

From: [Anna Leonard](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 10:18:56 AM

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Dear Supervisor Chan,

I'm a resident of District 1. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

I love outdoor dining. Shared spaces has made our city more vibrant and has helped to save the small business that did survive the pandemic. The spaces provide a sense of community and belonging - when I walk through the city, I see my neighbors enjoying themselves and it makes me feel a sense of responsibility for and connection to them.

The loss of parking spaces in most places is inconsequential and could be solved by increasing parking density on adjacent streets (front in parking instead of parallel) or other solutions. (I have lots of ideas if you are not creatively inspired in this regard.) I see no downsides to keeping shared spaces and only the potential to grow a vibrant and caring San Francisco.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food and community outdoors.

Thank you,
Anna Leonard

From: [Kris Campos-Flores](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:27:50 AM

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Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,
Kris Campos
640 Ashbury St, San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Liz Karr](#)
To: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:07:44 AM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

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Thank you,

Liz
650/245-6490

From: [Taress Hsu](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:57:27 PM

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Thank you,

Taress

From: [Vasudha Narasimha](#)
To: [Haney, Matt \(SOS\)](#)
Cc: [Hanscroft, Rick](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [savhanestspaces@napval.org](#)
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:26:15 PM

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Dear Supervisor Haney,

I'm a resident of District 6. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,
Vasudha

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Vasudha Narasimha (She/Her)
CA Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
CA-CIFECMH Endorsed Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist
CA-CIFECMH Endorsed Reflective Practice Facilitator II

Faculty, UC Davis Extension's Infant-Parent Mental Health Fellowship Program in Napa, CA
Faculty, Parent Infant and Child Institute, Napa, CA
Co-Founder, Dear Families

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"If we value our children, we must cherish their parents" —John Bowlby

From: [Vaasudha Narasimha](#)
To: [Chen, Corry \(SC\)](#); [Sideri, Catherine \(SC\)](#); [Dolan, Aaron \(SC\)](#); [Van, Gordon \(SC\)](#); [Evelyn, Dawn \(SC\)](#); [Haley, Matt \(SC\)](#); [Wagner, Nancy \(SC\)](#); [Washburn, Sarah \(SC\)](#); [Bishop, Hilary](#); [Walton, Shannon \(SC\)](#); [Sala, Shela \(SC\)](#)
Cc: [Christina \(SC\)](#); [Sulevick, Brian \(SC\)](#); [Dunne, Jeff \(SC\)](#); [Harrell \(SC\)](#); [Fischer, Brian \(SC\)](#); [Hess, David \(SC\)](#); [Wenderson, Jeff \(SC\)](#); [Simpson, Brian \(SC\)](#); [Hartman, Brian \(SC\)](#); [Safir, Eric \(SC\)](#); [vaasudha@parent.org](#)
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 7:37:59 PM

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Thank you,

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Vaasudha Narasimha (She/Her)
CA Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
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From: [Sarah Wykowski](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 6:23:35 PM

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Dear Supervisor Preston,

I'm a resident of District 5. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennifer Pruitt](#)
To: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 2:53:06 PM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

I'm a resident of District 2. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Even though I am fully vaccinated, I still prefer to only eat outdoors. It is overall a better experience for me and my family.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

Jennifer Pruitt
94115

From: [Devany Smith](#)
To: [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Hanestaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:34:46 AM

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Thank you,
Devany

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Nicholas Lipanovich](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:18:32 PM

Hello Nicholas,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your feedback. Noted that Angelia on my team already responded to you in a separate email, and my apology for my belated response.

Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation. My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

I do think my colleagues on Land Use committee has been working hard to hammer out the details and to improve upon the proposed legislation guiding the program.

Best regards,
Connie

Connie Chan
District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor

-----Original Message-----

From: Nicholas Lipanovich <nicholas.lipanovich@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:21 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>;
savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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Thank you,
Nick Lipanovich - D1 resident

From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Peter Rapier](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:12:24 PM

Hello Peter,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your feedback. Noted that Angelia on my team already responded to you in a separate email, and my apology for my belated response.

Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation. My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

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Best regards,
Connie

*Connie Chan
District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor*

From: Peter Rapier <peter.rapier@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:26 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>; savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities. This is a simple way to promote community and help these businesses.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

Peter Rapier

From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: jillricha12@gmail.com
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:10:15 PM

Hello Jill,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your feedback.

Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation. My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

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Best regards,
Connie

*Connie Chan
District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor*

From: Jill Richardson <jillricha12@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 2:25 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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communities.

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Thank you,
Jill

From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Joe Jerkins](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:09:28 PM

Hello Joe,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your feedback. Noted that Angelia on my team already responded to you in a separate email, and my apology for my belated response.

Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation. My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

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Best regards,
Connie

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District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor*

From: Joe Jerkins <jerkins.joe@gene.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 1:30 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>; savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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Thank you and kind regards,
Joe Jerkins
131 22nd Ave
SF, CA 94121

From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [marian casey](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:08:19 PM

Hello Marian,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your feedback. Noted that Angelia on my team already responded to you in a separate email, and my apology for my belated response.

Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation. My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

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Best regards,
Connie

Connie Chan
District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor

-----Original Message-----

From: marian casey <marian1128@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>;
savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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Thank you,

From: [Ruth E](#)
To: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:12:54 PM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

I'm a resident of your district. I am writing to ask your support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

The Shared Spaces helped keep my favorite restaurants in business, and keep their staff employed. I've always loved outdoor dining- this city is made for it. I've visited Minneapolis and they have great outdoor dining downtown

Would be a waste to throw away the learnings from this experiment to help keep restaurants in business and give neighborhoods a safe place to gather during this tragic pandemic.

Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

- Ruth

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 5 Letters Regarding Shared Spaces
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 9:28:27 AM
Attachments: [5 Letters Regarding Shared Spaces.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please see attached for 5 letters regarding Shared Spaces.

File #210284: Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to rename and modify the Places for People Program as the Shared Spaces Program.

Regards,

Arthur Khoo

Board of Supervisors - Clerk's Office
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-7708 | (415) 554-5163
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From: [Athena](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Shared Spaces 210284
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:16:51 PM

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Please make the outdoor restaurant and bar spaces permanent - this has improved the livability and desirability of the city. Thank you for your consideration.

Athena Murphy
Long time SF resident and home owner

From: [Jennifer Walsh](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Pi Ra](#); [DPH-marie](#); [DPH-jessica](#)
Subject: Share Spaces Comments
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:45:17 PM

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My name is Jennifer Walsh, and I am the Ability Integrator at Community Living Campaign. We support the concept of Share Spaces with the understanding if it benefits the majority of San Franciscans. Seniors and people with disabilities can help the economy by using accessible businesses. But if the Share Spaces aren't accessible, it would squander the opportunity for a reliable revenue stream for such business.

Thank you,

Jennifer Walsh CTRS
Community Connector
Community Living Campaign

From: [Joe Connors](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Lets make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:41:11 PM

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Supervisor Preston,

I live in District 5, and I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. I love outdoor dining, and the sense of community and appreciation for our shared space it creates.

Please make outdoor dining permanent.
Thank you,
Joe

From: [Leslie Wong](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: boardofsupervisors@sfgov.org; [CCSF-Shared Spaces](#); [Chaz -](#)
Subject: Land Use and Transportation Committee Meeting, June 7
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 4:57:48 PM

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I have been sitting in on this meeting in anticipation of Item 3 regarding Shared Spaces/Parklets. It is not 4:54pm for a meeting that started at 1:30pm and the Shared Spaces item has still not yet come up. I will be following up with a longer, more specific correspondence but wanted it to go on record that I oppose long-term/permanent use of our City Streets for shared space/parklets. It adversely affects quality of life/livability in our neighborhoods. Besides the increased noise, congestion and trash, safety issues of the public are at hand. In addition, there is a severe loss of parking spaces; as things have reopened there is a renewed increase in traffic and parking options. Many of us need cars for transportation due to mobility issues or work circumstances. It is not realistic to think that only those who can afford to rent out a private garage should be allowed to drive. It is not ok for only those who want to come into our neighborhoods to eat and enjoy our neighborhood character and food to have priority over those who pay property taxes and like living in an area that (up until now) has had a slower pace with a perfect balance of commerce, services and plain open area to enjoy as a real neighborhood.

Please make my stand known and I will be submitting another statement at a later date.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leslie C. Wong
SF Resident

From: [Sara Barz](#)
To: [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 2:47:44 PM

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Dear Supervisor Melgar,

I'm a resident of District 7. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,
Sara Barz

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Sara K. Barz
skbarz@gmail.com
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From: [sneha_solanki](#)
To: [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:37:45 PM

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

I'm a resident of District 8. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

I love outdoor dining. During this awful pandemic, it created a safe way for us to eat out and support our local businesses.

Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,
Sneha Solanki

From: [Jennifer Gee](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 11:55:52 AM

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Dear Supervisor Peskin,

I'm a resident of District 3 and am emailing in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. I realize some changes may need to be made to ensure accessibility for all as well but do not think it's an either / or choice. We can find a way to do both.

For me, as someone who lives alone and felt very isolated, being able to go sit outside and eat in the general presence of others gave me a sense of being together even though socially distanced. It was a gift of community that I have treasured. It also reminds me of all the wonderful cities I've visited over the years where outdoor dining is so common. I love it and want SF to keep it!

We should keep the Shared Spaces program — outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy this great community feeling.

Thank you,

From: [\[Redacted\]](#)
To: [\[Redacted\]](#)
Subject: [Redacted]

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From: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Trish](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org; slowstreets@sfmta.com
Subject: RE: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:46:01 AM

Hello Thomas and Patricia,

Noted that my team already responded to your email and provided information.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing with me your support. Shared Space is a great idea, but I believe we need to drill down to the details for a safe and equitable implementation, I look to my colleagues on Land Use committee to hammer out the details and to improve upon the proposed legislation guiding the program.

My leading concerns of the implementation of Shared Spaces are safety, accessibility, and equity, it is critical for us to ensure pedestrian safety, accessibility for seniors and people with disability on sidewalk, and equity for small businesses of all industries.

It is good to know that you also support Slow Streets so I have included Slow Streets team in this email as well.

I look forward to a robust discussion at the board, and feedback from our stakeholders citywide.

Best regards,
Connie

-----Original Message-----

From: Trish <gumptt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>; savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!

