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Subject: FW: Mayor Breed: San Francisco's 10 million for APEC must be used for those who are most endangered: elderly and persons with disabilities
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Hello,

Please see below for communication from the San Francisco Gray Panthers regarding File No. 231086.

File No. 231086 - Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Summit (Chan, Ronen, Preston, Dorsey, Walton, Safai, Melgar)

Sincerely,

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Subject: Mayor Breed: San Francisco's 10 million for APEC must be used for those who are most endangered: elderly and persons with disabilities

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To: Mayor Breed

cc: Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the board: please place in correspondence file: [File No. 231086](#)

Mayor Breed:

We are an organization that advocates for the well being of people who are elderly and disabled, and it is quite obvious that the security arrangements for APEC will endanger the ability of frail people living in the area to receive services that are essential in their homes & to access essential transportation.

The SF 10 million must go to those endangered by the security zone.
Please demonstrate your care and concern for those whose basic needs will be most affected by the limitations imposed in the security zone.

The \$10 million in reserve funds set aside for the APEC conference MUST BE USED to inform and assist seniors and people with disabilities as well as families living in the area. Their needs and services should be our primary concern.

Thank you,

Teresa Palmer and Art Persyko, San Francisco Gray Panthers Board Members
on behalf of San Francisco Gray Panthers

From: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Economic Week
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 11:46:48 AM

For file: 231086

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

From: Pamela Tau <ptlee14@gmail.com>
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To: Pamela Tau <ptlee14@gmail.com>
Subject: Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Economic Week

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My name is Pam Tau Lee, a retired labor and environmental justice advocate, organizer and educator. I reside in District 1.

I am in support of item 21, Prioritizing and Protecting impacted Communities during APEC Economic Week. To me it is ironic that the Summit theme is “Creating a Resilient and Sustainable Future for All” when in actuality, since its inception, it has been the wealthy and powerful who have benefited off the Pacific Rim. They thrive off the informal trade agreements which support the exploitation and oppression of workers, women, migrants, and indigenous.

In Asia I have heard firsthand from those impacted by the practice of APEC. Multinational corporations reap their profits by keeping labor costs low, ignoring health and safety and practicing retaliation and repression when workers dare to speak up for their rights.

Under APEC, women have been channeled into industries designated as “low skilled” resulting in low pay, long hours, injuries and illness, stress, lack of rest days and holidays. This now includes women working on AI programs starting at the computer screen for hours at a time with no breaks.

Environmentally, seven out of ten of the world's top CO2 emitting emissions are members of APEC. Lax environmental protection language has allowed increased deforestation of sacred forests and pollution from mining and other extractive activities has poisoned the land and water.

Globally APEC’s actions result in zillionaire profits for the wealthy alongside inhumane conditions for its most vulnerable and the exploitation of the environment. It is important that the Summit notes that in SF communities like Samoans, Tongans, Chamoru, Fijians and Hawaiians are Indigenous people of the Pacific and decisions that APEC makes will greatly affect their lives here in SF. Their voices must be sought out about the use of their lands that they

have stewarded for time immemorial.

APEC's plan for November's Summit reflects the same inhuman approach. Following the passage of this measure, the Mayor and City needs to move quickly to concretely work with community representatives to solve the harms and disruption posed by the Summit.



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- South of Market Business Association
- The Outer Sunset Merchant & Professional Association
- Union Street Association
- Valencia Corridor Merchants Association
- West Portal Merchants Association

October 24, 2023

Dear Supervisors,

The SFCDMA Executive Board is writing today to join in support with Filipino Chamber of Commerce for SF BOS File #231086. This resolution, authored by Supervisors Chan, Ronen and Preston, advocates for diverse issues related to the upcoming APEC conference. Some of the points included in the resolution are unrelated to SFCDMA's Mission and Vision. However, we fully support the allocation of excess funds to mitigate adverse impacts on small businesses within the conference security zone and timely, accessible updates for impacted communities and businesses. We urge the Board of Supervisors to take whatever action is possible to both allow for businesses throughout San Francisco to benefit from APEC, while protecting us from disruptions and adverse economic outcomes.

