Golden Gate Park have been subject to. With this in mind, we urge you to oppose File #210234 Observation Wheel's 1-Year Extension and uphold the four-year permit extension of both the Recreation and Park Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong", written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Rodney Fong
President & CEO
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

From: [Judy Heyman](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefan, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: STOP the Overreach - Temporary Structures
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:57:17 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I understand Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a disastrous impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more world class events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to producing events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

Special events, attractions and civic celebrations are joyous gatherings that have become part of the legendary social and cultural fabric of San Francisco. They bring good energy, tourism and income to our city. This overreach is too much in normal times. Considering events and entertainment have been hardest hit by this pandemic, this policy shift is completely unacceptable. We have furloughed and laid off workers, we have closed venues. We are struggling for survival. Given the nature of COVID, our businesses will be the last to recover from the pandemic.

Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

Best, Judy

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From: [Lance Carnes](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: In support of Item 38 (The Wheel)
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:12:51 PM

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Dear Supervisor Peskin,

I am pleased to live in your district and in San Francisco, but the recent installation of a Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park detracts greatly from the quality of life and enjoyment for those who visit the Park.

Now, since you and Supervisor Chan have proposed a resolution for a one-year only extension, I wish to support you and encourage all Supervisors to enact this resolution.

Please vote YES on item 38, on the Board of Supervisors' agenda for March 9.

That is a reasonable compromise that gives people a chance to ride the Ferris wheel, yet will soon restore Golden Gate Park as a natural refuge for all visitors.

Thank you for your work on this import issue.

Lance Carnes
North Beach

From: [Joanne Desmond](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Steve Lutge](#)
Subject: Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:14:15 PM
Attachments: [BOS_GGP.PDF](#)

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March 8, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

It has come to our attention that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park is "a structure" and they want to create a new rule forcing a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Supervisors for all temporary structures. However, requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structure's in the park is a significant change and would have a chilling impact on many popular events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and Outside Lands are all "temporary". They also happen to be some of the biggest events for our Union. This would greatly impact our industry by causing costly and unnecessary hurdles.

These events create and sustain jobs both during the event and throughout the year - which is important since California's current unemployment is at 9.3% and our Union is currently at 95% unemployment.

The Ferris wheel was already thoroughly vetted by the Recreation and Parks Commission as well as the Historic Preservation Commission, both of which did significant work before they rendered their decision. To disregard their findings undermines the whole purpose of their commissions.

We strongly urge all members of the Board of Supervisors to reject this unnecessary and burdensome legislation.

Please do not create any additional hurdles to getting our members back to work.

Sincerely,

Steve Lutge

Business Agent-Secretary

From: [Denise Zietlow](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS Meeting Agenda Item 38 re: Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:41:14 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Please vote to approve Agenda Item 38 to fully remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park by March 15, 2022. It is a reasonable compromise and it is the right thing to do for the park, its wildlife and historic preservation.

Thank you.

Denise Zietlow

From: [Lisa Dunseth](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 5:33:25 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Regarding the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park: please do not renew the contract for this thing. I am very tired of Rec & Park "monetizing" our parks. This is not an appropriate use of the park.

Thank you,

Lisa Dunseth

From: [Helene Sautou](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Adam Karbasi](#)
Subject: Golden Gate Park neighbor concerned about unnecessary oversight from BoS
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:33:50 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I have been an Inner Sunset homeowner and resident since 2011. From my street at 11th and Kirkham, I can see the ferris wheel in the GGP.

I recently learned that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors in some proposed legislation.

San Francisco events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from City staff and commissions providing oversight. I don't believe that those should not be further politicized. It is not the role of the Board of Supervisors to micromanage events and temporary structures.

Walking and biking in this amazing park often, I am well aware of its vastness. There is something for everyone. And if you don't like a particular feature, it's easy to go somewhere else and find yourself in a completely different environment. So let the people who enjoy Ferris wheels enjoy it. Let the people who bring festivals to the park bring music and merriment. Let artists who have a vision for light art light up the park. There are fine people at SF Rec and Parks who can handle permits and management of these events and structures. It's their job to do so, not yours.

Sincerely,

Helene Sautou
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From: [Pinky Kushner](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please vote yes on Item #38
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:10:56 PM

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Greetings Supervisors of the Great City and County of San Francisco!

Item #38 on the agenda for tomorrow's BOS meeting is a reasonable compromise between those who are enthusiastic about the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park and those who are concerned that the Ferris wheel threatens wildlife and the quietude of the natural surroundings of Golden Gate Park.