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Dear Supervisor Chan,

I'm a resident of District 1. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Also, we live on Lake Street and we support making it a permanent slow street. We are close to 25th, and have seen a large reduction of accidents in that intersection. Moreover, our two elementary school aged children safely bike on Lake Street near daily.

Thank you,
Thomas and Patricia Gump

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Aidan Mahony](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:27:35 AM

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Dear Supervisor Preston,

Lovely to e-meet you! I'm Aidan Mahony (she/her) and I'm a resident of District 5. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

My partner and I love outdoor dining in Pac Heights. Walking down Fillmore with people all around us, going out and having fun outdoors, has made our neighborhood feel more like a lively community than ever before. During this horrible pandemic, outdoor created a safe way for us to eat out and support our local businesses.

Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we hope we will continue to be able to eat outside and enjoy the wonderful energy it's brought to our streets. Please keep the Shared Spaces program alive! Thank you!!

Thank you,
Aidan Mahony

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From: [Trish](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 10:18:44 AM

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Thomas and Patricia Gump

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Worth, J. Monty](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [RonenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:45:14 AM

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SF Supervisors,

We are emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. We love outdoor dining. During this awful pandemic, it created a safe way for us to eat out and support our local businesses. Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities. Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

Thank you,

John H. (Monty) Worth & Leslie Kernisan
1193 Oak Street
SF CA 94117

From: [Mike Kirschner](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Comment on item 210284: Shared Spaces
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 9:16:26 AM

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The [Shared Spaces program](#) up for a vote [today](#) must be terminated when the COVID-19 pandemic-related State of Emergency is withdrawn. While it was useful and cute while the pandemic kept us in our quarters, as everything opens up we desperately need those parking spaces.

Despite the SFMTA's "Transit First" goal, they have failed in a spectacular manner to provide an alternative to auto use; I wish that were not the case - I am an environmental consultant so understand, quite well I think, the impact of pavement and autos on human health and the environment. However, even at our public transit's full capacity - which SFMTA will not achieve any time soon or maybe ever, given their budget and seeming incompetence - many of us still can readily justify use of personal autos to travel around the City. Be it saving time, the need for space for groceries to feed our families, or the need to bring our children to/from school because the transit system combined with the SFUSD's approach to admittance to local schools (which is actually the opposite - you're not guaranteed or even given preference to be admitted to a school in your neighborhood) is counter to supporting that very necessary transit, the elimination of parking combined with no alternative is simply further punishment of drivers.

San Francisco is NOT Manhattan; we do not have a complete underground subway network that is an effective and sensible alternative to personal autos to get from one place to another. Until that - or a similar system - is in place, you and SFMTA must accept reality: we need our cars. Period.

The elimination of parking spaces creates pain for drivers, but without an alternative it's just pain and pain leads to us not re-elect SFBOS members who vote for foolish, poorly thought-out ordinances like this.

Your constituent,

Mike Kirschner

1528 Noe Street

ps - SFMTA has also implemented tactical projects that failed and took up still more parking places: the "bulb-outs" on Mission on either side of 29th Street, for instance, were put in place to enable buses to stop without having to exit the lane of traffic, thereby making re-entry easier and faster. When these stops were eliminated in a further attempt to make the transit time quicker for the 14 and 49 (because the bulb-out tactic was a failure), they did not remove the now-unused bulb-outs, thereby eliminating several parking spaces for no purpose whatsoever. SFMTA's strategy to speed and improve bus service is not a strategy at all; it's a series of tactics not unlike throwing spaghetti at a wall to see what sticks.

From: [Brian L May](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:48:54 AM

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Urgent

I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoy great food outdoors.

All world class cities have outdoor dining options and ours should be permanent.

Thank you,
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From: [Matthew Bakke](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 8:40:09 AM

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Thank you,

Matt Bakke
Lower Haight

From: [Tara](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 2:05:39 PM

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Even though indoor dining is slowly re-opening, we shouldn't shut down the Shared Spaces program. **Outdoor dining has given our neighborhoods a new energy, and has transformed our streets into communities.**

I absolutely LOVE how outdoor dining has impacted the neighborhood streets across sf, from outdoor dining, car free strolls to live outdoors music. Hayes valley, and Sf in general hasnt been this accessible, lively and beautiful and it's such an amazing unexpected benefit blossoming out of covid.

Please make outdoor dining permanent so we can continue to enjoying the city outdoors.

Thank you,

From: [Colette Vance-Wright](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 12:02:02 PM

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Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sarah Li](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 11:51:52 PM

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Thank you,
Sarah Li

From: [Erin Ganju](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 8:38:21 PM

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Dear Supervisor Peskin,

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Thank you,
Erin Ganju

From: [Danielle Hayes](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 7:59:55 PM

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Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

From: [EILEEN RIDLEY](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:52:41 PM

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Thank you,

Eileen Ridley

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marjorie Qualey](#)
To: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:37:38 PM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

I'm a resident of District 2. I am emailing you in support of the Mayor's legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent.

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Thank you,

Marjorie

From: [Jack Owens](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:55:56 AM

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Thank you,

Jack Owens

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kristie Tappan](#)
To: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Outdoor Dining Spaces
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 2:49:00 PM

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Dear Supervisor Preston,

I'm a resident of District 5. I am emailing you in support of legislation to make the Shared Spaces program permanent. The outdoor dining spaces have returned some much-needed vibrancy to the Inner Sunset where I live. I love walking past people safely enjoying our city and small businesses in the new shared spaces, and I hope they become a permanent part of San Francisco's streets.

