

From: [Kristina Pappas](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Engardio, Joel \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SFLCV strongly opposes proposed charter amendment limiting SFMTA authority
Date: Monday, October 30, 2023 2:37:59 PM
Attachments: [10-30-23 Oppose Peskin_Safai ballot measure.pdf](#)

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Hello, please find attached our letter of opposition.

Kristina Pappas
President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters

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Kristina Pappas
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October 30, 2023

TO: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

RE: Opposition to Proposed Charter Amendment Limiting SFMTA Board Authority

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors:

The San Francisco League of Conservation Voters (SFLCV) urges the Board to reject the proposed charter amendment to limit the authority of the SFMTA Board to change fares and to change maximum parking meter rates and hours of enforcement. By making those changes, but no others, contingent on prior mayoral approval, the charter amendment will make it more politically difficult for SFMTA to raise revenue to fund Muni service. This is deeply concerning given the serious fiscal challenges Muni faces over the next several years due to a steep drop in traditional downtown commuting trips.

Although ridership on Muni lines focused on serving downtown has dropped since the pandemic, ridership on many other lines that serve non-downtown neighborhoods is approaching – and in some cases even exceeding – pre-pandemic levels. The kinds of service cuts that Muni will need to impose if it does not secure additional non-fare revenue will be devastating to neighborhood commercial districts throughout San Francisco. There has been much scaremongering about how expanding the hours of parking meter enforcement may affect small businesses, but parking meters promote parking turnover, which is actually good for business.

Moreover, we are facing a climate emergency. Scientists have sounded the alarm bells that to reduce carbon emissions we must make immediate transformational changes to our transportation systems. We must dedicate more funding to walking, biking and public transit, making these options safer, faster and more convenient. The charter amendment would do the opposite, crippling future transit budgets and preferencing free or cheap parking for private car owners. The charter amendment perversely prioritizes gasoline-fueled transportation over the city's fleet of clean buses and active transportation.

Many San Francisco residents cannot afford cars and many of our seniors also rely on transit. Equity requires that we increase funding for the transportation services these lowest income residents depend on. This proposed charter amendment would effectively do the opposite by adding a new layer of Mayoral veto power over revenue proposals.

Finally, the proposed charter amendment is directly contrary to the City's Transit First policies, the Board's Climate Emergency Declaration, and the City's Climate Action Plan, which calls for 80 percent of all trips to be low-carbon trips by 2030. By prioritizing free private vehicle storage while making it more difficult for SFMTA to raise revenue, the proposed charter amendment would help perpetuate the automobile-focused transportation system that we desperately need to move away from.

This is an important vote that reflects the commitment of the Board of Supervisors to a sustainable future for San Francisco and as such will factor significantly into SFLCV's future candidate endorsement decisions.

Please reject the proposed charter amendment.

Sincerely,

Kristina Pappas
President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters

From: [Peter Lee](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.
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Message to the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent: Peter Lee, peterboothlee@hotmail.com

Message: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.

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From: [Nancy Zerner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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Message to the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent: Nancy Zerner, nancyfancypants@yahoo.com

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From: [Viktoria Kolesnikova](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Viktoria Kolesnikova, vxk.viktoria@gmail.com

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From: [Elizabeth Clark](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Elizabeth Clark, swimeclark@gmail.com

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From: [Grant Ingram](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Grant Ingram, grant.ingram@yahoo.com

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From: [Nina Steinman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Nina Steinman, ninasteinman@yahoo.com

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From: [Alissa Anderson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Alissa Anderson , alissa@foggy-notion.com

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As a businesses owner in the Inner Richmond, extending the time/days on meters would negativity impact our business. We also need a solution for all day employee parking not at meters or residential spaces, for our workers that need to drive to work.

From: [Diana Dubash](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Diana Dubash, dirus@pacbell.net

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To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Helen Collaco, helencollaco@sbcglobal.net

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From: [james zucherman](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: james zucherman, zuchermanj@aol.com

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From: [Norah Uyeda](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Norah Uyeda, yuenuyeda@hotmail.com

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From: [Casey Larson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Casey Larson, caseyeagan@hotmail.com

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From: [Stephen Somerstein](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Stephen Somerstein, ssomerstein@gmail.com

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From: [Rick Lee](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Rick Lee, glock226@yahoo.com

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From: [Karen Schwartz](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Karen Schwartz , kielygomes@yahoo.com

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From: [Dennis Lim](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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From your constituent: Dennis Lim, Faydoy356@yahoo.com

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From: [Thomas Henderson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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Message to the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent: Thomas Henderson, t.stephen.henderson@gmail.com

Message: I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment that would give Mayoral approval over parking meter and other transportation fees and fares.

Dear Supervisors,

I support Supervisor Safai's Charter Amendment for the March 5, 2024 election that would require the Mayor of San Francisco to approve any proposed increases to SFMTA fares, parking meter maximum rates, and hours or days of operation.

No single unelected city department head should have the sole authority to increase our parking or fare rates. To correct this, the proposed Charter Amendment requires the Mayor to approve any fare, parking, or MUNI rate increases put into the SFMTA budget, placing the authority back on elected leaders. Transportation fees significantly impact the lives of residents, and businesses, particularly those in lower-income areas, and when fees need to be changed, this decision should be made by our mayor, who can take all factors and constituents into consideration.

Please vote to support this Charter Amendment.