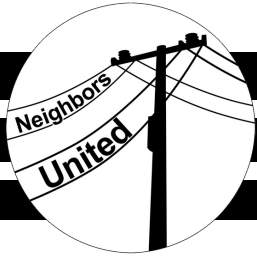


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To the SF Board of Supervisors,  
Attached is a letter of opposition to the "Chop Shop" bill being heard at the full board meeting tomorrow from Neighbors United, a neighborhood organizing group in San Francisco.  
Thank you so much for your time,  
Jen Snyder  
Coordinator, Neighbors United



August 31, 2017

Via Email: Brent Jalipa, Legislative Clerk, [brent.jalipa@sfgov.org](mailto:brent.jalipa@sfgov.org)

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

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Neighbors United, a neighborhood organizing group centered around keeping our city diverse and affordable, formally opposes the proposed Bicycle Chop Shop legislation (Sheehy), the ordinance that would amend the Public Works Code to prohibit the taking apart or rebuilding of bikes, possessing bike parts, or selling bike parts on public sidewalks, imposes impound fees, and would allow the seizure of those parts.

We opposed this bill with Coalition on Homelessness, The Democratic Socialists of America, and the Bicycle Coalition months ago and we remain deeply disturbed by this legislation. While purportedly attempting to address the very real issue of bicycle theft, it instead panders to the prejudicial premise that all those who live outdoors and own multiple bikes and/or parts must have stolen that property, while failing to reduce bike theft. In fact, these seizures seem unwarranted and unconstitutional. Much like stop and frisk, it assumes guilt without cause and relies on profiling.

Furthermore, this bill provides no way for unhoused people to prove the ownership of their property once it has been seized. It instead subjects them to the unreasonable burden of proving that they are not, in fact, operating an "open air chop shop," while they are simultaneously being charged for the impound of their property.

We are concerned about bike theft, but this legislation does NOT deter theft. It only punishes poor people for daring to scrape out a living in this city and paints a powerful image of the destitute worker as a thief, without ever bothering to prove their guilt.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Snyder

Coordinator, Neighbors United  
And the Neighbors United full steering committee