

From: [Mary Miles](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT, AGENDA ITEM 7, GOLDEN GATE PARK CLOSURE; BOS FILE 220261
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:59:22 PM

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TO:
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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PUBLIC COMMENT BOS MEETING MAY 3, 2022
Agenda Item 7,

BOS FILE NO. 220261

This Public Comment opposes the proposed adoption of the proposed Ordinance amending the Park Code to adopt the Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program ("Project"), which permanently closes public streets in and through Golden Gate Park preventing access to people who need to or prefer to drive vehicles and eliminates 972 parking spaces at or near the major cultural and historic attractions of Golden Gate Park. Please assure that this Comment is distributed to each Supervisor and is placed in all applicable Board files, including File No. 220261.

Golden Gate Park is a world-renowned cultural attraction that is in the National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historic Places. (See federal listing OMB No. 1024-0018.) Golden Gate Park is not a neighborhood fitness area. Its many cultural and natural amenities rival those of the greatest parks in the world. Before the Project was illegally implemented the Park invited visitors from all over the region and the world, not just the very affluent, mostly white residents in neighboring areas.

The Project erroneously claims the Project closures are "Slow Street Road Closures." None of the public streets in Golden Gate Park are designated Slow Streets; nor do they qualify as "slow streets" under the MTA's definitions and legislation, which designated slow streets in four phases in 2020 to allegedly deal with bicyclists, pedestrians' and other recreationists' "emergency" needs to walk in the middle of streets instead of on sidewalks during the Covid pandemic.

The newly claimed exemption (Planning No. 2021-010167ENV) from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Pub. Res. Code section 21080.25 does not apply to this Project. For example, section 21080.25(a)(2) defines a "street" as "open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel." The Project instead proposes to permanently *close* streets to vehicular travel. The Project therefore does not meet the definition of a project eligible for the section 21080.25 exemption.

The Project also fails to qualify for the section 21080.20(b)(1) exemption, which defines "bikeways" as "facilities that provide primarily for, and promote, bicycle travel." (Pub. Res. Code § 21080.25(b)(1); Sts. & Hwys. Code §890.4.) The purpose of the Project not to create new bicycle or pedestrian facilities, but to permanently close streets in Golden Gate Park "to restrict private vehicles" from access to the Park. The Project therefore does not qualify for the claimed CEQA exemption under Public Resources Code section 21080.25(b)(1) as claimed in the Planning Department's Exemption, or any other exemption from CEQA.

Further, because of its status as an historic resource listed on the National Register, the Project must be reviewed under federal statutes, including NEPA and the NHPA. Thus, even if the claimed CEQA exemption applied, which it does *not*, that would not exempt the Project under federal statutes.

Moreover, as stated by hundreds of commenters, the Project may have significant impacts on the environment and therefore requires an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"). Among the Project's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts are traffic congestion; historic resources; loss of access disabled, seniors, and others who are effectively excluded from Golden Gate Park; loss of access to diverse people who do not live in proximity to the Park; energy consumption; VMT; GHG; public safety impacts including blocking the ability to evacuate in an emergency, police, fire, and ambulance access.

The historic resources impacted by the Project include not only individual amenities such as the Conservatory of Flowers, and other cultural attractions, but the entire Park and the streets themselves. The National Register notes the streets were designed for traveling through the park in vehicles, first in carriages, and later in cars. (See Listing.) The Park's street design is a major contributor to its historic significance. (*Id.*)

Further, cultural amenities in the Park have already suffered the impacts of the street closures and lack of parking, with visitors declining to less than half of the pre-closure levels. The indirect impacts of that lack of revenue could lead to closure of the Park's DeYoung Museum and other attractions that signify its importance as a cultural destination for travelers.

Because the Project here does not include any designated Slow Streets, the proposed "Vehicle Code" "findings" do not apply. In fact, the Project is preempted by the California Constitution, article XI sec. 7, because closing public streets as implemented by the City with no public process conflicts with the Vehicle Code. (See, *e.g.*, *Rumford v. City of Berkeley* (1982) 31 Cal.3d 545.) Further, the City has provided no evidence supporting agency claims that these public streets are "no longer needed."

As with thousands of other commenters, my previous comments to MTA, RPD, and this Board have been ignored, along with requests for records under the Public Records Act and Sunshine Ordinance. The failure to provide public process and the opportunity to be heard on this Project has been pointless and oppressive. The haste in not complying with the Board's

30-day rule, the failure to provide minimal public notice, and the total refusal to hear the groundswell of public opposition to this Project have deprived the public of any opportunity for meaningful participation in environmental review under CEQA. The Planning Department refused Public Records Act/Sunshine Requests for basic environmental documents for months on end, only producing them a few weeks before today's Board "hearing." After the adoption of resolutions adopting the Project by the MTA and Recreation and Parks, this Board refused to even allow public appeal of those actions and the claimed exemption. Therefore, and because of the lack of adequate notice and the opportunity to be heard, the public is not obligated to exhaust administrative remedies under CEQA.

The Project is not exempt under CEQA or federal statutes. Adoption of the proposed ordinance would therefore violate those laws.

