

**From:** [Jean Barish](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 11:19:15 PM

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Dear City Officials,

I oppose Agenda Item 8 on the July 15 Rules Committee Agenda, a proposed Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway sponsored by Supervisors Engardio; Melgar, Preston, Mandelman and Dorsey.

Following are reasons I oppose this Initiative:

- It is premature and unfairly guts the existing Ordinance that closes the Great Highway from noon on Fridays until 6 am Mondays and on Holidays;
- It was written without any input from the many community members that it most significantly impacts;
- It will damage the environment and promote global warming, since there will be a significant increase in pollutants and greenhouse gasses due to more stop-and-go traffic on Lincoln Way and Sunset Boulevard;
- Neighborhood streets will be less safe for pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders and other "rollers;"
- It is unaffordable;
- Ocean Beach is often cold and foggy, and is not suitable for a park;
- It will increase development pressure to upzone beachfront property, and convert the Lower Great Highway into a zone of condominiums resembling Miami Beach.

This Ballot Initiative must be withdrawn immediately and the current Ordinance must remain in effect.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Jean B Barish, Esq., MS, MA*  
*jeanbbarish@hotmail.com*  
*D1 Resident*

**From:** [Mary Miles](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
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**FROM:**  
Mary Miles (SB #230395)  
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RE: BOS File No 240706

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Initiative Ordinance - Park Code- Parkway at Great Highway Ballot Measure**  
**7-15-24 RULES COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM #8**  
**7-16-24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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If this Board approves placing the proposed "Parkway at the Great Highway" measure on the ballot, the City would have a similar result.

The proposed "Parkway at Great Highway" must receive full CEQA review before being placed on the ballot. Extensive documentation of the significant adverse effects of closing the Great Highway to the public has been submitted in several proceedings, including, among others, significant impacts on traffic and parking on neighborhood streets, habitat destruction of a threatened species; eliminating a critical emergency evacuation route and hindering emergency vehicle access. (See also, *e.g.*, the Coastal Act and the California Endangered Species Act.)

Closing a public street to access to the beach to create a special space for bicyclists and pedestrians obstructs the people's access to a public beach and the Pacific Ocean, and clearly violates the right to travel, enjoy, and have access to a public attraction. Those who live in more distant neighborhoods are disparately more impacted by the proposed closure to motor vehicle access. The claim that the Great Highway is no longer required for motor vehicle travel is unsupported, since it is not only the major access route to the coast of San Francisco, but it is also heavily traveled by people commuting to work, hospitals, and other destinations, and all those who also enjoy visiting and experiencing the beach and the coast from the Great Highway.

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Sincerely,  
Mary Miles

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RE: BOS File No 240706

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Sincerely,  
Mary Miles



**From:** [Madison Clell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706.  
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Dear Committee,

Dear City Officials,

[ The following is a form letter, but I agree with every word ]

I oppose passing this Ordinance because Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency.

The entire Upper Great Highway is part of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes Map.

Closure would cause Sloat Blvd across from the Zoo to dead end.

This would cause serious traffic issues and issues for emergency responders with the current level of one million visitors per year to the Zoo.

When the pandas arrive, the number of visitors to the Zoo will increase significantly as well as a significant increase in traffic.

There are already development pressures in the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside which seek to turn Ocean Beach into a coastline of high-rises without the infrastructure or parking to support them, and which will result in destruction of our beautiful, quiet beach community.

This closure would increase those development pressures.

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Madison C



**From:** [Susan Reichert Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Leave the great highway open  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 5:57:49 PM

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I strongly oppose closing the great highway and making a park. Being closed on the weekend is more than enough. Talk to the residence that live on the lower great and see how they feel about it. In their well over million dollar homes and all the taxes they pay And all the traffic in front of their house, the trash, the noise the disruption. There's lots of wonderful parks in San Francisco. The great highway should not be one of them. This is just a horrible thing to do to all the long time residence. The people who want it opened don't even live here , they live in totally different areas of the city. Please do what's right, thank you.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Susan Reichert Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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FROM: Susan Reichert Wong, D4 Resident

DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

Dear City Officials,

I oppose passing this Ordinance because Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency.

The entire Upper Great Highway is part of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes Map.

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When the pandas arrive, the number of visitors to the Zoo will increase significantly as well as a significant increase in traffic.

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This closure would increase those development pressures.

