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Board Item No.

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**Completed by:** Erica Major      **Date** May 14, 2020  
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4 **other measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; directing the Recreation and**  
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6 **for such uses; and waiving contrary provisions in Administrative Code, Chapters 79**  
7 **and 79A, and Charter, Section 4.113, if and to the extent applicable.**

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15      subsections or parts of tables.

16           Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

17           Section 1. Declaration of Emergency under Charter Section 2.107.

18           (a) Section 2.107 of the Charter authorizes passage of an emergency ordinance in  
19      cases of public emergency affecting life, health, or property, or for the uninterrupted operation  
20      of any City or County department or office required to comply with time limitations established  
21      by law. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares that an actual emergency exists  
22      that requires the passage of this emergency ordinance.

23           (b) San Francisco is facing an unprecedented public health crisis due to the COVID-19  
24      pandemic. With the Board's concurrence, the Mayor declared an emergency on February 25,  
25      2020, and has issued a series of executive orders to keep residents safe and to respond to  
26      the emergency. Also, the County Health Officer has issued Order No. C19-07, replaced most

1 recently by Order C19-07c on April 29, 2020, directing residents to stay safely in their homes  
2 and practice social distancing, and to require persons to self-isolate if they have contracted  
3 the disease or are vulnerable to it.

4 (c) This ordinance addresses two challenges that the City continues to face with  
5 respect to COVID-19. The first is that thousands of City residents cannot realistically comply  
6 with orders to shelter in their homes, because they are homeless and without shelter. In the  
7 resolution in File No. 200406, the Board of Supervisors found that unsheltered persons are  
8 sleeping outdoors in encampments with insufficient hygiene and sanitation and inadequate  
9 physical distancing, which is posing a serious challenge to the City's COVID-19 mitigation  
10 efforts. The City is trying to house these persons in vacant hotel rooms, but it is essential to  
11 put other strategies in place and explore all possible options, including the option of temporary  
12 shelter in parks. The second challenge is to find additional locations where the City can  
13 provide testing and other emergency services related to COVID-19. It is insufficient to provide  
14 these services only in hospitals. Medical facilities are overburdened, and many residents are  
15 fearful of contracting the disease from hospital visits. Medical services must be safely  
16 available to all residents, and there are parks all across the City that can potentially be used  
17 for these purposes. Of course, parks must also remain available for outdoor exercise, but  
18 some parks are closed or restricted in other ways due to the pandemic, and areas within  
19 certain parks can potentially be re-purposed without unduly interfering with existing  
20 recreational uses.

21 (d) For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors finds it is essential to expeditiously  
22 plan for and establish temporary sites in the parks for unsheltered people and to slow the  
23 spread of COVID-19.

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1           Section 2. Finding of Park Purpose.

2           San Francisco has a long history of using parks to respond to emergencies. For  
3 example, tens of thousands found temporary shelter and medical care in Golden Gate Park  
4 and other City parks after the 1906 Earthquake, and in 2016, the City established a temporary  
5 shelter in the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park to protect homeless residents from the  
6 El Niño storms. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, cities across California such as Los  
7 Angeles and Long Beach, as well in other parts of the country, are finding it is necessary and  
8 appropriate in this emergency to provide temporary shelter and medical care in their public  
9 parks. Consistent with this history and with the current practice of many other cities, the  
10 Board of Supervisors finds it is necessary and appropriate and in the public interest to use  
11 park property in the City's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All existing or prior uses of  
12 park property to assist in the response to COVID-19 are hereby ratified.

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14           Section 3. Temporary Shelters and Other Uses.

15           (a) The Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the authority of the Recreation and  
16 Park Department (RPD) to allow temporary shelters and other emergency response sites on  
17 park property during the COVID-19 emergency. In exercising that authority, RPD shall  
18 consult with, and may authorize such sites to be operated by, the Department of Public Health  
19 (DPH), the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), and/or the Healthy  
20 Streets Operations Center (HSOC). Each shelter site shall provide adequate space between  
21 each tent or other living area to allow for social distancing, meals, drinking water,  
22 handwashing stations, bathrooms, and sanitation. Each shelter site shall also have a safety  
23 plan and shall receive 24/7 staffing, and may provide access to such other services as the  
24 City determines may be necessary and practically feasible to maintain the health and safety of  
25 those at the site and in the surrounding neighborhood.

11                   (c) This ordinance shall not affect any requirement to perform environmental review, in  
12                   the event such a requirement applies with respect to a proposed use of park property. Upon  
13                   approving a proposed use, RPD shall provide public notice of the approval on its website.  
14                   RPD shall consult as necessary with DPH, HSH, and HSOC with respect to the operation and  
15                   eventual closure of the sites.

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#### 17 Section 4. Suspension of Existing Laws.

18 It is necessary to address the emergency conditions described above, notwithstanding  
19 any City law to the contrary, which is hereby suspended if and to the extent in conflict with this  
20 emergency ordinance. Further, the Board of Supervisors hereby suspends Charter Section  
21 4.113, if and to the extent Section 4.113 would otherwise restrict the use of park property as  
22 set forth herein. The Board of Supervisors also suspends Administrative Code Chapters 79  
23 and 79A, which impose certain notice requirements prior to approval of City projects, if and to  
24 the extent those Chapters would otherwise apply.

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1           Section 5. Undertaking for the General Welfare. In enacting and implementing this  
2 emergency ordinance, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general  
3 welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for  
4 breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach  
5 proximately caused injury.

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7           Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of  
8 this emergency ordinance, or any application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held to  
9 be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision  
10 shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of the ordinance. The  
11 Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each and  
12 every section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, and word not declared invalid or  
13 unconstitutional without regard to whether any other portion of this ordinance or application  
14 thereof would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

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16           Section 7. Effective Date; Expiration. Consistent with Charter Section 2.107, this  
17 emergency ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment. Enactment occurs  
18 when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not  
19 sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the  
20 Mayor's veto of the ordinance. Once enacted, it shall remain in effect for 60 days, unless  
21 reenacted as provided by Section 2.107. If not reenacted, it shall expire on the 61st day after  
22 enactment.

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1           Section 8. Supermajority Vote Required. In accordance with Charter Section 2.107,  
2 passage of this emergency ordinance by the Board of Supervisors requires an affirmative vote  
3 of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors.

4           APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
5 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

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7 By:     /s/  
8           MANU PRADHAN  
Deputy City Attorney

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks]

**Emergency ordinance authorizing the use of park property for temporary shelter and other measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; directing the Recreation and Park Department to report to the Board of Supervisors with a list of potential locations for such uses; and waiving contrary provisions in Administrative Code, Chapters 79 and 79A, and Charter, Section 4.113, if and to the extent applicable.**

### Existing Law

The Recreation and Park Department (RPD) manages park property on behalf of the City.

### Amendments to Current Law

The ordinance would direct RPD to prepare a report identifying park properties that could be used as temporary shelters or for other uses that may be necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., testing facilities). RPD would have to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors and post a copy on its website.

If RPD were to allow such uses on park property, it would need to consult with the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), and the Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC), as appropriate. Any shelter sites would need to allow for adequate social distancing and provide basic necessities such as bathrooms, sanitation, and a safety plan.

The ordinance would suspend existing City laws concerning public notice of City projects (e.g., Admin. Code §§ 79, 79A), and regarding the allowable uses of park property (Charter, § 4.113), if and to the extent those rules would otherwise apply.

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DIANNE FEINSTEIN  
CALIFORNIA



COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY - RANKING MEMBER  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

## United States Senate

May 4, 2020

The Honorable Norman Yee  
President  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Yee:

I write to express my concern regarding reports that the Board of Supervisors may act to compel the Recreation and Park Department to permit homeless encampments within Golden Gate Park, especially as there are available alternatives.

