

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:58 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: item 34. 09/26/2016 Meeting Calendar # 160993

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** John Barbey [mailto:kingswestonhousejohnb@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 4:55 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** item 34. 09/26/2016 Meeting Calendar # 160993

Dear S.F. Supervisor,

Could you **please support this Resolution # 160993** to support preservation of the extraordinary row of Beaux Arts street-lamps on Van Ness Avenue

The exquisite **259** 1915 street lights, which line the whole length of Van Ness Avenue still appear to be in very good repair and have long had world-wide reknown as some of the **most beautiful street-lights ever designed**. They were created when Van Ness was the most prominent avenue in San Francisco, and still co-ordinate perfectly with the large commercial structures. that line the entire 2 miles of Van Ness Avenue, the majority of which are still Edwardian, Victorian, or early 20th Century.

Would appear that the only reason to replace them is a minor improvement to street-bus wires, which makes this even more lamentable. The drastic and costly alterations to Market Street just made are already a spectacular failure, adding only 2 minutes to Public Transit & taxi commute times.

It would be a tragic mistake to obliterate this major historic resource for practically no reason.

Sincerely,

John Barbey

50 Liberty Street  
San Francisco  
CA 94110

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:02 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT: Aaron Peskin's Resolution - File 160993  
**Attachments:** FW: Letter of Support for Streetlights from Friends of Lafayette Park

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** Florentina Mocanu-Schendel [mailto:mocanu.florentina@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 10:51 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT: Aaron Peskin's Resolution - File 160993

**September 19, 2016**

**RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps**

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution, introduced on September 13, 2016, calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps.

In conjunction with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, I am disheartened that SFMTA is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

The Coalition to Save the Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness, is calling on SFMTA to make every effort to avoid their removal. With the installation of new landscaping and BRT stations, retention and reuse of the "Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness" would provide the architectural framework and historical continuity for new development along the entire Van Ness corridor, and celebrate civic pride to unite old and new San Francisco.

I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps as we continue to revitalize this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely,

**Florentina Mocanu-Schendel, San Francisco Resident**

Friends of Lafayette Park  
c/o San Francisco Parks Alliance  
1663 Mission St #320  
San Francisco, CA 94103

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps**

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of Friends of Lafayette Park, I write to express our strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution, introduced on September 13, 2016, calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps. [Insert brief description of organization/business writing in support of resolution]

In conjunction with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, we are dismayed that SFMTA is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

We urge you to join the Coalition to Save the Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness in calling on SFMTA to make every effort to avoid their removal. With the installation of new landscaping and BRT stations, retention and reuse of the "Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness" would provide the architectural framework and historical continuity for new development along the entire Van Ness corridor, and celebrate civic pride to unite old and new San Francisco.

We strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps as we continue to revitalize this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely,

Steffen Franz  
President, Friends of Lafayette Park Board

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 12:03 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor File 160993

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** Karla Metzler [mailto:kmkpm@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 11:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor File 160993

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in strong support of Aaron Peskin's Resolution – File 160993, Agenda ITEM 34. 160993 on September 20<sup>th</sup> and every other proposal to reel in SFMTA from their reckless use of our tax dollars.

I have never been an 'activist', but they are wreaking havoc with our neighborhoods and the City's character – from L-Taraval to the Mission to Van Ness. Minimally, they need more or new oversight.

Karla Metzler

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 9:34 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160993 FW: street lamps  
**Attachments:** Resolution Support Letter.doc; ATT00001.txt; I Support Supervisor Peskin's Proposed Resolution (File 160993) to Preserve Historic Streetlamps on Van Ness Avenue; RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps; Please Save the Historic Street Lamps on Van Ness Ave; Save Van Ness historic corridor.; SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps; I Support Supervisor Peskin's Proposed Resolution (File 160993) to Preserve Historic Streetlamps on Van Ness Avenue; STREET LAMPS VAN NESS AVE

**Categories:** 160993

Dear Supervisors,

Please see the following communications received at the Clerk's office for File 160993.