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Reichert, D4 Resident

**From:** [Lefteris Eleftheriou](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706  
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TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

FROM: Lefteris Eleftheriou, D7 Resident

DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

Dear City Officials,

I oppose passing this Ordinance for the following reasons:

- 1) The Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Lower Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency.
- 2) The entire Upper Great Highway is part of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes Map. Closure would cause Sloat Blvd across from the Zoo to dead end.
- 3) Closure would cause serious traffic issues for emergency responders who must be available for the estimated annual one million visitors to the Zoo. When the pandas arrive, the number of visitors to the Zoo will increase as well as a significant increase in traffic.
- 4) There are already land development pressures in the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside which seek to turn Ocean Beach into a coastline of high-rises without the road infrastructure or parking to support them.
- 5) Parents and small business owners rely on the Great Highway to shuttle children, elderly, employees, and supplies to and from schools, doctor appointments, and businesses. Closure would severely limit the ability to do so, further hindering our already struggling small businesses and public school system.
- 6) Where is the budget or funding allocated for a park? If the city cannot afford to maintain the Great Hwy as it is by cleaning sand, fixing the road, etc., how will the city find the resources to build and maintain an entire park?
- 7) There is adequate space to allow for protected bike and pedestrian

lanes on the Great Hwy, while at the same time, allowing lanes for cars. All modes of transportation can co-exist.

8) The beach as it is can be used as a park area for residents to access the sand and water for recreation purposes. This is much less costly to implement for the city and less disruptive to the lives of residents who rely on their automobiles.

9) Similar plans to close lanes to cars on Market St., Valencia St., and pending proposals for West Portal Ave. were all met with staunch opposition, but the city moved forward regardless, destroying small business in those communities. West Side residents are deeply concerned and afraid that a similar fate awaits the Great Hwy.

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Lefteris Eleftheriou

**From:** [WENDY YAMAMURA](#)  
**To:** [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mayor London Breed](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disappointed with Engardio's Decision to Close the Great Highway  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 2:33:26 PM

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My name is **WENDY YAMAMURA**  
My email address is **yamamuraw@gmail.com**

We are writing to express our profound disappointment in your final decision to close the Great Highway to residents, neighboring commuters, and those who drive children to school or themselves or others to appointments and other activities. This decision will severely impact our community in ways that appear to have yet to be fully considered, demonstrating a troubling disconnect between your actions and the interests of the residents you are elected to represent.

The resulting increased traffic congestion and compromised safety indicate how our concerns and needs were overlooked in your decision-making process. This oversight, which has led to a situation with which we are deeply dissatisfied, is wholly unacceptable.

Your failure to adequately represent our community in this matter is disheartening. You must recognize the deep sense of alienation and frustration this decision has caused among your constituents. We will work diligently to oppose your measure and ensure our voices are heard and considered in future decisions.

Sincerely,  
**WENDY YAMAMURA**

**From:** [Patricia Arack](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly Oppose Rules Comm Agenda #8 Parkway at UGH File #240706  
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DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

Dear City Officials,

I oppose passing this Ordinance because Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency. On June 26, for example, a fisherman was drowning in the surf off Noriega. Six police cars and fire trucks responded and managed to save him. If they had to fumble for a key to unlock a gate, this man could have drowned. They were able to save him.

The entire Upper Great Highway is part of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes Map.

The closure would also great impact the surrounding streets when 15,000 cars a day will be diverted onto the Lower Great Hwy and other streets. The health, safety and quality of life of thousands of people will suffer. Exhaust from pollution will be greatly increased into people's homes and lungs. Commuter traffic will rush through neighborhoods. On the lower GH, not one driver EVER stops at the stop signs. I have even seen police cars roll through the stop sign in front of my house. The neighborhood will be innudated with bad actors, which happened in 2020-2021 when the highway was closed 24/7 for 16 months.

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support them, and which will result in destruction of our beautiful, quiet beach community.

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Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Arack**

**From:** [Alyse](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in opposition to Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
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July 14, 2004

Dear Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

I write in strong opposition to the Ordinance that would permanently prohibit motorized vehicles on the Upper Great Highway for the following reasons:

The Great Highway, as a highway, serves tens of thousands of commuters daily during the week. It prevents gridlock in residential neighborhoods where there are hundreds of pedestrians, many of them elderly, and where children play outdoors. It is the safest and most efficient road in the city.

The thousands of daily commuters who will be asked to use the Avenues and Sunset Blvd. to get across town instead of the Great Highway so a park can be built are **not** the ones who will be benefiting from this park. They will be at work.

Children will **not** be benefiting from the Great Highway as a park on weekdays. They will be in school, at after-school programs, in summer programs, or at home doing homework.