I certainly believe all city resources need to be on the table to protect the safety of the residents of San Francisco. Providing safe housing options for our homeless population, especially those living in group housing or shelters, has to be a priority.

San Francisco has numerous options to deal with the critical shortage of safe shelter: continuing the Mayor's hotel program, enforcing social distancing and healthy conduct in group housing and shelters, and expanding RV programs and temporary shelters. This could include tents on unused parking lots and closed schoolyards, as well as public facilities such as the Cow Palace and Port property. These locations are available, have utilities, and can be more easily restored to original uses than can Park lands.

We are all aware that our city, state, and country has a homeless crisis that has been intensified by COVID-19. However, encouraging tent encampments on the streets of the Tenderloin or in Golden Gate Park is not a viable solution.

Please be assured that, while I disagree with this proposed use of Golden Gate Park, I will continue my work in Congress to help the City acquire the federal resources necessary to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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**From:** Angela O'Neill <oneill.angela4@gmail.com>

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 1:37 PM

**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, Phil Ginsburg <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, Norman Yee <norman.yee@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I'm writing to ask you to oppose the proposal of Sandra Fewer, Supervisor of Richmond District, to use Rec & Park sites to house homeless population. Nice for her she won't have to deal with the problem from her home in San Rafael.

I have never written to an elected official before but feel this is the time.

I vehemently oppose any legislation that would put San Francisco's homeless population into our beautiful Golden Gate Park, the jewel in the crown of San Francisco. This is utter madness. To suggest that it would be a temporary measure is disingenuous and/or naive.

It has taken years to get the GGP to a place where families can freely roam without fear of being affronted with a homeless person screaming at them, without finding discarded needles and generally being afraid to go to the Park alone.

I have called San Francisco home for nearly 30 years. I remember Beach Chalet when you could not go into the trees to retrieve a soccer ball alone because of the fear of what you would encounter.

I am trying to raise a family in San Francisco and doing my best to stay here and not flee like so many families. At this point, I wonder if it has all been in vain and now feel like just giving up and moving out.

My children attended a local Catholic school in the Sunset and we had hoped they could go to public high school but that wasn't possible as they were allotted to a school on Folsom Street. We sent them to a Catholic high school, which, by the way, has open drug dealing and homeless mere blocks away. We are buckling under the strain of the fees to make this possible but we are committed to see it through.

I am wondering when the Mayor is going to work hard for us folk that are working hard? Working hard to stay in this City? Working hard to pay our taxes? Working hard to own a property in this City and pay more taxes? What about us? How much do you think we can take of this?

I voted for London Breed. I've been to many events and heard her speak. I sang at City Hall in March for the St. Patrick's Day flag raising. I realize it's a balancing act to try to keep everyone happy. I am a part of that Irish community that is asked to vote for London Breed. I will not be voting for her in the next election if she continues to disregard the hard-

working people of this City and have any part in destroying our beautiful Golden Gate Park. Don't we hardworking residents deserve an oasis where we can move freely?

These are catastrophic times and we all have to make sacrifices. Our GGP should not be sacrificed. There are plenty of other options to house the ever growing homeless/mentally ill population in San Francisco. You should not support this proposal to set up homeless in the Golden Gate Park.

Angela O'Neill

[oneill.angela4@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.angela4@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless tents in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Victoria Erville <victoria.erville@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 9:54:01 PM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Homeless tents in Golden Gate Park

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Good evening

A letter was shared this evening on the Next Door app written by Supervisor Fewer. The Supervisor is apparently floating the idea of moving homeless people into GGP. As a resident of the Sunset District and a school age parent I want to voice my concern.

The Homeless almost took over the park several years ago to the point that needles and broken beer bottles were consistently found at the Playground. So many people were living in the park that I no longer felt safe walking near bushes or just stepping off the sidewalk to explore the many paths in the park.

I hate that you proposed this. This city is losing families and it's this kind of "plan" that is driving us away. So the kids can't play on the structures because of the virus but they can make-believe as they wander and wonder through the gardens and trees.

Supervisor Fewer would rather put up homeless tents.

This isn't a game! You want to effect how many Sunset and Richmond resident lives to do what?

I work in the Mission and see first hand what goes on in tent cities. I've been cursed at, watched a man defecate in front of my office and another run into the street welding a knife. That is only a small fraction of what is happening within that community.

So let's just say you get your wish and move the homeless into the park. What happens when they aren't fast asleep in their tents? You can't possibly believe they won't wander into the neighborhood? They barely follow the rule of law now. Do you really think they will leave the park after the Virus is contained in 12-18 months?

Here's a possible solution. Send them to Angel island or Alcatraz. No one is obviously going there now and probably won't be for a long while. There are plenty of rooms and toilets and even a cafeteria at Alcatraz. those that want more of an outdoor environment can pitch tents on Angel Island.

Sincerely  
A member of the voting public  
Victoria Erville

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Linda Aldrich](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Item No. 4, File No. 200453, Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks.  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:55:49 PM

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NO please on Item No. 4, File No. 200453, Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks.

Thank you for relaying my wishes to the Supervisors

Linda Aldrich  
2838 Jackson Street  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
415-346-8855

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Roscelli <paulroscelli@me.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 8:33:46 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park**

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I live in the outer sunset and I have no interest in seeing a homeless encampment out here. They're already getting free housing in the form of apartments and rental units right now. The last thing I need is these people out of my neighborhood. Rest assured I will spend every moment at every meeting I can make sure it's doesn't happen.

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amy Greenberg <amyw1180@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:10:28 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I am very disturbed that it is proposed that Golden Gate Park will become a homeless encampment.

This will bring, needles, feces and drugs to the park. The park will not be a safe place that people will be able to go to. There is already a high rate of car breaks in and crime in the Sunset and the Richmond and this will only make things worse.

There are other place in the city that would be a good location i.e. the Cow Palace.

Where has all the tax money gone to help the homeless? I am a Social Worker and there are barely/none any worthwhile services in the city.

It is disgusting what this city has become.

The new District Attorney will not be prosecuting any crimes that will occur in the park. How will we be safe?

-Amy Greenberg

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not put dangerous tent encampments at Kezar or 730 Stanyan

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stacie Johnson <stacielyn\_99@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 5:06:27 PM PDT  
**To:** "Preston, Dean (BOS)" <dean.preston@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "cvia-board@googlegroups.com" <cvia-board@googlegroups.com>  
**Subject:** Do not put dangerous tent encampments at Kezar or 730 Stanyan

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Supervisor Preston,

I hope this message finds you well. My family and I live on Beulah St in Cole Valley and are writing to express our concern about placing a tent encampment around Kezar or at the old McDonalds site (730 Stanyan).

Please make sure you are listening to your constituents who actually live in Cole Valley/Haight. We are the law abiding, TAX PAYING, citizens who are raising children near these sites.

The McDonalds site used to be a magnet for crime, drug sales and drug use. It was an embarrassment to the neighborhood and city. First, I want to reiterate how pleased we have been since the McDonalds was purchased and shut down 2 years ago. Prior to that, we had significantly more homeless drug users and dealers that would linger around the entrance to the park and around our block. Our kids refused to walk under the bridge to go to the playground or to soccer practice because they were scared of the dogs that were off leash and the many young people openly doing and selling drugs. Over the course of living on Beulah, prior to the McDonalds shut down we found many needles on our front porch, a gun next to our garage, had a small fire that was started against our house (with clear drug paraphernalia), and too many to count human feces and urine incidents. To say the closing of that site has been crucial, much needed and appreciated is an understatement. Bringing this group back would be a disaster for our neighborhood.