Thank you,
Kristie Tappan
1223 10th Ave.

From: [Bob Jordan](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:16:07 AM

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Thank you,
Bob

PS. Just a note that I fully agree with the scripted email above. I feel outdoor dining helps make our community more welcoming and this would drive additional business revenue to the community and city.

From: [Pina Cobian](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Friday, June 4, 2021 11:14:52 AM

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Thank you,
Pina

Sent from my iPhone

From: palmer.lindsay@gmail.com
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
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Thank you,
Lindsay Palmer

From: [Erika Barco](#)
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Thank you,

Erika

From: [Anne-Marie Litak](#)
To: [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [StefaniStaff_ \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:43:20 PM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

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Thank you,
Anne-Marie Litak

From: [Jennifer Bell](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 7:12:47 PM

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Jenn Bell

From: [Miles Skorpen](#)
To: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Re: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 4:33:13 PM

Thanks Avery. Appreciate your perspective.

I think the questions over public/private access are interesting ones. I think it is valuable for some of these to have permanent public access. I love to see what some ice cream shops and bars and coffee shops have done with public spaces, really expanding the public forum.

That said, I'm not sure public access is sufficient for many restaurants. Places that operate at night might need lighting or heating. Restaurants need tables and seating. All this is expensive, and seems prone to vandalism and/or theft.

Thank you for being thoughtful. Good to know that the current authorization has been extended (though December 31 is still soon enough that I'd be hesitant to really invest in my shared space, were I to be a small business owner). Hopefully we can be thoughtful with all due haste.

Best,

Miles

On Jun 3, 2021, at 2:23 PM, PrestonStaff (BOS) <prestonstaff@sfgov.org> wrote:

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Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 9:22 AM
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Cc: PrestonStaff (BOS) <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>; Major, Erica (BOS) <erica.major@sfgov.org>;
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From: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Nick Meyer](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Re: Resident in Support of Shared Spaces
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:24:34 PM

Hi Nick,

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Thank you,
Nick Meyer
1483 Oak Street

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Nick Meyer
c. +1 808 283 5763

From: [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Miles Skorpen](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Re: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:23:49 PM

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Miles Skorpen

From: [Elizabeth Grubel](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); savesharedspaces@growsf.org
Subject: Please make Shared Spaces permanent!
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:28:29 PM

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Elizabeth Grubel



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From: [Scott Feeney](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Degrafinried, Alaric \(DPW\)](#); [Tumlin, Jeffrey \(MTA\)](#); [Hillis, Rich \(CPC\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Power, Andres \(MYR\)](#); [Abad, Robin \(CPC\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: city4everyone@gmail.com
Subject: City For Everyone comments on Shared Spaces
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:11:43 AM
Attachments: [Shared Spaces letter - City for Everyone.pdf](#)

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Dear Mayor, Supervisors, and Directors,

Attached are City For Everyone's comments on the Shared Spaces legislation, as it is being heard today in the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

Sincerely,
Scott

Changes Needed in Shared Spaces Legislation

We strongly support the Shared Spaces legislation's goal to repurpose space from car storage and create new places for San Franciscans to gather outside. However, the legislation as written is in need of significant change to protect public access and mobility needs. We call for:

- 1. A minimum throughway width of 8 feet on sidewalks, with proactive enforcement.** Too often under the temporary program, sidewalks have been turned into an obstacle course. The temporary program has only required a continuous throughway width of 6 feet, below the 8 feet the Better Streets Plan (2010) recommends. This has not been enforced, and the permanent legislation would allow even this meager requirement to be reduced further at the Director of Public Works' discretion. A standard of 8 feet must be baked into the legislation along with a process for proactive, regular enforcement.
- 2. Full public access to parklets outside business hours, including after dark.** The parklet program was created to provide new public spaces for all, not private space that is a mere extension of a business. The legislation recognizes this by requiring even commercial parklets to be open to the public when the business is closed. But there is an exception for after dark. This is a huge loophole that could effectively close the spaces outside business hours, period: a dinner restaurant or bar does not have an employee present at dawn to reopen the space. Remove the after dark exception. Concerns about homelessness and sanitation are better addressed by getting people into shelter and housing and by providing public bathrooms, not by impoverishing public space for all.
- 3. Accommodate bicycle and transit routes through Roadway Shared Spaces.** As written, street closures like those on Valencia and Grant would be closed not just to cars, but to bicycles by default, with the City Traffic Engineer having sole discretion to make an exception—even on a designated bike route. Meanwhile, the 18th Street closure for dining in the Castro has created intolerable delays of as long as 7 minutes for riders of the detoured 33 Ashbury/18th. Shared Spaces should ensure bicycle access is maintained at all times on bike routes, and provide tools to pedestrianize the majority of a street while providing a coned-off lane for Muni vehicles and/or bikes. We also recommend restoring language stricken from the legislation to collect data on pedestrian, bike, and car activity before, during, and after implementation of a Roadway Shared Space.
- 4. Maintain SFMTA's funding.** SFMTA faces a budget deficit and is struggling to restore transit service to pre-pandemic levels. Shared Spaces is estimated to cost the agency an additional \$10.6 million from lost parking revenue and administrative and implementation costs. While this may be money well spent, economic development expenses should not come out of the transportation budget. We call for The City to reimburse SFMTA for Shared Spaces-related costs from the General Fund or other revenue sources, to ensure this program does not become a reason why service restoration or lifesaving street redesigns are canceled or delayed.