Mary Miles

From: [Tomasita Medál](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Tomasita Medál](#)
Subject: Please VOTE NO on JFK Road Closure Item 7 File 220261
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 12:08:31 PM

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Dear Clerk of the Board: Please include this letter as part of the public comments for this item 7. today May 3, 2022 File 220261

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Please change your vote today to NO on Mayor Breed's draconian plan for closure of most of the streets in Golden Gate Park. The closure as proposed reverses the Golden Gate Master Plan from having the amenities and attractions such as the Conservatory of Flowers, the Dahlia Garden, the Rose Garden, the Academy of Sciences, and the deYoung Museum within easy access to everyone, including the millions of people who need to access the Park via vehicles on the East side of the Park, and having the more rustic areas be on the West side of the Park. Mayor Breed's proposal makes Middle Drive West a one-way traffic thoroughfare heading in the West direction, and changes MLK Drive from a quiet two way street into a one-way street heading East. This prevents Middle Drive West, which advocates have always promoted as a beautiful alternative, perfect site for a road closure for kids on bikes, from ever being used for a road closure, and ruins what had been a sylvan setting with a quiet pond with ducks and squirrels into a high traffic street.

Closing JFK Drive to cars is cruel, heartless, racist, ableist, classist. Please do not exclude the millions of elders, mobility challenged, and multigenerational families from access to JFK Drive. Supervisors Ronen, Melgar, Stefani and Mar, please vote as your constituents have asked you to vote, and that's NO on the JFK road closure.

The following organizations have taken formal positions in strong opposition to the road closure:

The ARC San Francisco
Calle 24 Cultural District
Church Women United, SF
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods
Concerned Residents of the Sunset
District 11 Council
East Mission Improvement Association
Excelsior Action Group
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association
Gray Panthers of San Francisco
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
Living Wage Coalition
Latinx Democratic Club
OMI Cultural Participation Project
OMI Neighbors in Action
Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People
Planning Association of the Richmond
San Francisco Tour Guide Guild
Self Help for the Elderly
Older Women's League

At your first vote hearing, Senior Disability Action stated that the mitigation promises are inadequate and that 65% of elders and those with mobility issues who answered their survey said that the road closure would prevent them from ever being able to visit the amenities along JFK Drive again. 65% said they would never use the shuttle service. The shuttles are not ADA compliant; the Rec and Park Department plan forces those with disabilities to park outside the park, then walk to a shuttle stop, wait, then board,

disboard, wait, board and disboard. All an insurmountable challenge.

Please immediately reopen JFK Drive to everyone, including those who need a car to bring their families from the outer neighborhoods to the Park.

Sincerely,

Tomasita Medál
415.629.5044

From: [Judi Gorski](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)
Subject: BOS File No. 220261-Item #7= UnfinishedBusiness: Tuesday May 3, 2022
Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 8:01:06 PM

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To: SF Board of Supervisors
email: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

From: Judi Gorski
email: judigorski@gmail.com

Date: May 1, 2022

Subject: BOS File No. 220261-Item #7= UnfinishedBusiness: Tuesday May 3, 2022

Dear Supervisors:

Please do not approve the JFK Closure to vehicles as it is an affront to senior citizens, the disabled, working citizens and persons of color throughout San Francisco. It should have been obvious from the comments the Board heard for nearly 12 hours before voting 7-4 to approve it, that permanently closing JFK is harmful and discriminatory. Supervisor Chan requested a short time to finalize her compromise Proposal, but the 7-4 vote obviated the need to consider her Motion. Instead, the action was rushed through before competing measures could be finalized.

The BOS on behalf of SF citizens should not consider data and surveys coming from SFMTA or SF Rec and Park. There is proof these agencies have been skewing data, misusing it to push their car-free agenda, and pushing privatization of public spaces for commercial purposes. Anything requiring dependence on studies done by Rec and Park should be on hold until the Ethics Commission rules on Rec/Park GM, Phil Ginsburg's guilt of official misconduct for his refusal to turn over documents requested under the Sunshine Act. He has also been accused of collusion with the Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF and SFMTA. These City agencies have allowed, if not encouraged, retaliation against citizens who want the roads open for everyone to share and enjoy. The City, by this closure, is denying access to public museums and exhibits and by their ordinance removing over 972 parking spaces in blatant discrimination against many groups as was noted above. This is objectionable. All San Franciscans should be able to drive up to and park for free near the exhibitions in Golden Gate Park.

This has prompted one lawsuit already filed and other groups are considering filing suits against the inexcusable discrimination of this action. There is and was no reason to rush this through at the end of a 12-hour meeting. I urge the Supervisors who voted for closure to reconsider the will of the majority of the people they represent for all the reasons given by President Walton, Supervisors Chan, Safai and Peskin and change their vote to reopen JFK, or to at least wait for Supervisor Chan's more inclusive, more compassionate alternative to be presented, considered and adopted. To President Walton, Supervisor Chan, Supervisor Safai and Supervisor Peskin, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Gorski, SF Resident for 40+ years (D4)
Member of Open the Great Highway Alliance; Concerned Residents of the Sunset; and In Support of Concerned Residents of the Richmond

From: [Stephen Gorski](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS File No. 220261-Item #7= UnfinishedBusiness: Tuesday May 3, 2022
Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 4:58:25 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Please do not approve the JFK Closure to vehicles as it is an affront to senior citizens, the disabled, working citizens and persons of color throughout CCSF. Further, it should be obvious that if the Board heard comments for nearly 12 hours before voting 7-4 to approve it. Supervisor Chan requested a short time to finalize her compromise Proposal but the 7-4 vote obviated the need to consider her Motion. Further, one of the Supervisors, Matt Haney, is a lame duck supervisor as he will soon fill a seat in the Assembly and this should have caused a continuance. Instead, the action was rushed through before competing measures could be finalized.