The discussion about potentially using space around Kezar or at the old McDonalds site for a homeless camp site is also beyond concerning. Many kids and families utilize Kezar and Golden Gate park (appropriately distanced) for much needed exercise. Many kids and tax paying, law abiding citizens would need walk through this area to access Kezar, Golden Gate Park (one of this city's historic sites and most beloved asset) and our largest grocery store. The city just spent \$6 million, making this exact area a

clean, safe place to be. Are you really going to reverse all of the progress that Vallie Brown made?

Please look at other D5 sites. Kezar and 730 Stanyan are not appropriate.

IF a tent encampment happens how will you and the city:

1. Make sure laws are being abided to and appropriate action (i.e. jail) is enforced (i know... funny.... San Francisco would never do that. Poor drug users need our sympathy).
2. Make sure appropriate social distancing is being enforced at the tent encampment. We now know that there are many cases of Covid19 in one of the navigation centers. Do we really want to be bringing that risk INTO a neighborhood that has very little exposure when these folks are likely NOT going to distance when they are high on drugs or otherwise?
3. Make sure there is a plan in place to keep the area clean and ensure these folks are respectful of the neighborhood (i.e. - needles, feces, urine, garbage, dogs off leash).
4. Have a plan to immediately REMOVE this tent encampment when this is all over? The likelihood of it just being removed is slim to none. We would need a timeline.
5. Involve the neighbors who ACTUALLY PAY THE TAXES TO FUND THIS FINE CITY to ensure there is a realistic plan in place. By plan, this includes showing how laws will be enforced.

Stacie and Dave Johnson

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lin Barcellos](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please No Encampments  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:59:56 PM

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Distinguished Board of Supervisors

Thank you for serving our city.

Please do not allow encampments in Golden Gate Park.

Cow Palace, fenced school yards and more hotel rooms are much better choices for our citizens experiencing homelessness.

Our citizens who are homeless need some security and a little privacy. Also, they should not be asked to sleep with coyotes rats, mice, and hooligans. They need shelter from the natural elements, such as today's rain. The virus loves the cold! Let's keep our homeless citizens in warm temperatures as much as possible.

Furthermore, our parks need to be maintained for their intended use, especially now.

Sincerely  
Linda Barcellos  
1258 22nd Ave  
SF. CA 94122

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Olivia Puerta <olivia.puerta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:30 PM  
**To:** Mar, Gordon (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** tent encampments in Golden Gate Park

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Hi Supervisor Mar and Board of Supervisors - I'm writing to express my support for Senator Feintsein's stance on the proposed tent encampments in Golden Gate Park -- I think that there are better alternatives that should be explored instead of threatening a valuable public space for nature and recreation.

Thank you,  
Olivia

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Shari Mann <shariuno@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tent Encampments

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Mayor Breed, and all

Please, oh please do not permit the use of Golden Gate Park or any part thereof for house people, no matter their circumstances. There are other alternatives, unrented hotel rooms seems to be working for example. They are far more acceptable than such a use of the Park.

As a 79-year-old senior citizen, I use the Park daily, as do many of our citizens of all ages. Golden Gate Park is a tourist destination, rightly so, and . Relatively few areas need to be avoided.

It is admirable to wish to provide housing for those who need it; I support that, and believe I contribute through the taxes I pay as a homeowner for over half a century. I chose San Francisco as a permanent residence while under 21 years of age, please permit me continue to enjoy the Park without fear.

Thank you.

Sincerely  
Shari A. Mann  
1241 - 27th Avenue  
San Francisco CA 94122-1506

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Lin Barcellos <linbarcellos@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:00 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please No Encampments

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Sincerely  
Linda Barcellos  
1258 22nd Ave  
SF. CA 94122

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Lafabnyc <lafabnyc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Waltonstaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 200453 - I oppose public parks, incl. John McLaren park, to be used as homeless camps

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I fully oppose John McLaren park being used to house homeless encampments. Why not Golden Gate? The city has continuously ignored the maintenance and protection of this neighborhood. As it is, the neighborhood is polluted and dilapidated to where I am embarrassed to say I live in San Francisco. As it is, the park is covered in plastic, syringes, and feces - both human and dogs.

Peter Kouzmov  
50 Tioga Ave.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:26 PM  
**To:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** I do not agree in allowing encampments in Golden Gate Park

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We already have a major problem with homeless people in SOMA and the Tenderloin district. A lot of these homeless people have drug problems and/or mental illness. I have seen a lot of them sleeping in the middle of the street right by Townsend & 4th. I have seen human poop on the sidewalks.

They should not be allowed to setup tent camps in Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park is a recreation place for residents of San Francisco. This would become a safety and health issue (human waste in streets) for people trying enjoy Golden Gate park for exercise during the covid SIP order.

Eileen Tse  
San Francisco Native

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** leona galea <leonagalea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless encampment at McLaren Park

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

As a resident of the Portland District I would like to express my opinion of using McLaren Park as a campsite for the homeless of San Francisco.

It has taken many years to create this beautiful park as a thriving family oriented park.

To bring an encampment as a temporary fix for this problem due to the Covid 19 is not a good solution. There are many other areas that should be considered to help the homeless. Hiding these people in this area doesn't help anyone. This would be a temporary fix and not a solution to this problem. They should be near areas where there are resources to help with their drug addictions, alcoholism, mental health issues and many others problems they suffer.

Please do not vote to have McLaren Park as a temporary encampment.

Sincerely,  
Leona Galea

Sent from my iPad

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Paul Roscelli <paulroscelli@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless encampment Golden gate Park

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I live in the outer sunset and I have no interest in seeing a homeless encampment out here. They're already getting free housing in the form of apartments and rental units right now. The last thing I need is these people out of my neighborhood. Rest assured I will spend every moment at every meeting I can make sure it's doesn't happen.

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** ALICE XAVER <acxavier@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** Yee, Norman (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS)  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Ginsburg, Phil (REC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to homeless housed in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Supervisors Yee, Mar and Fewer,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposal to house the homeless in Golden Gate Park.

There are other more suitable options, which are available. The Cow Palace, which already has utilities is more suitable. Port Authority land is another viable option.

Golden Gate Park is the city's treasured space for families and visitors to relax and enjoy.  
Housing the homeless would put needless stress on our park land.

Currently, there are numerous fires in the park. Open drug use in San Francisco is another problem, which is not acceptable in Golden Gate Park.

We urge to consider the other alternatives for a clean safe park for our families.

Respectfully,  
Alice and Chris Xavier  
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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** ROBERT CHIESA <konalei@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Tent sites at McLaren Park for Homeless

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Both of us are against tent sites at McLaren Park for the homeless!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Renee Mahan <reneemahan77@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless in Golden Gate Park

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you because I read the proposed idea to move the tents and homeless population into Golden Gate Park. Is that really a solution? It won't stop the problem and it won't be any safer. It fact it will probably make the park unsafe for families to use for walks or bike rides. It seems that the Cory is just moving the problem around. I may not have a good soliton, but just moving the homeless around is not it. The city is in a crisis, and just pushing the homeless encampments and tents into the park is just going to make the problem worse.

Sincerely,  
Renee Mahan  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Peter Mandell <petermandell25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:32 PM  
**To:** Mar, Gordon (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless Encampment in GGP

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Being a resident who lives one block south of the park, this is just a bad idea. It wasn't that long ago that the park was overrun with homeless camping out. What is the major playground for city residents became overrun with garbage, drug abuse, unsafe refuse, needles and crime. It took years to clean up the park and make it safe again. And when the park turned bad, it spilled out into the local neighborhoods. Shelters are one solution, where conditions and all involved can be carefully monitored and supervised, and issues can be controlled; but turning over the park to camping out will forever green light the free for all and once again subject all using the park, as well as local neighborhoods to the uncontrolled unregulated and unsupervised ruin for all and increased risk to public safety.

