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Dear Clerk of the Board,

Please add this letter from the Friends of Boeddeker Park to the packet for the Appeal of the 5M project which will be heard by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, November 17, 3 pm.

Thank you very much.

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Friends of Boeddeker Park would like to once again respectfully request that you overturn the Recreation and Park Commissioners decision to allow the increased shadowing of our park. City Code allows for ZERO tolerance for increased shadowing of parks. Also, please note that there were no notices ever posted anywhere near the park announcing the consideration of increasing the shadow limit.

Boeddeker Park is the only open space in the Tenderloin available to all, and, as you know, recently millions of dollars have been spent to completely renovate this small space into a park and recreational treasure for the Tenderloin and the whole city. It has been enormously successful and is used all day long by the residents from very young children to seniors

We do not agree with the developers that the increased shadows are not important because they will fall on an unimportant part of the park and only in the early morning before the current 9 am opening. The area that will be shadowed is our community garden where we are currently growing vegetables and herbs and have additional plans for this area, and it is part of the precious little green space in the park.

I would also like to add that we are concerned about the even larger issue of shadowing Yerba Buena Gardens. Nobody speaks for that important open space in the middle of the city, but the shadows proposed for it are even more significant.

There is no necessity for these proposed buildings to be so tall that they shade our precious parks. Please consider a redesign to protect the little bit of open space that we have in the central city.

PLEASE do not allow ANY increased shadowing of our park.

Thank you,

Betty L. Traynor, Coordinator
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