From: <u>Jan Neufeld</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** Support, please "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 10:31:27 AM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top

issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

From: Connie Rubiano

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: Please Support "A Place for All" (File # 201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:46:25 AM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

I live in North Beach where I often see unhoused people sleeping on the sidewalks, sometimes yelling or moaning in obvious discomfort, seemingly in need of help.

San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you. Connie Rubiano 2020 Stockton St. District 3 From: Rob Jameson

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** I, Rob Jameson, urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:00:43 PM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

I have lived in the Castro for over 15 years, directly experiencing the impacts of increased street encampments to this neighborhood. In pre-Covid days I walked my daughter a mile down market street to her school, interfacing every time with many unhoused individuals in a wide variety of conditions and mental states.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I readily acknowledge that I was not a supporter of Supervisor Mandelman on his initial campaign and election to District 8, however over years of engagement and experiencing his steady, consistent and pragmatic approach to this and other ongoing challenges in our city, I'd like to register my support for this measure. I supported the safe sleeping site at Everett school, 1 block from my front door, which unfortunately was shut down far too soon in anticipation of school reopening.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you.
Rob Jameson
District 8.

From: <u>Caleb Canning</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: Please Support A Place for All Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 1:18:24 PM

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## Dear Supervisors -

Providing a safe alternative for people experiencing homelessness, supported by infrastructure to meet basic needs, is the first step to moving people to a more sustainable lifestyle and enhancing the livability of our neighborhoods.

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

I urge you to support this innovative program.

Sincerely,

Caleb Canning San Francisco Resident From: <u>Brian J. Cassanego</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: A Place for All

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:15:59 AM

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## Dear Board of Supervisors,

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Is this a perfect solution? No, absolutely not. But does this help commercial and residential residents sooner than any other proposal I have seen, it seems so. But the real issue is not housing. The root of the issue is drug abuse and mental illness. I walk the streets of SF daily, and the people I see in the tents aren't displaced families that are down on their luck. They are the drug addled and mentally ill. Instead of using all of this money to build housing in the most expensive peninsula in the country, use that money for services to stop the drug abuse and help the mental health of these people. And once you start helping them with those issues, maybe help them get into schooling for jobs. For example, trade schools. Help them become carpenters, painters, laborers or pipefitters, and get them on a true road to recovery. Just giving homes to people who are abusing drugs will just allow them to abuse drugs in their own homes. And also, lets get rid of the mentality that they all need to stay in the city. This city is expensive to live in! For most everyone, let alone homeless people without jobs! I recently moved away since I didn't want to spend 2M for a decent sized single family home. Most of my friends/family, the same thing. This city is NOT for everyone. Get these people clean, get them in trade schools or other job placement scenarios, and then they can have their own money to live somewhere where they can afford. But in the meantime, we need to get these tents off the streets so our commercial businesses have a fighting chance post covid and our residential residents feel a little safer when they walk outside.

Thank you for your time.

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Cheers,

Brian Cassanego
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From: <u>tvschnabel@aol.com</u>

To: <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>

Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); marlayne16@gmail.com

Subject: Urging you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 2:43:44 AM

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Dear Supervisor Stefani,

I reside in District 2, at the Post International on Cathedral Hill and I am a board member of the Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association (CHNA).

Residents of our community support "A Place for All" sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, a platform for ending street sleeping. While city hall's current long-term strategy is permanent housing for the homeless, this bill proposes a policy to shelter all homeless who will accept it and requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements. Over 70% of San Francisco voters have identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top quality of life issue. "A Place for All" closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

Cathedral Hill is bounded by Franklin Street to the east. Over the past year, side streets perpendicular to this corridor have become camping sites from the Market Street end through to Eddy, Ellis, O'Farrell and Geary Streets northbound, blocking sidewalks and piling garbage along the way. Used needles strewn along the sidewalk are common place, even along children's preschools and play areas.

I and the residents in our neighborhood urge you to support "A Place for All." Thank you.

Sincerely, Teresa Schnabel The Post International (at Post and Gough streets) Board Member, Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association (CHNA) From: Kristen Langhoff Grannan

To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS);

MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS);

Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Stefani, Catherine (BOS)

Cc: <u>Kristen Grannan</u>

Subject: Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:48:57 PM

Attachments: rect sign.png

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# Dear Supervisors,

Please support "A Place for All," sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, as a way to end street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Though my neighborhood, the Marina, has been spared much of the suffering that homeless encampments can reflect, I have seen my share of human feces and unwell San Franciscans wandering, yelling, and trying their best to survive on my neighborhood streets. And I certainly will never forget recognizing the stench of urine when visiting friends and restaurants in the Mission. It's time to take care of people experiencing homelessness and to protect the well being of our residents. Surely we can do this!

Residents and visitors repeatedly bemoan—and are in fact often shocked by—the extent and the treatment of our homeless population. How can we allow people to sleep on the streets, with no options to care for their hygiene and protect their belongings? They are vulnerable enough as-is. We need to set a baseline level of dignity and decency for our people experiencing homelessness. We must view a safe, managed site for shelter as a necessary ingredient in our gameplan to care for anyone who is struggling to care for themselves. And we must respect our city's taxpayers, who spend much of their income on city services and should expect to see results.

We need "A Place for All" (File #201187) as a first step out of homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Grannan 49 Casa Way San Francisco CA 94123





Kristen Langhoff, co-host

Raw Female podcast visit us at <u>rawfemale.com</u> email us at <u>info@rawfemale.com</u> subscribe wherever you get your podcasts From: <u>Barbara Early, HVNA</u>

To: Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS);

MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Young, Victor (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Smeallie, Kyle (BOS); Snyder, Jen (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS);

Jennifer Laska; B. Early; HVNA Board; Jones, De"Anthony (HRC)

Subject: HVNA - Budget and Finance #201187 Letter of Recommendation for A Place for All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:51:09 AM

Attachments: HVNA letter of Reco Place for All April 2021 (3).pdf

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Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar, and all,

Please see attached subject letter in PDF format, for inclusion at tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Early HVNA Corresponding Secretary hvnacorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com 415.688.9134



April 16, 2021

Supervisors Matt Haney, Ahsha Safai, Gordon Mar, Finance Committee Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: File #201187 Letter of Recommendation for A Place for All

Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar,

The Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association (HVNA) wishes to express our support for A Place For All.

This legislation sponsored by Supervisor Mandelman provides a path towards ending street sleeping by proposing a City policy to provide shelter to all who wish to accept it, and additionally requiring the City to create sufficient interim off-street shelter placements.

In Hayes Valley, we supported Safe Sleeping sites. We saw a rise in street sleeping, which grew exponentially during the early part of the pandemic, with large encampments blocking sidewalks and creating unsafe and unsanitary conditions both for the people in the encampments and immediate neighbors. We circulated a petition in support of the creation of Safe Sleeping Site at 33 Gough Street, as well as other potential locations, and found there was widespread support of this effort.

We understand that more than 70% of San Francisco voters have identified homelessness and street conditions as the top issue for the City to address. While the solution for homelessness is housing, the long waiting list leaves people with few options while awaiting a placement. Safe sleeping sites are a proven, scalable and sustainable model. A Place for All will help close the gap in shelter availability by offering a safe, managed site. We need this critical first step from homelessness to housing.

The Board of the Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association wishes to add its voice in support of A Place for All.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Laska

President

Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association

Barbara Early

Corresponding Secretary

cc: Supervisors Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin, Connie Chan, Rafael Mandelman, Myrna Melgar, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton Victor Young, Kyle Smealie, DeAnthony Jones Rescue SF HVNA Board From: <u>Jim Chappell</u>

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: A Place for All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:33:49 PM

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From: Jim Chappell

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187). "A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I urge you to support "A Place for All.

Jim Chappell 708 Guerrero St, San Francisco, CA 94110 jimchappellsf@gmail.com From: Emily Reinys

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Chan, Connie (BOS)

Subject: Please support A Place for All

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:06:58 AM

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#### Dear Supervisors:

"A Place for All", sponsored by my district 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them. Here in the Castro where I have lived for 14 years, unsanctioned nearby encampments have intermittently blocked sidewalks, produced copious amounts of litter and human waste, open drug use, and crime (bicycle theft, car break-ins, burglary and property vandalism, most notably). The massive 16th/Market Street encampment beneath the mural which was FINALLY cleared out this past August after 6+ months of operation was a disgrace. The sidewalks were totally blocked, theft and vandalism were rampant and there was daily (hourly) open drug use and dealing. This problematic encampment has started to rebuild. My neighbors near the Harvey Milk Library are exasperated. We need new solutions NOW and allowing these folks to continue to spiral downward on the streets is just not okay.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I strongly urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you. Emily Reinys 34 Pond Street (District 8) From: Robert C Hood

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine

(BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; info@rescuesf.org; Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar,

Myrna (BOS); onnie.chan@sfgov.org; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:56:14 AM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept

In my neighborhood, unsanctioned encampments produce blocked sidewalks, litter, open drug use, and crime, aggressive and violent behavior. Mental instability of homeless.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

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Robert C Hood 75 Hartford Street San Francisco, CA 415-619-1266 Mens sana in corpore sano.

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Dear Hillary Ronen, et. al.

In response to the "A Place for All" (file #201187), I will not support it unless they prohibit emphatically these sites in residential areas.

I will not support homeless shelters in residential neighborhoods because, from my experience, the mayor and my supervisor, Hillury Romen, are too incompetent to run them in such a way that they do not destroy communities. I am now across the street from a Safe Sleeping site opened last March. Since then, the trash on the street, drinking and drugs in the neighborhood, loinering, and encompenents have exponentially increased. People with severe mental problems have been kicked out of the Safe Sleeping area and are now camped out on the sidewalk in front of my house. One person, Larry Buckly, was kicked out because he is delusional paranoid and now the citizens of our neighborhood have to deal with his mental issues. We are not trained or qualified to do this, yet calculated to so this, yet can out indeed our considerable. It is macrographs.

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site opened, encampments have been proliferating in our neighborhood. They take an enormous effort and time to write letters and call agencies to clear them up and the city response has been inadequate at best. I have spent countless hours pleading to Supervisor Romers better angels to have some concern for her constituents near this
site to now xull. My neighbor feel completely exploited. Rome did not outseen her community groups outside the confired rome and the less titled not not create adverse confired one or neighbor feel completely exploited. Rome did not outseen her community puts possible that completely exploited. Rome did not outseen her community that houst them.

Attached is a picture of what is most likely storage from someone at 1515 South Van New Safe Steeping Site. It has been on Shotwell Street for two weeks. It is tidier than usual in these photos. There is generally an enormous amount of stuff around it including an upholstered armchair and trash spilled into the street. It violates the condition on the SF government website: blocking the sidewalk and being within feet of an operable window. Neighbors have called non-emergency police for two weeks and ordning has been done. This is just one of many encampments that have proliferated across from the Safe Sleeping site. One encampment strecked for a whole city block between Way and New Son 20th Street, feet establed phonol. They had put two begins strenged establed phonol. They had put two begins strenge establed phonol. They had put two begins contained in colding having large unmarked crowds hanging out there. The city took over a month to clear it. Another huge encampment exists as I write this right next to the entrance to the Safe Sleeping Site. The city cannot expect our community to tolerate this sort of abuse.

Sincerely, Francesca Pastine

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Life is short Art is long Opportunity fleeting Experience treacherous Judgment difficult

Hippocrates 400 b.c.

From: Christen Cioffi
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)
Subject: No to A Place For All

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 12:35:03 PM

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A Place For All is curated to keep houseless people behind fences and policed daily by people who want them dead and to suffer from the carceral system.

Everyone for A Place For All is further monopolizing on the housing crisis that is taking place in the SF Bay Area. We need to city to provide real, accessible housing to our unhoused neighbors. That looks like taking the hundreds of empty units in our city and giving them to houseless people. The coordinated entry system is flawed and is not designed to help people, and A Place For All is just an example of that.

From: Andrea Salinas
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Please log my opposition to "A Place for All" legislation

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:46:27 AM

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I want to voice that "A Place for All" legislation, is misguided housing policy. The current cost to maintain one tent site is 5kmonth/60k year. This provides subhuman housing conditions, and is a gross waste of city tax dollars. In contrast it costs 32k per year, to housing someone in permanent supportive housing. It is unconscionable that the city should spend so much money to not actually solve the problem of homelessness, while solving the problem of homelessness would cost half the funds per person.

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Andrea Salinas

From: <u>Tramecia Garner</u>
To: <u>Safai, Ahsha (BOS)</u>

Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS); Doug Gary; Lauren Hall

Subject: Fw: Oppose: A Place for All Legislation

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:01:27 AM

Importance: High

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Dear Supervisor Safai,

I see that this email did not get to you due to my error. Apologies and sharing this email with you again.