Life is not a bowl of cherries. Nor is Golden Gate Park a place where \$18 Ferris wheels make everyone joyous and happy. The reality is that the Ferris wheel brings a certain brightly lit, noisy atmosphere to what has traditionally been a park of quietude and contemplation (think Tai Chi), although the park is also well known for its occasional celebration (think Opera in the Park).

Having the Ferris wheel be in the Music Concourse for the coming year satisfies both those who want to have the country fair atmosphere as well as those who want the Concourse to return to the quiet, contemplative it is so well known for.

Thank you for your service to our city.

Sincerely,

Pinky Kushner

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From: [Pam Hemphill](#)
To: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Vote Yes on item 38: limit the Ferris wheel to ONLY one more year
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:13:07 PM

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

The Ferris wheel never belonged in the Golden Gate Park Music Concourse in the first place, and should have been gone in one year, yet, because of Covid there is a desire by RPD to extend the time. This is risky as this carnival wheel should never become a permanent fixture. Golden Gate Park is on the National Register of Historic Places as a landscape park, not an amusement park. It has drawn locals and tourists for years and is heavily used and loved without a Ferris wheel. And the wheel is very disturbing to many people and to wildlife.

The Ferris wheel profits almost all go to the investors in SkyStar, a St Louis based corporation. And SF provides the land for the wheel. So riders on the wheel are sending their dollars to the SkyStar investors, and not helping San Francisco's recovery. Additionally SkyStar sells food and drink and retail merchandise, competing with local businesses, while RPD is arguing that the wheel is supporting local businesses. SkyStar also received money from the Federal Government's Paycheck Protection Program to maintain their employees.

The Ferris wheel with its strobe lights and diesel generator is environmentally harmful. There was no evaluation of the effect of the wheel on birds or wildlife before it was installed. Yet, Golden Gate Park is the only taste of nature for many city residents, and climate change is here. It is time for San Francisco to protect nature, not ignore it.

The compromise is a one year extension as proposed by Supervisor Chan, followed by permanent removal. I would prefer that it be removed in April as originally agreed, but with a compromise, those who still want to ride can do so. Please support that limited one year extension compromise!

Thanks for your attention!

Pam Hemphill MD
District 8 resident

From: [Kathleen Courtney](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Jamie Cherry RHCA](#); [Michele Sudduth](#); [Linda Marks](#); [Robyn Tucker PANA](#)
Subject: BOS 3/9/21 - Agenda Item 38 - RHCA Urges : Please Approve
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:46:27 PM
Importance: High

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Supervisors:

On behalf of the Russian Hill Community Association, I urge you to approve Agenda Item 38, on your March 9, 2021 calendar, which is a reasonable compromise of a challenging issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Courtney
Chair, Housing & Zoning Committee
Russian Hill Community Association
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AGENDA ITEM 38:

[Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park]

Sponsors: Peskin; Chan

*Resolution retroactively approving, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.113, construction of an observation wheel structure in Golden Gate Park for a term starting February 28, 2020, and lasting for one year following the current permit expiration term, until February 7, 2022, **with full removal required by March 15, 2022.***

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Pam Hemphill](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Vote Yes on item 38: limit the Ferris wheel to ONLY one more year
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:46:35 PM

Much appreciated.

Aaron

From: Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:12:27 PM
To: MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>
Cc: Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Vote Yes on item 38: limit the Ferris wheel to ONLY one more year

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Thanks for your attention!

Pam Hemphill MD
District 8 resident

From: [Ann McPherson](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please limit Wheel extension to ONE YEAR ONLY
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 8:51:37 PM

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March 8, 2021

Dear Supervisor Chan,

I live in your district and go to the Music Concourse daily to practice tai chi and other martial arts.

I strongly support your motion to limit the Observation Wheel to one more year only. I fear that if the Wheel remains in the Concourse for four more years, it will become a permanent feature. Furthermore, Park and Rec should not be allowed to propose the Wheel as a one-year temporary project to commemorate the 150th Anniversary and then turn around and make it a five-year event. That is outrageous and so disingenuous! We, the people, deserve better.

The noise from the generator severely impacted me over the last few months. I was unable to go to the Music Concourse without getting severe headaches from the noise so I stopped going altogether. The 85-decibel generator ran continuously for more than 120 days. I complained, but nobody listened. Do you understand how frustrating and how demoralizing that is? Park and Rec finally came up with an interim solution a few days ago whereby they're using a small portable generator at night to power the computer system, and they shut off the large diesel generator at night. This is a great improvement. Why did it take so long? However, at the last meeting Park and Rec said they planned to get yet another generator. I'm worried that they may intend to run this new generator all night long – as they did previously – and the noise from the new generator may be louder than the small portable one they're using now.