For 73 years, SFCDMA has sought to ensure that neighborhood commercial corridors flourish. We provide advocacy, education and resources for our members. We appreciate your attention to this matter and all your efforts to help improve the small business climate in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Masood Samereie, President

From: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Chan's APEC Proposal
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From: Finn Palamaro <finn@dscs.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:13 PM
Subject: Support for Chan's APEC Proposal

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Hello Board of Supervisors,

I hope all is well.

I'm just reaching out to let you know that the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network (SFILEN) has signed on in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed resolution to prioritizing and protecting impacted communities during the APEC summit.

Thank you,



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From: [Rachel Lucero](#)
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Subject: Commenting on Item 28 on BOS Agenda 10-24-2023
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:49:19 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am a San Francisco Resident living in district 4.

Please consider adopting the **Resolution Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during the APEC Summit**. The past few months, I have personally conducted outreach among residents, especially Filipino seniors and workers living in SoMa to make sure they are aware of the impacts that SF hosting APEC will have on their lives. Even as late as two days ago, most of the residents and workers we have met with had not heard about APEC or that services they will need during APEC (ie. education, transportation, pantries, social services, etc.) will be severely limited while the summit is in session. By not adopting this resolution to prioritize our communities, we are leaving our most vulnerable communities - the elderly, those with disabilities, and workers of color -- behind while we welcome billionaires and heads of state into our community.

Because this event is quickly approaching, I believe it is crucial that the City agencies inform residents and vulnerable communities as soon as possible and to do so diligently. I also urge you to prioritize City funding to mitigate the impacts hosting APEC will have on the neighborhoods, small businesses, and vulnerable communities. When large conferences such as APEC and Dreamforce are held in SF, small businesses lose around 60 percent of their business because most of these events are catered or they're forced to shut down. Many small businesses in the Exclusion Zone and neighboring areas cannot afford to shut down during the Summit, so the City's funds should support the businesses and residents who are going to be critically impacted by increased surveillance and closures.

Lastly, I wish that you condemn the visit of Philippine President Bongbong Marcos to APEC -- as he is son of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos, whose political oppression and violent regime during the 70s and 80s has impacted the Philippines to this day. The harm he has done to the Philippines has led to a forced diaspora of Filipinos, including myself. I am concerned what kind of message this is sending to the Filipino communities who have been harmed by both Ferdinand Marcos Sr. and BongBong Marcos' policies, which ultimately put Filipino farmers, workers, and women at risk.

If you would like to learn more about the Marcos legacy, I welcome you to visit my video on display at the SF MoMA in the Home Away from Home Exhibit inside Steps Coffee, which highlights the impact of the Marcos family on Filipinos living in San Francisco.

In conclusion, please adopt this resolution so SF residents have more transparency,

preparation, and support they need during the APEC Summit.

Best,

Rachel Lucero

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Rachel Lucero

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From: [Miguel N. Abad](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Resolution File # 231086 [Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Summit]
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:47:48 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisor Members,

As a San Franciscan, and a resident of District 10, and an educator in the city, I am urging you to adopt agenda item 28 (Resolution File # 231086) Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Summit.

As an active citizen, I am concerned about the severe disruptions to the lives of youth, elders, workers, educators, community workers, and small businesses in the neighborhoods that will be directly affected by the APEC conference and security zones. The area is home to many vulnerable communities of our city and the city has done an unsatisfactory job in educating community members of the disruptions to their livelihoods and daily lives during the duration of the APEC summit. As an active citizen, I have conducted street outreach with Filipino community members of the SOMA neighborhood this past week at events such as Undiscovered and the vast majority were not informed about the disruptions in public transportation and mobility.

