

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: File No. 200883 Public Comment
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Subject: File No. 200883 Public Comment

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It's disappointing to see CEQA abused yet again to oppose, slow down, and drive up the cost of infrastructure improvements that better not only the environment but also the community. I'm not at all surprised though to see it filed by some one who claimed recently that improved infrastructure for the safety of all road users plus the children and families attending a local elementary school was the community "want[ing] Page Street for their own private use". Somehow oblivious to private single occupancy vehicles already having a monopoly on our public infrastructure.

The slow streets have been a boon to just about everyone. Struggling local businesses can finally bring back customers, families feel safe with their children outside, it's significantly less noiser, the list goes on. I'm glad ALL the people of San Francisco are finally able to use the road for their own "private" use, and not just the privileged few who can't be bothered to worry about the safety of others or our environment. Personally, I'd also like to see any attempt at removing Slow Streets undergo CEQA review and approval.

Thank you for you time and consideration,
Kurt

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comment on Slow Streets Project being subject to environmental review (File No. 200883)
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I can't believe I'm writing to say that Slow Streets are good for the environment. We are literally surrounded by burning forests and polluted air, a preview of the world climate change is bringing, and we have to argue that slightly fewer cars is good for the environment?

Not to mention, during this global pandemic, allocating this tiny fraction of roads to slow streets provides essential spaces to walk, exercise and get out of the house, without having to risk crowded sidewalks, or the increasingly reckless and dangerous behaviour of cars on our almost empty roads.

People vulnerable to car traffic or exposure to coronavirus, such as children and seniors, especially need this space. But also, anyone who doesn't have a sprawling mansion, or who spends their time in the community instead of driving elsewhere, needs it too.

Sanae Rosen

From: [Board of Supervisors. \(BOS\)](#)
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29 August 2020

RE:

File No. 200883 The Closure of Twin Peaks can damage your political career

TO: **ALL SF Board of Supervisors:** Sandra lee Fewer, Cathrine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Gordon Mar, Dean PReston, Mat Haney, Norman Yee, Rafael Mandelman, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai

Greetings:

I know this is normally read by your minions, but honestly you actually ought to read this yourself as to comprehend the full impact..... The Twin Peaks Neighborhood is truly PISSED.

Most SF Supervisors know that Senator **Diane Feinstein** and Speaker of the House **Nancy Pelosi**, are former San Francisco Supervisors, who worked their way up to national politics from their early positions on the SF Board of Supervisors..... This could happen for any one of you on today's Board of Supervisors..... Or not..... It is not just a natural progression, it must be earned.

But, to follow in their footsteps you will need friends not enemies..... Those two outstanding public servants were both honest enough to garner the friends and funds they needed to propel them to where they are today. Like them, that rise to political power depends on how much support you garner from influential people with funding and clout..... People like the folks who can afford the multi-million dollar homes on Twin Peaks overlooking the city, and whose neighborhood has been impacted by the city's STUPID closing of Twin Peaks.

Currently, the city's misguided bureaucracy is requesting your approval to permanently close Twin Peaks and restrict cars from driving to the top. Allowing that action alienates the vey people you need on your side in order to advance your political career.

Originally this closure was imposed to reduce COVID-19 transmissions, but now there is a motion to make it permanent. And even though Golden Gate Park is open again, Twin Peaks remains closed.

Really? SF City Parks can trust people in Golden Gate Park to stay six feet apart and to wear masks, but they can't trust them to do the same on Twin Peaks...? Bull shit !!! (excuse my French).

Yet, this proposed drastic action to permanently close Twin Peaks is being made without any environmental impact study. Permanently closing a public park designed specifically for visitors to park their cars and look at the view from Christmas Tree Point, which is an activity that has been going on for over a century, is blatantly STUPID..... For God's sake, people do not change just because some bureaucrat makes a rule.....

And, if this this bureaucratic travesty should be made permanent **on your watch as SF supervisors**, there will be personal consequences, which continue for there rest of your political career.

If the Board of Supervisors sanctions this kind of **not-thought-through** action by whatever city officials are actually at the bottom of it. (all the officials point the finger at someone else) you will be the ones who continue to pay for stupidly supporting this action, and not the bureaucrats. So, the only thing that matters for you is whether or not you as a SF Supervisor approve this abject stupidity.

If the Board of Supervisors does not reject this idea of making a permanent park closure, then you will have more than earned the title which city residents use to describe your august assembly as the "**Board of Stupid-visors**".

Half of the board's misguided actions every year make you and your board the laughing stock of city politics as well as nationally. Naively, only interested in garnering more votes and advancing your political careers, so you pass the stupidest legislation (*Rent control*, which prevents housing being built,..... *Sanctuary City* which increases crime....., etc. etc.....) Yet, you were elected to think wisely and not rubber stamp what the bureaucracy tells you.

Your board exists to **“supervise”** the mayor and all his/her city departments.