It's the wrong solution to a current and troubling problem facing all, but it's just bad medicine at a time when public health and safety is the overriding concern. This idea must not pass in the pointy headed nabobs of city government.

Peter Mandell  
Sunset District resident  
San Francisco, CA

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Peter Mandell : [petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
Subject: RE: 200453 Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

From: Linda Stark Litehiser <linda.litehi@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:44 PM  
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; rafael.mendelman@sfgov.org; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>  
Subject: Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

During these times of COVID-19, parks and open spaces have been vital to everyone's physical and mental health. Throughout our city, tents and encampments have become a contentious issue and our city has worked to address individuals experiencing homelessness with the appropriate solutions. As our city continues to respond to the urgency of this issue, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer's proposal for the use of park properties for safe encampment sites.

I have spent my entire adult life advocating and helping support our park system as an active volunteer--PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

Here are some point I would like you to consider:

1. The parks are already in use for many vital services. Our neighborhoods Rec centers are being used to serve as daycare centers for the children of first responders and essential workers. It was a necessary solution for what we hoped would only be a few months but this situation could go on for some additional time. It means that fewer of our recreation indoor spaces are now available for our families, seniors and residents of all ages to exercise and recreate. This summer, we are not likely to be able to provide Day Camps, Sports Camps and Swimming programs which means that our parks need all of their green space areas to help our citizens get the valued exercise and mental peace of mind that comes with being "outside in nature". Our precious open spaces are needed now more than ever and as I live near a park, we are already seeing conflicts between people who refuse to wear face coverings or are engaging in unsafe behavior. Tent camps will exacerbate already concerning situations which will pit neighborhoods against neighborhoods--depending on which parks are selected. My fear is that the parks in less affluent neighborhoods will be selected creating even greater inequality and issues. Parks with more foliage and dry grasses could become engulfed in wild fires. It happens yearly with presently "illegal" encampments. Vigilant park staff and volunteers keeps an eye out for camping situations that can get out of hand.

2. I fear that the 60 days being proposed will not be close to the time needed to help the individuals who will choose or be chosen to live in these encampments. I don't believe that once these sites are selected that there will be any control over who can camp there and how to prevent others from showing up. What we will be doing is creating the de facto right to sleep (and live) in our parks--which now, thanks to legislation, are closed at midnight. How do we stop this experiment--if it is not

working ? How do you control those who now feel they have a "right" to live 24 -7 in our parks, how do you transition people to permanent housing? Our State laws allow individuals to claim "squatters Rights" after 30 days. I believe the City had to settle a lawsuit some years ago -where a "resident" of Golden Gate Park won a case on that legal ground. Would we have hundreds or thousands who now claim they "legally live" in our parks and opens spaces? Once "opened up" this will become an out of control situation. I remember well the Tent City experiment at Civic Center Plaza under the Agnos administration. It was a nightmare scenario and that took years to bring the plaza back to a place that now is a source of pride, safety and all types of activities that support this area as a true "commons area". It does require vigilance to maintain it-- the area requires constant supervision to prevent and maintain safety. How will we do that in as many as 8 separate park locations? We are clearly not learning from our mistakes.

Sadly, our homeless situation has never been solved properly and now we are suggesting using the park for another band-aid. Our neighborhoods depend on our parks-- each one is actively used and provides solace for those without a personal backyard. A proposal of this scale significantly impacts everyone living near a park and using their neighborhood park. Encampment tents could lead to unsafe access, unsanitary conditions of the parks for everyday park users. Without a collaborative discussion with neighbors and residents, this proposal would leave us with far less access to our parks.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stark Litehiser  
San Francisco Park Advocate and Volunteer  
78 Havelock St, San Francisco, CA 94112  
District 11  
415-516-9224 cell

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Amy Greenberg <amyw1180@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

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I am very disturbed that it is proposed that Golden Gate Park will become a homeless encampment.

This will bring, needles, feces and drugs to the park. The park will not be a safe place that people will be able to go to. There is already a high rate of car breaks in and crime in the Sunset and the Richmond and this will only make things worse.

There are other place in the city that would be a good location i.e. the Cow Palace.

Where has all the tax money gone to help the homeless? I am a Social Worker and there are barely/none any worthwhile services in the city.

It is disgusting what this city has become.

The new District Attorney will not be prosecuting any crimes that will occur in the park. How will we be safe?

-Amy Greenberg

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Alex Calhoun <adc.calhoun@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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TO: Clerk for the Board of Supervisors

PLEASE: include my email in the Public Comments record for the next meeting of the full Board of Supervisors.  
Thank you

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From: **Alex Calhoun** <[adc.calhoun@gmail.com](mailto:adc.calhoun@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 13, 2020 at 7:33 AM  
Subject: Please, do not house homeless in our parks  
To: <[MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org](mailto:MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org)>, <[Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, <[Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org](mailto:Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org)>,  
<[Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org)>, <[Norman.Yee@sfgov.org](mailto:Norman.Yee@sfgov.org)>

I agree with Senator Feinstein, please **do not house homeless in our parks**, which are a precious resource for all.

As Senator Feinstein points out, there are more suitable alternatives at the City's disposal. Do not abuse one of the treasures that serves our mental health, and is one of the beacons that attracts visitors to our (still, but not for long if you do this kind of thing) city. Don't forget, tourism is a huge driver of our local (San Francisco, not the Bay Area Region) economy. Not at this moment, but it will be again.

There are piers, hotel rooms that the City is paying for that evidently are not being used (?!?!?), empty parking garages and parking lots owned by the City. The Cow Palace property is spacious. If you must create a tent city, may I suggest Chrissy Field, or if you must use Golden Gate Park, the Pan Handle is open ground and closer to services.

Get more creative.

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Charles Yust <loveyust@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:45 PM  
**To:** Ronen, Hillary; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** DO NOT ALLOW MCLAREN TO BECOME A HOMELESS CAMP

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Supervisor Ronen and Board of Supervisors I am the homeowner of 481 Princeton, and live three doors from McLaren Park... I heard tonight that McLaren may be considered for a homeless encampment area. I am writing to express my extreme opposition to this idea; and ask you to oppose any proposal for this use. My kids are 8 and 6 years old, we use the park every day, for the love of god please don't do this - we find enough needles in our play grounds as it is!!!! The part of the park we live near has three playgrounds frequented by the neighborhood's children and elderly. We have owned here for 5 years. We have faced ongoing tough issues in this beautiful park over those years including dumping of trash, lack of maintenance, human waste from campers and other problems but it has gotten better recently. Please, please do not allow this, we use the park with our neighbors every day. We love the park and it has become our safe place near our homes. If it is used as an encampment, that will likely be an action not easy to reverse in the future and it will make our neighborhoods unsafe. I also ride the city bus every day to public school with my son in the Excelsior (SFC) and know from experience that city buses in other areas of the city with higher drug use can be unsafe to ride and **have been personally threatened** in the past. If you allow this my children will face the same kinds of threats daily as they try to ride their bikes, play in the park and go to school. Thank you for your consideration, I am happy to add much more detail as to why this is a bad idea and will be talking to my neighbors over the next week. I just heard of this tonight and understand the meeting is tomorrow; I don't know of anyone near me who was aware this might happen (WHICH IS INSANE - WE NEED TO NOTIFY ALL OUR NEIGHBORS IF WE SO MUCH AS CHANGE THE PAINT ON OUR HOMES!). I am respectfully asking you to push for what's right for your constituents in the Portola. I swear to god in the name of my children's safety and well being that I will be protesting in the streets and helping organize this entire neighborhood alongside my neighbors if this is allowed to happen. Best, Charles Yust, Father (8 and 6 yo) homeowner 481 Princeton St.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** LDC President <president@sflatinodemocrats.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides  
**Cc:** Gabriel Medina; Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS)  
**Subject:** SFLDC's Email supporting legislation to allow the creation of Safe Sleeping Sites in San Francisco

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Hello Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I'm emailing today on behalf of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club in support of Safe Sleeping Sites and to ask for your support for Supervisors Fewer & Mar's legislation to explore the use of Rec and Park and other City properties to create safe sleeping sites.