The park will **only** benefit the tiny minority who are lucky enough to have the flexibility to play at a park anytime they want. And that's **not** most of us. Contrary to what Engardio and others might say, the vast majority of jobs cannot be done from home; furthermore, most people who do work from home do not have the flexibility to go to a park, especially one at the extreme end of the city, whenever they want. They have to work 8:00 - 5:00 like everyone else. This park will serve a very small, very exclusive and extremely elite group of people at a cost to thousands of others. In other words, the vast majority will bear the cost for a tiny minority.

If approved, this measure will go before the entire city for a vote when only two districts are impacted, the Sunset and the Richmond. Those in other districts who know nothing about the consequences of this closure are unethically being asked to vote on it. They hear "park", and they think "how nice". They don't see "gridlock" and "disadvantage to working people" and think, "I'm voting no!" It is intrinsically unfair to ask the entire city to vote on what is clearly a local issue. This needs to be resolved by those most affected. It is simply not fair to ask someone in the Excelsior to decide the fate of a road they might never have seen.

Sincerely,  
Alyse Ceirante  
District Four



**From:** [Patricia Wise](#)  
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TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

FROM: Patricia Wise, D4 Resident

DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

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Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Wise, D4 Resident

**From:** [Stephen Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item#8[Hearing- initiative Ordinance - Park Code - parkway at Upper Great Highway] File#240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:15:12 AM

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**Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706.**

TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Gorski, D4 Resident , 43+ years & Voter

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Judi Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
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Respectfully submitted,

Judi Gorski, D4 Resident  
Member of several community organizations including  
Concerned Residents of the Sunset  
Accessible Streets And Parking  
SF Needs Parking





**From:** [igor vlasoff](#)  
**To:** [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mayor London Breed](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disappointed with Engardio's Decision to Close the Great Highway  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 8:05:28 AM

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My name is **igor vlasoff**

My email address is **vlasoffi@yahoo.com**

We are writing to express our profound disappointment in your final decision to close the Great Highway to residents, neighboring commuters, and those who drive children to school or themselves or others to appointments and other activities. This decision will severely impact our community in ways that appear to have yet to be fully considered, demonstrating a troubling disconnect between your actions and the interests of the residents you are elected to represent.

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**From:** [Jean Barish](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 11:19:15 PM

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Dear City Officials,

I oppose Agenda Item 8 on the July 15 Rules Committee Agenda, a proposed Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway sponsored by Supervisors Engardio; Melgar, Preston, Mandelman and Dorsey.

Following are reasons I oppose this Initiative:

- It is premature and unfairly guts the existing Ordinance that closes the Great Highway from noon on Fridays until 6 am Mondays and on Holidays;
- It was written without any input from the many community members that it most significantly impacts;
- It will damage the environment and promote global warming, since there will be a significant increase in pollutants and greenhouse gasses due to more stop-and-go traffic on Lincoln Way and Sunset Boulevard;
- Neighborhood streets will be less safe for pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders and other "rollers;"
- It is unaffordable;
- Ocean Beach is often cold and foggy, and is not suitable for a park;
- It will increase development pressure to upzone beachfront property, and convert the Lower Great Highway into a zone of condominiums resembling Miami Beach.

This Ballot Initiative must be withdrawn immediately and the current Ordinance must remain in effect.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Jean B Barish, Esq., MS, MA*  
*jeanbbarish@hotmail.com*  
*D1 Resident*

**From:** [Mary Miles](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PUBLIC COMMENT-Initiative Ordinance-Park Code-Parkway at Great Highway; BOS File #240706  
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**From:** Mary Miles <page364@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:14 PM  
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**Cc:** 'angela.calvillo@sfgov.org' <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; 'Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org' <Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org>; 'Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org' <Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org>; 'ChanStaff@sfgov.org' <ChanStaff@sfgov.org>; 'DorseyStaff@sfgov.org' <DorseyStaff@sfgov.org>; 'Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org' <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>; 'MandelmanStaff@sfgov.org' <MandelmanStaff@sfgov.org>; 'Dean.Preston@sfgov.org' <Dean.Preston@sfgov.org>; 'Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org' <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>; 'MelgarStaff@sfgov.org' <MelgarStaff@sfgov.org>; 'EngardioStaff@sfgov.org' <EngardioStaff@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT-Initiative Ordinance-Park Code-Parkway at Great Highway; BOS File #240706

**FROM:**  
Mary Miles (SB #230395)  
Attorney at Law  
364 Page St., #36  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**TO:**  
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RE: BOS File No 240706

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Initiative Ordinance - Park Code- Parkway at Great Highway Ballot Measure**  
**7-15-24 RULES COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM #8**  
**7-16-24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

This is PUBLIC COMMENT on Rules Committee Agenda Item 8: "Initiative Ordinance-Park Code - Parkway at Great Highway" Ballot Measure. The Full Board and this Committee should reject placing the proposed measure on the ballot. **Please distribute this Comment to all members of the Board of Supervisors and its Rules Committee, and place it in all applicable records and files.**

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If this Board approves placing the proposed "Parkway at the Great Highway" measure on the ballot, the City would have a similar result.