Moreover, APEC will be hosting heads of state such as Philippine president Ferdinand R Marcos who is the executor of the estate of former Philippine dictator Ferdinand E Marcos. President Ferdinand R Marcos continually ignored a standing \$353,000,000 contempt of judgement issued by the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii on January 25, 2011, on behalf of Filipino human rights abuse victims of the Ferdinand E. Marcos regime. Many Filipino immigrants in San Francisco came to the US in response to political persecution and human violations by the Ferdinand E Marcos dictatorship during the mid to late 20th century. As such, the city should uphold local Filipino community members' freedom of speech protections if they choose to engage in civil demonstrations against President Marcos over his family's debt to human rights victims in San Francisco and across the world.

I urge the board to support residents and working people of the affected communities, as well as citizens' free speech protections by supporting this resolution.

Sincerely
Miguel N Abad

From: [Zach Langley](#)
To: [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item 28 on BOS Agenda 10-24-2023 - Public Comment Dist 4
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:47:33 PM

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Malaya Movement SF has worked with the Filipino Communities in the SoMa as well as survivors of Martial Law under the former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos Sr. His son and current Philippine president BongBong Marcos will be attending the APEC summit.

It is concerning that this kind of message is sent to the Filipino communities who have been harmed by both Ferdinand Marcos Sr. and BongBong Marcos' policies. "San Francisco is for Dictators and Businessmen who forced you from your homeland"

In conclusion, please adopt this resolution so SF residents have more transparency, preparation, and support they need during the APEC Summit.

Best,
Zach Langley
Dist 4 resident

From: [Caeli Benson](#)
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Thank you for your time,

Caeli Benson

From: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Resolution to Mitigation Negative Impact of APEC on SF Small Businesses
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:08:44 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 1:03 PM

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Subject: Support for Resolution to Mitigation Negative Impact of APEC on SF Small Businesses

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I hope this statement finds you well.

Today, our team is writing to wholeheartedly endorse the resolution to provide vital support to our small businesses during the upcoming APEC summit. There are extraordinary challenges they face, not only due to the disruption of this event, which has felt like reopening and deepening the wounds and the hardships small businesses endured during the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing effects and concerns related to safety and drug-related issues in our city.

Our small businesses have been through trials in recent times, that many say are at an intensity, volume, and pace that is impossible to process at human speed. The pandemic inflicted economic blows that many are still struggling to recover from. The resilience they demonstrated, the adaptability they showcased, and the generosity they provided despite the loss is nothing short of remarkable. There is a reason why we see small businesses have stuck it out to care for their teams and their neighbors, unlike bigger enterprises who have left. Small businesses are what truly care for the city, get their hands and hearts involved in all support and recovery work, and defend the city from all criticism and doom loop headlines. These businesses are confronted with a multifaceted crisis, and this one self-inflicted by our beloved city, and are being told “just make the most of it.”

Drug-related issues and safety concerns pose significant challenges. Business owners, their employees, and their customers face day-to-day uncertainties that strain their desire to stay and do business in San Francisco. It's heartbreaking to witness the struggles of those who have chosen to be here full-time, investing not only their livelihoods, and life savings, but their passion and dreams into this city. How much more are we going to ask them to take and sacrifice, when they've already given so much with the little they have?

And now, as we prepare for the APEC summit which is less than 3 weeks away and with no clarity, we must acknowledge that the disruption it will bring threatens to tip the balance for these small businesses. The additional strain of road closures, security measures, and limited access will only exacerbate the already fragile financial situation that many of them find themselves in. As we have checked in on one another, it's the difference between survival and bankruptcy.

What troubles us is the incongruity in the allocation of resources. It's challenging to witness vast sums poured into a temporary event that caters to visitors with a level of care and priority our small businesses and local residents have received. The same level of urgency and prioritization is not extended to our local business owners and citizens who remain committed to San Francisco throughout the years, and especially have done the most to defend and nurture our city when the headlines and the world continue talk down about it.

Supporting our small businesses during the APEC summit is a profound way to show that San Francisco truly values the backbone of its community. By passing this resolution, we convey that we are committed to helping them navigate through these trying times, that we appreciate their resilience in the face of adversity, and that we believe in their potential to recover, thrive, and continue to lead the city's unique character.