Board of Supervisors  
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Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

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

**From:** k miller [mailto:gumgirl@pacbell.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 9:50 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** street lamps

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Paula Katz <saveourltaravalstops@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 10:21 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** I Support Supervisor Peskin's Proposed Resolution (File 160993) to Preserve Historic Streetlamps on Van Ness Avenue

RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution, introduced on September 13, 2016, calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps.

In conjunction with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, I am dismayed that SFMTA is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

The Coalition to Save the Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness, is calling on SFMTA to make every effort to avoid their removal. With the installation of new landscaping and BRT stations, retention and reuse of the "Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness" would provide the architectural framework and historical continuity for new development along the entire Van Ness corridor, and celebrate civic pride to unite old and new San Francisco.

I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps on this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely

Paula Katz  
2233 44th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94115

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Jim Billings <mediajim1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 11:54 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Supervisor Peskin's proposed resolution, file 160993, introduced on September 13, 2016, requesting the SFMTA completely investigate the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps.

As part of the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, I am disappointed the SFMTA is planning to remove almost all of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, the SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although the SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

I am joining the Coalition to Save the Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness in calling on the SFMTA to make every effort to avoid the streetlamps removal. With the installation of new landscaping and BRT stations, retention and reuse of the "Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness" would provide the architectural framework and historical continuity for new development along the entire Van Ness corridor, and celebrate civic pride to unite old and new San Francisco.

I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps as we continue to revitalize this important architectural and transportation corridor. I urge you to pass Supervisor Peskin's resolution and show the spirit of San Francisco is still alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Jim Billing



**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Shari Steiner <sharisteiner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2016 1:08 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please Save the Historic Street Lamps on Van Ness Ave  
**Attachments:** Save-Van-Ness-Street-Lamps-2Sept16-2 (1).doc

I am a San Francisco resident proud of our beautiful heritage, and wish to be counted as supporting retaining the Historic Street Lamps on Van Ness Avenue as per my attached letter.

Thank you, Shari Steiner 94110



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**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** gotprim@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2016 9:30 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Save Van Ness historic corridor.

September 16, 2016

**RE: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps**

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution, introduced on September 13, 2016, calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps.

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I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps as we continue to revitalize this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely,

S. London

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Nicole Sroka <nicole.sroka@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2016 5:25 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

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In conjunction with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, I am dismayed that SFMTA is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

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I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps as we continue to revitalize this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Sroka

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**From:** Margaret Dietz <mpegdietz@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 12:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** I Support Supervisor Peskin's Proposed Resolution (File 160993) to Preserve Historic Streetlamps on Van Ness Avenue

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I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps on this important architectural and transportation corridor.

Sincerely

Margaret Dietz  
1472 Filbert St #601  
San Francisco

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** barbara906@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 12:49 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** STREET LAMPS VAN NESS AVE

i would like to vote to keep the street lamps. This is an historic Preservation Issue, they were put there to preserve the Victorian quality of this area. Lest remember San Francisco is an Old and wonderful city. This is why people flock here. This is a major destination for vacation for many people due to its preservation of this city with these wonderful Victorians and the preservation that keeps them alive, We the people of Liberty Hill have spent many years on the front line of this fight.

Here we go again.

Barbara Russell  
906 Guerrero St  
San Francisco, Ca

## **Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 9:14 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160993 FW: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** Pete and Gayle Gualfetti [mailto:gayle\_pete@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 7:24 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

**September 17, 2016**

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

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Sincerely,

Pete and Gayle Gualfetti

Please forgive typos. We are using a little keyboard.

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 9:13 AM  
**To:** BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: ITEM 34. re: Historic Character of the Van Ness Corridor

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** mari eliza [mailto:mari.eliza@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 4:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Breed, London (BOS) <london.breed@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** ITEM 34. re: Historic Character of the Van Ness Corridor

September 17, 20126

Supervisors:

re: Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 20, 2016 Agenda **Item 34. 160993** [Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Preserve the Historic Character of the Van Ness Corridor], Sponsored by Aaron: Peskin

Please support the Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to make all efforts to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue historic streetlamps.