The SF citizens also deserve to await the Ethics Commission ruling that Rec/Park GM, Phil Ginsburg, committed many counts of willful misconduct and is likely guilty of official misconduct for his refusal to turn over documents requested under the Sunshine Act. He has also been accused of collusion with the Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF and SFMTA (led by Jeffrey Tumlin) in skewing data, misusing it to push his car-free agenda and privatization of public spaces for commercial purposes forward. He has instructed his workers and those in other departments of to retaliate against citizens who want the roads open for everyone enjoy and not just the elitists who desire to have the roads only for themselves. Blatant discrimination against many groups as was noted above.

This has prompted one lawsuit already filed and other groups are considering filing suits against the blatant discrimination of this action. Lastly, several groups are mobilizing to bring this to the voters in a ballot initiative. It seems that when voters are asked to chime in, road closure folks lose on the ballot initiatives and there is no reason to rush this through at the end of a 12 hour meeting.

I am a 46 year SF resident of the Sunset District 4 who is outraged at the actions of our government. I have voted in all elections and will continue to do my civic duty.

Stephen J. Gorski, Esq.
Board Member of Open the Great Highway Alliance and Concerned Residents of the Sunset

Sent from my i-Pad

From: [JANE SWEENEY](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Closure of GGP
Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 7:21:29 PM

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How dare you? I have lived, voted & paid taxes in this City for 50 years.

Now a new coalition has moved in & persuaded naive politicians to change the heart of the City. They would love to push the older residents out so they would have total control.

Sent from my iPad

From: [zrants](#) on behalf of [Mari Eliza](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Dean Preston](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Oppose JFK Drive Legislation - Ordinance #220261
Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 7:20:57 PM

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May 1, 2022

Dear Supervisors Walton, Chan, Peskin, Safai, Melgar, Ronen, and Stefani:

re: Please oppose Ordinance #220261, the Mayor's Plan to reducing free and easy access to Golden Gate Park.

I speak for the members of East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA) and the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) when I say we need to keep access to all our streets open and the traffic flowing. If you want to return the city to normal pre-COVID conditions, the streets need to be reopening and the traffic needs to flow again. Masks are off. Pandemic restrictions are over. There is no health emergency. Open the streets.

Castro is now a dead zone and the closure of the Castro Theatre as it transitions into something else will add to the demise. There is no doubt that removing traffic and parking kills commercial corridors. Merchants are lucky to hold onto 30% of their business after the SFMTA moves in to improve the streets by forcing turns, eliminating turns, (how do they decide which to do where?) and moving and eliminating bus stop and routes. Please give the residents and businesses a 9 month moratorium on SFMTA actions to see how well the city recovers when given the opportunity to function without restraints. Give the planning department and the rest of us a 6 month vacation from constant change.

Please do not confirm the vote for Mayor Breed's legislation which was passed last week. Not only does it exclude the elderly, the mobility challenged and multigenerational families from the neighborhoods far from Golden Gate Park access to all of the amenities along JFK Drive, but it also turns Middle Drive West into a one-way road heading west. What is the point of that? I shot photos of that area a few weeks ago and there was practically no traffic, pedestrians or bikes.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza
with EMIA and CSFN

From: [Patricia Wise](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS File No. 220261
Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022 5:34:37 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please do not permanently close JFK in Golden Gate Park. My husband and I are both seniors and he is disabled. Please do not vote for this legislation. Closing JFK makes it nearly impossible to access many areas of the park for us.

Sincerely,
Patricia and Bob Wise
Sunset district residents for 30+ years

From: [Tony Villa](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Please vote to keep JFK Drive Open BOS File # 220261
Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022 8:15:46 PM

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Board Clerk,

Please put this written comment in BOS File # 220261 for BOS meeting May 3rd, 2022, to go on file.

Dear Supervisors,

Why has the City given no bid contracts to Walk SF for \$800,000 and SF Bicycle Coalition for over \$1,000,000 since 2019 only to use that money to come back and lobby the City departments and Board of Supervisors? Is this legal? This is definitely unethical. Why have none of the BOS questioned this? Paying these lobby groups all this money as consultants while our roads and infrastructure is falling apart without going to bid? Muni has been broken for years and now you want to throw more money to fix it because of SFMTA 's poor decisions, poor managers and directors. Why don't you fix the roads rather than close them? You closed Market St and it's now empty with for rent signs. Sunset Blvd is crumbling and tree roots are pushing the road surface up. No secret as to how much money Park and Rec wasted on Sunset Blvd, and now it needs a new road. The pavement can't handle all the diverted traffic to a roadway of its urban design. 2 feet of sand has closed the Great Highway for over a month now with cars overflowing onto neighborhood streets. Our city infrastructure is failing and only getting worse. And now you have given SF Park and Rec authority to close whatever roads they want and do whatever they want to do in Golden Gate Park without public input? You are responsible for this and it will not be forgotten! Where are your checks and balances? You are selling out to the SF Bicycle Coalition and Walk SF lobby!

