

From: [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for RPD acquisition of 240 6th Street
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:11:18 AM

FYI – for file item 2 today

From: Misha United Playaz <misha@unitedplayaz.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 7:45 PM
To: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org>
Cc: Dorsey, Matt (BOS) <matt.dorsey@sfgov.org>; Ng, Beverly (REC) <beverly.ng@sfgov.org>
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Hello Supervisors Chan, Mandelman, Melgar and Dorsey!

My name is Misha Olivas, I am the Director of Community and Family Engagement for United Playaz, a member of the Friends of Gene Friend/VMD Park group and a Soma resident. I am writing to you in FULL support of the acquisition of 240 6th Street by the Rec and Park department. This property is perfect as it is directly adjacent to the current Gene Friend (Soma) Recreation Center site. Soma is the neighborhood with the least amount of open space and with one of the highest density rates. Young people and residents of Soma live in cramped living quarters, often crowded and multigenerational, and have the Soma rec center and VMD park as their only publicly operated open spaces. Although I totally understand that developing this site is down the road, expanding the footprint of the Gene Friend/Soma Rec site is HUGE for our neighborhood and will increase the amount of open space available to Soma youth and residents tremendously. Thank you for your support of this acquisition and your support for Soma youth and residents to have safe public spaces where they can enjoy fresh air and physical activity. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

In peace,

Misha

From: [Ng, Beverly \(REC\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Acquisition to enhance Gene Friend Rec Center
Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:10:00 AM

For File

From: janeandwilli@gmail.com <janeandwilli@gmail.com>
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To: Ng, Beverly (REC) <beverly.ng@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Support for Acquisition to enhance Gene Friend Rec Center

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Dear Supervisors,

As the long time PROSAC Representative for D-6, and proponent of more open space for our district, I heartily support the RPD purchase of 240 6TH Street for outdoor expansion of the GENE FRIEND REC CENTER.

Central D-6 is the most underserved part of the city, with the least open space per resident and a concentration of low income families. We have waited a long time for the new Rec Center, and the design had to be scaled back to fit the lot. We are thrilled to add more space and thank RPD for moving quickly to grab the adjacent building when it unexpectedly became available.

We are excited about the rehabilitation work currently underway and hopeful for the opportunity to expand the Center's footprint. Given the community's significant need for more parks and open space, and future growth of the neighborhood, I totally support this purchase, already approved by the RPD Commission in June, and hope the Board of Supervisors will follow by providing its approval to finalize the purchase.

Sincerely,
Jane Weil
1160 Mission St #2108
San Francisco 94103