On the other hand, we neighbors who have lived here for decades on Twin Peaks know that there has always been a crime problem on at the top, especially after sundown. But, this unwarranted closing of Twin Peaks does not get rid of the crime problem..... Instead, it just pushes it out of the city's park and onto Twin Peaks Blvd. and Burnett Avenue, where it actually makes it easier for the criminals.

Closing the park to get rid of a problem merely pushes it into the local neighborhoods, and that civic action is itself CRIMINAL

This abject stupidity has definitely created a great deal more crime in San Francisco, resulting in at least a dozen larcenies a day on Twin Peaks Blvd and Burnett Avenue. Very obvious to the residents who live there and mostly ignored by the city.

WHAT IS WRONG?

FIRST: Restricting the cars from Twin Peaks, was ordered without anyone bothering to do any environmental impact study or environmental impact statement and without any neighborhood input or buy in.

Christ, even a cursory study would have foreseen that the the closure would only push the tourists seeking to park at the lookout, down onto Twin Peaks Blvd, and Burnett Avenue just outside the closed metal gate..... and would have several obvious detrimental effects.

Tourists have been coming here for decades and will continue to do so. Locking them out of the park has been ineffective..... After driving through the Bay area traffic to get here, they will not be put off. They just park and climb the hill.....

And as far as spreading COVID 19, people manage to go to the grocery stores, Golden Gate Park (West of 36th Avenue) and everywhere else including restaurants wearing their masks and staying 6 feet apart..... So, why don't you trust them to do so on Twin Peaks?..... There is no reason whatsoever to treat this place any differently than any other location.

SECOND: This STUPID and NEAR-SIGHTED action has markedly increased crime in the city: But, of course without an environmental impact study how could you possibly have foreseen such problem would arise?..... Besides, once COVID19 got out of Wuhan it can never be “contained” again anyway. All the world wide government actions have not been able to stop it, but politicians have to pretend that they are “in control”, so they have naively fomented a world wide depression.

Tourists can not get to the parking lot which was specifically designed to accommodate them, tour buses and the handicapped vehicles (and you talk about **“access for all”?**). This is entirely because the parking lot is located at the lookout on top..... as it should be,..... But with the closure about a mile from the top there is a continuous traffic jam on weekends. Tourists from all over the United States who have been coming to this lookout at Christmas Tree Point for many decades and have no idea that SF Parks and Recreation has closed off the lookout. Arrive at a closed gate and start to juggle for a parking place with all the other frustrated cars. After parking anywhere that is convenient they park and hike to the top.

Consequently, at all times of the day and half the night there are 25 to 35 cars (the majority from out of town) sitting idle and unwatched by anyone on a deserted street.

But, the thieves know that these abandoned cars on this nearly deserted country road, are all from out of town with luggage inside or on top, and this has created a bonanza for auto break in thieves. All the car owners have walked to the top of the peaks.

This is the opposite of what happens in the carefully designed parking lot at the top. In that parking there is safety in numbers when Twin Peaks is normally open and is teeming with people.

Instead, since the closure dozens of windows are broken daily. I was just up there near the gate again at 2:00 PM Sunday, (August 24) and a tourist's rental Mini had its window broken out, while they had been up on the peaks. I pointed to the broken window glass all over the non-parking area and asked the poor tourist, **“You did not notice all the broken glass when you parked?”**

He looked down and said, **“OMG that was probably he car just before me”.**

“Yeah, that is pretty much the problem, the last 15 cars here have all been broken into”, I said.....

Now, All this time, both he and I were being carefully watched by the *thief's advanced lookout* who was loitering all around the corner listening in to what we were saying and waiting for the crowd and cops to thin out so he could give his buddies the go ahead by cell phone to return and break some more windows. (see photos attached).



The week before I had personally witnessed a lone thief drive up in broad daylight (maybe even on his lunch hour), jump out of his car while blocking the traffic from both directions, and indiscriminately break windows to take whatever was visible in the tourist cars parked on Burnett Avenue. This psychopath threw it all in his trunk and then swiftly drove away..... The entire heist taking about a minute and a half, he will open the several pieces of luggage later to see what he might have scored.

On the other hand, for decades when the cars were in the parking lot at the top of Twin Peaks as planned by Parks and Recreation, there have always been plenty of people around and the thieves couldn't do this without being seen and accosted, except very late at night.

Last week on Thursday (August 19) the SF Police trying to stop this window busting spree, did a daylight sting operation in the afternoon, where a uniformed police accosted the thieves at one end of the block and when they sped away from his uniform, the plain clothed police at the other end of the block placed a nail strip in the road which blew their tires and then they arrested four. Several others got away because they turned around and drove off in the opposite direction. But, this sting wouldn't be necessary at all if the road to the top of the peaks was not closed.

Prior to this closing of Twin Peaks, this was a quiet mostly crime free neighborhood. with only an occasional late night car theft (but the average is 117 cars stolen every day in SF, so this has to be considered "normal"). But, no break ins.