Now SFBC and Walk SF are a pawns being used by Park and Rec and SFMTA to lobby for what they want. Right now if you are reading my comments you would find JFK drive is mostly empty. Because JFK Drive is closed, the DeYoung is empty! Kids are in school and most adults are working. The only time it is filled with people is on warm weekends or when SF Bike Coalition and Walk SF use taxpayer money to form rallies to lobby the Board of Supervisors, the mayor and other city departments. Voting to close JFK Drive is going against the will of the

people. It is a fact that the SFMTA, Park and Rec created false and inaccurate surveys to get what they want and all of you know it. It is illegal to just throw the elderly and disabled people out of the park or telling us we can go to other places in the park. The elderly folks are the people who have been paying the property taxes over the last 150 years that made the park and the city what it is. We made it so we can all enjoy it. All of you admitted problems of parking, shuttles, muni only saying you'll work on it. Like the yuppies of the 80's, and dot com that had come before, tech people will also be gone in a matter of a few years. You are phasing out the working class people who provide services to the community. People need to work and get to school. Not all of us have our meals and groceries delivered, and take taxis and ubers to where we need to go. Not all of us order everything online and not shop at local businesses. Not all of us go and try on shoes and clothes at local stores and then run home and order them online.

I see more corruption and racism at City Hall than ever. Rather than fixing the roads, muni and our infrastructure you are illegally forcing the, elderly, disabled, people of color and the Asian community out of the park. You are telling us to go elsewhere and take the bus, and that just doesn't work for many of us. You admitted the shuttles, parking lot, and general transportation in the park are not working and you don't have the money to fix it. You have all the wealthy tech people from places like district 5 and 7 driving to the park in their expensive SUV's loaded with bicycles and toys taking up what residential parking spaces there are. These same people are driving to the surrounding neighborhood creating even more traffic and pollution! Just drive around the Sunset and Richmond and see for yourself on any weekend. Only a handful of people are actually riding their bikes with their kids from Noe Valley, Bernal Heights and the Marina. They are driving to the parks and beaches. During the week, JFK drive is mostly empty of pedestrians and bicycles. Plenty of room on the bike and pedestrian sidewalks and paths.

I commend Supervisors Chan, Walton, Safai, and Peskin for their dissent. Thank you for standing up for the disabled, people of color, Asians and the elderly. I hope the rest of you turn away from the special interest groups and make Golden Gate Park for everyone. Should you vote to permanently close JFK drive this will most likely end up in court based on ADA and or CEQA issues. This can also end up on the ballot like the recall of the school board and now the DA. We are tired of getting beaten, robbed, threatened and afraid to go out or shop where we live, while the entitled demand more space to play and ride electric bicycles and skateboards. There are over 200 parks and playgrounds within a 10 minute walk of most any residence in the city as stated in the SF Park and Rec website. Perhaps all of you supervisors should personally go to each and every park and playground, all 200, and then tell us why we need more space for pleasure.

Thank you,

Tony Villa

From: [Lee Heidhues](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Tweet from Lee's Perspective (@Dogrunner47)
Date: Friday, April 29, 2022 11:36:33 AM

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Lee's Perspective (@Dogrunner47) tweeted at 11:29 AM on Fri, Apr 29, 2022:
Check this out: KCBS Radio: On-Demand <https://t.co/6Px9aAFWBd> via @audacy
@simbagirrl In the News on @KCBSRadio gives a Victory shout out at the Victory
celebration for @JFKPromenade The 50 year battle to provide a safe place for current and
future generations in @GoldenGatePark <https://t.co/eLzQE6kVNI>
([https://twitter.com/Dogrunner47/status/1520108016623702016?
t=QMPuHOPbWzEsqUdwoJ_YqA&s=03](https://twitter.com/Dogrunner47/status/1520108016623702016?t=QMPuHOPbWzEsqUdwoJ_YqA&s=03))

From: [nina.steinman](#)
To: [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Hanev, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: JFK Closure
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 7:27:03 PM

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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

I am writing to express my disappointment and complete lack of understanding regarding the JFK closure decision.

I live on 8th Avenue, in the block directly north of the entrance to GGP. I am lucky to live here and walk in the park every day, at least once, often twice. As a younger person, I often biked. We have all heard the arguments for and against the closure of JFK to cars, and all have merit. However, I, and others I know have sent photos to you all taken weekdays at all times of day and in all weather. The roadway is consistently empty, except for a handful of speeding and weaving cyclists. Shouldn't this have incredible weight for at least weekday opening to cars?