In conclusion, let us stand together to protect our small businesses. By offering them the support they need, we not only safeguard their survival but also secure the city's future economic viability. This decision is not only about preserving livelihoods but also about preserving the essence of San Francisco. We must ensure that our small businesses, who have faced COVID, safety issues, and now the APEC summit disruption, have the opportunity to flourish and feel confident to continue to choose to be part of the city's recovery.

Thank you for your consideration,



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From: [Hickey, Jacqueline \(BOS\)](#)
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Cc: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Expressing Solidarity with Small Businesses, Seniors, and Families during the APEC Summit
Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 10:45:25 AM

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Subject: Expressing Solidarity with Small Businesses, Seniors, and Families during the APEC Summit

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October 23, 2023

President Aaron Peskin

Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear President Peskin and Esteemed Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We, the representatives of the SF Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, SF African American Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chambers of Commerce of SF, and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing dedication to the diverse communities across San Francisco.

As we approach the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit scheduled in the South of Market area, particularly impacting the SoMA Pilipinas district, we express our collective concern and solidarity with the small business community, senior citizens, and families, especially those with school-aged children. The prestigious event, while bringing global recognition, also presents significant logistical and operational challenges for our local entrepreneurs, vulnerable population segments, and families.

Recent clarifications from the Secret Service regarding the security and operational measures have underscored the likely disruptions that will impact the daily lives and livelihoods of our community members. The highlighted challenges resonate deeply with us, and we believe it is essential to address them in a manner that upholds the economic vitality and quality of life in our city.

We understand there is a resolution circulating which addresses some of these concerns. However, we also acknowledge that the resolution contains language and viewpoints that may venture beyond the core interests and focus of our alliance. Our primary aim is to advocate for the mitigation of adverse impacts on small businesses, seniors, and families while promoting a conducive environment for local entrepreneurship and community welfare during the APEC Summit.

We are keen on engaging constructively with the Board of Supervisors, other city agencies, and all relevant stakeholders to explore effective measures and strategies that can alleviate the concerns of our community members. Our alliance stands ready to contribute to dialogues and initiatives aimed at ensuring a balanced approach to hosting the APEC Summit, one that respects both our global commitments and the local heartbeat of San Francisco.

We look forward to fostering a collaborative spirit and working hand in hand towards addressing the concerns of our community members while embracing the global opportunity that the APEC Summit presents.

Thank you for your understanding, consideration, and continued service to our great city.

Sincerely,

Jose Pecho, Chairman
SF Filipino American Chamber of Commerce

Matthew Ajiake, President
SF African American Chamber of Commerce

Carlos Solorzano, President
Hispanic Chambers of Commerce of SF

Wade Lai, President
SF Chinese Chamber of Commerce

From: [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SOMA Community Letter of Concern re APEC / Support for Supervisor Chan Resolution # File 231-086
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Subject: SOMA Community Letter of Concern re APEC / Support for Supervisor Chan Resolution # File 231-086

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Thank you,
Raquel

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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: APEC Impacts on 2000 Yerba Buena Neighborhood Senior Residents
Date: Monday, October 23, 2023 3:10:35 PM
Attachments: [San Francisco Board of Supervisors 10_23.pdf](#)

For file 231086

Alisa Somera

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**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2023 1:25 PM  
**To:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** APEC Impacts on 2000 Yerba Buena Neighborhood Senior Residents

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Dear Angela and Alisa,

Please see our attached letter titled APEC Impacts on 2000 Yerba Buena Neighborhood Senior

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If you have any questions please let us know.

Thank you for all of your work.