Indeed, one tenant two weeks ago with a new SUV parked on Burnett Avenue had his rear window broken out, when there was nothing in the car at all to take. The window was broken out just because it was an expensive new SUV parked in that group of cars mostly made

up of tourists and therefore JUST MIGHT have valuables inside. Nothing was taken, just a \$400 insurance claim and three days waiting to get the glass replaced.

THIRD: It creates a safety hazard to pedestrians: Since there are no sidewalks in this mostly unimproved block of Burnett Avenue where the tourists leave their cars and walk up the middle of the street. This open country road has a double line down the middle and is an automobile commuter path. So, these tourists are taking their life in their hands while the daily commuters speed by. The tourists have been coming to the twin peaks look out for 40 or 50 years, and they won't go away, just because the SF-MTA closed the park on a whim. So this hazardous, crime inducing situation will just continue for years.

FOURTH: IT "FUCKS UP" Lover's lane: Again, excuse my French, but at night, young people like to park on the hill and have coitus. Neighbors near the park entrance all know this because we have to collect and remove their used condoms when we voluntarily clean the litter out of our local park..... But, when Twin Peaks is closed off 24/7 this amorous activity is pushed down into the neighborhoods. The "lover's lane" cars have to park on Burnett Avenue where they can "see the view",

Last week, one tenant at Burnett North even had a "gaggle" of drunk 20 something girls on his flat gravel roof near midnight, they were supposedly "looking at the view". He accosted them saying he was trying to sleep in his apartment below the roof, but as high as they were they refused to get off his roof..... So, he told them simply that he was **going back to his apartment to get his gun**,..... and the "gaggle" then decided to leave. Luckily no one was shot, but SF residents should not have to be threatening obnoxious visitors on their roof with guns.

Another incident was some Japanese tourists who had all their valuables stolen including their passports and knocked on the door of a local house, unable to speak English and totally traumatized. Their memory of San Francisco will always be tainted with a horrible memory.

Needless-to-say, Neighbors all over the peaks are very angry at the SF City bureaucracy which created this problem. And, refuses to cease creating it. Their neighborhood apolitical organizations are currently watching exactly which you SF Board of Supervisors will now regarding this STUPID CLOSURE.

And, I can assure you none of them will forget, and there will be recompense..... Good or Bad.... and the choice is entirely yours.

SCREWING AN HONEST POLITICIAN'S CAREER: It only takes one person on the internet to screw a politician's chances during an election. You supervisors might be too young to recall what happened 20 years ago in the 2000 Presidential campaign for the Republican nomination when George W. Bush simply spread a rumor through social media to trash Senator John McCain, done at the last minute when Senator McCain had no time to get the word out against the absolute lies which were spread against him.

Or four years later when the Republicans again used social media to trash Democrat Senator John Kerry in the 2004 Presidential campaign (Wikipedia tells this whole story under the title "swiftboating").

But, the fact is that social media makes it so very easy to squash any political candidate by the timely spread of lies about them..... The political enemies you make as you pursue your political career will have very long memories..... Finally, because you are a public official, the laws protecting freedom of the press allows this to be done with license by anyone you have made into an enemy.

So, the best thing for the SF Board of Supervisors, would be to clear your name now, by not approving any permanent closure of Twin Peaks, and require SF Parks & Recreation to re-open the park to tourists, A.S.A.P, as it was originally designed to be, and to do this immediately.....

Best regards

Alan Hugenot, California native and one of many pissed off property owners.
We promise to get back to you in a timely manner.
The ball is in your court now.

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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To San Francisco's District Supervisors:

My name is Dona Crowder resident of Clarendon Heights and member of Twin Peaks Improvement Association.

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Now, the road to the top has been closed and the disturbing action has moved down below the gates at the corner of Twin Peaks and Burnett to the detriment of our neighbors there. Installing trash receptacles and having DPW visit occasionally is not sufficient.

Also, as a result there is more traffic through these streets and car breaks-ins continue without resolution. Crimes are committed with no consequence whatsoever, even in the event that someone is positively identified.

Inadequate staffing and resources for patrols on top of this basically leave us alone to fend for ourselves. We have done what is recommended by forming watch groups, installing cameras, informing each other and working with police by supplying information and photos when possible.

Included in SFMTA's Slow Street Program is the City's goal to make San Francisco's

dense neighborhoods more welcoming/accessible for people who want to travel on foot, bicycle or wheelchair and provide outdoor space for social distancing. The City's Slow Streets Program is supposed to be designed to limit thru-traffic on certain residential streets.

Twin Peaks Blvd above the gate is not a residential street. Further, Twin Peaks Blvd has specially marked lanes on both sides for cyclists and joggers/walkers.

By shutting access to the top of Twin Peaks, the City has simply relocated the car break-ins, trash, traffic/parking congestion and noise from a non-residential area into our residential area.

The problems of disrespectful and sometimes dangerous visitors to Twin Peaks will continue if the supervisors, the city departments -our local government which is supposed to represent us- allow it to happen. We are asking for your assistance.

Sincerely,

**Dona Crowder
415-929-1900**

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