Please ensure that there is some effective mechanism by which residents can submit complaints about noise and other issues – outside of calling 311 (which is totally ineffective). Complaints should be dealt with promptly and courteously and elevated if necessary. Listening to the complaint – without resolving it – is not enough.

Connecting directly to the grid would eliminate the noise and air pollution problem altogether and is likely the best solution.

I strongly support your motion to limit the Observation Wheel to one more year only. I appreciate your involvement with this troubling situation.

Thank you.

Ann McPherson

From: [Susan Stahlek](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The Ferris Wheel
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:31:55 PM

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March 8, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Not too many years ago, I lived in the Outer Richmond which gave me the wonderful experience of exploring the Wild West End of Golden Gate Park. One spring, I was fortunate enough to stumble upon a group of people observing a Great Horned Owl nest near the Bison Paddock, and I then spent a lot of time under that tree, peering up at those little owlets. One day a young man, much hipper than me, stopped to see what I was looking at. I gladly let him take a look through my binoculars to catch a glimpse. Just then one of the adult owls flew over us, close enough that we could hear wing beats. I sincerely think it changed that guy's life. He was so amazed by the sight and sound of that owl. These are the kind of experiences Golden Gate Park was designed for.

Don't misunderstand me, I like Ferris wheels. I took a ride in the one that's in our park right now. It was nice, but to tell you the truth, the view from the observation tower at the De Young is much better. We don't need that wheel. We need owls, and bats. We need experiences like that young man and I were so lucky to share, truly awed by nature, right here in our City. The wheel has been here long enough. I see that thing from my kitchen and bedroom every evening, and know in my heart it's time for it to go. I urge you to tell Park and Rec that it's time for the wheel to go. Please say No to four more years.

Respectfully,

Susan Stahlek
Inner Sunset

From: [Karen Wood](#)
To: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: March 9, 2021 Agenda Item 38
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:40:16 PM

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Dear Supervisors,
Please vote Yes on Agenda Item #38 requiring full removal of the observation wheel structure from Golden Gate Park by March 15, 2022.
Karen Wood
District 7

From: [Kim-Shree Maufas](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please APPROVE Agenda Item 38!!
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:27:58 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Apologies for the group messaging but the hour is late and I wanted to make certain that you all knew that I am NOT in support of that Ferris Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park any longer than the 1-year extension, per Agenda Item 38, as stated below:

*"Resolution retroactively approving, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.113, construction of an observation wheel structure in Golden Gate Park for a term starting February 28, 2020, and lasting for one year following the current permit expiration term, until February 7, 2022, **with full removal required by March 15, 2022.**"*

Sincerest appreciations to you all for considering Nature and the Park's Wildlife
Kim-Shree Maufas

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it." ~Albert Einstein

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Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: support the Observation Wheel resolution
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:23:41 AM

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Dear Supervisor:

I am counting on you to support Agenda Item 38, Supervisors Peskin and Chan's resolution to retroactively approve the construction of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park and require its removal by March 15, 2022.

Do the right thing!

Yours truly,
Gail Wechsler
221 San Jose Ave Apt 5
SF 94110

From: [Steph Wiseman](#)
To: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
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Subject: Re: Vote Yes on item 38: Observation Wheel's Strobe Light is intolerable to Owls
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:00:26 AM
Attachments: [Compromise STORY BOARD v2 PDF.pdf](#)
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From: [Susan Brock](#)
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Subject: Only One Year for GGP Observation Wheel, Please!
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:24:21 AM

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Hello Supervisors,

PLEASE support the resolution that will maintain the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park for ONLY one year, until February 7, 2022, and removing it by March 15, 2022. It is not fair to the SF community to extend it more than that. It was only approved in the first place because it was supposed to be for just one year.

Let's not give the park away, please!

Susan Brock
SF resident

From: [Sheri Sternberg](#)
To: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: March 9th mtg Agenda item #38
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:00:54 AM

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This letter is in support of approval for the Observation Wheel

Sheri Sternberg
Mercenary Productions
PO Box 884461
San Francisco, CA 94188

Public comment regarding agenda item #38, Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Sponsors: Supervisors Peskin & Chan

Dear Supervisors

As active members of the events community, we have watched the ongoing concerns with the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park with interest. The wheel was a major undertaking and certainly required a lot of planning & preparation. The construction and operation employed many people in our industry. The continued operation of the structure will give jobs to individuals who have been devastated by the pandemic and had little or no work for the past year. They need this opportunity.