Repurposing parking space for privately owned vehicles into space for San Franciscans to gather, dine, enjoy entertainment, and relax is a much better use of our city's land. All the same, it is important we implement this program in an equitable fashion and do not simply change the use of space from privately owned vehicles to privately owned businesses. We believe that implementing our suggested changes—along with similar changes suggested by Senior and Disability Action, Livable City, and other advocates—ensures this program will be a success while maintaining pedestrian and bicycle safety, a Transit First vision, and public access to public space.

City for Everyone is a consensus-based community organization advocating for a more inclusive San Francisco based on the following values: housing is a human right; immediate action is necessary; freedom of movement is essential; center marginalized people and communities; systems of discrimination must be destroyed; density helps use land for everyone; all people have a right to the city; and owning a home should not be an investment.

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment regarding File No. 210284 Share Spaces
Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021 3:45:33 PM
Attachments: [PC regarding Shared Spaces.pdf](#)

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the attached 2 communications regarding:

File No. 210284 - Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to rename and modify the Places for People Program as the Shared Spaces Program, and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of various departments regarding activation and use of City property and the public right-of-way, streamline the application process, specify minimum programmatic requirements such as public access, setting permit and license fees, and provide for the conversion of existing Parklet and Shared Spaces permittees to the new program requirements; amending the Public Works Code to create a Curbside Shared Spaces permit fee, provide for public notice and comment on permit applications, provide for hearings for occupancy of longer-term street closures, and supplement enforcement actions by Public Works; amending the Transportation Code to authorize the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) to issue permits for the temporary occupancy of the Traffic Lane for purposes of issuing permits for Roadway Shared Spaces as part of the Shared Spaces Program, subject to delegation of authority by the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors to temporarily close the Traffic Lane, and adding the Planning Department as a member of ISCOTT; amending the Transportation Code to prohibit parking in a zone on any street, alley, or portion of a street or alley, that is subject to a posted parking prohibition except for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or freight; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Regards,

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: OPPOSE: Measures for transitioning shared spaces and simplifying restrictions on small businesses.
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 4:04:00 PM

From: Kathy Howard <kathyhoward@earthlink.net>

Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 12:35 PM

To: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@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>; 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: OPPOSE: Measures for transitioning shared spaces and simplifying restrictions on small businesses.

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Supervisors,

I oppose the proposed measures for transitioning shared spaces and simplifying restrictions on small businesses.

We need to protect the unique small businesses that make San Francisco special. Family-owned shops cannot pay the same rent as chain stores. Opening the door for the proliferation of chain stores will lead to the loss of the wonderful variety of small businesses that are vital to the unique character of San Francisco's neighborhood business districts.

The prospect of our neighborhoods becoming full of the same stores is depressing. I am reminded of the classic *New Yorker* cartoon of a couple sitting in a coffee shop. One coffee drinker turns to the other and says, [“Are we in this Starbucks or the one down the street?”](#)

Opening up rooftops to nighttime entertainment is going to be a nightmare for residents. San Francisco City government talks a lot about having mixed uses in commercial districts, with families living above commercial units. Are families really going to want to live near bars and restaurants that play loud music all the time? The sound will carry a lot further than when on the street. In fact, the newly expanded outdoor seating in many neighborhoods already has loud music that is played constantly – it must be very difficult for families who live above commercial in rent-controlled apartments and don't have the financial ability to move to a quieter area.

The same concerns apply to late-night entertainment.

The outdoor seating on the street is a benefit to restaurants, who suddenly have free

increased square footage. But I wonder - are bars and restaurants the only businesses that we are going to support in San Francisco? People do still drive for errands and shopping, often to neighborhoods that are not near where they live. How can a hardware store, for example, attract customers from more than a few blocks away when most of the street parking is taken up for restaurants? Is the City providing one more incentive for people to drive to the big box stores, that already tempt shoppers with lower prices and easy parking?

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We all hope that COVID is going away. A longer-term plan for protecting ALL neighborhood businesses, business district character, and the rights of the residents who live in those neighborhoods should be drawn up and evaluated with stakeholders from all of those groups.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Katherine Howard
Resident
The formerly-quiet Outer Sunset

From: [Bob Planthold](#)
To: [DPH-jessica](#); [Pi Ra](#); [Richard Rothman](#); karenfishkin@yahoo.com; [David H Williams](#); [Howard L. Chabner](#); [Accessible San Francisco](#); [Vicki Bruckner](#); [Starr Wilson](#)
Cc: [Bob Planthold](#)
Subject: Shared Spaces | Flickr-- pix from SF PLANNING Department
Date: Saturday, May 29, 2021 11:27:40 AM
Attachments: [Shared Spaces Flickr.htm](#)

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[Already sent to SF DPW's ADA Access co-ordinator, but he is away until 14 June-- and so cannot take action until after Flag Day. Also copied to some SF officials. This link showed up on an SFMTA website, which allows one to wonder whether anyone at any level of MTA bothered to look at these.]