San Francisco- COVID- 19 has had a disproportionate impact on homeless families, an estimate of 8,000 unsheltered families. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced specific COVID- 19 guidelines to prevent the spread of the disease; complying with the CDC's safety guidelines is nearly impossible when unhoused families have no place to go. We can no longer ignore the fact that over 8,000 families are unhoused and exposed to unsanitary environments with a higher chance of getting infected with the virus. By supporting this legislation, San Francisco is more likely to contain its peak of new infections and deaths.

We must explore all possible pathways to address the public health crisis impacting the city's unhoused residents, and while hotel rooms should be the priority, we have to also look at outdoor sites on City-owned properties including those owned by Rec and Park. The City is failing our unhoused neighbors in the midst of a pandemic. We must do better. Please support the Safe Sleeping Sites legislation!

Sincerely,

Sarah Souza  
San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Valerie Schmalz <valerieschmalz6@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 5:40:19 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Fwd: oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP**

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Dear Mr. Ginsburg,

I join US Sen. Dianne Feinstein in opposing homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. As she writes, there are many other options available at this time and I applaud Mayor London Breed for her proactive action on both the pandemic and in addressing the needs of all people, and for taking special care of those who are homeless and addicted and mentally ill.

Please see my letter below to Mayor Breed and to my supervisor Gordon Mar.

I am enclosing a link to a 2007 SF Chronicle column by CW Nevius that was instrumental in activating city officials to remove encampments that made the park dangerous and unhealthy. I remember that time well--walking with my four small boys along the path on Lincoln Way and coming upon a group shooting up in the middle of the day. I also remember having to watch for discarded needles at the playgrounds. You have been critical in making the park again a place for all people. I believe homeless people are and should be treated fairly and enjoy the park during the day with all of us. It is the nighttime encampments that create problems.

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/HERE-S-THE-REAL-PROBLEM-IN-GOLDEN-GATE-PARK-2579670.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Schmalz  
1277-28th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
cell is 415-699-9230

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**From:** Valerie Schmalz <valerieschmalz6@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, May 12, 2020 at 5:03 AM  
**Subject:** oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP  
**To:** <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisor Mar,

I am writing to oppose proposed legislation to place encampments for homeless folks in Golden Gate Park. One of the key factors that helps the Department of Recreation and Parks maintain Golden Gate Park as a resource for all San Franciscans is the fact no one can stay overnight in the park.

During the pandemic, I am walking with my dog throughout the park and everywhere I go whether it is near the beach and by the bison enclosure, along JFK Drive by the DeYoung Museum or wandering on a path along Lincoln Way I see many families with children, walkers, runners and people on bicycles. I have never seen the park frequented by so many people and in almost all cases, they are practicing the safe practices of social distancing and also great courtesy and friendliness.

Adding another factor of encampments would strain the resources and be beyond the ability of the hardworking and very effective Rec and Park staff. Rec and Park is one of the most successful parts of the City and County and this would add an unnecessary strain.

Sincerely,

Valerie Schmalz  
1277-28th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
cell is 415-699-9230

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Valerie

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden gate park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Aaron Hoffmeyer <hoffmeyer.aaron@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:29:52 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Golden gate park

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I oppose using golden gate park for housing the homeless. This is a horrible idea and there are plenty of more viable alternatives.

Aaron Hoffmeyer  
5635 Anza St, SF

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: NO to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jean-Francois Roy <jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:15:09 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** NO to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park

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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

As a Sunset resident I am strongly opposed to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park. In this age of social distancing this is one of the only safe nature escapes from residents of San Francisco. It has a very unique balance of parks, lakes and a few highly popular museums. This is where kids, families, walkers, runners, cyclists escape from the city chaos. This would send the entire west side of the city in an uproar. We don't have fancy restaurants, malls, but we have a nature-feel that is unique. I commend the Mayor for the incredibly brave response to the current situation and our supervisor Mar for his town hall webcasts, but you let this happen and you will wipe out all the support you gained. Imagine the message you will send to the rest of the US and in particular the right wing propaganda. The GG Park is famous and images of tent cities in it will be seen as having central park turned into a homeless shelter. Please don't ruin our city.

Jean-Francois Roy  
1970 42nd Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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Jean-Francois Roy  
[jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com](mailto:jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com)

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CALIFORNIA



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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

## United States Senate

May 4, 2020

The Honorable Norman Yee  
President  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Yee:

I write to express my concern regarding reports that the Board of Supervisors may act to compel the Recreation and Park Department to permit homeless encampments within Golden Gate Park, especially as there are available alternatives.

I certainly believe all city resources need to be on the table to protect the safety of the residents of San Francisco. Providing safe housing options for our homeless population, especially those living in group housing or shelters, has to be a priority.

San Francisco has numerous options to deal with the critical shortage of safe shelter: continuing the Mayor's hotel program, enforcing social distancing and healthy conduct in group housing and shelters, and expanding RV programs and temporary shelters. This could include tents on unused parking lots and closed schoolyards, as well as public facilities such as the Cow Palace and Port property. These locations are available, have utilities, and can be more easily restored to original uses than can Park lands.

We are all aware that our city, state, and country has a homeless crisis that has been intensified by COVID-19. However, encouraging tent encampments on the streets of the Tenderloin or in Golden Gate Park is not a viable solution.

Please be assured that, while I disagree with this proposed use of Golden Gate Park, I will continue my work in Congress to help the City acquire the federal resources necessary to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504  
<http://feinstein.senate.gov>

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: housing homeless in GG Park ? No thank you

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** michael meehan <meehan-michael@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:02:33 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: housing homeless in GG Park ? No thank you**

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Hello Mr. Ginsburg,

Please stop this idea in its tracks.

The Park is one area many SF citizens can find relief, and housing homeless people is not acceptable to all of the tax paying citizens

Perhaps a nice encampment in front of City Hall, with its large open area would be a better use of space as well as keeping the problem firmly in Supervisor Fewer's eyeline.

The Park is for everyone, and this bad idea infringes on that privilege.

The Park already suffers from constant homeless encampments , which is an ongoing t battle for your Park Police, as you well know.

Thank you for making the right decision.

Gratefully,

Michael Meehan

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Lihsuan Chou <lihsuan@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please STOP the Proposed Homeless Tent Encampments in GGP

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Allowing tent encampments in our beloved Golden Gate Park as proposed by a Supervisor is a horrible idea. This will not solve any problem but only make it worse. Please stop this!!!!

I love our city and our Golden Gate Park. And it makes me so sad to see how the city has deteriorated over time. And our park is one place that we still can go and spend time outdoor safely and peacefully. Please don't take this away from us.

Thank you!