## Thank you,

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From: Tramecia Garner <tgarner@stp-sf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:55 AM

**To:** Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; gordon.mar@sfgov.org <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; asha.safai@sfgov.org <asha.safai@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** linda.wong@sfgov.org <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Lauren Hall <laurenhall@dishsf.org>; Doug Gary <douggary@dishsf.org>; daisy.quan@sfgov.org <daisy.quan@sfgov.org>;

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**Subject:** Oppose: A Place for All Legislation

Good morning Supervisors Haney, Safai, and Mar:

We ask that this memo serves as our formal opposition to the legislation coming before you, "A Place for All", on behalf of the Supportive Housing Providers Network.

Chair Matt Haney
City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A</u> Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Haney and the Budget & Finance Committee members,

This letter is to express our strong opposition to Supervisor Mandelman's legislation entitled "A Place for All". We support safe sleeping villages as an alternative to shelter, but we do not believe we should massively expand this for thousands of people experiencing homelessness. We have the opportunity with the current real estate market to permanently solve homelessness for thousands of people. It would be less expensive to house people permanently as the per person cost of this legislation is more than a housing subsidy with support services. This is bad timing, we need to fill our vacant housing units, acquire housing, and expand subsidies, not massively expand shelter. Safe Sleep Sites are not a one-size-fits-all solution and are not appropriate for every unhoused person's health and safety needs. With the freedom to enforce anti-homeless laws provided by "A Place for All", the city will have the ability to use the threat of criminal punishment to forcibly round people up off of the streets and into crowded camps. San Francisco, an incredibly wealthy city can and must reach for a higher bar than tents for all. As you all know, vacancies within supportive housing still exist. With that in mind, we ask that a focus continue to be placed on filling those vacancies and continuing to bring online more deeply affordable housing across the city so that we can end homelessness here in San Francisco.

In sum, we urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandelman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, it is expensive, infringes on the will of the voters, would drain resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and could violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

The Supportive Housing Providers Network

Lauren Hall, Co-Chair Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing laurenhall@dishsf.org

Tramecia Garner, Co-Chair Swords to Plowshares

## tgarner@stp-sf.org

cc: Clerk, Linda Wong



### Thank you,

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From: <u>Tramecia Garner</u>

To: Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); asha.safai@sfgov.org

Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS); Lauren Hall; Doug Gary; Quan, Daisy (BOS); Chinchilla, Monica (BOS); Mahogany, Honey

(BOS)

Subject: Oppose: A Place for All Legislation

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 10:56:18 AM

Importance: High

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Good morning Supervisors Haney, Safai, and Mar:

We ask that this memo serves as our formal opposition to the legislation coming before you, "A Place for All", on behalf of the Supportive Housing Providers Network.

April 21,2021

Chair Matt Haney
City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A</u> Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Haney and the Budget & Finance Committee members,

This letter is to express our strong opposition to Supervisor Mandelman's legislation entitled "A Place for All". We support safe sleeping villages as an alternative to shelter, but we do not believe we should massively expand this for thousands of people experiencing homelessness. We have the opportunity with the current real estate market to permanently solve homelessness for thousands of people. It would be less expensive to house people permanently as the per person cost of this legislation is more than a housing subsidy with support services. This is bad timing, we need to fill our vacant housing units, acquire housing, and expand subsidies, not massively expand shelter. Safe Sleep Sites are not a one-size-fits-all solution and are not appropriate for every unhoused person's health and safety needs. With the freedom to enforce anti-homeless laws provided by "A Place for All", the city will have the ability to use the threat of criminal punishment to forcibly round people up off of the streets and into crowded camps. San Francisco, an incredibly wealthy city can and must reach for a higher bar than tents for all. As you all know, vacancies within supportive housing still exist. With that in mind, we ask that a focus continue to be placed on filling those vacancies and continuing to bring online more deeply affordable housing across the city so that we can end homelessness here in San Francisco.

In sum, we urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandelman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, it is expensive, infringes on the will of the voters, would drain resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and could violate basic human

rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

The Supportive Housing Providers Network

Lauren Hall, Co-Chair Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing laurenhall@dishsf.org

Tramecia Garner, Co-Chair Swords to Plowshares tgarner@stp-sf.org

cc: Clerk, Linda Wong



#### Thank you,

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 From:
 Leticia Arce

 To:
 Wong, Linda (BOS)

 Subject:
 Oppose - A Place For All

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:46:45 AM

Attachments: Opposing A Place for All.pdf

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## Hello Linda,

Please see letter attached for opposition to Supervisor Mandelman's legislation to establish safe sleeping sites program.

Thank you,

Leticia

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Leticia Arce (she/her/ella)

Associate Director of Housing, Land, & Development

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April 21, 2021

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely. Leticia Arce Associate Housing Director Causa Justa :: Just Cause

From: <u>Joanne Kay</u>
To: <u>Wong, Linda (BOS)</u>

Subject: Last minute opposition for A Place for All Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 9:29:13 AM Attachments: EHCSF opposition A Place for All.pdf

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Sorry to be so late in sending but End Hep C SF strongly oppose this legislation. Letter is attached.

Thank you so much!

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best,

JOANNE KAY

Program Coordinator

End Hep C SF

Direct: 415-463-6246 endhepcsf.org

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April 21,2021

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Joanne Kay

**Program Coordinator** 

End Hep C SF

From: <u>Ilsa Lund</u>

To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Opposition to A Place for All from youth with lived experience of homelessness

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:59:58 AM

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Dear members of the Budget and Finance Committee:

Below is a compilation of feedback from Larkin Street Youth Services' Youth Advisory Board members on the "A Place for All" legislation introduced today by Supervisor Mandelman. YAB members intend to take part in public comment on the agenda item, but may not be able to depending on their schedules. We wanted to make sure you have their feedback in case they cannot offer it themselves, and please know that Larkin Street agrees with their position on the legislation:

- Overall, the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) does not support this legislation, although they do see the value of safe sleeping sites as a temporary solution while individuals experiencing homelessness await housing placement
- YAB does not think the city should completely get rid of safe sleeping sites but instead urges the
  City to structure the sites in a way that the homeless community can at least have tents and utilize
  the sleeping sites with access to restrooms, etc. until they are placed indoors in SROs, transitional,
  or permanent supportive housing
- YAB urges the city to invest more money in PSH and not spend \$200-300M on expanded sleeping sites
- YAB recommends better coordination and financial planning between sleeping sites and the "waiting" period for housing placements
- YAB recommends the city maintains some sleeping sites so the homeless community is not displaced while they wait for stable housing

YAB recommends that future plans for safe sleeping sites should include a TAY-specific location.

Thank you for considering the insights and input of youth with lived experience of homelessness.

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From: Corrie Varga
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"

**Date:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:58:11 AM

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April 21, 2021

Chair Matt Haney
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Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program-</u>
"A Place for All"

Position: Oppose

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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 From:
 Christine Wei

 To:
 Haney, Matt (BOS)

 Cc:
 Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:32:29 PM

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Dear Chair Haney,

This letter is to express **strong opposition** to Supervisor Mandleman's legislation entitled "A Place for All."

I join many community organizations and San Francisco residents in supporting safe sleeping villages as an alternative to shelter, but we do not believe we should massively expand this for thousands of homeless people.

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Thank you for your consideration, Christine Wei

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**Christine Wei** 

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From: <u>Jennifer Rav</u>
To: <u>Wong, Linda (BOS)</u>

**Subject:** Opposing Safe Sleeping Sites program "A Place for All"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:04:53 PM

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Dear Linda Wong,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jennifer Raviv From: Anita O"Shea
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Opposition to "A Place for All"

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:40:13 PM

Attachments: Letter in Opposition to A Place for All .pdf

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Chair Matt Haney

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Anita "Durt" O'Shea Pronouns: he/she Operations Director, COO St. James Infirmary 730 Polk Street, 4th floor San Francisco, CA 94109 Main: (415) 554-8494

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Thank you for your consideration,

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Sincerely,

Anita O'Shea

Operations Director, St James Infirmary

415-483-6937 (cell)



# Fwd: Support "A Place for All" Legislation File #201187

2 messages

**Lori Brooke** <a href="mailto:loribrooke@rescuesf.org">loribrooke@rescuesf.org</a>
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Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 2:02 PM

see below

Begin forwarded message:

From: Richard Frisbie <frfbeagle@gmail.com>

Subject: Support "A Place for All" Legislation File #201187

Date: April 16, 2021 at 7:35:43 AM HST

**To:** Supervisor Aaron Peskin <connie.chan@sfgov.org>, catherine.stefani@sfgov.org, "Peskin, Aaron (BOS)" <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>, gordon.mar@sfgov.org, Supervisor Dean Preston <dean.preston@sfgov.org>, Supervisor Matt Haney <matt.haney@sfgov.org>, Myrna Melgar - Commissioner <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>, MelgarStaff@sfgov.org, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>, Supervisor Hillary Ronen <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>, Supervisor Shaman Walton <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>, Supervisor Ahsha Safai <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>, Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, info@rescuesf.org, Kathy Devincenzi <krdevincenzi@gmail.com>

From: Laurel Heights Improvement Association

Subject: LHIA Strongly Supports "A Place for All" (File #201187).

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

We are beginning to see an increase in our area but this is an issue bigger than any individual neighborhood. This is an ever-growing city-wide problem that desperately needs to be addressed. It has gone on for far too long.

San Francisco cannot be a wonderful city, a great place to live, a tourist destination and one of the iconic cities in the world if it continues to fail to solve the problem of homeless people sleeping on our streets, it is simply an oxymoron.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

We strongly urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you.

Richard Frisbie: VP Laurel Heights Improvement Association, District 2.

~Lori Brooke



From: David Harrison
To: David Harrison
Cc: John Bryant

Subject: BOMA SF Letter on Supervisor Mandelman"s Proposed Place for All Ordinance

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:01:09 PM

Attachments: BOMA SF Place for All Ordinance Support Letter.pdf

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Dear Supervisors and Staff,

Please find the attached letter from BOMA SF in support of Supervisor Mandelman's proposed Place for All Ordinance. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

#### **David Harrison**

Manager of Government and Public Affairs BOMA San Francisco (202) 262-5860 (Mobile) davidh@boma.com



April 20, 2021

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman Supervisor, District 8 San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Chair, Budget and Finance Committee San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: The Place for All Ordinance - Safe Sleeping Sites Program

Dear Supervisor Mandelman and Chair Haney,

On behalf of BOMA (Building Owners and Managers Association) San Francisco, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on Supervisor Mandelman's A Place for All Ordinance, which would require the City to create a network of temporary Safe Sleeping Sites with enough capacity to ensure that on any given night in San Francisco, any unhoused person for whom the City cannot provide a supportive housing unit, bed, or hotel room can be offered a placement at a Safe Sleeping Site.

BOMA supports this proposal's objective of working towards policy solutions that present sustainable and scalable alternatives for San Franciscans experiencing homelessness other than sidewalks, parks, or plazas as shelter of last resort. Although we recognize the critical need for more affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units in our City, we believe that the ultimate goal of ending street homelessness will require creative policies that provide both immediate and longer-term solutions. We commend the City's recent investments to expand its housing stock, including the acquisition or leasing of 1,500 new units of permanent supportive housing, the largest one-time expansion in the City in 20 years. Despite these efforts, we believe that ending the ongoing housing and homelessness crisis will also require robust investment at the state and federal level. We look forward to supporting the advocacy efforts of the public leaders and organizations on the front lines of this crisis.

Lastly, BOMA believes that we must prioritize workable policy alternatives that promote safety while affording individuals experiencing homelessness with more opportunities to be connected to health, sanitation, and housing. We acknowledge that there is no "one size fits all" approach to providing these safe spaces and encourage further discussion on the expansion of policies that meet these goals. We stand ready to find ways in which our business community can be proactive in finding solutions to this crisis. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to engaging with you more on this proposal.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant Chief Executive Officer

BOMA San Francisco

Cc: The Honorable Ahsha Safai, District 11 Supervisor

The Honorable Gordon Mar, District 4 Supervisor



# Resolution Supporting "A Place for All" legislation (File # 201187) approved at the Feb. 16, 2021 CSFN General Assembly

Submitted by Carolyn Kenady, Delegate from Dolores Heights Improvement Club

**Whereas,** the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods previously approved a RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAFE SLEEPING SITES on May 18, 2020;

**Whereas**, since May 2020, seven safe sleeping sites have been successfully operating in San Francisco, sheltering over 250 people. Yet thousands of unsheltered people sleep on our streets every night;

**Whereas** during 2021 the City is prioritizing housing placements for the 2,300 occupants of the SIP hotels. Meanwhile, the thousands of homeless sleeping on our streets have no alternative for shelter. They are falling into chronic homelessness increasing the burden on themselves, on our neighborhoods and on our City.;

**Whereas,** the legislation, *A Place for All,* which builds on the successful safe sleeping site model, will close this shelter gap by requiring the City to prepare a phased and detailed implementation plan to shelter 500 people in the initial phase and then to shelter those remaining unhoused on our sidewalks and other public spaces;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that CSFN reiterates its support for the establishment of safe sleeping sites (Resolution adopted May 19, 2020) by supporting "A Place for All" legislation;

**Be it further Resolved**, that CSFN asks the Board of Supervisors to amend the legislation (File # 201187) to involve neighborhood associations and adjacent neighbors whenever a Safe Sleeping Site is being proposed for their area.