It is difficult to imagine that the clause in the charter that you are using to require 2/3rds approval by the Board of Supervisors for structures in the park or in Union Square was intended to be used for temporary structures. The implications of using this language to revoke the continued operation of the Observation Wheel would have a negative impact on the long term viability of events in San Francisco. There is currently a system in place to manage the installation of tents, staging and other temporary structures in the park and at Union Square which is rigorous and thorough. The thought of inserting the Board of Supervisors whenever a tent or bouncy house is planned does not seem to be a good use of anyone's time.

We urge you to approve the extension for the current permit on the Observation Wheel and to leave the current process for approval of temporary structures as is. San Francisco is hurting; we need the promise of hope that events will bring back to our community now more than ever. Please do not hinder the return of our industry

by further complicating the permit process.

Kind Regards,

Sheri Sternberg
Mercenary Productions

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Subject: Re: Vote Yes on item 38: strobe lights intolerable to GGP Owls
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Subject: Item 38 : Petition in Support of ONLY One more year for Observation Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:56:38 AM
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San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN)

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From: [John Doherty](#)
To: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter RE: Skystar Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:09:35 AM
Attachments: [Ltr to BOS re Skystar Wheel.pdf](#)

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Good Morning,

Please find attached a letter indicating IBEW Local 6's support of the Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Regards,

John J. Doherty

Business Manager – Financial Secretary

IBEW Local Union No. 6

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March 8, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse

Dear Board of Supervisor Member:

I am disappointed to see that Supervisor Peskin and Chan are trying to override the Rec & Park and Historic Preservation Commission's unanimous votes to keep the Skystar Wheel in its current location for 4 years. Apparently, they are claiming that the temporary installation is "a structure" and will now come to your Board for a decision.

The Skystar Wheel is temporary and is not a structure. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face difficult, time consuming and costly hurdles to putting on events. They are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

These events all create and sustain good paying jobs both during the event and throughout the year. Right now, unemployment in California is at 9.3% and my union is approaching 20% unemployment or under-employment. I am asking you to reject this this action and let the Skystar Wheel stay.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Doherty
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cc:
All Rec & Park Commissioners
All Historic Preservation Commissioners
Phil Ginsburg, Rec & Park
Mayor London Breed
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From: [Kathy Howard](#)
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Subject: Item 38 - SUPPORT: Maximum one-year extension of Observation Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:16:08 AM
Attachments: [2021-03-09 Sierra Club - ITEM 38. Support ONLY one year extension of Observation Wheel.pdf](#)

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Subject: Item 38 - SUPPORT: Maximum one-year extension of Observation Wheel

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Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein

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Subject: Ferris wheel out of Golden Gate Park! Agenda item 38
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:19:47 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council asks you to vote to approve Agenda Item 3. A one-year extension of an original one year contract is a reasonable compromise.

This is good for the Park, good for the Wildlife, good for historic preservation and good for good governance.

Here is the agenda item:

AGENDA ITEM 38:

[Authorizing Construction of an Observation Wheel Structure in Golden Gate Park]

Sponsors: Peskin; Chan

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Cordially,

Tes Welborn
HANC Board Member



From: [Harry S. Parisier](#)
To: [Chancellor \(BOG\)](#) [Members/Staff \(BOG\)](#) [Mayor/Staff \(BOG\)](#) [Executive Director \(BOG\)](#) [Safir, Abacha \(BOG\)](#) [Walton, Shamara \(BOG\)](#) [Honey, Matt \(BOG\)](#) [Mar, Gordon \(BOG\)](#) [Eskin, Aaron \(BOG\)](#) [Boson, Hillary](#) [Stokell, Catherine \(BOG\)](#) [Board of Supervisors \(BOG\)](#)
Subject: One more year for that ferris wheel is too long!
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:37:55 AM

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Mar 9, 2021

Dear Supervisors:

Please vote to amend the term of the ferris wheel to only six months and also to re-direct the local share of profits from Parks Alliance to RFPD.

We should not reward a corrupt "nonprofit."