I have lived here for 45 years and you have now put your stamp on outrageous changes to our neighborhoods bordering the Park. I hike at Fort Funston every morning, and can no longer return home on Fulton Street because of the bumper to bumper traffic. In the mornings, heading east, cars turn off Fulton for Cabrillo in the 5 or 6 blocks before Park Presidio and create traffic on Cabrillo. Fulton would take three times as long to drive. All the environmental discussion seems to think that if a car is 20 feet away from JFK on Fulton or Lincoln or Stanyan, in gridlock, there are no issues. The exhaust/car issue is far worse now in my view.

By the way, traffic changes as a result of the new HOV lane on Park Presidio drive, are already obvious. At seven in the morning, what used to be an easy ride through GGP on Park Presidio has become very different, and the HOV lane is empty.

I am an old fashioned liberal--I am not a progressive. I believe that our goals and ideals are the same, but the approach to problems is often different. In my view, liberals are more practical and live here on earth. I am tired of the progressive "my way or the highway."

Mayor Breed, I was a fan of yours but you will not have my support or vote in the future. To our Supervisors who voted to keep JFK closed, should I ever have the opportunity to vote for you, I will not. I want to be very clear about why I feel this way. The arguments to keep JFK closed certainly have merit--BUT ONLY if the roadway was being used. Has anyone looked at this?

Thank you Supervisor Chan for seriously addressing this divide in opinion. And thank you to the other Supervisors who did not support this crazy closure. There are many good arguments to be made for opening JFK during the week.

I hope some of you will at least read this email, but I know you are busy. I look forward to the possibility of this issue being on a near future ballot--I think that is how we will get real data. I'll surely be working for its passage.

Thanks for your attention.
Nina Steinman

From: [Lee Heidhues](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [FAMSF Contact](#)
Subject: Tweet from Rebel with a Cause (@simbagirrl)
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022 12:56:06 PM

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Rebel with a Cause (@simbagirrl) tweeted at 0:51 PM on Thu, Apr 28, 2022:
A dear friend. Bicyclist Runner @sfmta_muni Rider Rhodes Scholar Multilinguist World Traveler NAILS IT about sellout of @JFKPromenade by @conniechansf @shamannwalton. W/o even knowing Lobbyist @platinumadvisor hired gun @deyoungmuseum go to work on @sfbos. @Dogrunner47 <https://t.co/xNE2p76V6Q>
(https://twitter.com/simbagirrl/status/1519766234572595203?t=DJjsK9k0v_ATpewVgtlTHg&s=03)

From: [Angela Tickler](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: BOS file 22061 public comment
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:35:24 PM

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Clerk, please put these comments in the file.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 2, 2022, at 2:38 PM, Angela Tickler <tickl1home@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> OPEN JFK NOW! EQUITY and ACCESSIBILITY for ALL NOW, not just cyclists. STOP this elitist closure. Restore GGP to the elderly, mobility-impaired, disabled. Golden Gate Park was intended to be enjoyed BY ALL, not just young, able-bodied cyclists.

> STOP the insane traffic congestion and loss of what used to be GGP parking being suffered by The Richmond and Sunset residents and businesses. STOP the madness.

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Angela Tickler](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS file 22061 public comment
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:40:40 PM

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OPEN JFK NOW! EQUITY and ACCESSIBILITY for ALL NOW, not just cyclists. STOP this elitist closure. Restore GGP to the elderly, mobility-impaired, disabled. Golden Gate Park was intended to be enjoyed BY ALL, not just young, able-bodied cyclists. STOP the insane traffic congestion and loss of what used to be GGP parking being suffered by The Richmond and Sunset residents and businesses. STOP the madness.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tony Villa](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: The New BOS supporters!
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:08:54 PM

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Clerk, please enclose in File 220261

Dear BOS.

Words from your supporters! You have abandoned San Francisco as we knew it. The city's a mess that is bleeding money, and becoming a ghetto all because of of you!

Great Walkway Civil Disobedience Society
@safestreetrebel
JFK IS CAR FREE!!!!!!

fuck cars we're coming for the Great Highway next and then
Valencia and Polk and the Embarcadero and the Wiggle and the
Golden Gate Bridge and every other goddamn road let's fuckin go
9:11 PM · Apr 26, 2022 · Twitter for Android

From: [Tony Villa](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comment for SF BOS meeting May
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:23:32 PM

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BOS Clerk Please put comments in BOS File # 220261

Your closing JFK Drive is a nail in the coffin for Prop A. You have wasted enough taxpayer money with substandard results. Tumlin has made a mess of muni and the infrastructure of San Francisco. You hired Tumlin with a \$350K golden parachute when he gets fired. More money wasted. You are wasting money closing roads, creating havoc for people trying to get life back to normal. Life here is no longer normal, it is the worst ever and all of you will be held accountable.

Tony Villa

https://sfstandard.com/transportation/covid-wiped-us-out-muni-director-seeks-to-restore-trust-in-the-system/?fbclid=IwAR0ujH6mbUrkGZ3sanxXgvVE-_JKbatcTSqVrO3b-Sf7r0pD9zIIJBFaLEY

From: [Lorna Catford](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Open JFK Drive for Disabled
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 9:34:53 AM

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Our daughter uses a wheel chair and we are in our 70s. It is hard to push her a long distance to the DeYoung museum.