The proposed "Parkway at Great Highway" must receive full CEQA review before being placed on the ballot. Extensive documentation of the significant adverse effects of closing the Great Highway to the public has been submitted in several proceedings, including, among others, significant impacts on traffic and parking on neighborhood streets, habitat destruction of a threatened species; eliminating a critical emergency evacuation route and hindering emergency vehicle access. (See also, *e.g.*, the Coastal Act and the California Endangered Species Act.)

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RE: BOS File No 240706

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**From:** [Madison Clell](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706.  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 6:39:50 PM

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Dear Committee,

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Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Madison C

**From:** [Susan Reichert Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Leave the great highway open  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 5:57:49 PM

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I strongly oppose closing the great highway and making a park. Being closed on the weekend is more than enough. Talk to the residence that live on the lower great and see how they feel about it. In their well over million dollar homes and all the taxes they pay And all the traffic in front of their house, the trash, the noise the disruption. There's lots of wonderful parks in San Francisco. The great highway should not be one of them. This is just a horrible thing to do to all the long time residence. The people who want it opened don't even live here , they live in totally different areas of the city. Please do what's right, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Susan Reichert Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 5:54:03 PM

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FROM: Susan Reichert Wong, D4 Resident

DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

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Susan Reichert, D4 Resident

**From:** [Lefteris Eleftheriou](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 5:12:24 PM

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TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

FROM: Lefteris Eleftheriou, D7 Resident

DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

Dear City Officials,

I oppose passing this Ordinance for the following reasons:

- 1) The Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Lower Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency.
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- 4) There are already land development pressures in the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside which seek to turn Ocean Beach into a coastline of high-rises without the road infrastructure or parking to support them.
- 5) Parents and small business owners rely on the Great Highway to shuttle children, elderly, employees, and supplies to and from schools, doctor appointments, and businesses. Closure would severely limit the ability to do so, further hindering our already struggling small businesses and public school system.
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- 7) There is adequate space to allow for protected bike and pedestrian

lanes on the Great Hwy, while at the same time, allowing lanes for cars. All modes of transportation can co-exist.

8) The beach as it is can be used as a park area for residents to access the sand and water for recreation purposes. This is much less costly to implement for the city and less disruptive to the lives of residents who rely on their automobiles.

9) Similar plans to close lanes to cars on Market St., Valencia St., and pending proposals for West Portal Ave. were all met with staunch opposition, but the city moved forward regardless, destroying small business in those communities. West Side residents are deeply concerned and afraid that a similar fate awaits the Great Hwy.

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Lefteris Eleftheriou

**From:** [WENDY YAMAMURA](#)  
**To:** [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mayor London Breed](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disappointed with Engardio's Decision to Close the Great Highway  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 2:33:26 PM

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My name is **WENDY YAMAMURA**  
My email address is **yamamuraw@gmail.com**

We are writing to express our profound disappointment in your final decision to close the Great Highway to residents, neighboring commuters, and those who drive children to school or themselves or others to appointments and other activities. This decision will severely impact our community in ways that appear to have yet to be fully considered, demonstrating a troubling disconnect between your actions and the interests of the residents you are elected to represent.

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**From:** [Patricia Arack](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly Oppose Rules Comm Agenda #8 Parkway at UGH File #240706  
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DATE: July 14, 2024

RE: Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway File #240706

Position: Strongly OPPOSED

Dear City Officials,

I oppose passing this Ordinance because Upper Great Highway between Lincoln and Sloat, as well as Upper Great Highway between Skyline and Sloat, could be used for emergency evacuation, and to bring supplies into San Francisco during an emergency. On June 26, for example, a fisherman was drowning in the surf off Noriega. Six police cars and fire trucks responded and managed to save him. If they had to fumble for a key to unlock a gate, this man could have drowned. They were able to save him.

The entire Upper Great Highway is part of the DPW Emergency Priority Routes Map.