While my Open Letter is here:

<https://avaman.and.protection.com/v/1ufl?u=https://3a/commonsproctor.medium.com/an-open-letter-to-san-francisco-city-government-about-the-skystar-observation-wheel-in-golden-gate-f68df437534&g=ZWMYzmq4OTQ0OWQ3OTg0A==&h=YWJmNjksNzgmTY4NmRjNjmaNDElZTlNTBODfKOT:ZYQ4NGZLQGM4NDM5NnE0YjA5YjUyYzRlZk5zaWJNw==&p=YXAuOeNmZHQyOmF2YzW5hbipvZmZpY2UoNjVZVW1haWxzX2YVYWhOQZGisM2NjMmMzODYyODM4YTIwMzIzM0MjVhOTg2OeYx>

I would also like to point out that this is part of a plan to commercialize this area of the park, and it also includes an upcoming \$2.5 million entrance to Golden Gate Park (which absolutely needs to be stopped) and the transmutation — by self serving "nonprofit" Illuminate — to turn the bandshell into a concert venue!

We locals do not count!

Time to change this with your decisive vote today!

Harry S. Parisier

From: [Steph Wiseman](#)
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Subject: Support Item 38 - Please let John McLaren"s words and deeds guide you to compromise
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:14:14 PM
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Subject: Please approve
Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:15:49 PM

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Please approve Agenda Item 38. This is good for the Park, good for the Wildlife, good for historic preservation and good for good governance.

While we would prefer immediate removal, or relocation to some less sensitive and precious location in The City, This compromise is far better than what Parks and Rec almost rammed through San Francisco's BOS... you.

It is heartening that you have the opportunity to speak for us, the neighbors and neighborhoods surrounding Golden Gate Park.

Please approve this compromise that should ensure the integrity of our park by removing, after due celebration and COVID hiatus, this Garrish Coney Island light and sound assault on the Park.

Thank you,

James Parke

Sunset resident for 40 years. California for 6 generations.



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March 8, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Skystar Wheel in Golden Gate Park's Music Concourse

Dear Board of Supervisor Member:

I am disappointed to see that Supervisor Peskin and Chan are trying to override the Rec & Park and Historic Preservation Commission's unanimous votes to keep the Skystar Wheel in its current location for 4 years. Apparently, they are claiming that the temporary installation is "a structure" and will now come to your Board for a decision.

The Skystar Wheel is temporary and is not a structure. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face difficult, time consuming and costly hurdles to putting on events. They are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

These events all create and sustain good paying jobs both during the event and throughout the year. Right now, unemployment in California is at 9.3% and my union is approaching 20% unemployment or under-employment. I am asking you to reject this this action and let the Skystar Wheel stay.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Doherty
Business Manager – Financial Secretary
IBEW Local Union 6

cc:

All Rec & Park Commissioners
All Historic Preservation Commissioners
Phil Ginsburg, Rec & Park
Mayor London Breed
Sean Elsbemd
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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Temporary Structure in Park - killing recovery
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:13:59 PM

From: Jessica Rogers <jess@anotherplanetent.com>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>
Subject: SF Temporary Structure in Park - killing recovery

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Angela,

I recently learned that Supervisors Peskin and Chan are claiming that the temporary ferris wheel is “a structure” and needs a 2/3 vote of the Board of Supervisors. It’s temporary. Requiring a 2/3 vote for all temporary structures in the park is a significant change in process that will have a chilling impact on beloved events in the park. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Outside Lands, Opera in the Park, Bay to Breakers, the San Francisco Marathon and many more cherished events would face a difficult, time-consuming, costly hurdle to putting on events. These events are already subject to numerous approvals and sign offs from the City and should not be further politicized.

Special events, attractions and civic celebrations are joyous gatherings that have become part of the social and cultural fabric of San Francisco. They are fun. This overreach is too much in normal times, but at a time when events and entertainment have been hardest hit by this pandemic this is hard to even fathom.

We have furloughed and laid off workers, we have closed venues. Given the nature of COVID, our businesses will be the last to recover from the pandemic.

Please don’t kill jobs, events and recovery by agreeing to this politically motivated overreach.

Sincerely,

Jessica Rogers

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Subject: FW: Relief for Temporary Structure Approval in SF Parks
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 3:01:04 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:31 PM
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Amy

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My real issue with this whole thing is that two Board members are trying to undo what two separate City Commissions have done. I, and all of the other Commissioners did hours of reading and debating and listening to public comment and made our decisions based on that due diligence. If the Board of Supervisors disregards all of that and overrides our decision, all of the work and thought that went into this was a waste of time.

What good is it to have a Rec & Park Commission or an Historic Preservation Commission, or any Commission for that matter, if the Board decides that if they don't like the outcome, they will just override us?

I am asking you to reject this politically motivated overreach and let the unanimous decisions of both Commissions stand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Mazzola, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

LARRY MAZZOLA, JR
Bus.Mgr. & Fin.Secty-Treas.
and
Rec & Park Commissioner

cc:

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