**Charles Head, President of CSFN** 

From: <u>Yan Chen</u>

To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Letter of opposition for "A Place for All"

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:56:54 PM

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Sincerely,

### Yan Chen YWAM San Francisco

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Martha Bridegam Haneystaff (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Marstaff (BOS)

Subject: Opposition to "A Safe Place for All" legislation Date Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:55:54 PM

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#### Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar:

This is a request to oppose the "A Safe Place for All" legislation that goes before you tomorrow in the Budget and Finance Committee as Agenda Item 11, File #201187. It could put us on a path into worsened systematic cruelty that could harm our city's people and sicken our municipal soul in ways from which we might take many years to recover.

I'm a constituent of Supervisor Haney's in District 6. I'm also sending this letter to the other Supervisors on the committee because I want to show that Supervisor Haney's housed District 6 constituents do not agree with the small group of noisy eliminationists among our neighbors who have been pressing him to use human rights violations to clear the sidewalks. I have lived in an apartment here with my husband for more than 24 years. As neighbor and advocate I have known many people well who have lived and died outdoors in our city.

The "A Safe Place For All" proposal is bad for human rights.

As I'm sure you are well aware, this legislation is intended to build large institutional camps right here in San Francisco that, while expensive to build and maintain, would be places of extreme artificial austerity -- so unpleasant to live in that people would make any effort within their power to escape having to live there. In other words, it is an attempt to reinstate 19th-century fear of the poorhouse as a way to control marginalized people.

The availability of pavement spaces these camps would be used to make offers of "shelter" to people found camping independently, in order to argue that they are arrestable if they refuse to go to whichever place they are told is for them. I don't know if the Martin v. Boise ruling allows an offer of a bare parking space in an intrusive, regimented, guard-ridden institution, to serve as an offer of "shelter" -- but I'm sure someone in your City Attorney's office will purport to represent you and me by claiming that it does.

If you haven't read the decision lately yourself, I hope you'll take the time to do so. Here is a link:

#### http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2019/04/01/15-35845.pdf

I hope you'll also take the time to read two important academic papers on the chilling paradox you are dealing with here, where programs that appear at first to be kind -- creating shelter -- are actually designed, not out of genuine benevolence, nor for the wellbeing of the people they are intended to contain, but for use as legal and moral cover to force inconvenient human beings into no-hope institutional containment.

The first paper is by Prof. Sara Rankin of Seattle University Law School, where she heads the Homeless Rights Advocacy Project at the Korematsu Center. Her faculty profile is at <a href="https://law.seattleu.edu/faculty/profiles/sara-rankin">https://law.seattleu.edu/faculty/profiles/sara-rankin</a>. All her papers are good but the one I'm recommending here is "Hiding Homelessness: The Transcarceration of Homelessness," posted Dec. 26, 2019. It is attributed as "California Law Review, Forthcoming". I believe Prof. Rankin was first to articulate the shelter-as-pretext problem clearly, and "transcarceration" is a good name for what she describes. Her paper is clear, readable and well-sourced. I urge you to read it. A direct link is at  $\underline{https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=3499195}$ 

The second paper is by Chris Herring, who, as some of you may know, lived for large parts of two years in San Francisco encampments, streets, shelters and SROs, and spent extensive time with SF police officers and social service workers and administrators, to learn what he knows. He is now a visiting postdoc at Harvard, with a professorship ahead of him at UCLA. The paper is "Complaint-Oriented 'Services': Shelters as Tools for Criminalizing Homelessness," The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, 693.1:264-283. The paper is linked from his website at <a href="https://chrisherring.org/new-page-4">https://chrisherring.org/new-page-4</a> -- direct link is at <a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b391e9cda02bc79baffebb9/t/6077150923f15d53a5004a92/1618416906164/Annals+shelters+as+tools+for+criminalizing+homelessness.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b391e9cda02bc79baffebb9/t/6077150923f15d53a5004a92/1618416906164/Annals+shelters+as+tools+for+criminalizing+homelessness.pdf</a>

. Citing Prof. Rankin's paper and much else, he digs into San Francisco's weird mix of selective kindliness toward a few people treated as deserving, alongside pervasive cruelty in public spaces and shelters. His recent highly readable Twitter thread introducing the paper and commenting on our current San Francisco shelter-and-sweeps program is at https://twitter.com/cherring\_soc/status/1382662061537234944\_.

This "A Safe Place for All" legislation is \*exactly\* the kind of bad policy enabling systematic injustice that these scholars are both talking about.

Fundamentally, a proposal to tell poor people that there is a designated "safe" place for them, and that they have to go there and stay in it, is not worthy of the "free country" that we were told we lived in.

Please oppose this deeply immoral legislation.

Thank you,

Martha Bridegam 44 Rausch St., Apt. B San Francisco, CA 94103 From: <u>larry@saintrubidium.com</u>
To: <u>Wong, Linda (BOS)</u>

Subject: Re: Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:44:32 PM

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April 20, 2021

Chair Matt Haney

City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"</u>

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Haney,

I hereby express my very strong opposition to Supervisor Mandleman's legislation entitled "A Place for All".

I do support safe sleeping villages as one alternative to congregate shelters. The HYA managed village on Stanyan has been particularly successful. This is not a model for thousands of people. The cost of the proposed program is far more than the cost to actually house people and provide services.

Mandelman is a year late and Rec and Parks remains resistant to providing space for these villages. Hotels are vacant and amenable to selling and thousands of apartments are vacant. We should spend our money on permanent, affordable housing with support services as well as rent subsidies.

A friend of mine refused to enter the Everret SafeSleeping Village last summer because of the psychological burden remaining from his family's internment in the 1940's. Safe Sleep Sites are not a one-size-fits-all solution, and are not appropriate for every unhoused person's health and safety needs. With the freedom to enforce anti-homeless laws provided by "A Place For All", the city will have the ability to use the threat of criminal punishment to forcibly round people up off of the streets and into crowded camps. San Francisco, an incredibly wealthy city can and must reach for a higher bar than tents for all.

This legislation is one step closer to forced internment of unhoused people.

In sum, I urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandleman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, is expensive, infringes on the will of the voters, would suck resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and would help violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Ackerman 932 Page Street San Francisco, CA 94117 From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Laxamana, Junko (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Nagasundaram, Sekhar

(BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: 11 Letters for File No. 201187

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:36:07 PM

Attachments: 11 letters regarding File No. 201187.pdf

Hello Supervisors,

Please see attached 11 letters for File No. 201187.

**File No. 201187** - Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to establish a Safe Sleeping Sites Program to provide unsheltered persons with a safe place to sleep overnight; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Regards,

John Bullock Board of Supervisors - Clerk's Office 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102 (415) 554-5184

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From: <u>sfrentsan@gmail.com</u>

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS)

Subject: Support A Place for All

**Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:24:34 PM

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#### To the Board of Supervisors:

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

I live in the Castro neighborhood across from the Sanchez Elementary School. We had tents all over the streets, open drug use, feces and needles on the street. For a short time, we had a safe sleeping site in the parking lot between the elementary school and Everett Middle School. Although there were some who were opposed to the idea in the beginning, I believe most neighbors came to see the benefits for the unhoused and for the community. I would welcome a safe sleep site in our neighborhood again.

A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support A Place For All.

Joan Anyon Castro Resident From: <u>Maryo Mogannam</u>

To: <u>Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)</u>; <u>Mundy, Erin (BOS)</u>

Cc: <u>Breed, Mayor London (MYR)</u>; <u>Melgar, Myrna (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>; <u>Haney, Matt (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron</u>

(BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Chan,

Connie (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

**Subject:** SUPPORT for file #201187, Safe Sleeping Sites/A Place For All Program

**Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:15:47 PM

Attachments: SFCDMA SUPPORT for file #201187, Safe Sleeping Sites-A Place For All Program.pdf

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

Please see attached letter for support of file #201187, Safe Sleeping Sites/A Place For All Program. From the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations.

Clerk of the Board, please distribute to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed

"Socially Distant but Staying Close"

#### Maryo Mogannam, President

San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

Advocating for 43,570 tiny\* businesses with 217,850 employees

many of them living and voting in S.F \*(10 or fewer employees)



From: Richard Frisbie

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Kathy Devincenzi

**Subject:** Support "A Place for All" Legislation File #201187

**Date:** Friday, April 16, 2021 10:38:28 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

From: Laurel Heights Improvement Association

Subject: LHIA Strongly Supports "A Place for All" (File #201187).

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

We are beginning to see an increase in our area but this is an issue bigger than any individual neighborhood. This is an ever-growing city-wide problem that desperately needs to be addressed. It has gone on for far too long.

San Francisco cannot be a wonderful city, a great place to live, a tourist destination and one of the iconic cities in the world if it continues to fail to solve the problem of homeless people sleeping on our streets, it is simply an oxymoron.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

We strongly urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you.

Richard Frisbie: VP Laurel Heights Improvement Association, District 2.

From: Michelle Jeong

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Friday, April 16, 2021 3:22:19 PM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

In my neighborhood, Duboce Triangle, unsanctioned encampments produce blocked sidewalks, litter, open drug use, and verbal/physical harassment. I have been accosted numerous times over the past 2 years alone by mentally ill/drugged out homeless. This is both a public health and safety crisis. This situation has become unbearable and forces native San Franciscans like myself to consider moving outside my beloved city.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

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Michelle Jeong 415-794-8774 (m) 1-800-715-1945 (f) 5lments@gmail.com From: <u>Junona Jonas</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 2:27:37 PM

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I am asking for your support for "A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman.

"A Place for All" provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you. Junona Jonas 4016 20th Street

From: Oleg Tomillo

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Chan, Connie (BOS)

**Subject:** I, Oleg Tomillo, urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 7:01:16 PM

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#### Dear Supervisors,

A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

P.S. I utilized the already created template for the sake of saving time AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY support the text above!

Thank you, Oleg Tomillo From: <u>Carolyn Thomas</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: I Urge SUPPORT for A Place for All (file 201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 11:07:44 AM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I support "A Place for All" . The legislation provides a better alternative to the many people who are living and sleeping on city sidewalks with benefits over traditional warehouse shelters, and a bridge between street living and permanent support housing.

It is NOT about 'forcing people' away - the policy clearly states that it is to provide shelter all who <u>will accept it</u>. Safe Sleeping Sites have tremendous health and safety benefits over other options.

#### **Benefits of Safe Sleeping Sites** include:

- Setup is quick compared to other facilities, with little permanent infrastructure cost
- A person has access to sanitation facilities not readily available when living on sidewalks
- Roommates and pets are allowed, a reason why many won't leave the sidewalks or enter a traditional shelter
- Meals are provided, not available at most other types of shelter
- A person can leave their belongings when they leave the site, not allowed at traditional shelters
- A person has ready access to services including those for health, housing, etc, not available at traditional shelters or supportive housing
- Provides a sense of security
- For many homeless, the transition from an encampment to supportive housing isn't always that easy, or clearcut

Regarding the much publicized costs which the Coalition on Homelessness continue to harp on, the \$60K quoted figure leaves out important facts.

- The first Safe Sleeping Sites (SSS) were hurriedly setup <u>during the</u> <u>pandemic</u> to address an immediate need
- The city treated SSS as pilots vs an ongoing program
  - therefore attention to ongoing costs and efficiencies was not a primary factor
  - assumed there would be learnings and tweaks needed if the program was to continue

• The cost was <u>per/tent</u>, NOT per/person. SSS tents often housed multiple people, which brings down a per/person cost -- Important if we are to honestly compare costs to other solutions

Efficiencies can be gained by purchasing items vs leasing; utilizing economies of scale; staffing without COVID contingencies; appropriate properties identified. All which can be added as requirements to the legislation. In listening to an open discussion on costs, agencies believe the can can be reduced substantially, as low as \$30/per person/day which brings the annual cost to about \$11,000/per person/year. Even if this is a stretch, the costs per person are substantially lower than what's been quoted.

I reject the arguments the Coalition on Homeless uses:

- SSS are too expensive. The CoH play on people's fears that the original costs of \$61k/year is what would be implemented in the plan.
- SSS take dollars away from the long term solution of permanent housing. I'd counter "how do you address those who are resistant to inside housing? and "exactly when will that housing stock be ready? must people be left on the streets and sidewalks in the meantime?"
- SSS sites are about enforcement and sweeps. They are NOT. SSS are about providing stability for vulnerable people left on their own on SF streets and sidewalks.
- SSS sites are about 'fencing people in'. They are NOT. SSS provide a places which protect an individual's physical health and possessions. It protects people who now are assaulted as they sleep on streets, and reduces possessions from being stolen/misplaced.
- SSS are not about 'warehousing' people. SSS are smaller, and provide community oriented relationships to continue.