Li Chou

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ana martinez <ana\_mariemartinez@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 7:17:20 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Golden Gate Park**

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Dear Mayor and Supervisors:

I am writing today to strongly oppose Supervisor Sandra Fewer's ill-advised idea of setting up homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. Sen. Diane Feinstein opposed it in her letter on May 4, 2020 and I believe most of SF opposes such a move. It would undo years of working to make Golden Gate Park a place for all the people.

I live in the Outer Sunset and in the last two months, I have already had to deal with two small meth lab explosions while bicycling with my family. We need the park to remain safe, clean and the sanctuary it is to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. Also who is going to pay for the undeniable clean-up that would be required for such encampments? I have already had to close my non-essential business, do not see a clear date for reopening and barely paid my property taxes.

I expect more from the government in SF. Do not forget those of us who pay all our taxes, abide by all the rules and continue to want to call this beautiful city our home.

Ana Martinez  
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SF, CA 94122  
(c) 415-254-8844

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Fewer's Annouement to use GG Park as Homeless Shelter

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marcail Kennedy <marcailkennedy@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:15:23 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Fewer's Annouement to use GG Park as Homeless Shelter**

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Hello Representatives in SF,

I have heard of Fewer's announcement to potentially use Golden Gate park as a specific site to house homeless population to help the spread of COVID-19. I think using a park in the middle of the city is ridiculous. You have requested us to shelter in place for months, and your city residents are abiding by that. If you now take away the ability for us to go to the park and a safe place for children to ride their bikes and be say, you are no longer giving us a safe place to work. Your community will protest. Use the hotels that are not being used right now for this, don't take away our parks and the little things we have left in this world right now.

Marcail

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Tents in PArk for Homeless

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**From:** Janice Mortenson <mortenson48@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Tents in PArk for Homeless

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We heard that they are thinking of putting Tents in the Park for the Homeless. That is a Big NO.

I have lived 1 Block from the Park at the Top of the Hill by the Blue Water Tower since 1985 and we finally have it pretty clean. You had People complaining when they Tried Horse Trails Rides in the Park because of the Poop they-where leaving behind so I cannot imagine the Trash that these Homeless will leave behind. It is BAD enough that there is one Homeless guy that Bathes in the Upper Reservoir a Couple times a week and washes clothes and hang them on the Fence around the Reservoir The we have a lot of little children that are walked around that Upper Reservoir during the day. That is not what a park is for.

Put TENTS under the Overpasses below the Freeways where you have Parking Lots. And give them the Temp Toilets with the Showers in them. As I said we just got our McLaren Park cleaned up and Nice Trails so Please do not put Tents in there.

The Peru Avenue neighbor.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public comment on Homeless encampment in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Caitlin Desmet <caitlindesmet@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 10:55:18 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Public comment on Homeless encampment in GGP**

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Hello I am a San Francisco resident who is concerned with GGP utilization as a homeless encampment. I agree heartily with Dianne Feinstein's letter of support for further use of other resources our society has access to such as parking lots and areas near public resources, extended RV programs, and hotels where possible. There are few public spaces in the SF area where people can socially distance who have children or dogs etc, and this includes the majority of medical/dental personnel at UCSF. And Among other reasons, I feel a large scale homeless encampment will severely impact that access both directly & indirectly, in addition to setting a dangerous precedence. While I understand the homelessness problem is indeed a very important problem, jumping to placing them in GGP I think at this time is pre-mature since other resources are available. Thank you in advance for your reading of this email of a concerned citizen, over all you all have been doing your best and the stats show it with low levels of the virus in our city, thank you! Be safe and have a great rest of your day.

Regards,  
Caitlin Desmet, DDS

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Please do not let McLaren Park become a homeless camp

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** TRILCE & CHARLES <[helpmlpark@gmail.com](mailto:helpmlpark@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 6:32:24 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ronen, Hillary" <[hillary.ronen@sfgov.org](mailto:hillary.ronen@sfgov.org)>, "Safai, Ahsha (BOS)" <[ahsha.safai@sfgov.org](mailto:ahsha.safai@sfgov.org)>, "Walton, Shamann (BOS)" <[shamann.walton@sfgov.org](mailto:shamann.walton@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Breed, London (MYR)" <[london.breed@sfgov.org](mailto:london.breed@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject: Please do not let McLaren Park become a homeless camp**

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Dear supervisors,

Many of you know me through my efforts improving McLaren Park for families and kids over the last decade plus. I have been out of town and unaware of the plan to try and find 10 parks to create a temporary homeless shelter until today. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN!!

This goes against everything I have worked for through the years. When I originally began our group Help McLaren Park 12 years ago it was because, not only was McLaren Park forgotten and neglected but supervisors wanted to open a recycling plant in the Visitacion Valley side of the park. Once these changes would have been implemented it would have been very hard to reverse. The same goes for this.

This is not a 1906 great fire tragedy that many are comparing to. Average hard working people in 1906 lost their homes. They weren't on drugs. They weren't addicts. They weren't mentally ill as much of the homeless here in San Francisco are today. We cannot allow sick people to be living in neighborhoods close to children! They need rehab centers with strict detoxification measures not San Francisco parks or San Francisco streets. If parks are a must then I would suggest using a park far away from where civilians inhabit such as the Presidio or Treasure Island.

Please do not allow this to happen to McLaren Park. McLaren has finally shed decades of sadness and neglect. It would be a tragedy to go back to that.

Sincerely,

Chuck Farrugia

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: No Homeless Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marie Mika <mariemika8@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 8:15:20 PM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** No Homeless Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Esteemed Government Officials,

As a resident of the Outer Sunset and someone who walks in or bikes through Golden Gate Park almost every day I urge you not to allow homeless tent encampments in Golden Gate Park.

My fellow San Franciscans and I already treasured Golden Gate Park. With the advent of Covid it has become an even more invaluable haven and refuge from sheltering at home.

I'm proud of (the vast majority of) my fellow citizens for being responsible and practicing social distancing while in the park.

I avoid popular areas (Bison Paddock) and narrow paths that don't allow six feet of space.

The area I visit most often now - a relatively unattractive "backstage" area with chain link fences and empty horse stables on the west side of park - I have dubbed Covid Meadow because I go there, like the others I see, to stay a safe distance from other park goers trying to stay healthy and sane.

There are ALREADY homeless encampments throughout the park - you can see them if you go to any of these quieter, relatively more remote areas. The park is already unable to manage the situation.

Please do not invite an even greater public safety hazard to a place where families and children gather to escape a public health menace!

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Marie Mika

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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**From:** Angela O'Neill <oneill.angela4@gmail.com>

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 1:37 PM

**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, Phil Ginsburg <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, Norman Yee <norman.yee@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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I'm writing to ask you to oppose the proposal of Sandra Fewer, Supervisor of Richmond District, to use Rec & Park sites to house homeless population. Nice for her she won't have to deal with the problem from her home in San Rafael.

I have never written to an elected official before but feel this is the time.

I vehemently oppose any legislation that would put San Francisco's homeless population into our beautiful Golden Gate Park, the jewel in the crown of San Francisco. This is utter madness. To suggest that it would be a temporary measure is disingenuous and/or naive.

It has taken years to get the GGP to a place where families can freely roam without fear of being affronted with a homeless person screaming at them, without finding discarded needles and generally being afraid to go to the Park alone.

I have called San Francisco home for nearly 30 years. I remember Beach Chalet when you could not go into the trees to retrieve a soccer ball alone because of the fear of what you would encounter.

I am trying to raise a family in San Francisco and doing my best to stay here and not flee like so many families. At this point, I wonder if it has all been in vain and now feel like just giving up and moving out.