Even if we had zero friends or relatives with disabilities, we would ask you to PLEASE open up close, accessible parking for those who need it.

Your closure without adding spaces to park shows blindness on your part, which I hope you will rectify ASAP.

Thank You.

Lorna

Dr. Lorna Catford

Emerita Psychology Faculty
Sonoma State University
lorna.catford@sonoma.edu
707-303-6787

From: [Michael Adams](#)
To: tomasitamedal@gmail.com; Letters@sfchronicle.com; [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); Letters@sfexaminer.com
Subject: Re: Pictures of Bicyclists Blocking the shuttle on JFK Drive this past Sunday
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 4:01:21 PM

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[Electric Bike Speed Limiter Removal – Make Your Ebike Faster? \(electricridelab.com\)](#)

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From: Michael Adams <facilitato@aol.com>
To: tomasitamedal@gmail.com <tomasitamedal@gmail.com>; Letters@sfchronicle.com <Letters@sfchronicle.com>; Board.Of.Supervisors@sfgov.org <Board.Of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>; Letters@sfexaminer.com <Letters@sfexaminer.com>
Sent: Mon, May 2, 2022 3:51 pm
Subject: Re: Pictures of Bicyclists Blocking the shuttle on JFK Drive this past Sunday

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Michael Adams

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To: Letters@sfchronicle.com; Tomasita Medál <tomasitamedal@gmail.com>; San Francisco Board of Supervisors <Board.Of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>; Letters@sfexaminer.com
Sent: Mon, May 2, 2022 2:34 pm
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Tomasita Medál
415.629.5044

From: [Michael Adams](#)
To: tomasitamedal@gmail.com; Letters@sfchronicle.com; [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); Letters@sfexaminer.com
Subject: Re: Pictures of Bicyclists Blocking the shuttle on JFK Drive this past Sunday
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Subject: Pictures of Bicyclists Blocking the shuttle on JFK Drive this past Sunday
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 2:35:37 PM

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From: [Joan Barkan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Open JFK on week days
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 4:00:22 PM

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Dear board of supervisors,

I am a retired resident of the Sunset District and frequent Golden Gate Park often on week days. Today JFK , on the closed portion, there were very few users. Now that most bikers are back to work, I would suggest we open up JFK during the week and close it on weekends to cars. This would be a reasonable compromise that would let seniors and the disabled access the conservatory of flowers, the dahlia garden. And park for free for the museums.

Please consider it.

Joan Barkan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Paul Roscelli](#)
To: [Mar. Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#); [Breed. Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: Biker bullies
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 3:51:18 PM

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I vote and this is bull



See photo attached .These are the bullies you support. Blocking shuttle, May 1. Out of control. Where are the park police? Is this who you want to support, supervisors and Mayor Breed? If you allow this behavior it will only get worse. Vote NO on Tuesday on JFK Tuesday vote. Devise a compromise which allows everyone access. Bring back reason and compassion. GGP belongs to everyone, not just selfish bikers.

Don't reward these people for their illegal and unethical behavior. They need a time out. By the endorsement of these guys and their policies you're just asking for more bad behavior

Paulroscelli

From: [Connie Arnold](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Howard Chabner](#)
Cc: [Commission, Recpark \(REC\)](#); [mtaboard@sfmta.com](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Tumlin, Jeffrey \(MTA\)](#); [DPH-jessica; srira@sdaction.org](#); [Kaplan, Deborah \(ADM\)](#); [Romaidis, John \(ADM\)](#); [Bohn, Nicole \(ADM\)](#); [MOD, \(ADM\)](#); [denisesadvocate@sbcglobal.net](#); [Zach Karnazes](#); [Elsbernd, Sean \(MYR\)](#); [Orkid Sassouni](#); [Sassouni, Orkideh \(LIB\)](#); [amadrid20](#); [Richard Rothman](#); [helensmolinski@gmail.com](#); [Manny](#); [Ruvolo, Madeline \(MTA\)](#); ["Hartlaub, Peter"](#)
Subject: Re: Bikers block Golden Gate Park shuttle - Sunday, May 1 - Supervisor Preston's irresponsible tweets have encouraged this type of behavior
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 8:39:04 PM

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Dear Mayor London Breed, Supervisor Preston, and the S.F. Board of Supervisors and Relevant S.F. Public Officials:

I'm outraged at the disability, age, and other protected minority class discrimination you have promoted with your vote to permanently close the JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park to declare the park especially for mostly able-bodied upwardly mobile bicyclists, scooter users, and pedestrians. Your idea that the JFK Drive should be open to only certain members of the public shows complete disregard of civil rights laws and displays your hostile, total bias, and disenfranchisement of the senior, disability, minority, and low-income communities. Your actions create division, not inclusion, among members of the public. The actions you have taken show your true nature to further escalate greater community division which has the potential to escalate in violent acts that is ultimately going to harm many members of the voting public.