Based on my experience seeing the results of a Safe Sleeping Site in my neighborhood (including real people who transitioned from the street and addiction to SSS to housing and a job!!), I believe a "A Place for All" will be able to make a significant impact on street homelessness, build trust with a resistant group of street homeless, and transition to housing.

We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

#### Respectfully,

## **Carolyn Thomas**

- member of the SFPD Working Group for Community Oriented Policing
- citizen member of the SFPD Staffing Review Committee
- neighborhood block captain D8

From: <u>nori yatsunami tong</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:12:13 PM

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#### Dear whom it may concern,

Every day when I walk around in my Castro neighborhood to run errands, to the bank, to the grocery store, to the post office, I witness homelessness. It breaks my heart when I find someone sleeping on our stoop, and I have to move them along without being able to tell them where else they can find shelter with their dog.

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will

accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top

issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Nori Tong resident of District 8

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Nori Yatsunami Tong (she, her) (+1) 415-300-0613

From: Stuart Goldstein

To: Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: A Place for All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:39:24 AM

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"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Woke up one morning to find three tents and debris in front of my building. Took a full day to get the police to have them removed. Some just went up the street. Litter on my corner, requires me to call Recology several times a year to remove. Most I do myself. Then the homeless that rant and scream at you is unsettling. Makes living in the Castro a downward spiral experience.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Stuart Goldstein 442 Sanchez Street SF/CA 94114 From: Fred Winograd

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)

Cc: <a href="mailto:info@rescuesf.org">info@rescuesf.org</a>; <a href="mailto:Board of Supervisors">Board of Supervisors</a>, (BOS)

Subject: I support "A Place For All"

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 8:51:46 PM

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I have lived in the Castro since 1996. I know what it was like and I know what it is like now. Even overlooking COVID, people living on our streets is totally unacceptable. The safety of the street campers and the safety of the neighborhood are paramount to me and my neighbors. Street tents are not safe for anyone.

I know we need permanent housing for the homeless in our community. The issue, to me revolves around what do we do in the meantime. The "A Place For All" fills out the multiple solutions matrix that the city needs to address the large population of homeless people in our City. This proposal will help to define one arrow in the quiver to attack this crisis and get results based on defined need, not on emotions.

Please, please support this proposal and take the first step in strengthening our ability to serve ALL THE PEOPLE now. We really need to move forward with this crucial planning process.

Thank you,

Fred Winograd District 8

From: <u>Kate Connally</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021 12:21:52 PM

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I live on Dolores Street and the issues I regularly encounter due to the homeless problem and well documented.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

# Kate Connally

164 Dolores St, San Francisco, CA 94103

From: Theresa Walterskirchen
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject:Opposition to A Place For All legislationDate:Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:53:37 AM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to oppose the A Place For All legislation.

Please do not move forward with this legislation to create "safe sleep sites" for the homeless who need to be more fairly represented in how the City addresses their needs for a safe, clean and comfortable place to live.

I object to the A Place for All legistlation.

Thank you, Theresa Walterskirchen the Mission District San Francisco, CA 94110 From: <u>Barbara Early, HVNA</u>

To: Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS);

MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Young, Victor (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Smeallie, Kyle (BOS); Snyder, Jen (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS);

Jennifer Laska; B. Early; HVNA Board; Jones, De"Anthony (HRC)

Subject: HVNA - Budget and Finance #201187 Letter of Recommendation for A Place for All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:51:06 AM

Attachments: HVNA letter of Reco Place for All April 2021 (3).pdf

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Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar, and all,

Please see attached subject letter in PDF format, for inclusion at tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Early HVNA Corresponding Secretary hvnacorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com 415.688.9134 From: <u>Barbara Early, HVNA</u>

To: Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Cc: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS);

MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Young, Victor (BOS); info@rescuesf.org; Smeallie, Kyle (BOS); Snyder, Jen (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS);

Jennifer Laska; B. Early; HVNA Board; Jones, De"Anthony (HRC)

Subject: HVNA - Budget and Finance #201187 Letter of Recommendation for A Place for All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:51:06 AM

Attachments: HVNA letter of Reco Place for All April 2021 (3).pdf

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Dear Supervisors Haney, Safai and Mar, and all,

Please see attached subject letter in PDF format, for inclusion at tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Early HVNA Corresponding Secretary hvnacorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com 415.688.9134 From: Anakh Sul Rama

To: Wong, Linda (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS)

Cc: Jennifer Friedenbach; Sara Shortt; Public Policy & Community Organizing

Subject: Legislation to Establish Safe Sleeping Sites Program-"A Place for All"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:17:00 AM

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April 20, 2021

Chair Matt Haney
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Supervisor

Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Haney,

This letter is to express our strong opposition to Supervisor Mandleman's legislation entitled "A Place for All".

We support safe sleeping villages as an alternative to shelter, but we do not believe we should massively expand this for thousands of homeless people. We do not want to see a precedent set of further steps in a rehousing process. We acknowledge the data proven fact that exits from homelessness begins with dignified, fully adequate to the needs of the individual and family housing. Our investment as a city should prioritize permanent exits from homelessness not temporary fixes to the visual aspects of the vast economic divide in the city.

We have the opportunity with the current real estate market to permanently solve homelessness for thousands of people. It would be less expensive to house people as the per person cost is more than a housing subsidy with support services.

This is bad timing, we need to fill our vacant housing units, acquire housing and expand subsidies, not massively expand shelter.

Safe Sleep Sites are not a one-size-fits-all solution, and are not appropriate for every unhoused person's health and safety needs. With the freedom to enforce anti-homeless laws provided by "A Place For All", the city will have the ability to use the threat of criminal punishment to forcibly round people up off of the streets and into crowded camps. San

Francisco, an incredibly wealthy city can and must reach for a higher bar than tents for all.

In sum, we urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandleman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, is expensive, infringes on the will of the voters, would suck resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and would help violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

#### Sincerely,

Anakh Sul Rama Community Housing Partnership Community Organizer 519 Ellis St.

San Francisco, CA 94102 direct: 415.424.0957

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#### www.chp-sf.org

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar, it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

Dr. Martin Luther King "Beyond Vietnam" Speech

From: Christin Evans

To: Wong, Linda (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Marstaff (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)

Cc: Snyder, Jen (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS)

Subject: Small business opposition to A Place for All legislation

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:16:15 AM

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Chair Haney and Supervisors Safai and Mar,

It has been brought to my attention that the President of the CDMA, Maryo Mogannam, signed and sent a letter of support for Supervisor Mandelman's "A Place for All" legislation on behalf of the Council of District Merchants Association (CDMA). I do not believe that his letter fairly represents the position of small business community members in regards to homeless solutions and this letter details in which ways I believe small businesses approach the issue of homelessness in our community.

As you may be aware, I have served as a proponent of Proposition C Our City Our Home (OCOH) which delivered over 61% of the vote. I also have served this past decade on the board of the Haight Ashbury Merchants Association (HAMA). I am a small business owner of The Booksmith, a 40+ year old independent bookstore, and The Alembic, a 12+ year old craft cocktail bar.

Small business owners in general are very frustrated about the state of our streets in our commercial corridors. Visible homelessness is a challenge to neighborhood commercial corridors who seek to create a welcoming environment to restaurant and retail patrons. As small business owners, we hear often from our customers about the concern about their safety and experience in visiting our storefronts.

However, as small business owners, many of whom have operated our business for many years and decades, we know that visible homelessness has been a persistent and growing challenge for our city to address. The discussion and desire to address visible homelessness has been present in our political debate going back at least to the 1980s. The passage of Proposition C in 2018 was a game changer in that it raised over \$300 million annually doubling the available funds to spend on homeless solutions.

Many small businesses supported Proposition C including the owners of Bi-Rate, Cole Hardware and the Roxie Theater. Our position was that Proposition C approaches the challenge of housing our city's most vulnerable with real solutions as opposed to half measures. Proposition C envisioned an expansion of permanent supportive housing with wrap around services for behavioral health and rental subsidies. While Proposition C included a 10% set aside for an expansion of emergency shelter, its primary goal was realizing long-term solutions.

Unfortunately, Mandelman's A Place of All is an empty promise &

political theater in that it totally lacks a funding mechanism and attempts to address a long-term challenge with temporary and band-aid solutions. As we saw with Mark Farrell's failed measure in 2016, politicians often propose grandiose plans with quick-fix solutions totally lacking in broad community support or an actual funding mechanism. The neighborhood groups who have signed on in support of this legislation may have good intentions to prioritize resources for what they have identified as an urgent crisis to be addressed. However, their good intentions can produce harmful results when it seeks to siphon resources including time & attention away from real & funded solutions such as Proposition C.

Instead, we should all be focused on the appropriate allocation of Proposition C funds. Ensuring that those dollars are placed in investments for real long-term and lasting solutions for tackling the lack of affordable housing in our city. It's only through a doubling down of our attention on real solutions with actual funding sources that we will make real progress towards addressing visible homelessness. We should be focused on transparency and accountability for how Proposition C funds are spent. And it's through that work that we will make real progress towards all of our desire to see an end to homelessness in our city.

I urge you to oppose the "A Place for All Legislation" in your committee meeting this week.

Thank you & Sincerely, Christin Evans

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Christin Evans
owner, The Booksmith & The Alembic
Board Member, Haight Ashbury Merchants Association (HAMA)

 From:
 FLORENCE KELLY

 To:
 Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: I oppose Sup. Mandelman"s Legislation "Safe Sleeping Sites"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 10:02:17 AM

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**Chair Matt Haney** 

City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton Goodlet Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites--A Place for All.

Position: Oppose Dear Chair Haney,

I am absolutely against this legislation. There is no way that everyone who currently lives in a tent will willingly go to a place designated by the city where the right to come and go as a person pleases will be thwarted. Over the years I have talked with folks who live in non-traditional housing and they refuse to be herded into places behind fences with locks and keys, remarking that it reminds them of jail.

If people are forced to go to these "camps" what would we be doing? Incarcerating folks who cannot afford a place to live in our over-inflated real estate market. Charles Dickens repeatedly described the situation in detail. Incarceration simply because a person is poverty stricken.

The cost of these so-called safe sleep sites is greater than the cost of supported housing. Funding must go to real solutions which are real houses. Sincerely,

Flo Kelly

Coalition on Homelessness

From: Olivia Glowacki
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)
Subject: Oppose a Place For All

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:32:15 AM

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April 20,2021

Chair Matt Haney
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A</u> Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear Chair Haney,

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We support safe sleeping villages as an alternative to shelter, but we do not believe we should massively expand this for thousands of homeless people.

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resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and would help violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Olivia Glowacki, Coalition on Homelessness

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From: June Kissel

To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: Oppose "A Place for All"

**Date:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:30:39 AM

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April 20,2021

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

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites program- "A Place for All"</u>

Position: Oppose

Dear Clerk Wong,

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Thank you for your consideration,

#### June Kissel

## **Housing Coordinator | Brilliant Corners**

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Pronouns: she/her/hers



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From: Terry McGuire
To: Haney, Matt (BOS)

Cc: Mar, Gordon (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: PHRA Letter in Support for "A Place for All" to be heard at Budget & Finance Committee Meeting on April 21,

2021

**Date:** Sunday, April 18, 2021 5:44:07 PM

Attachments: PHRALetter42021.pdf

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Please see attached letter.

# PACIFIC HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

2443 FILLMORE STREET, #178 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94115-1814

April 18, 2021

Supervisor Matt Haney, Chair SF Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee

Re: April 21, 2021 Agenda Item 18, 201187 Administrative Code Amendment - Safe Sleeping Sites Program

Dear Supervisor Haney:

Pacific Heights Residents Association (PHRA) represents residents living in area bounded by Union to Bush streets and Presidio to Van Ness Avenues. PHRA supports Agenda Item 18, and urges the Budget and Finance Committee and the full Board of Supervisors to Amend the Administrative code to require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to establish a Safe Sleeping Sites Program to provide unsheltered persons with a safe place to sleep overnight ("A Place for All")

Although the long-term solution for homelessness is permanent housing, we support safe interim housing for the thousands of homeless individuals that may remain on city streets for the next several years.

We believe "A Place for All", Supervisor Mandelman's legislation to expand Safe Sleeping Sites will provide 'a ladder out of homelessness' as well as safety, stability, and support services. While the unhoused will have better protection from violence, crime, and health vulnerabilities, the entire San Francisco community (housed and unhoused, residents, businesses, and visitors) will benefit from the reduction of unsanctioned encampments that block sidewalks, residences and businesses.

While the solution for homelessness is housing, the waiting line cannot be on our streets while unhoused residents slide further into chronic homelessness.

We urge the Budget and Finance Committee to support A Place for All on April 21.

Best regards,

Terry McGuire, President

Pacific Heights Residents Association (PHRA)

cc: Supervisor Mar, Supervisor Safai, Supervisor Stefani, Supervisor Mandelman, and Budget and Finance Committee Clerk Linda Wong

From: Alice Rogers

To: MandelmanStaff, [BOS]; Haney, Matt (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS)

Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: April 21 Budget & Finance Committee Agenda Item 11 (Safe Sleeping Sites)--please amend

**Date:** Friday, April 16, 2021 2:13:42 PM

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Dear Supervisor Mandelman, Budget & Finance Committee Chair Haney, and Members Safai and Mar.