SDA TJ Folks, Take a look at how many of the pix supplied & posted by SF Planning show LACK of accessibility.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/sfplanning/sets/72157715102556516/>

One does not need special training in access requirements

to see that some of the 239 pix are clearly NOT accessible.

Due to using wrist splints for my carpal tunnel problems,

too many pix for me to cite all that need to be inspected for possible citations.

I leave it up to officialdom and/ or reporters to notice how many pix show

INaccessibility.

Bob Planthold



May 28, 2021

Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: YBCBD Supports the Shared Space Legislation to Make the Program Permanent

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Yerba Buena Community Benefit District Board of Directors supports transitioning the Shared Spaces program into a permanent program. The YBCBD is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Yerba Buena district with a range of services to make it cleaner, safer and more inviting. Yerba Buena businesses and nonprofits have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic without the symbiotic relationship between office workers and guests and patrons of the convention center, museums, hotels, restaurants, and shops. The Shared Spaces in our district are critical to its economic recovery and long-term vibrancy.

The Shared Spaces program is alignment with our Yerba Buena Street Life Plan, created with the community, which serves as a vision and guide to improve public spaces for district projects. The goal of the Yerba Buena Street Life Plan guidelines is to enhance livability, safety, vitality, inclusiveness and sustainability. We believe that the legislation will create places with lasting community value.

The revenue resulting from Shared Spaces has kept several district's businesses afloat and encouraged others think creatively about activating dormant and unused alleys. In Yerba Buena, we have nearly a dozen shared spaces and others under consideration, including restaurants with parklets, expanded outdoor seating and new shared alleys. In addition to eight parklets, a partnership by Westfield San Francisco Centre, Hotel Zetta, The Cavalier and Executive Order Bar & Lounge will activate Jessie Street West, an area that has long-needed added vibrancy. Also, 111 Minna Gallery intends to enliven Minna Street between New Montgomery and Second streets with arts and cultural programming. The gallery is still recovering from a fire set in this alleyway that closed its businesses and would benefit from the activity generated by repurposed outdoor space.

We believe the Shared Spaces program will have lasting positive economic, health and social ramifications for our district and its cultural backbone. In alignment with the Yerba Buena Street Life plan, we support the following:

- Phasing the implementation of the program so that businesses have time to adapt to the new permit process.
- Encouraging arts, culture and entertainment activities by carrying forward the Just Add Music (JAM) permit and allow for arts and culture activities to be the primary use of the space, not just a secondary use.
- Balancing the needs of the curb by ensuring our Transit First and Vision Zero policies remain priorities, balance Shared Spaces occupancies with loading, short-term parking, micro-mobility needs, and other curbside functions; and encourage sharing of Shared Spaces amongst merchants on the same block.

- Maintaining public access by ensuring every Shared Space provides public access when not in commercial use and providing a seating opportunity during daytime hours, including business, operating hours.
- Clear Public Input Procedures to encourage collaboration between neighbors and merchants.
- Ensure that the needs of the disabled community are accommodated and access to sidewalks and other public spaces remain accessible.

The YCBCD is dedicated to improving the quality of life in our district. The Share Spaces program is a critical part of the City's crisis response strategy to sustain locally-owned small businesses. We support its continuation on a permanent basis.

Sincerely,

Cathy Maupin
Executive Director
Yerba Buena Community Benefit District

From: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: SFMTA's take back of the Polk Street morning commute bike lane
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:16:11 AM

From: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:09 AM
To: Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fwd: SFMTA's take back of the Polk Street morning commute bike lane

FYI

From: Scott Bravmann <het.pakhuis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 5:28:03 PM
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Subject: SFMTA's take back of the Polk Street morning commute bike lane

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Since last fall, there have been three "Shared Spaces" structures in the northbound morning commute hour bike lane on Polk Street from Pine Street to Broadway (1400 and 1700 blocks). I first brought this to the attention of two of Supervisor Peskin's staff in conversation with them on Friday, September 18 and followed up with an email that same day. Eight weeks later, I wrote to SFMTA Director Tumlin, Supervisor Haney, the Department of Public Works, and Janice Li at the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition regarding these structures as well as other matters. More recently, I have brought the issue to the attention of the SFMTA Board of Directors, additional staff in that department and again the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. No one has even attempted to address my concern.

By allowing three restaurants to seize the bike lane for private seating, the city has taken back and then given away the hard-won consolation prize for cyclist safety that was part of the Polk Streetscape Project six years ago. While the structures only take up a few segments of the bike lane, the rest of lane has reverted to 24-hour parking, seven days a week. I have been yelled at by a HOT Team social worker when I stopped my bike in "his" parking place.

Recently, I started considering allowing my daughter to bike to Francisco Middle School next school year. Polk Street would account for roughly half of her trip. Because of the city's take back and the lack of advocacy from the Bicycle Coalition, however, I have decided against allowing her to ride to school, not even if I accompanied her. The affected section of Polk Street also used to provide bike lane access to Spring Valley Elementary, Galileo High School and other SFUSD campuses.

It is unfortunate that even as local and state elected officials have demanded that SFUSD reopen schools for in-person learning, the city has taken away a safe route to school for the children they allege to be concerned about. Those tantrums and tears and lawsuits look quite silly to me because those same elected officials still aren't back at their offices – and at least some of their staff won't go back until mid-September. After yesterday's SFMTA Directors meeting, I am sure at least a few of you are aware that a lot of kids are facing a longer and more complicated commute to and from school because of poor policy making and lack of commitment to the youth of our city. Neither failing to provide essential bus service nor stealing back a bike lane are things SFMTA should be proud of, but here we are. Vision Zero, Transit First, a green future. Nice sound bites, but obviously not the real thing.