My children attended a local Catholic school in the Sunset and we had hoped they could go to public high school but that wasn't possible as they were allotted to a school on Folsom Street. We sent them to a Catholic high school, which, by the way, has open drug dealing and homeless mere blocks away. We are buckling under the strain of the fees to make this possible but we are committed to see it through.

I am wondering when the Mayor is going to work hard for us folk that are working hard? Working hard to stay in this City? Working hard to pay our taxes? Working hard to own a property in this City and pay more taxes? What about us? How much do you think we can take of this?

I voted for London Breed. I've been to many events and heard her speak. I sang at City Hall in March for the St. Patrick's Day flag raising. I realize it's a balancing act to try to keep everyone happy. I am a part of that Irish community that is asked to vote for London Breed. I will not be voting for her in the next election if she continues to disregard the hard-

working people of this City and have any part in destroying our beautiful Golden Gate Park. Don't we hardworking residents deserve an oasis where we can move freely?

These are catastrophic times and we all have to make sacrifices. Our GGP should not be sacrificed. There are plenty of other options to house the ever growing homeless/mentally ill population in San Francisco. You should not support this proposal to set up homeless in the Golden Gate Park.

Angela O'Neill

[oneill.angela4@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.angela4@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** Madland, Sarah (REC) <[sarah.madland@sfgov.org](mailto:sarah.madland@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

Philip A. Ginsburg  
General Manager

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**From:** Serge Ulyanov <[sfcity888@gmail.com](mailto:sfcity888@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:22 PM  
**To:** Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

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Dear Phil Ginsburg,

I'm a homeowner and resident of the Central Sunset district.

I have recently learned about your agreement with making Golden Gate Park available to house homeless population of San Francisco.

The Golden Gate Park is a treasure of San Francisco and allows all of us enjoy this oasis in the middle of a city. Allowing homeless people to shelter in the park would effectively transform the park into the Tenderloin 2.0 and would deprive us - San Franciscans from enjoying the park.

You can not ignore our desires of NOT having homeless people be placed in Golden Gate Park - whether temporary or not.

The local community on Nextdoor is unequivocally against your agreement with sheltering homeless people in the Golden Gate Park.

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Serge Ulyanov  
Central Sunset district homeowner

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: No homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park

On 5/12/20, 1:38 PM, "Sharon Kozik" <skozik13@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hello,

I strongly oppose the use of Golden Gate Park for homeless encampments. This open space is a treasure for everyone in the city. We need safe open recreational space now more than ever.

Using the park as an encampment will create many associated problems such as risk the safety other park users, uptick in property crime like car breakins/garage thefts/home burglaries. One only has to skim nextdoor to see all of these things have been on the rise since the SIP.

San Francisco's generous offer of hotel rooms for the homeless has already served as a magnet to draw out of town homeless to our city. We do not need more enticements to lure MORE people to live on our streets.

Homeless camping in the park will seed them staying there long after the shelter in place is over.

Why can't the homeless be housed in the ball park or the parking lots down there?

- Sharon  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Golden Gate Park

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:21 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Golden Gate Park

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:33 PM  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>, Norman Yee <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park

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To Whom it May Concern,  
Thank you for everything you have done to keep the people of San Francisco safe. I am writing to express my concern about creating encampments in Golden Gate Park. I have advocated for the homeless in the past. I can not imagine trying to find solutions given the current crisis. I do however agree with Feinstein that there are already better areas

where this kind of solution can be met. My fear is destroying the park and bringing illness to an area which is densely populated at the moment with many people getting outdoors in an area that has so far had less cases of covid.

Thank you.

- Casson

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park is not the answer!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Krista Spence Loretto <kristaspenceloretto@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:56:48 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Golden Gate Park is not the answer!**  
**Reply-To:** Krista Spence Loretto <kristaspenceloretto@yahoo.com>

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May 12, 2020

Dear Supervisor Ginsburg,

I agree with Senator Dianne Feinstein, Golden Gate Park is not the answer! The city has plenty of other resources such as the Cow Place, hotels, closed down commercial spaces, Candlestick Park, and the Giants parking lots. These places can be temporary and cleaned up. Golden Gate Park cannot be cleaned up once people live and use drugs. Needles and drug paraphernalia will remain for years to come. This will become the new normal and you will not get people to move out, quite the opposite, news travels fast and GGP will become the largest homeless park in the country.

Please for the children of the city and the neighbors of the park don't allow this to happen. I live half a block from GGP and the park is the best part of the city. It is our sanctuary. I love our park and take my daughter daily on walks and bike rides.

My daughter is scared of homeless people as she has been yelled at, cursed at, things are thrown at us, barked at by off-leash dogs, witnessed public defecation, and been with me when I needed to call 911 a number times. Two of which were for homeless fires in the park, one they lit and fell asleep the other was arson. We have had our cars broken into three times and our house was broken into once, while we were home.

Enough is enough please stop this legislation!

Sincerely,

Krista Spence Loretto  
Longtime Sunset resident/taxpayer/mother

Krista Loretto  
Founder, Classic Girl Clothing  
415-533-5938  
[ClassicGirlClothing.com](http://ClassicGirlClothing.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:01 PM  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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Dear City Officials,

I have been a resident of San Francisco for over 30 years and living in the Sunset district. I grew up in San Francisco and the Sunset and attended Jefferson elementary school and later moving back with my wife and starting my family in the Sunset. My children have grown up in the Sunset and have gone on to have meaningful and productive careers and lives.

I am writing to you to oppose any homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. Before Governor Gavin Newsome was mayor of San Francisco, the homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park increased in numbers and were becoming dangerous for my young children (at the time) and us to enjoy the park.

They was also aggressive pan handling on Irving street which is a vibrant commerce area for shopping and dining. Whether it was drug abuse or mental illness, the homeless situation in Golden Gate Park was getting out of control.

When, then mayor Newsome cleaned up GG park of the homeless encampments, things definitely improved.

I live near the park and we get our fair share of homeless people going through our recycling and garbage cans. That is part of living in the city and understandable.

I understand that there is a major crises going on and people are in need, but at the cost of destroying other parts of the city is not the solution. What will the hundreds of homeless tent city residents do when they're living in Speedway meadow or the Polo fields? They are not going to shelter in place. They will be wondering around the neighborhoods in the Richmond and the Sunset looking for food or whatever. If I had small children, I would be very concerned about that.

What does the city spend the \$241 million dollar homeless budget on?

That's my opinion and feelings. Your decisions will determine the next election cycle.

Sincerely

John

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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**From:** Alex Calhoun <[adc.calhoun@gmail.com](mailto:adc.calhoun@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:33 AM  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>, Norman Yee <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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I agree with Senator Feinstein, please **do not house homeless in our parks**, which are a precious resource for all.

As Senator Feinstein points out, there are more suitable alternatives at the City's disposal. Do not abuse one of the treasures that serves our mental health, and is one of the beacons that attracts visitors to our (still, but not for long if

you do this kind of thing) city. Don't forget, tourism is a huge driver of our local (San Francisco, not the Bay Area Region) economy. Not at this moment, but it will be again.

There are piers, hotel rooms that the City is paying for that evidently are not being used (?!?!?), empty parking garages and parking lots owned by the City. The Cow Palace property is spacious. If you must create a tent city, may I suggest Chrissy Field, or if you must use Golden Gate Park, the Pan Handle is open ground and closer to services.

Get more creative.

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Alexander D. Calhoun III  
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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Melanie Scardina <scardinama@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC)  
**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Mr. Ginsburg

I've been made aware that Supervisors Fewer and Mar have drafted emergency legislation to require sanctioned tent encampments in Golden Gate Park and that you have been tasked with designating appropriate areas for such shelter, and to disregard health and safety laws. Under your leadership, Golden Gate Park has remained a beautiful oasis for recreation, respite and peace in our city. Please don't open our parks to tent encampments. I grew up in the 60's. I vividly recall when the hippies took over the park. It was not a safe place to be for the average citizen, and it caused all sorts of issues for the surrounding neighborhoods that took years and years to resolve.