I am writing to applaud Supervisor Mandelman for his thoughtful and thorough recap of the crisis of the unhoused, and for the humanity infused in his proposed "A Place For All' legislation. I am in full support of the values driving this legislation, and the end goal—a place for everyone to sleep safely while suitable, sustainable long-term housing situations can be amassed. As drafted, however, I believe the legislation falls short in several areas and should be amended.

As drafted, the legislation does nothing to:

- Address the safety of a significant percentage of the unhoused who decline shelter and will remain on our sidewalks untended. Per a Homeless Coalition survey citation in the legislation, 42% of those on our sidewalks will decline any safe shelter option and remain there. The neighborhoods will still be left to contend with the difficult circumstances related to this population, people largely suffering.
  - Mental Health SF needs to figure into this and any program purporting to address interim safety needs 'for all'. Without making this legislation comprehensive, it will be no more effective than the partial 'fixes' that have gone before.
- Address the safety of the neighborhoods in which sleeping sites will be located, whether they be residential, commercial, or mixed-use. All involved in any type of shelter management understand there is a magnet effect that increases the number of unhoused—and their predators—proximate to a shelter or sleeping site; managing the site alone is not enough.
  - The 'Safe" Navigation Centers—Embarcadero and Dogpatch—should provide a blueprint for neighborhood safety and accountability measures around sleeping sites, or any shelter type.
- Address the currently inequitable concentration of shelters in Districts 6 and 10, such that these areas are not further impacted until future sites are equitably distributed across the City.

- Require a definitive cost accounting of each shelter type across the spectrum serving interim housing needs before elevating sleeping sites as the preferred solution.
  - While I personally believe that hotels with social services are the preferable solution in helping to restore personal dignity, I understand that sleeping sites can be a useful alternative as triage. This legislation should not weight one solution above another but should strive for a sustainable, dignified, comprehensive plan with a matrix of responses that works to ensure the compatible habitation of all populations, intermixed, throughout the city.

Without amendments, this legislation is "A Place for Some;" it is not the comprehensive plan that 'A Place for All' promises Please work to make it live up to its vision.

Living for the past 27 years as an immediate neighbor to more than 100 formerly homeless residents residing in the SROs on my block, I can attest to the value and importance of getting the unhoused through their crisis periods and on to productive, stable lives. I want to see an improved version of this legislation be what's needed to bridge the interim shelter gap.

Most sincerely,

Alice Rogers

D6 resident and Vice Chair of the Embarcadero Safe Navigation Center Advisory Committee

CC: Clerk Linda Wong

Alice Rogers
10 South Park St
Studio 2
San Francisco, CA 94107

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: FW: Support for "A Place for All" Legislation

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:48:10 PM

From: pattie.tamura23@gmail.com <pattie.tamura23@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:39 PM

**To:** Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS)

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Cc: info@rescuesf.org

Subject: Support for "A Place for All" Legislation

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#### Dear Supervisors:

"A **Place for All**", sponsored by Supervisor Raphael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements (Safe Sleeping Sites) for those willing to come in from the streets.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. "A Place for All" closes the gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

While I live in District 8, I have worked and volunteered City-wide for many issues that help poor people and marginalized communities. "A Place for All" for All" alone will not *solve* our homeless problems but this and other creative ideas are necessary to tackle this issue.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

#### Pattie Tamura

3877 25<sup>th</sup> St San Francisco, CA 94114 415 602-0424 District 8 From: Susan Cholette

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.or

**Subject:** letter of support for "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021 11:37:44 AM

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Dear Mr. Peskin and all other Supervisors,

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187). "A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them. In my neighborhood- North Beach- we are seeing more tents in this past year, along with piles of poop.

I stand with the 70% of San Francisco voters who identified homelessness and street conditions as our City's top issue. "A Place for All" closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Susan Cholette Professor, Decision Sciences Lam Family College of Business San Francisco State University 1600 Holloway Ave. San Francisco, CA 94132

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From: <u>David Swanson</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Subject: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Saturday, April 10, 2021 2:48:36 PM

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# Dear Supervisor:

"A Place for All," sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements (Safe Sleeping Sites) for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. **A Place for All** closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

David Swanson 3841 20th Street San Francsco, CA 94114 From: <u>zrants</u>

To: <u>Breed, Mayor London (MYR)</u>

Cc: info@rescuesf.org; Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon

(BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); MandelmanStaff, [BOS]; Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann

(BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS)

Subject: Please support "A Place for All" legislation

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021 2:58:42 PM

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April 10,2021

Supervisors,

Re: Support "A Place for All" legislation

We understand that Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's legislation, "A Place for All" proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it, and requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter sites ("Safe Sleeping Sites, SSS) for those who will accept them. We also understand that there is a requirement for completion and adoption of the plan.

We urge you to support this bill when it comes before the committees and when it comes to the full board. We support this action that requires urgency in producing a plan by setting a deadline date. We need to make this a priority to the departments involved to act on.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, with CSFN, EMIA and RescueSF, but speaking as an individual

From: <u>Jim Anaya</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton.

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:52:04 PM

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# **Dear Supervisors:**

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

James Anaya 1 Dolores Terrace San Francisco, CA 94110 From:

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Sunday, April 11, 2021 6:19:40 PM

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# Dear Supervisor:

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Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. **A Place for All** closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Deborah Anaya 1 Dolores Terrace San Francisco, CA 94115 From:

To: Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS);

Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: Please support " A Place for All"

Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 6:24:01 PM

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## **Dear Supervisor:**

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Thank you,

Deborah Anaya 1 Dolores Terrace San Francisco, CA 94115 From: <u>Frances Gorman</u>

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS);

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Lori Brooke

Subject: Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021 11:37:48 AM

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## Dear Supervisors:

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

I live on Franklin Street, between Union and Filbert, in Supervisor Stephani's District 2. Thank you, Supervisor Stephani, for all you are doing in our area, however, our City has not been able properly to address this issue. I still have people openly sleeping on our sidewalk, and sometimes in our building doorway. Most have mental issues, and deserve compassion and care.

Surveys have shown that over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. I certainly consider it my top issue. A Place for All is a practical and feasible solution to ending street sleeping in a compassionate way by offering a safe, managed site for shelter.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) this important first step in solving our homeleesness crisis.

Respectfully,

Frances Gorman
Cow Hollow (District 2) resident since 1974
415-519-0148
<a href="mailto:francesgorman@gmail.com">francesgorman@gmail.com</a>

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>; <u>BOS-Administrative Aides</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

**Subject:** FW: I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:29:00 AM

**From:** Gary Pegueros <garypegueros@sbcglobal.net>

**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 11:18 PM

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

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#### Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you.

Gary Pegueros 1 Federal Street #21 San Francisco CA 94107

(Supervisor District 6)

From: <u>Arlene Singer</u>

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine

(BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; info@rescuesf.org;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)

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Thank you.

Arlene K Singer
435 China Basin St, Unit 539
San Francisco, Ca

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Warm Regards,

Arlene

From: Frish Brandt

To: Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); asha.safai@sfgov.org
Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

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My name is Frish Brandt; I live in the Mission Dolores District 9 for the past 30 years and in San Francisco since November 1974 when I caught a ride from Colorado to San Francisco.

I am a successful business owner based in Union Square for the past 41 years.

From the day I arrived I have loved San Francisco, I have cavelled at the light, the people, the coffee, the communities, the resources and 6 years ago I fell out of love.

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Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

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To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

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Many areas and neighborhoods that used to be safe and vibrant have become off limits to our family and our visitors due to the unsafe and unsanitary conditions created by too many unhoused individuals on our streets.

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Barry Alexander Noe Valley, District 8 From: Frish Brandt

To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

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Gary Pegueros 1 Federal Street #21 San Francisco CA 94107

(Supervisor District 6)

From: <u>Sigrid Schafmann</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

Subject: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:50:32 AM

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## Dear Supervisor:

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# I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187) if the **following conditions are met**:

- **Existing funds are used** ( the city has hundreds of millions of dollars earmarked for the homeless but there is no accountability, and new NPO pop up to get a share of the funds. The spending increases, but the problem remains. San Francisco's generous policies actually attract homeless people from other jurisdictions.
- They are **not** in **residential neighborhoods** resulting in the homeless wandering the nearby streets where families live.

the city is filthy enough and plagued by petty crime that goes unchecked if less than \$1,000 per occurrence, without the homeless creating more blight). You would not put these places in the middle of Pacific Heights, Russian Hill, Sea Cliff, or the Marina. Please don't dump the sites on other neighborhoods either. The Haight certainly does not need more homeless people.

- There is 24-hr supervision and cleaning around the sites.

#### - Are mandatory

The homeless with the most serious mental health/ drug problems often are unwilling to accept help because they are too far gone and can no longer make healthy decisions for themselves. The NGO advocating the severely mentally ill to have the right to do whatever they want, and further spiral into irreversible mental illness (e.g. Coalition for the Homeless), including refusal of treatment, are at the root of the never ending homelessness problem. People with

mental illness/ drug addiction deteriorate over time to the point where brain structures are altered permanently due to a lack of treatment. This is not a question of free will or civil rights, but failure to act as a society to help people who can't help themselves. This is what tourist around the world see when the come to San Francisco: a society that believe withholding care to helpless people under the pretend of free will

If theses provisions are not part of the current bill, I urge you to have them added or File #201187 will just be another bill without the ability to address underlying causes.

We need to see clear results that correspond to the monies spent!

Thank you,

Sigrid Schafmann District 5 From: <u>Catherine Madison</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

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Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File @201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:46:41 AM

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you, Catherine Madison From: <u>david@xtremefoodies.com</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Cc: "Masood Samereie"; "Brian Springfield"

**Subject:** Heroic Italian and the Bullitt family urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:55:51 AM

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I have lived in District 8 for almost 15 years (20 in SF) and I opened Heroic Italian in the Castro this past Dec at the peak of the pandemic. Over the past 20 years I have watched out city degrade due to ineffective policies. Some highlights:

- 1. Arriving early to see a show with my wife downtown and taking a stroll down Market street looking for a place to grab a drink. A gentleman starts to urinate in the middle of the sidewalk...not a tree or wall...middle of the sidewalk...we turned around and waited inside for the show to start: We no longer arrive early for a show. This is lost sales to local business
- 2. My business has been open for 4 months- I have cleaned up needles twice, human feces 4 times, vomit once and now keep the door locked until we open at 11:30 so that I don't have to worry about people walking in- yes we have a team to clean the streets but that's a band aid not the solution. I am not excited about opening for breakfast even though it seems to be a possible business opportunity
- 3. Not sure of his name yet but the gentleman who wears army gear and stands at the corner of Castro and 18<sup>th</sup> screaming at everyone is not a nice experience. If it wasn't for the fact that I have a Black Belt and know self-defense I would be concerned walking by the guy.
- 4. Parklets are an amazing addition to the city but many of them become evening homes.

  Several on 18<sup>th</sup> street are regular heroin huts now. I don't want to sit to eat in a parklet that might not have been properly cleaned up after one of these nights.

A Place for All might not be a perfect solution but it a least is a positive 1<sup>st</sup> step and worth trying out. The simple fact that you cant move someone without offering them a home is ludicrous but this is an elegant solution to getting people off the street and into some sort of health place to stay. You can't flat out say NO to this proposal unless you have another solution that is better. I am all hears in hearing solutions, but have not heard of a better one yet.

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We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.)

Thank you.

## **David Bullitt**

C: +1 650-224-5999



From: <u>Matt Marquess</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

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**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:51:02 AM

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Some of the things that have happened to me personally in the last 6 months:

Be threatened with actual weapons twice (this had never to be before in the Castro, although I know it sometimes happens). I'm struggling sleeping now because of it.

- Start a block safety program with SFPD because I witnessed or heard of two separate incidents where elderly neighbors were chased into our building. One with a 2x4. He is also on video throwing a 2x4 at someone's car shattering the rear window. What if that were my neighbor's head?
- Deal with ongoing harassment from people in my driveway 24/7
- Call 911 so many times, I can't even count. There was only one other time in my life where I had to call 911
- Start carrying pepper spray with me wherever I go
- Be potentially exposed to COVID-19 because none of these folks who we cannot avoid do not ever wears masks or take any precautions to keep us all safe
- Witness a domestic violence assault and a very intense physical assault- both less than 50 feet from my window
- Watch a wall get lit in fire also less than 50 feet from my window. The call to 911 sent a truck but they didn't even stop to check out the tent abs reported "no merit"?! You can still see the burn marks on the wall.
- Clean poop off the street on a daily basis because the city doesn't have resources to respond
- Spend endless amount of personal time, money, city resources, on these problems

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Matt Marquess

From: <u>Chris Fitzsimons</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

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Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: A place for all, #201187

Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:41:55 AM

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#### Dear Supervisors,

I have lived in SF my 65 years and am saddened by the state of our homeless situation. I reside one block off Golden Gate Park and experience first hand homeless individuals in varied states of distress regularly. With a city as expensive as ours, with high tax rates and multiple resources that we vote for nearly every election, it is incomprehensible that we still cannot remedy this situation.