As with my previous emails, I would appreciate a meaningful response from more than zero of you.

Sincerely,

Scott Bravmann, Ph.D.
1305 Buchanan St
San Francisco, CA 94115

From: [Bruno Kanter](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Abad, Robin \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: Shared Spaces Support Letter - North Beach Neighbors
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 8:13:33 PM
Attachments: [North Beach Neighbors-Shared Spaces Program support letter.pdf](#)

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Hi Erica,
Please accept this letter of support for the Shared Spaces Program being discussed by the BOS Land Use Committee on Monday June 7th (agenda item 210284) and include in the committee member packets.

Thank you,
Bruno

Bruno Kanter

President, [North Beach Neighbors](#)

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June 4, 2021

Land Use and Transportation Committee: Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Dean Preston and Myrna Melgar
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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

RE: Shared Spaces Program - support letter

North Beach Neighbors enthusiastically supports extending the Shared Spaces Program for at least another year while we use this time to examine what's working and what's not about the way we use the public realm and create a better future based on lessons learned from this experiment in urban planning.

In doing so, merchant concerns must be prioritized. Our local businesses spent a great deal of money building these spaces, from which we all benefited, and the authorization of these structures should be considered semi-permanent until they are able to recoup their investments.

In the long-term, however, current streetside facilities are not the best answer. They are unevenly designed and occasionally ramshackle. Some mask the pleasing visual fabric of our historic buildings, while others put people in harm's way next to dangerous traffic or block access for persons with disabilities, calling into question the very meaning of public space – which should be open to all. We need to immediately streamline permitting to encourage our businesses to continue their open and welcoming extensions onto the streets, but to do so within clearly established guidelines.

The transformation of North Beach over the past year into a welcoming local destination is undeniable and further demonstrates that we need to make permanent the changes that have resulted in a healthier commercial district. Improved pedestrian experience and additional public space innovations are needed: widen the sidewalks, prioritize walking, bicycling, and public transit and encourage efficient centralized parking over single-occupant, metered parking.

In a March 2021 survey of North Beach Neighbors members, where 80% of the 54 respondents reported walking or riding a bicycle to destinations in North Beach, there was overwhelming support for these changes:

- 67% feel that sidewalks in North Beach are not wide enough to practice safe social distancing
- 76% feel that there should be more outdoor seating for restaurants and cafes
- 77% support removing a lane of parking or traffic temporarily to allow for more room for such seating
- 64% support making such changes permanent if they prove popular and workable

Bringing our neighborhood businesses – especially the cafés, bars, and restaurants – out into the public realm has not only been vital for their survival, but has also demonstrated that our neighborhood is more vibrant and sustainable when we prioritize our streetscape for people – not the rapid movement or space-deadening storage of private vehicles.

The visible lesson from the Shared Spaces Program has proven that prioritizing the public realm is key to vibrant city living. It must be extended, but reinvisioned for the long term benefit of our community. We look forward to continuing this important discussion with you. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bruno Kanter, President

From: [Drew McDaniel](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Shared Spaces program (File #210284)...
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 6:27:03 PM
Attachments: [Shared Spaces Support - MWheeler.pdf](#)
[Shared Spaces Support - EAndrade.pdf](#)
[Shared Spaces Support - TGotlund.pdf](#)
[Shared Spaces Support - GMartinez.pdf](#)

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Hello Erica,

I would like to express my strong support for a permanent shared spaces program. I live on the 700 block of Larkin. The Larkin Shared spaces street closure has been transformative for my neighborhood. It's given me and my neighbors a communal space where we can go outside and socialize and patronize local businesses. It's created a perfect space for festivals and events. It's drastically improved the livability of our neighborhood during a time when things have otherwise been really tough in the Tenderloin.

On days when the street is closed to traffic, I love opening my windows and hearing people talk, children playing, music and all the things that would otherwise be drowned out by car traffic noise.

The program has been a godsend for the businesses on our two block stretch of Larkin. Retail shops and restaurants have managed to survive because of it. As a resident, I've discovered restaurants and shops that I probably never would have visited otherwise.

As the pandemic starts to recede and things go back to normal, it would be tragic to lose the new community space that we've created on Larkin. Shared Spaces has been a silver lining on an otherwise difficult year, and I believe the program should be made permanent.

This sentiment is nearly universally shared by my neighbors. I've attached letters from a few of my neighbors that describe the positive impact the Shared Spaces program has had on their lives.

Drew McDaniel
719 Larkin HOA Secretary
Lower Polk Neighbors Vice Chair
Tenderloin Merchants and Property Owners Association Vice President

05/29/2021

To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of the 700 block of Larkin Street and this is my letter in support of extending Larkin Shared Spaces.

It's so nice to walk outside my door and find a new restaurant where I can sit outdoors and enjoy my neighborhood. I feel lucky to be able to bring friends who live in other parts of the city to experience what makes my neighborhood special. On Saturdays, when the vintage clothing store brings its wares out onto the street and the drag performances begin, I'm particularly grateful for the sense of community that the street closure brings and it reminds me why I love San Francisco.