The picture depicted below of a trapped "accessible" shuttle bus is evidence that your unacceptable alternative access measures will not work except to deprive seniors, persons with disabilities, minorities, and low-income members of the public the ability to access Golden Gate Park in direct violation of our state and federal civil rights laws. Ultimately, your words, acts, and omissions will deny access to huge swaths of the public to have equal access to the Golden Gate Park who have had the needed ability to drive and park nearby entrances to public accommodations and events happening in Golden Gate Park.

Permanent closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park will continue to reduce critical revenues to unique programs, services, and activities offered within the park as was presented by museum officials before you voted to close JFK Drive. Your action and vote deprives all members of the public equal access to partake of the beautiful museums, park features, and events reserved now for only certain able members of the public and tourist community. You have turned your backs on the civil rights of all of the public to enjoy the Golden Gate Park equally.

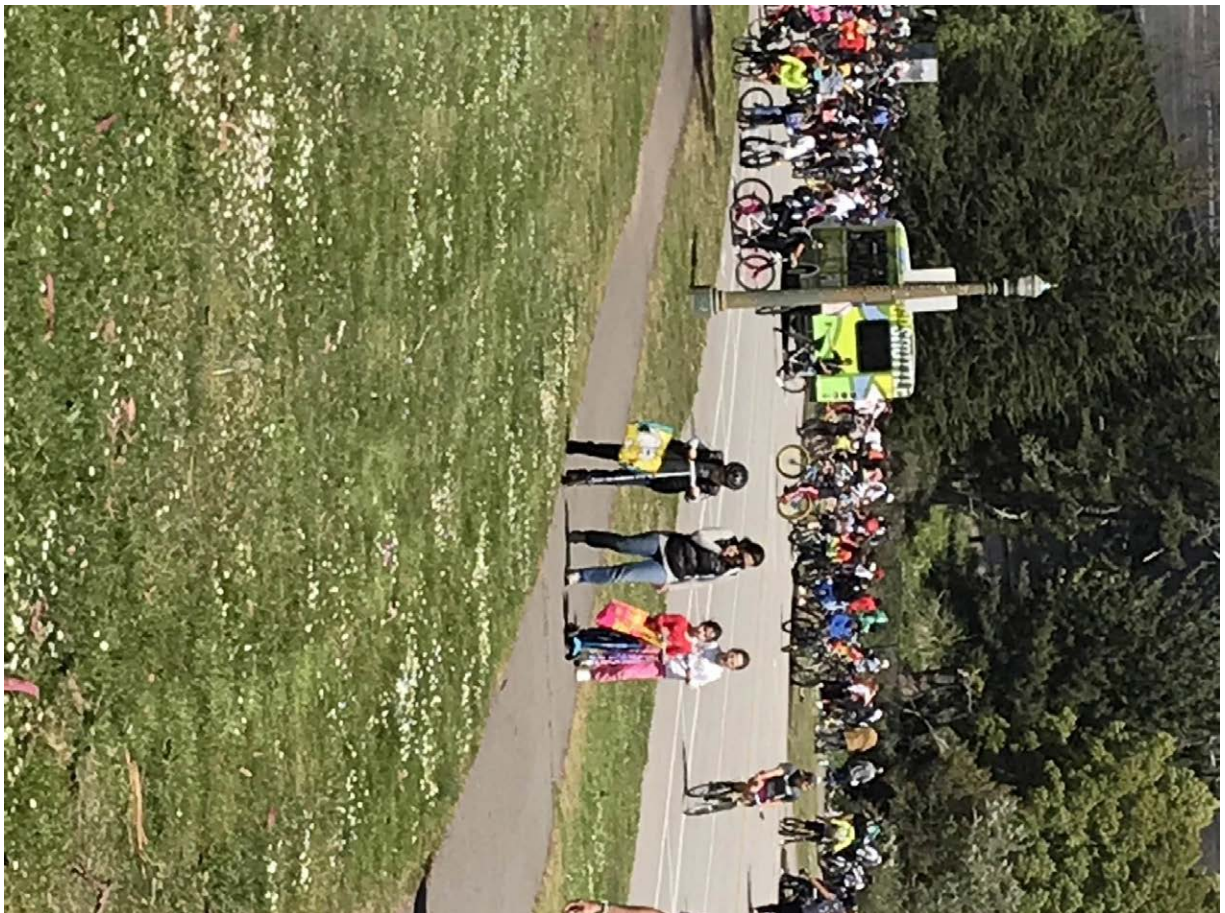
Your idea of equality is disgusting, discriminatory, inflammatory, and outrageous. What's even worse is you do not even care if it deprives others as long as you reap political funding and benefits to serve your own political goals and self-

aggrandizement all the way to the bank. Shame on you for failing to stand for all members of the public to enjoy equal access except for certain members of the board who did, and the public will remember.

The picture below tells it all.

Respectfully,
Connie Arnold
Disability Right Advocate 30+ Years

On Monday, May 2, 2022, 05:59:36 PM PDT, Howard Chabner <hlchabner@comcast.net> wrote:



Supervisor Preston, you have tweeted in favor of cyclists dangerously and illegally blocking the Great Highway while it has been legally open to motor vehicles. This is a violation of your oath of office and your California bar oath. Your irresponsible tweets have encouraged the behavior shown in the photo above.