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Chris Fitzsimons

From: <u>David Lehr</u>
To: <u>David Lehr</u>

Cc: <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>; <u>Haney, Matt (BOS)</u>;

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 Subject:
 A Place for All" (File #201187)

 Date:
 Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:41:31 PM

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David Lehr, District 2 San Francisco

From: <u>Peter DiGiammarino</u>

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Thank you.

**PeterD** 

#### Peter DiGiammarino

District 1 768 Funston Ave San Francisco, CA 94118 From: <u>Linda Carlson</u>

To: <u>Board of Supervisors, (BOS)</u>

Cc: <a href="mailto:info@rescuesf.org">info@rescuesf.org</a>

Subject: Please support "A Place for All" Legislation (File # 201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 6:16:40 PM

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May I add that I personally, on behalf of my church, Dolores Park Church, regularly bring donated items to the site at 1515 South Van Ness. I can attest to how safe, well-managed it is, the professionalism of the on-site staff there, and the appreciation expressed by the residents at the site.

I urge you all to **please** support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Regards,

Linda Carlson Resident, 8th Supervisorial District San Francisco lcarlsonsf@gmail.com From: <u>David Troup</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai,

Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>Mandelman, Rafael (BOS)</u>

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 4:02:19 PM

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## Dear Supervisor:

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

**David Troup** 

2224 15th St San Francisco, CA 94114 415-861-0920 From: Roland Jadryev

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: A Place for All

Date: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:54:55 PM
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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Roland Jadryev 448 Douglass Street SFCA, 94114

415-269-1130 Roland Jadryev, CRS, CIPS San Francisco Bureau Real Estate #01145960 hillsofsanfrancisco.com



From: GoTlink

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Subject: YES for "A Place for All"

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 3:39:16 PM

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#### Dear Supervisor:

Thank you for supporting "A Place for All". This is a starting point that needs to be taken now, because who knows how long before we have permanent housing built. Thank you George Linke

"A Place for All," sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements (Safe Sleeping Sites) for those who will accept them.

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I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

From: <u>Herve Duprez</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 2:47:53 PM

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#### **Dear Supervisor:**

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I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Herve' Duprez 448 Douglass Street San Francisco CA 94114 From: <u>Gideon Kramer</u>

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

Subject: Your support for A PLACE FOR ALL (File #201187) is crucial

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 2:33:52 PM

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## **Dear Supervisors:**

"A Place for All," sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements (Safe Sleeping Sites) for those who will accept them.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step to getting people out of homelessness.

We do not have the luxury of waiting years for more permanent housing for the homeless to be built. A Place For All addresses the problem NOW.

I and our members urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Gideon Kramer
President, Dorland & Dolores Terrace Neighborhood Association
District 8

From: Barbara Kelly

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Subject: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 1:39:53 PM

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#### Dear Supervisors:

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Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. **A Place for All** closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. This situation has gone on for too long.

I/We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Barbara Kelly Supervisorial District 2 From: <u>Marston & Sandra Nauman</u>

To: <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>; <u>Haney, Matt (BOS)</u>;

Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS);

Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); "om"

**Subject:** PLEASE SUPPORT - A PLACE FOR ALL -LEGISLATION (FILE#201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 12:05:33 PM

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Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A PLACE FOR ALL closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter.

We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness. We urge you to support "A PLACE FOR ALL" (File#201187)

Thank you.

Gerald M. Nauman and Sandra A. Nauman 1050 Chestnut Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

**Supervisor: Catherine Stefani** 

From: Andy Esparza

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 11:16:36 AM

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## **Dear Supervisors:**

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Andres Esparza 65 Buena Vista Terrace San Francisco, CA 94117

Member, Small Property Owners of San Francisco

From: <u>John R Manning</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: <u>info@rescuesf.org</u>

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 10:51:44 AM

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

## Thank you,

John R. Manning 339 Frederick Street San Francisco, CA 94117



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From: <u>Carolyn Kenady</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); RescueSF

**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

**Date:** Friday, April 2, 2021 2:09:57 PM

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To San Francisco Supervisors -

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop a plan that provides enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

In my neighborhood, unsanctioned encampments produce blocked sidewalks, litter, open drug use, and crime. We are seeing more deaths and serious health vulnerabilities among those sleeping on our streets without shelter.

Over 70% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. A Place for All closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We need safe sleeping sites - the bare minimum when other shelter or housing is not available - to provide a first step out of homelessness.

I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Carolyn Kenady Resident, District 8 From: <u>Daniel Bergerac</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton,

Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); info@rescuesf.org

Subject: Support for "A Place for All"

Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 5:33:12 AM

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## Dear Supervisor.

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Lurge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Daniel Bergerac
Co-Owner Mudpuppy's Tub & Scrub
Castro CBD Board Member
Past President Castro Merchants
Believer in "Doing something different"

 From:
 Major, Erica (BOS)

 To:
 Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: FW: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:32:54 PM

Hi Linda,

This was inadvertently submitted to me, sending along for the file.

#### **ERICA MAJOR**

#### **Assistant Clerk**

**Board of Supervisors** 

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From: Bill and Katherine <Katt87@pacbell.net>

**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 10:26 AM

To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mandel (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Matt (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org</a>; Matt (BOS) <a href="mailto:kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org">kaaron.peskin@sfgov.org</a>; Matt (BO

**Cc:** info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

William Riedstra

Supervisorial District #5

From: <u>Marlayne Morgan</u>

To: DPH - duncan.ley; cc: Terry McGuire; kcourtney@rhcasf.com; Carol Ann Rogers; james warshell; Robert E.

David; matthew mansfield; Eric Lopez; Gail Baugh; Ben Bleiman; Drew McDaniel; lynne newhouse segal; Greg Scott; Wong, Linda (BOS); Jennifer Laska; Jim Anderson (jra54449@gmail.com); Phil Faroudja; Teresa Schnabel;

Colleen Mullins; Mary Gassert

Subject: Fwd: Re. A Place for All (File #201187), Safe Sleeping Sites for Homeless Residents of San Francisco

**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021 11:44:15 AM

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Hi All-

For any of you who are interested in sending a personal email or giving testimony on this legislation, here's an opportunity to prepare for the hearing on April 21 from **RescueSF:** 

Join us to hear from Lena Miller of Urban Alchemy on Tuesday, April 13 from 12pm - 1pm. Register Here.

Lena Miller, CEO of Urban Alchemy, has opened and run many shelters - including the pilot Fulton Street Safe Sleeping Village and the Balboa Park Vehicle Triage Center. She'll give first-hand experience about how Safe Sleeping Sites operate and their track record in getting individuals on a path out of homelessness. You're welcome to invite other members of your organization to attend.

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April 9, 2021

Supervisor Matt Haney, Chair SF Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Supervisor Haney:

**Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association** supports the efforts of **RescueSF**, a city wide organization of residents working on interim and permanent housing solutions for unhoused residents. While we understand that the long term solution for homelessness is permanent housing, we also support safe interim housing for the thousands of homeless individuals that

may remain on city streets for the next several years.

Cathedral Hill as well as other Van Ness Corridor neighborhoods has been significantly impacted by Covid related homeless shelter closings and the redistribution of Tenderloin homeless encampments due to the UC Hastings lawsuit in 2020. This redistribution has impacted Van Ness Avenue, Franklin, Gough, Laguna and Webster Streets, Geary Boulevard, Jefferson Park and the Hamilton Recreation Complex. Street sleeping has impacted residences, businesses, pedestrians, bicyclists, parking, access to transit and parks and open spaces.

We support **A Place for All,** Supervisor Mandelman's legislation to expand Safe Sleeping Sites for tents, modular homes and Vehicle Triage Centers. They currently host approximately 300 people who now have safety, stability, and support services for a ladder out of homelessness.

Sanctioned sites benefit both our unhoused and housed residents. Those unhoused have better protection from violence, crime, and health vulnerabilities. Those housed have relief from unsanctioned encampments that block sidewalks, residences and businesses.

While the solution for homelessness is housing, the waiting line cannot be on our streets while unhoused residents slide further into chronic homelessness.

We urge the Budget and Finance Committee to support **A Place for All** on April 21.

Best regards,

/s/

Marlayne Morgan, President Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association

From: <u>Carolyn Kenady</u>

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

Haney, Matt (BOS); mryna.melgar@sfgov.org; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann

(BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

Cc: RivamonteMesa, Abigail (BOS); lauren.chung@sfgov.org; Daisy Quan; Mundy, Erin (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS);

<br/><board@doloresheights.org>

Subject: Dolores Heights Improvement Club (DHIC) urges your support for "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:54:14 PM

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To the Supervisors of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The Dolores Heights Improvement Club urges you to support legislation, "A Place for All," (File #201187).

"A Place for All", sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for ending street sleeping. It proposes a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Safe sleeping sites operating for nearly one year are a proven model; they now host approximately 300 people. Their guests have safety, stability, and support services. Moving into a safe sleeping site is a key step on the path out of homelessness. The sites can be cost-effective when they shelter 100+ guests as A Place for All proposes.

Sanctioned sites benefit both our unhoused and housed residents. Those unhoused have better protection from violence, crime, and health vulnerabilities. Those housed have relief from unsanctioned encampments that produce blocked sidewalks, litter, open drug use, and crime. In a January 2020 poll, 71% of San Francisco voters identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue.

While the solution for homelessness is housing, the waiting line cannot be on our streets. SIP hotel occupants have priority for housing. Meanwhile, those on our streets slide further into chronic homelessness.

We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187.) Thank you.

Carolyn Kenady
Chair, Dolores Heights Improvement Club
www.doloresheights.org

From: Marlayne Morgan

Haney, Matt (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); To:

Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Melgar, Myrna (BOS); MandelmanStaff, (BOS); hilary.ronen@sfgov.org; Walton, Shamann (BOS); DPH - duncan.ley; cc: Terry McGuire; kcourtney@rhcasf.com; Carol Ann Rogers; james warshell; Robert E. David; matthew mansfield; Eric Lopez; Gail Baugh; Ben Bleiman; Drew McDaniel; lynne newhouse segal; Greg Scott; Carolyn Kenady; Lori Brooke; Mark Nagel; Wong, Linda

(BOS); Jennifer Laska; Jim Anderson (jra54449@gmail.com)

Subject: Fwd: A Place for All" (File #201187). Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 8:11:26 AM

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## Dear Chair Haney;

Please see attached letter from the Van Ness Corridor Neighborhoods Council, requesting the Committee's support for A Place for All" (File #201187), at the April 21, 2021 meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Best regards,

Marlayne Morgan and Jim Warshell Co-Chairs



#### VAN NESS CORRIDOR NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL

Cathedral Hill Neighbors Association\* Discover Polk CBD\* Golden Gate Valley Neighborhood Association \* Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association \* Lower Polk Neighbors\* Pacific Heights Residents Association \* Russian Hill Community Association\* Russian Hill Neighbors\* Western SoMa Voice

April 2, 2021

Supervisor Matt Haney, Chair SF Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Supervisor Haney:

**The Van Ness Corridor** neighborhoods are actively involved in supporting unhoused San Franciscans. Our neighborhoods span Districts 2, 3, 5 and 6 and host Health Service Providers, Navigation Centers, Safe Sleeping Sites, Temporary Shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing and Shelter in Place hotels.

While we believe the long term solution for homelessness is permanent housing, we know that San Francisco cannot move quickly enough to avoid hundreds if not thousands of people still lacking permanent housing over the next several years.

A Place for All (APA), sponsored by Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, provides a platform for bridging this gap by expanding interim shelter, including safe sleeping sites for tents, modular construction and safe vehicle sites.

**APA** also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements for those who will accept them.

Safe sleeping sites operating for nearly one year are a proven model; they now host approximately 300 people. Their guests have safety, stability, and support

services - a key step on their path out of homelessness. The sites can be cost-effective when they shelter 100+ guests as **A Place for All** proposes.

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While the solution for homelessness is housing, the waiting line cannot be on our streets while unhoused residents slide further into chronic homelessness.

We urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Best regards,

/s/

Marlayne Morgan and Jim Warshell Co-Chairs, Van Ness Neighborhoods Council\*

\*Russian Hill Neighbors, abstaining

c. Mayor London Breed SF Board of Supervisors RescueSF From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: FW: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 11:32:05 AM

From: Sam Mogannam <Sam@biritemarket.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 5:01 AM

**To:** Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS)

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**Cc:** info@rescuesf.org

**Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

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## **Dear Supervisors:**

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I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Sam Mogannam

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## Sam Mogannam

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Co-author of <u>EAT GOOD FOOD</u>: a grocer's guide to shopping, cooking, and creating community through food

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

**Subject:** FW: HOME, HOMELESS, NOW

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 5:00:34 PM

From: Frish Brandt <frishbrandt@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:55 PM

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

**Cc:** info@rescuesf.org

Subject: HOME, HOMELESS, NOW

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#### DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

## This city needs YOUR help, YOUR vision.

We cannot continue to look like the poorest community when we are in fact, one might think, the wealthiest, the most inventive, the most entrepreneurial, the most visionary.