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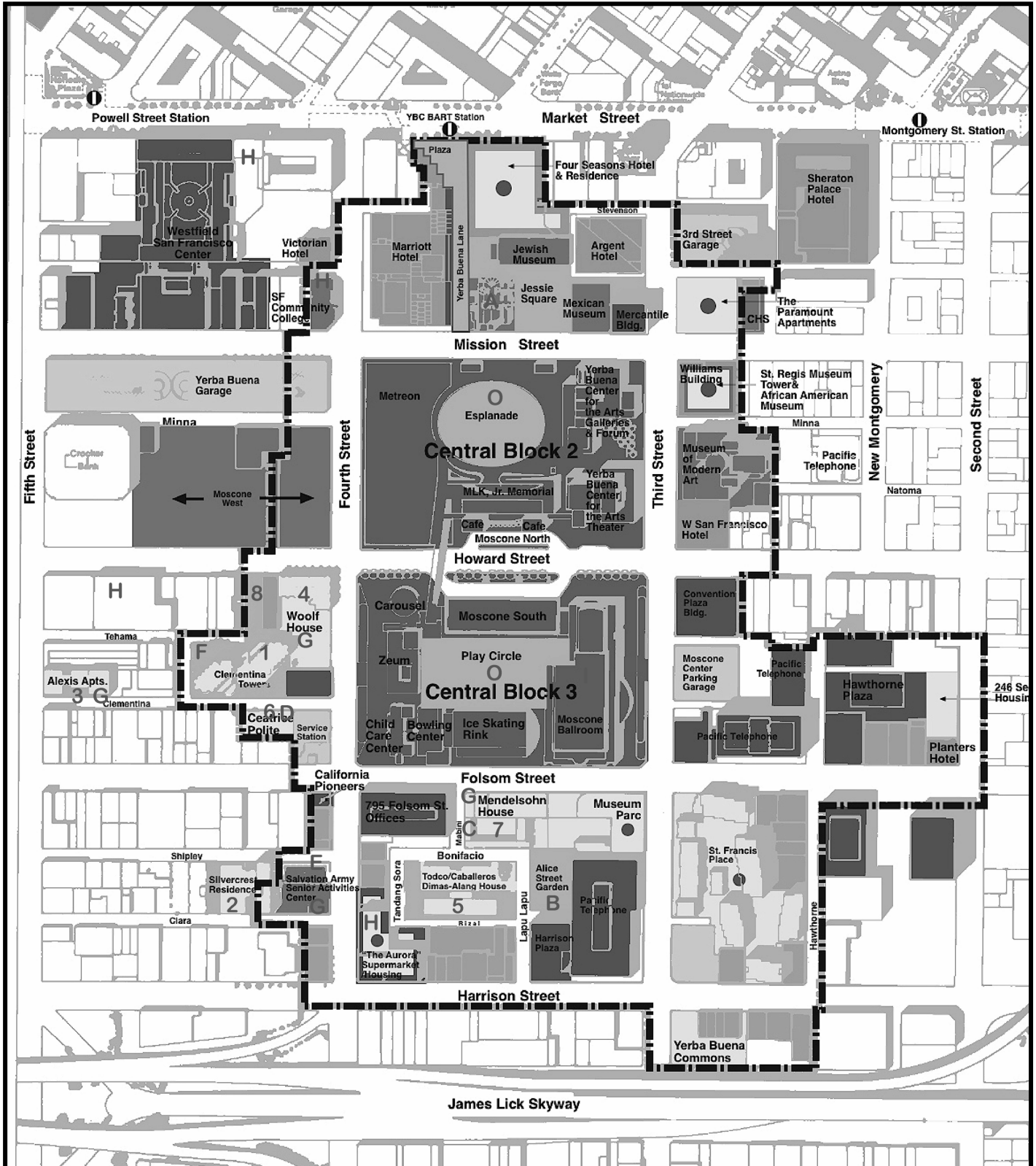
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cc: Mayor London Breed  
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**To:** [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SF Rising Support for Resolution Prioritizing and Protecting Impacted Communities during APEC Summit  
**Date:** Monday, October 23, 2023 2:23:37 PM  
**Attachments:** [HC SF Rising Logo.png](#)  
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[Please find the resolution legislation here.](#) And an official letter attached.