Thanks,

Melissa Wheeler
719 Larkin resident

05/31/2021

To whom it may concern,

I would like to thank the organizers of the various programs that take place on Larkin street between Eddy and O'Farrell, I really appreciate the impact and value it has on the community.

The daily street cleaning and power washing is the program I'm most grateful for. It really helps to keep the city clean from body waste and improperly disposed garbage.

I've noticed that there are usually group gatherings on the street waiting for the meal delivery programs around this area to open, unfortunately it is very common to see human waste in the public right of way or trash on the sidewalks after they leave. This is particularly bad in the morning, which is why the cleaning program has a huge impact, not only to the community but also to people walking by during the day.

I love to see the impact this program has on business around the area. In particular I remember those days when there was a drag show, it was noticeable the good influx of people in the area, businesses were open, more small businesses would come and put up their tents, and families were walking outside. In general the vibe around the area was positive and cheerful, something pretty comforting to see during the pandemic. I have an impression that this certainly helped businesses to stay open. As the city emerges from the pandemic, this is going to be even more important to kick start that comeback, the city will become vibrant and new tenants will help to give this neighborhood a new identity.

I also noticed an indirect impact on other groups in the city. I was pleasantly surprised when I saw a group recording on the street, trying to create a message that will spread outside of the neighborhood. This kind of impact is hard to quantify.

I just want to say that in general the streets are cleaner, safer and more welcoming to people inside and outside of the community. The impact of the program is noticeable and I would love to see how it could evolve as the city comes back to life and rediscovers the essence lost with the pandemic.

Erick Andrade
719 Larkin resident

06/01/2021

To whom it may concern,

As we reflect on the fun we have had, and the wonderful way the program has benefited our small bit of the neighborhood we wanted to let you know how thankful we are for the work that you so many have done to make it a success.

Each Thursday feels like a special day, with cleaned sidewalks, we were excited to join in the festivities and geared up for a weekend of easier access to the participating stores and restaurants. We've loved dining at Lers Ros across the street and have really enjoyed the presence of Sweet Glory right in our building!!

With as difficult as 2020 was and the whole Covid-19 shutdown, the Larkin Shared Spaces program really made things better for us all. The ambassadors were such a blessing and really helped make the program run smoothly. The whole area took on a new and safer feeling.

Please extend our appreciation to everyone involved, and convey our sincerest hope that the program can be extended for at least another year, if not permanently.

Thomas Gotlund and Terry Anderson
719 Larkin St. Apt. 602
San Francisco, CA 94109

6/1/2021

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for the Larkin shared spaces and street closure on the two-block stretch of Larkin St. in the Tenderloin. As a first-time homeowner and 15+year SF resident, my husband and I decided to buy our first home (and remain in this neighborhood) to give back to the community by contributing our property taxes to the restoration of the nearby parks and community services that would keep our neighborhood clean and safe.

Due to Covid's shelter in place, the streets became scarier than they were 6-8 years ago. Because of the increased number of homeless people and open drug users passing out on our street and entry ways, at times we were unable to set foot outside of our home; our neighborhood was forgotten and covered in tents, open drug use, needles, human feces and burglars that targeted our building many times. We experienced a handful of break ins that resulted in increased costs of security and instilled more fear for homeowners that were not expecting to be faced with lack of support from police and city officials because of where we reside.

When the program was approved, it all changed for the best! We saw the significant impact that the ambassadors, the daily street cleaning, needle pick up and power washing had on our block. From Thur-Sun, Larkin St feels a part of a safe and welcoming SF neighborhood; with room to walk, a place to get to know our neighbors and enjoy the businesses around us. We experienced an increased sense of safety around the neighborhood because we had more positive activity that deterred crime and drug dealers from taking over the block. Community building is another great benefit of the block closure, we got to know our neighboring business owners and felt motivated to contribute to their business by ordering takeout and stepping out to pick it up or eating in their outdoor spaces.

There are systemic problems that surround the neighborhood where we live that cannot be fixed overnight, I understand that. But it has been challenging to consider our long-term investment and to attract other homeowners because of the crime, open drug sale/use and overall unsanitary & toxic conditions of our streets. This program is finally bringing resources and creating volunteer/job opportunities that have been long overdue.

I can't imagine going back to the way things were before and not losing more homeowners/property tax investments that are needed not just for mental health and homeless services, but also for the wellbeing and quality of life of hard-working residents with pets and families that shouldn't have to conform to the street conditions because it's become the "norm." A lot of the neighboring businesses have suffered a huge loss and blocking the space helps to attract customers and restore a sense of pride for why we chose to live and work on Larkin Street.

Another year of supporting this program and partnership with police and district supervisors could help us turn this neighborhood into a thriving community that could live up to its walking score for easy access to restaurants and businesses that are rich in cultural diversity. 719 Larkin has 4 commercial units that faced delays to open due to Covid and several break-ins prior to the block closure. I hope you consider this and all of the letters in support of this program because it will foster an environment that would allow the existing businesses to thrive in a safer, cleaner environment and new business owners to bring their vision to life in this neighborhood, attracting patrons that expect to feel safe, walk on clean streets and have a shared space to hang out and build the community they want to be a part of.

Thank you,



Amanda G. Martinez, Homeowner
719 Larkin HOA, Board President