NO ONE should be sleeping on the street, and NO ONE should be stumbling across people sleeping in the street. **Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's A PLACE FOR ALL** provides the platform to end street sleeping; proposing a City policy to shelter all who will accept it. It also requires the City to develop enough safe and healthy off-street interim shelter placements (Safe Sleeping Sites) for those who will accept them.

More than 70% of our fellow San Francisco voters have identified homelessness and street conditions as the City's top issue. **A Place for All** closes a gap in shelter needed to end street sleeping by offering a safe, managed site for shelter. We urgently need this alternative as a first step out of homelessness.

# Please support "A Place for All" (File #201187).

Thank you,

Frish Brandt
San Francisco Citizen since 1974
DISTRICT 9 / Mission and more
DORLAND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

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Subject: FW: Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 5:00:05 PM

**From:** Jenny Kramer < jennyk\_kramer@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:16 PM

**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org> **Subject:** Please support "A Place For All" legislation (File #201187)

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Thank you,

Jenny Kramer District 8 From: Chuck Benz

To: <u>Chan, Connie (BOS)</u>; <u>Stefani, Catherine (BOS)</u>; <u>Peskin, Aaron (BOS)</u>; <u>Mar, Gordon (BOS)</u>; <u>Preston, Dean (BOS)</u>;

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**Subject:** I urge you to support "A Place for All" (File #201187)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 8:51:48 AM

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Chas. Benz

District 8 resident

From: wjaeck@gmail.com

To: Chan, Connie (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS);

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William Jaeck
District 8 resident

 From:
 Gee, Natalie (BOS)

 To:
 Wong, Linda (BOS)

 Cc:
 BOS Legislation, (BOS)

Subject: FW: A Safe Place for All: Oppose Date: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:23:41 AM

Attachments: a safe place leg ltr.pdf

Good morning Linda,

Please add this to File No. 201187.

Thank you, Natalie

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10 President, Board of Supervisors

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I am working from home due to the **COVID-19 Stay Safer At Home order** and will be most responsive by email.

**From:** Jennifer Friedenbach < jfriedenbach@cohsf.org>

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 1:08 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see enclosed our letter outlining our position on Supervisor Mandleman's proposed "A Place for All". In summary, this legislation makes it the policy of San Francisco to ensure that every unhoused person on the streets in San Francisco has a tent, which would cost \$288,000,000, given the current expenditures on Safe Sleeping Villages of an average of \$72k per person per year. We believe this is poorly timed, given we could put people in hotels that already have the infrastructure in place and the federal government would pay for it in full. We also believe this is an incredibly low bar, to shoot for everyone having a tent instead of housing, when providing flex pool housing subsidies for people is less than half the cost and we have landlords willing to rent.

Thank you for your consideration.

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March 2, 2020

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Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Matt Haney
Supervisor Rafael Mandleman
Supervisor Gordon Mar
Supervisor Myrna Melgar
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City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites</u> program- "A Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear President Walton,

This letter is to express our strong opposition to Supervisor Mandleman's legislation entitled "A Place for All".

In summary, this legislation makes it the policy of San Francisco to ensure that every unhoused person on the streets in San Francisco has a tent, which would cost \$288,000,000, given the current expenditures on Safe Sleeping Villages of an average of \$72k per person per year. We believe this is poorly timed, given we could put people in hotels that already have the infrastructure in place and the federal government would pay for it in full. We also believe this is an incredibly low bar, to shoot for everyone having a tent instead of housing, when providing flex pool housing subsidies for people is less than half the cost.

We have worked with Supervisor Mandleman to adjust this legislation, and while he was open to some changes, fundamentally he has been unwilling to move away from the "tents for all" concept.

#### Existing Experience with Safe Sleeping Villages

There are two types of sanctioned encampments in San Francisco, one is referred to as a safe sleeping site and the other safe sleeping village. The site has little infrastructure, staffing and is much more informal, while the Safe Sleeping Villages ensure fundamental human rights such as sanitation, shower, water, garbage service, food and bathrooms are provided. Currently

there is one safe sleeping site and three Safe Sleeping Villages. The city started with two safe sleeping sites in the tenderloin - one they had to close for safety reasons and the other has had to be reorganized, emptied, and changed staffing several times. Serious shortfalls such as lack of sanitation, garbage buildup, lack of safety, have meant these sites have been unable to meet the basic needs of residents there. The Safe Sleeping Villages have provided a solid experience overall for camp residents, however because the lack of existing infrastructure has been very expensive with an *average* per person cost of almost \$72,000 annually. This cost has been lower in the larger sites, however the larger sites have been much more challenging for the residents staying there. For some unhoused people, with no indoor options, safe sleeping sites can be a successful option, however this should be considered only an interim intervention. It is not humane to keep people in tents for long periods of time. All of the sites are temporary, as development is going to occur on each of these sites and are only available temporarily.

## Coalition on Homelessness Position on Organized Encampments

COH has supported Safe Sleeping Programs as an alternative form of *shelter*, and our research shows unhoused people prefer this to traditional *shelter*. However, this is not to be confused with an alternative to housing -- unhoused people prefer housing. We firmly view Safe Sleeping Programs as *temporary* respites from criminalization and harsh street conditions and not *permanent* solutions to homelessness. We prefer them to be placed on unused temporary property such as pre-development sites. As we note later, the shelter system needs to be "right sized" to ensure successful movement through the system.

We support these as a way to diversify the shelter system, and have supported the opening of these in SF. We want these spaces to have democratic rule, and to have basic minimum standards including bathrooms, showers, hand washing and drinking water, and garbage service. These sites must also have 24 hour access, as unhoused constituents have felt night-time only access to be too much of a burden, too destabilizing to be helpful. We also have insisted that there be community access to these sites to move away from complaint driven placements.

#### Shooting for Very Expensive Dirt instead of a Reachable Moon

Safe Sleeping Villages are typically developed on empty lots, and therefore rarely have existing infrastructure, water hook ups, bathrooms, showers or other fundamental sanitation requirements necessary for hygienic and safe conditions. This means the infrastructure needs to be built or brought in. This has driven up the costs dramatically. The average cost of the Safe Sleeping Villages has been just under \$72,000 per person per year, according to HSH, whereas the cost of a permanent housing subsidy for someone to rent an apartment in the private market is priced at about \$40,000 per person per household, including intensive services. This form of housing, called flex pool housing, has been incredibly successful in Los Angeles. In San Francisco, pre-pandemic we were limited with a lack of apartments inside San Francisco, a very tight housing market, and unwillingness of landlords to accept subsidies. That is no longer the case. The legislation calls for tents for all unsheltered people. This is a very low bar when you can have housing for all for less money.

#### Poor Timing

Due to the pandemic, we have a plethora of permanent and short term housing opportunities for homeless people if we invest homeless dollars in a smart way. The SIP hotels are now 100% reimbursable by FEMA up to October 1st and accessible to all

unhoused people as the restrictions on who can access these rooms has broadened dramatically. These are buildings that already have doors, rooms, infrastructure, staffing, showers, bathrooms, and food service. It is simply a matter of moving people into the empty hotel rooms that are already staffed. We will have about 500 of these rooms ready to move in soon, and 250 more per month while the program lasts. City energy should be focused on filling those rooms. The city also has over 700 vacancies in permanent supportive housing. City energy should be put towards filling those vacancies as well. As previously noted, we also have landlords willing to rent, and housing subsidies sitting on the table, unutilized. We also have the opportunity to purchase tourist and student hotels. The homeless department is currently overwhelmed with a combination of vacant positions, is stretched across multiple pre-existing efforts to address a supportive housing vacancy crisis and to expand the emergency shelter system, and responding to the pandemic. The timing of this legislation could not be worse. It calls for the department to embark on yet another very time intensive effort of opening up hundreds of safe sleeping slots in a short period of time while having a plan to open thousands more. The real estate department is also struggling to keep up and should be focused on assessing acquisitions for permanent housing.

#### Failed Experience in other Municipalities such as New York City

The legislation states that within 60 days of passage, HSH should submit a plan to serve 500 unsheltered people within 9 months. By another 9 months, the legislation states that HSH should be able to serve all who are "willing". Within 60 days of passage, HSH must prepare an estimate of unsheltered people willing to accept referral.

Our long standing position is that we do not support a "shelter for all" policy because in other areas such as New York City this has meant a massive resource dump into temporary accommodation at the expense of housing. In NYC people spend their entire lives in large congregate shelters, moving from site to site, and it has turned into de facto housing for impoverished people at a considerable expense given the lack of dignity such facilities are able to provide. Our position is clear and matches national best practices – we support a small shelter system with a diversity of shelter such as safe sleeping campsites, navigation centers and traditional shelters, but the size of that system should be kept relatively small. In comparing the cost of shelter to the cost of housing, it appears the amount spent to shelter could be used to make rents affordable. For example, family shelter costs about \$35k per family per year for shelter, for an individual at a Navigation Center it is about \$36K per year per person, and safe sleeping sites as mentioned are costing \$80k per person per year. We believe the overwhelming majority of homeless dollars expended should go to permanent housing. This proposal would use all dollars and more for shelter.

#### Right Sizing the Shelter System

As of four years ago, our position is to increase the shelter system by 1,000 shelter beds to eliminate the shelter wait list. This position was adopted by Mayoral Administration, DHSH, and we sized Prop C to meet that need. Shelter has been expanded significantly since then and we are close reaching the 1,000 bed expansion. We have had several shelter population priorities, to be served in that 1,000 including full service emergency family shelter, full service shelter in the Bayview, shelter serving the trans community and an additional youth navigation center, and vehicular housed parking. All of these are in process or have been achieved.

Our vision for the system has been to invest heavily in prevention to decrease numbers experiencing homelessness, invest heavily in behavioral health and to invest heavily in housing so stays in shelters are brief and rare. This means the right size shelter system as has been the lesson in municipalities across the country. Those with the most success, such as Houston, Texas have moved the dial on homelessness by ensuring the "right sized" investments in each portion of the system, avoiding the NYC trap of investing too much in emergency shelter only to see those shelters fill up and unhoused people being stuck.

## Work Around Constitutional Protections for Unhoused People

Unsheltered people enjoy constitutional protections against being displaced when they have nowhere else to go. According to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling Martin vs. City of Boise, cities can't arrest or punish people for sleeping on public property unless they provide adequate and relatively accessible **indoor accommodations** that also accommodate disabilities. As Supervisor Mandleman was unwilling to insert language that no sweeps shall occur in conjunction with the creation of safe sleeping sites, and as his communications with neighborhood groups have suggested that the creation of such sites will allow police to remove those unable to move into a camp, we believe that this legislation is an attempted workaround of constitutional rights of unhoused people. We do not believe that an offer of a "tent" qualifies as an indoor accommodation, and believe that the constitutional rights of unhoused people will be violated in this process.

In sum, we urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandleman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, is poorly timed, outrageously expensive, would suck resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Jennifer Friedenbach
Executive Director

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: FW: Civic Center Community Benefit District letter of support for A Place for All

Date:Friday, February 26, 2021 4:57:50 PMAttachments:CCCBD Safe Sleeping Sites letter.pdf

From: Helene Sautou <sautou@sfciviccenter.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 5:37 PM

Subject: Civic Center Community Benefit District letter of support for A Place for All

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

Please find attached a Civic Center Community Benefit District letter in support of the proposed A Place for All legislation. We've included a number of photos that are representative of the conditions we saw in our District in 2020 - conditions that markedly improved with the December opening of the 33 Gough Safe Sleeping site.

Best regards,



## **Helene Sautou**

Project Director

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February 25, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, California 94102-4689

Dear Supervisors,

The Civic Center Community Benefit District supports the *Place for All* ordinance goal of increasing the number of Safe Sleeping Sites in San Francisco.

Safe Sleeping Sites provide a modicum of support, structure and sanitation absolutely essential for those unable to secure safe shelter by any other means. The Safe Sleeping Sites currently operating in our area - Fulton Street and 33 Gough - have already provided critical relief to individuals in need and suffering in our community (photos attached) but we need to do more.

As long as the COVID-19 pandemic is still causing a significant reduction in shelter space and other housing assistance programs are at capacity, the Safe Sleeping Site model is a realistic, pragmatic and humane option for immediate support for the homeless now.

Moreover, as long as the stock of affordable and supportive housing remains woefully insufficient in San Francisco and the Bay Area in general, the Safe Sleeping Site model offers an immediate stop gap while the more complex and lengthy process for more affordable and supportive housing unfolds. We believe that such *Place for All* sites should be spread throughout the City, as many neighborhoods are seeing an influx of campers and sleepers - those outer neighborhoods dwellers should not be directed to sites solely in Civic Center, Tenderloin and SoMa. And in all cases, the City should seek to inform and hear from the community prior to opening a new site.