Mayor Breed and the seven Supervisors who voted to permanently close eastern JFK Drive to motor vehicles 24/7: Yet another reason why the shuttle is not a solution. It's

not too late to do the right thing and vote no on the second reading/second vote on this legislation.

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From: [Tomasita Medál](#)
To: [Tomasita Medál](#)
Subject: My Apology for an Error
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 8:36:03 PM

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Dear Everyone,

Please receive my apology for some misinformation that we mistakenly shared. The person who sent me the photos we sent out earlier said that cyclists were blocking the shuttle. We had the impression that this was done intentionally. I received a correction from a staff member from the deYoung Museum telling me that the bicyclists were the 1,300 kids from the Mission district who had stopped at the deYoung Museum for refreshments as part of their bike ride. 1,300 kids with their bikes in the street inadvertently blocked the shuttle. My friend who took the photos from a distance did not know the circumstances. However, this does illustrate that the previous configuration for the past decades in which JFK had designated lanes for cars, bicycles, and of course sidewalks for pedestrians, worked better for everyone.

Tomasita Medál

From: [Gloria Eberling](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Closure of JFK Drive
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 8:01:01 PM

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I am writing to urge you to postpone your vote for the permanent closure of JFK Drive.

As a member of the De Young Museum and past member of The Academy of Science, I'm baffled by your overlooking their importance to G.G. Park, to San Francisco, to Bay Area residents and to other visitors and tourists. Easy access to these great institutions is essential for them - for access by all ages and abilities/disabilities.

It seems to me that closure to that area of JFK is giving a precious space to healthy cyclists, skaters & others that is available in many other areas of the park that will not interfere with access to these great institutions.

I have read Heather Knight's articles in the S.F. Chronicle and as a good writer, she is very convincing. But I strongly believe she is not representing the greater good for San Francisco in her promotion for closure of that area of JFK Drive.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully for expanding your outreach to evaluate the repercussions of this legislation to both the De Young Art Museum and the Academy of Sciences.

Gloria Eberling, Outer Sunset Resident

From: [Mike Regan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS file No. 220261 JFK
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 5:15:08 PM

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Hi, I am once again writing regarding the closing of JFK drive. Please do not vote to close this road and deprive the residence of SF access to the park. My wife and I have not been to this area for close to two years. Please give us the opportunity to enjoy it as well.

Mike Regan
D7 Resident and Voter

From: [Frank Creedon](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Patricia Arack](#)
Subject: Re: Biker bullies block Sunday shuttle.
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:05:41 AM

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Yes, I agree.

On Monday, May 2, 2022, 03:14:19 PM PDT, Patricia Arack <parack@ccsf.edu> wrote:



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Vote NO on Tuesday on JFK Tuesday vote. Devise a compromise which allows everyone access. Bring back reason and compassion. GGP belongs to everyone, not just selfish bikers.

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Patricia Arack

Senior and Disabled D4 Resident and Voter
Member, Senior and Disability Action

From: [Patricia Arack](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Biker bullies block Sunday shuttle.
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Member, Senior and Disability Action

From: [Vicki Bruckner](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public testimony re: BOS file No. 22061
Date: Monday, May 2, 2022 10:38:44 PM

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Re: BOS file No. 22061

May 2, 2022

Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

I urge you to vote on May 3, 2022 *against* the closure of the eastern part of John F. Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park! This specific road closure causes blatant de facto segregation, unfairly denying access to the most popular and beloved gardens, activities and institutions in Golden Gate Park to working families of color, and people of all ages with mobility and vision disabilities, including seniors and disabled children, whose families face inordinate difficulties bringing them to these treasured attractions when there is not appropriate accessible parking near enough to their desired destinations.

The closure also discriminates against *anyone who does not live near enough to the park* to roll, skate, jog or cycle to their chosen destination. It favors the affluent and fit who live close enough, or have enough free time, to spend hours of energetic physical activity simply reaching their destination!

This “survival of the fittest” thinking is deeply arrogant and divisive, striking at the heart of the socially, racially, and economically equitable values that have defined the welcoming ethos of the City and County of San Francisco up to now. Do not betray these values by supporting the exclusionary and discriminatory closure of John F. Kennedy Drive! Please vote down this deeply inequitable, unwise, unfair closure.

Sincerely,

Victoria Bruckner

580 Capp Street, Apt. 706

San Francisco, CA 94110

(415) 757-0559

victoriabruckner988@gmail.com

From: [Kim Russo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Bos220261
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022 11:04:50 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing you, to beg you, to keep the streets of San Francisco and Golden Gate Park (JFK), open to its residents and tourists, with the ability to drive, walk and bike in/on as intended. I am from a family of native San Franciscans. We grew going to Golden Gate Park daily. As we age ,we are not able to get around as easy. Being able to drive to Golden Gate park, and through it, to the house of flowers, the arboretum, for a picnic, to bird watch or just take nature in is something we love. Your actions are dividing are city. Your making it impossible for seniors to live a life we deserve. I again beg you to reconsider or give all San Franciscans the chance to vote on street , Park, and Great Highway closures in the future. I think we should all have that right.

Sincerely, Kim Russo
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)