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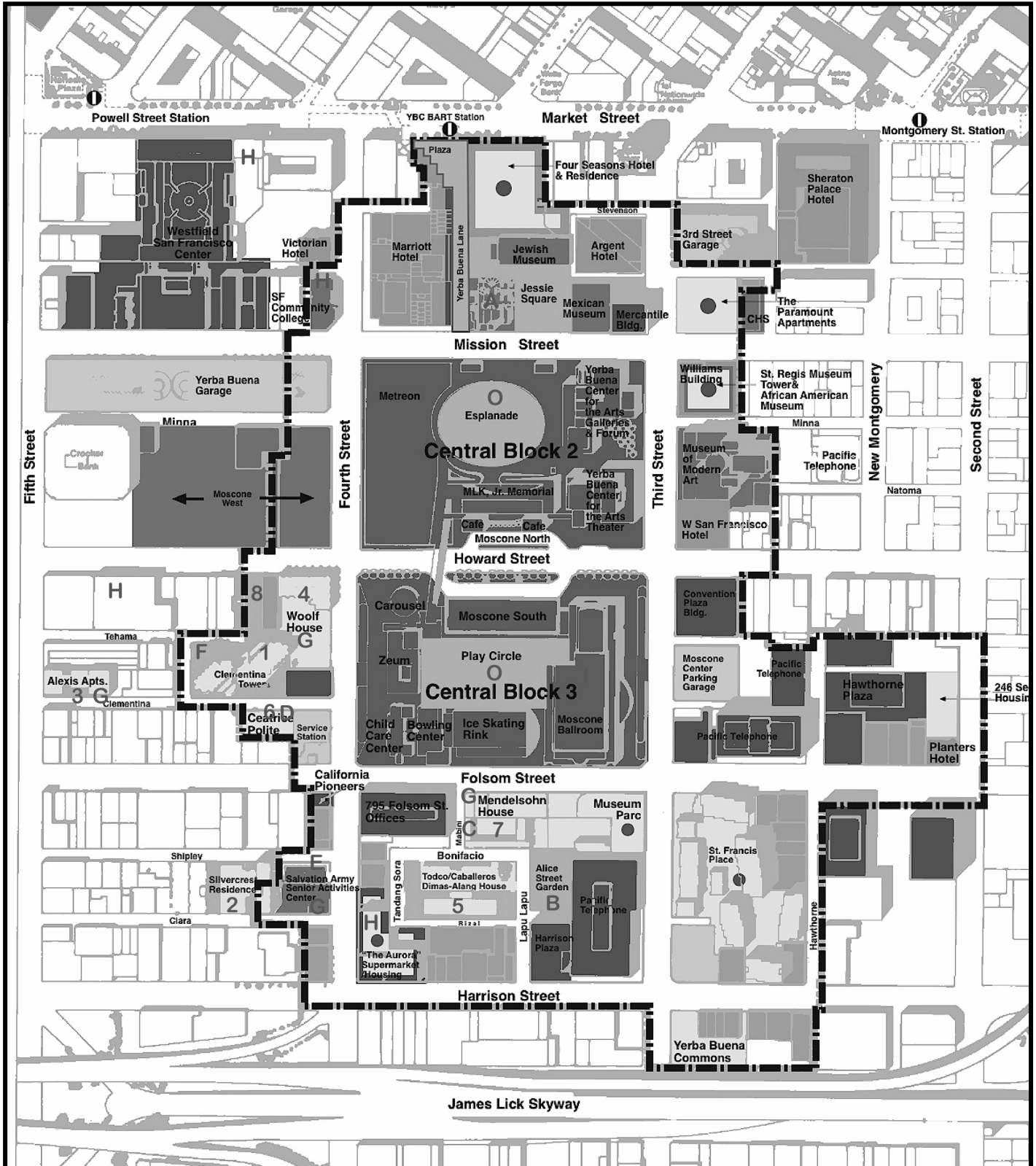
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