The *Place for All* ordinance includes an annual review and report on the program, providing an opportunity to evaluate its effectiveness. We believe individual outcomes and program costs should be included in such evaluations, allowing the Board of Supervisors to make informed decisions on the future of the Safe Sleeping Site model and its place in the spectrum of responses to the regional homeless crisis.

Best regards,

Tracy Everwine, Executive Director



12<sup>th</sup> Street (at Market) – 2020





Fulton (btw Franklin and Gough) – 2020





Redwood St (at Franklin) – 2020





Above: Elm Street – Below: Market Street – 2020





Above: Fell Street – Below: Stevenson Street – 2020



From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)

To: Wong, Linda (BOS)

Subject: FW: Mid Market Community Benefit District letter of support for A Place for All

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:39:25 PM

Attachments: MMCBD A place for all letter.pdf

For File No. 201187. All Supervisors were copied on the original email.

Jackie Hickey

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:29 PM

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Subject: Mid Market Community Benefit District letter of support for A Place for All

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

Please find attached a Mid Market Community Benefit District letter in support of the proposed A Place for All legislation. We've included a number of photos that are representative of the conditions we've seen in our District in 2020, and continue to see to this day.

Best regards,



# **Helene Sautou**

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January 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, California 94102-4689

Dear Supervisors,

Given the urgent and growing need to provide basic support for individuals living on our streets the Mid Market Community Benefit District supports the proposed Place for All ordinance and its goal of increasing the number of Safe Sleeping Sites in San Francisco. Safe Sleeping Sites provide a modicum of support, structure and sanitation absolutely essential for those unable to secure safe shelter by any other means.

As long as the COVID-19 pandemic is still causing a significant reduction in shelter space and other housing assistance programs are at capacity, the Safe Sleeping Site model is a realistic, pragmatic and humane option for immediate support for the homeless now. The two existing Safe Sleeping Sites adjacent to our District (Fulton Street and 33 Gough) have already provided much needed relief to individuals in need and suffering in our community (photos attached).

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Tracy Everwine,

**Executive Director** 



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500 block of Jessie – 2020





Uniblock of Mason – 2020





900 Block of Mission – 2020





900 Block of Mission and 6<sup>th</sup> Street corner – 2020





400 Block of Minna – 2020





Above: Laskie St at Mission - Below: 900 block of Howard - 2020





Natoma Street (at 6<sup>th</sup> Street) – 2020





Uniblock and 100 block of 6th Street – 2020



 From:
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 To:
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Good morning Linda,

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Thank you, Natalie

Natalie Gee 朱凱勤, Chief of Staff Supervisor Shamann Walton, District 10 President, Board of Supervisors

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see enclosed our letter outlining our position on Supervisor Mandleman's proposed "A Place for All". In summary, this legislation makes it the policy of San Francisco to ensure that every unhoused person on the streets in San Francisco has a tent, which would cost \$288,000,000, given the current expenditures on Safe Sleeping Villages of an average of \$72k per person per year. We believe this is poorly timed, given we could put people in hotels that already have the infrastructure in place and the federal government would pay for it in full. We also believe this is an incredibly low bar, to shoot for everyone having a tent instead of housing, when providing flex pool housing subsidies for people is less than half the cost and we have landlords willing to rent.

Thank you for your consideration.

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March 2, 2020

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Re: <u>Supervisor Mandelman's Legislation to establish Safe Sleeping Sites</u> program- "A Place for All"

Position: Oppose

Dear President Walton,

This letter is to express our strong opposition to Supervisor Mandleman's legislation entitled "A Place for All".

In summary, this legislation makes it the policy of San Francisco to ensure that every unhoused person on the streets in San Francisco has a tent, which would cost \$288,000,000, given the current expenditures on Safe Sleeping Villages of an average of \$72k per person per year. We believe this is poorly timed, given we could put people in hotels that already have the infrastructure in place and the federal government would pay for it in full. We also believe this is an incredibly low bar, to shoot for everyone having a tent instead of housing, when providing flex pool housing subsidies for people is less than half the cost.

We have worked with Supervisor Mandleman to adjust this legislation, and while he was open to some changes, fundamentally he has been unwilling to move away from the "tents for all" concept.

#### Existing Experience with Safe Sleeping Villages

There are two types of sanctioned encampments in San Francisco, one is referred to as a safe sleeping site and the other safe sleeping village. The site has little infrastructure, staffing and is much more informal, while the Safe Sleeping Villages ensure fundamental human rights such as sanitation, shower, water, garbage service, food and bathrooms are provided. Currently

there is one safe sleeping site and three Safe Sleeping Villages. The city started with two safe sleeping sites in the tenderloin - one they had to close for safety reasons and the other has had to be reorganized, emptied, and changed staffing several times. Serious shortfalls such as lack of sanitation, garbage buildup, lack of safety, have meant these sites have been unable to meet the basic needs of residents there. The Safe Sleeping Villages have provided a solid experience overall for camp residents, however because the lack of existing infrastructure has been very expensive with an *average* per person cost of almost \$72,000 annually. This cost has been lower in the larger sites, however the larger sites have been much more challenging for the residents staying there. For some unhoused people, with no indoor options, safe sleeping sites can be a successful option, however this should be considered only an interim intervention. It is not humane to keep people in tents for long periods of time. All of the sites are temporary, as development is going to occur on each of these sites and are only available temporarily.

## Coalition on Homelessness Position on Organized Encampments

COH has supported Safe Sleeping Programs as an alternative form of *shelter*, and our research shows unhoused people prefer this to traditional *shelter*. However, this is not to be confused with an alternative to housing -- unhoused people prefer housing. We firmly view Safe Sleeping Programs as *temporary* respites from criminalization and harsh street conditions and not *permanent* solutions to homelessness. We prefer them to be placed on unused temporary property such as pre-development sites. As we note later, the shelter system needs to be "right sized" to ensure successful movement through the system.

We support these as a way to diversify the shelter system, and have supported the opening of these in SF. We want these spaces to have democratic rule, and to have basic minimum standards including bathrooms, showers, hand washing and drinking water, and garbage service. These sites must also have 24 hour access, as unhoused constituents have felt night-time only access to be too much of a burden, too destabilizing to be helpful. We also have insisted that there be community access to these sites to move away from complaint driven placements.

#### Shooting for Very Expensive Dirt instead of a Reachable Moon

Safe Sleeping Villages are typically developed on empty lots, and therefore rarely have existing infrastructure, water hook ups, bathrooms, showers or other fundamental sanitation requirements necessary for hygienic and safe conditions. This means the infrastructure needs to be built or brought in. This has driven up the costs dramatically. The average cost of the Safe Sleeping Villages has been just under \$72,000 per person per year, according to HSH, whereas the cost of a permanent housing subsidy for someone to rent an apartment in the private market is priced at about \$40,000 per person per household, including intensive services. This form of housing, called flex pool housing, has been incredibly successful in Los Angeles. In San Francisco, pre-pandemic we were limited with a lack of apartments inside San Francisco, a very tight housing market, and unwillingness of landlords to accept subsidies. That is no longer the case. The legislation calls for tents for all unsheltered people. This is a very low bar when you can have housing for all for less money.

#### Poor Timing

Due to the pandemic, we have a plethora of permanent and short term housing opportunities for homeless people if we invest homeless dollars in a smart way. The SIP hotels are now 100% reimbursable by FEMA up to October 1st and accessible to all

unhoused people as the restrictions on who can access these rooms has broadened dramatically. These are buildings that already have doors, rooms, infrastructure, staffing, showers, bathrooms, and food service. It is simply a matter of moving people into the empty hotel rooms that are already staffed. We will have about 500 of these rooms ready to move in soon, and 250 more per month while the program lasts. City energy should be focused on filling those rooms. The city also has over 700 vacancies in permanent supportive housing. City energy should be put towards filling those vacancies as well. As previously noted, we also have landlords willing to rent, and housing subsidies sitting on the table, unutilized. We also have the opportunity to purchase tourist and student hotels. The homeless department is currently overwhelmed with a combination of vacant positions, is stretched across multiple pre-existing efforts to address a supportive housing vacancy crisis and to expand the emergency shelter system, and responding to the pandemic. The timing of this legislation could not be worse. It calls for the department to embark on yet another very time intensive effort of opening up hundreds of safe sleeping slots in a short period of time while having a plan to open thousands more. The real estate department is also struggling to keep up and should be focused on assessing acquisitions for permanent housing.

### Failed Experience in other Municipalities such as New York City

The legislation states that within 60 days of passage, HSH should submit a plan to serve 500 unsheltered people within 9 months. By another 9 months, the legislation states that HSH should be able to serve all who are "willing". Within 60 days of passage, HSH must prepare an estimate of unsheltered people willing to accept referral.

Our long standing position is that we do not support a "shelter for all" policy because in other areas such as New York City this has meant a massive resource dump into temporary accommodation at the expense of housing. In NYC people spend their entire lives in large congregate shelters, moving from site to site, and it has turned into de facto housing for impoverished people at a considerable expense given the lack of dignity such facilities are able to provide. Our position is clear and matches national best practices – we support a small shelter system with a diversity of shelter such as safe sleeping campsites, navigation centers and traditional shelters, but the size of that system should be kept relatively small. In comparing the cost of shelter to the cost of housing, it appears the amount spent to shelter could be used to make rents affordable. For example, family shelter costs about \$35k per family per year for shelter, for an individual at a Navigation Center it is about \$36K per year per person, and safe sleeping sites as mentioned are costing \$80k per person per year. We believe the overwhelming majority of homeless dollars expended should go to permanent housing. This proposal would use all dollars and more for shelter.

#### Right Sizing the Shelter System

As of four years ago, our position is to increase the shelter system by 1,000 shelter beds to eliminate the shelter wait list. This position was adopted by Mayoral Administration, DHSH, and we sized Prop C to meet that need. Shelter has been expanded significantly since then and we are close reaching the 1,000 bed expansion. We have had several shelter population priorities, to be served in that 1,000 including full service emergency family shelter, full service shelter in the Bayview, shelter serving the trans community and an additional youth navigation center, and vehicular housed parking. All of these are in process or have been achieved.

Our vision for the system has been to invest heavily in prevention to decrease numbers experiencing homelessness, invest heavily in behavioral health and to invest heavily in housing so stays in shelters are brief and rare. This means the right size shelter system as has been the lesson in municipalities across the country. Those with the most success, such as Houston, Texas have moved the dial on homelessness by ensuring the "right sized" investments in each portion of the system, avoiding the NYC trap of investing too much in emergency shelter only to see those shelters fill up and unhoused people being stuck.

# Work Around Constitutional Protections for Unhoused People

Unsheltered people enjoy constitutional protections against being displaced when they have nowhere else to go. According to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling Martin vs. City of Boise, cities can't arrest or punish people for sleeping on public property unless they provide adequate and relatively accessible **indoor accommodations** that also accommodate disabilities. As Supervisor Mandleman was unwilling to insert language that no sweeps shall occur in conjunction with the creation of safe sleeping sites, and as his communications with neighborhood groups have suggested that the creation of such sites will allow police to remove those unable to move into a camp, we believe that this legislation is an attempted workaround of constitutional rights of unhoused people. We do not believe that an offer of a "tent" qualifies as an indoor accommodation, and believe that the constitutional rights of unhoused people will be violated in this process.

In sum, we urge you to vote no on Supervisor Mandleman's legislation. It sets the bar too low for San Francisco, is poorly timed, outrageously expensive, would suck resources away from less expensive permanent solutions, and violate basic human rights.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2021

Sent via email

Dear Board President Walton,

On behalf of the Castro Community Benefit District (Castro CBD) board of directors, this letter is written to express the Castro CBD's strong support for the Place For All ordinance. This ordinance would require the City to create a network of temporary Safe Sleeping Sites with enough capacity to ensure that on any given night in San Francisco any unhoused person for whom the City cannot provide a supportive housing unit, shelter bed, or hotel room can be offered a placement at a Safe Sleeping Site.

Even though the city has housed 26,000 people since 2004 and spent billions of dollars on a combination of shelter beds, hotel rooms, and permanent supportive housing, there are still thousands of people who are unhoused and living on San Francisco's streets every night, NOW. The Castro CBD board of directors understands that the perfect solution involves a significant increase in affordable and low-income housing complete with supportive wrap-around services to truly begin to address San Francisco's homeless crisis. However, building new housing takes years. Years. The crisis we have is Now. Now, every night in San Francisco thousands of people are bedding down on our sidewalks, hungry, dirty, vulnerable to violence, feeling inhuman, and dying. According to the SF Chronicle, last year, 699 people died of drug overdoses in San Francisco. The most vulnerable among us cannot wait for the perfect solution. San Francisco must act now.

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The Place for All ordinance is an important step to addressing San Francisco's homeless crisis. It is not the only solution, but it is a step towards providing safer and healthier options for our most vulnerable. The Castro CBD urges a yes vote on this ordinance.

Sincerely, Judge aullo

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