Vancouver, Paris, London, Lima, Rome and Amsterdam have all kept their historic streetlamps. How can San Francisco remove our historic lamps and replace them with the silly looking things the SFMTA is suggesting? How do these lamps fit into the Beaux Arts style Civic Center buildings?

We support the requests of others who oppose the imposition of modern design on every aspect of our city. New is not necessary or desirable when it comes to a rich cultural diversity.

Leaves us our history.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, Art activist supporter of cultural diversity.

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 9:12 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160993 FW: historic street lamps on Van Ness

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** Catherine [mailto:loveswritings@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 4:33 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** historic street lamps on Van Ness

I am writing in support of Aaron Peskin's resolution, ITEM 34. 160993, to save the historic street lamps on Van Ness. These lamps are an important part of the history of San Francisco. It would go a long way to being an olive branch to those who oppose the project, because of issues such as this. At least if the lampposts were saved, there would be something to point to that said the SFMTA cared about about the history of the area. This is one place in the design that could make the whole project better.

Thank you.

Catherine Edwards  
Resident on Van Ness Avenue



## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Somera, Alisa (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, September 19, 2016 9:10 AM  
**To:** BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Preserve the Historic Character of the Van Ness Corridor

**Categories:** 160993

For file

*Alisa Somera*

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**From:** apglk@comcast.net [mailto:apglk@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 1:19 PM  
**To:** Avalos, John (BOS) <john.avalos@sfgov.org>; Campos, David (BOS) <david.campos@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Farrell, Mark (BOS) <mark.farrell@sfgov.org>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <jane.kim@sfgov.org>; Wiener, Scott <scott.wiener@sfgov.org>; Mar, Eric (BOS) <eric.mar@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Breed, London (BOS) <london.breed@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Preserve the Historic Character of the Van Ness Corridor

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to express my support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution (File 160993), calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps.

I am dismayed that SFMTA is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge (not to mention the destruction of trees). Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition. (Why? What is the price of reusing the historic streetlamps vs. destroying them and putting in the new ones?)

The Coalition to Save the Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness, is calling on SFMTA to make every effort to avoid the lamps removal. Retention and reuse of the "Historic Streetlamps of Van Ness" would provide the architectural framework and historical continuity for new development along the entire Van Ness corridor.

I strongly support the preservation and continued use of the historic streetlamps.

Sincerely,  
Anastasia Glikshtern

150 Chaves Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94127

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 2:53 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS)  
**Subject:** File 160993 FW: SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

**Categories:** 160993

**From:** Lara DeCaro [mailto:laranjava@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 2:50 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT - Resolution to preserve the historic character of the Van Ness Corridor through reuse as well as replication of the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps

Dear Members of Board of Supervisors:

I write to express my strong support of Supervisor Aaron Peskin's proposed resolution, introduced on September 13, 2016, calling on SFMTA to fully explore the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the Van Ness Avenue Historic Streetlamps. While I realize that the trees along Van Ness are unfortunately not a part of the Resolution I want to address them, as well.

In conjunction with the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, I am dismayed that SFMTA continues to disregard alternate plans for trees, and is planning to remove the vast majority of the 259 Beaux Arts trolley poles, lamps, and brackets that have lined Van Ness Avenue since the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge. Despite their significance to the character and identity of San Francisco, SFMTA has failed to consider the feasibility of reusing and/or replicating the streetlamps as part of the BRT Project. Although SFMTA has agreed to retain four historic streetlamps located within the Civic Center National Historic Landmark District, the remaining 255 lamps on the twenty-two blocks of Van Ness Avenue outside of the Civic Center are slated for imminent demolition.

City records indicate that funding for the BRT does not actually exist. It seems beyond premature to remove street lamps or trees without dedicated funding to ensure project success - or even project implementation. What will happen when we have spend thousands and have no trees or lamps, old or new?

I strongly support the preservation and continued use of these historic streetlamps together with the preservation of the much-needed mature trees lining this corridor.

Sincerely,

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