The closure would also great impact the surrounding streets when 15,000 cars a day will be diverted onto the Lower Great Hwy and other streets. The health, safety and quality of life of thousands of people will suffer. Exhaust from pollution will be greatly increased into people's homes and lungs. Commuter traffic will rush through neighborhoods. On the lower GH, not one driver EVER stops at the stop signs. I have even seen police cars roll through the stop sign in front of my house. The neighborhood will be innudated with bad actors, which happened in 2020-2021 when the highway was closed 24/7 for 16 months.

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This would cause serious traffic issues and issues for emergency responders with the current level of one million visitors per year to the Zoo.

When the pandas arrive, the number of visitors to the Zoo will increase significantly as well as a significant increase in traffic.

There are already development pressures in the Outer Sunset and Outer Parkside which seek to turn Ocean Beach into a coastline of high-rises without the infrastructure or parking to

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This closure would increase those development pressures.

Please do not pass this Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Arack**



**From:** [Alyse](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in opposition to Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:53:38 AM

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July 14, 2004

Dear Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

I write in strong opposition to the Ordinance that would permanently prohibit motorized vehicles on the Upper Great Highway for the following reasons:

The Great Highway, as a highway, serves tens of thousands of commuters daily during the week. It prevents gridlock in residential neighborhoods where there are hundreds of pedestrians, many of them elderly, and where children play outdoors. It is the safest and most efficient road in the city.

The thousands of daily commuters who will be asked to use the Avenues and Sunset Blvd. to get across town instead of the Great Highway so a park can be built are **not** the ones who will be benefiting from this park. They will be at work.

Children will **not** be benefiting from the Great Highway as a park on weekdays. They will be in school, at after-school programs, in summer programs, or at home doing homework.

The park will **only** benefit the tiny minority who are lucky enough to have the flexibility to play at a park anytime they want. And that's **not** most of us. Contrary to what Engardio and others might say, the vast majority of jobs cannot be done from home; furthermore, most people who do work from home do not have the flexibility to go to a park, especially one at the extreme end of the city, whenever they want. They have to work 8:00 - 5:00 like everyone else. This park will serve a very small, very exclusive and extremely elite group of people at a cost to thousands of others. In other words, the vast majority will bear the cost for a tiny minority.

If approved, this measure will go before the entire city for a vote when only two districts are impacted, the Sunset and the Richmond. Those in other districts who know nothing about the consequences of this closure are unethically being asked to vote on it. They hear "park", and they think "how nice". They don't see "gridlock" and "disadvantage to working people" and think, "I'm voting no!" It is intrinsically unfair to ask the entire city to vote on what is clearly a local issue. This needs to be resolved by those most affected. It is simply not fair to ask someone in the Excelsior to decide the fate of a road they might never have seen.

Sincerely,  
Alyse Ceirante  
District Four

**From:** [Patricia Wise](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:31:41 AM

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**From:** [Patricia Wise](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [legislative\\_aides@sfgov.org](mailto:legislative_aides@sfgov.org); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706.  
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**From:** [Stephen Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item#8[Hearing- initiative Ordinance - Park Code - parkway at Upper Great Highway] File#240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 10:15:12 AM

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**Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706.**

TO: Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors members

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Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Gorski, D4 Resident , 43+ years & Voter

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Judi Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)  
**Subject:** Strongly OPPOSE Rules Committee Meeting July 15, 2024, 10:00 AM, Agenda Item #8 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Park Code - Parkway at Upper Great Highway] File #240706  
**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2024 8:27:30 AM

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Judi Gorski, D4 Resident  
Member of several community organizations including  
Concerned Residents of the Sunset  
Accessible Streets And Parking  
SF Needs Parking





**From:** [igor vlasoff](#)  
**To:** [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mayor London Breed](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disappointed with Engardio's Decision to Close the Great Highway  
**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 8:05:28 AM

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My name is **igor vlasoff**

My email address is **vlasoffi@yahoo.com**

We are writing to express our profound disappointment in your final decision to close the Great Highway to residents, neighboring commuters, and those who drive children to school or themselves or others to appointments and other activities. This decision will severely impact our community in ways that appear to have yet to be fully considered, demonstrating a troubling disconnect between your actions and the interests of the residents you are elected to represent.

The resulting increased traffic congestion and compromised safety indicate how our concerns and needs were overlooked in your decision-making process. This oversight, which has led to a situation with which we are deeply dissatisfied, is wholly unacceptable.

Your failure to adequately represent our community in this matter is disheartening. You must recognize the deep sense of alienation and frustration this decision has caused among your constituents. We will work diligently to oppose your measure and ensure our voices are heard and considered in future decisions.

Sincerely,  
igor vlasoff