With the Covid-19 crisis, seniors, the disabled and those with medical conditions have been prioritized for the hotel rooms reserved by the city. That means that the sanctioned tent encampments will mostly contain the young and able-bodied, many suffering with addiction and psychiatric issues.

By the city's own metrics:

95% - Percentage are suffering from alcohol and/or drug use disorder.

41% - Often use urgent and emergency psychiatric services.

See: <https://sfgov.org/scorecards/safety-net/homeless-population>

There is a direct correlation between tent encampments and break-ins, vandalism, drug trafficking and prostitution. See San Francisco crime maps <https://sfgov.org/services/sf-crime-maps>

This plan will not work. It's naïve to expect those addicted to mind altering substances and/or suffering from psychosis to shelter in place, wear a mask and maintain safe social distancing. There will be a negative impact on the park and the surrounding communities.

We all know that the homeless issue in this city is longstanding and intractable. I believe that if the park becomes a sanctioned homeless area, it will never return to safe, recreational use. In addition, the park and its geography create more logistical issues with enforcement, health and safety. There are other locations within the city that are more suitable and easier to secure and maintain.

Please keep the park a safe-haven for ALL San Franciscans.

Thank you.  
Melanie Scardina

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless Encampment in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Peter Mandell <[petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 11:32:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>  
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Being a resident who lives one block south of the park, this is just a bad idea. It wasn't that long ago that the park was overrun with homeless camping out. What is the major playground for city residents became overrun with garbage, drug abuse, unsafe refuse, needles and crime. It took years to clean up the park and make it safe again. And when the park turned bad, it spilled out into the local neighborhoods. Shelters are one solution, where conditions and all involved can be carefully monitored and supervised, and issues can be controlled; but turning over the park to camping out will forever green light the free for all and once again subject all using the park, as well as local neighborhoods to the uncontrolled unregulated and unsupervised ruin for all and increased risk to public safety.

It's the wrong solution to a current and troubling problem facing all, but it's just bad medicine at a time when public health and safety is the overriding concern. This idea must not pass in the pointy headed nabobs of city government.

Peter Mandell  
Sunset District resident  
San Francisco, CA  
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Peter Mandell : [petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: I do not agree in allowing encampments in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 7:26:09 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: I do not agree in allowing encampments in Golden Gate Park**  
**Reply-To:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>

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Eileen Tse  
San Francisco Native

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: NO HOMELESS CAMPS IN GG PARK

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sandra Fullerton <sandrafullerton@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:06:22 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "stateinformation@state.ca.gov" <stateinformation@state.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** NO HOMELESS CAMPS IN GG PARK

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Sandra Fewer if you are so concened about the homeless during this pandamec, why don't you let them camp in your home, front steps and backyard. You and Gordan Mar are turning our beloved San Francisco into one big drug infested homeless camp. You are both disgraceful. I pay my property tax, where do you propose my children who are out of school ride their bikes? In Golden Gate Park to watch druggies shot up, shit all over the park?

Disgusted  
Sandra Fullerton

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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**From:** Angela O'Neill <oneill.angela4@gmail.com>

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 1:37 PM

**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, Phil Ginsburg <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, Norman Yee <norman.yee@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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I'm writing to ask you to oppose the proposal of Sandra Fewer, Supervisor of Richmond District, to use Rec & Park sites to house homeless population. Nice for her she won't have to deal with the problem from her home in San Rafael.

I have never written to an elected official before but feel this is the time.

I vehemently oppose any legislation that would put San Francisco's homeless population into our beautiful Golden Gate Park, the jewel in the crown of San Francisco. This is utter madness. To suggest that it would be a temporary measure is disingenuous and/or naive.

It has taken years to get the GGP to a place where families can freely roam without fear of being affronted with a homeless person screaming at them, without finding discarded needles and generally being afraid to go to the Park alone.

I have called San Francisco home for nearly 30 years. I remember Beach Chalet when you could not go into the trees to retrieve a soccer ball alone because of the fear of what you would encounter.

I am trying to raise a family in San Francisco and doing my best to stay here and not flee like so many families. At this point, I wonder if it has all been in vain and now feel like just giving up and moving out.

My children attended a local Catholic school in the Sunset and we had hoped they could go to public high school but that wasn't possible as they were allotted to a school on Folsom Street. We sent them to a Catholic high school, which, by the way, has open drug dealing and homeless mere blocks away. We are buckling under the strain of the fees to make this possible but we are committed to see it through.

I am wondering when the Mayor is going to work hard for us folk that are working hard? Working hard to stay in this City? Working hard to pay our taxes? Working hard to own a property in this City and pay more taxes? What about us? How much do you think we can take of this?

I voted for London Breed. I've been to many events and heard her speak. I sang at City Hall in March for the St. Patrick's Day flag raising. I realize it's a balancing act to try to keep everyone happy. I am a part of that Irish community that is asked to vote for London Breed. I will not be voting for her in the next election if she continues to disregard the hard-

working people of this City and have any part in destroying our beautiful Golden Gate Park. Don't we hardworking residents deserve an oasis where we can move freely?

These are catastrophic times and we all have to make sacrifices. Our GGP should not be sacrificed. There are plenty of other options to house the ever growing homeless/mentally ill population in San Francisco. You should not support this proposal to set up homeless in the Golden Gate Park.

Angela O'Neill

[oneill.angela4@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.angela4@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless tents in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Victoria Erville <victoria.erville@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 9:54:01 PM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Homeless tents in Golden Gate Park

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Good evening

A letter was shared this evening on the Next Door app written by Supervisor Fewer. The Supervisor is apparently floating the idea of moving homeless people into GGP. As a resident of the Sunset District and a school age parent I want to voice my concern.

The Homeless almost took over the park several years ago to the point that needles and broken beer bottles were consistently found at the Playground. So many people were living in the park that I no longer felt safe walking near bushes or just stepping off the sidewalk to explore the many paths in the park.

I hate that you proposed this. This city is losing families and it's this kind of "plan" that is driving us away. So the kids can't play on the structures because of the virus but they can make-believe as they wander and wonder through the gardens and trees.

Supervisor Fewer would rather put up homeless tents.

This isn't a game! You want to effect how many Sunset and Richmond resident lives to do what?

I work in the Mission and see first hand what goes on in tent cities. I've been cursed at, watched a man defecate in front of my office and another run into the street welding a knife. That is only a small fraction of what is happening within that community.

So let's just say you get your wish and move the homeless into the park. What happens when they aren't fast asleep in their tents? You can't possibly believe they won't wander into the neighborhood? They barely follow the rule of law now. Do you really think they will leave the park after the Virus is contained in 12-18 months?

Here's a possible solution. Send them to Angel island or Alcatraz. No one is obviously going there now and probably won't be for a long while. There are plenty of rooms and toilets and even a cafeteria at Alcatraz. those that want more of an outdoor environment can pitch tents on Angel Island.

Sincerely  
A member of the voting public  
Victoria Erville

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paul Roscelli <paulroscelli@me.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 8:33:46 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Homeless encampment in Golden Gate Park**

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I live in the outer sunset and I have no interest in seeing a homeless encampment out here. They're already getting free housing in the form of apartments and rental units right now. The last thing I need is these people out of my neighborhood. Rest assured I will spend every moment at every meeting I can make sure it's doesn't happen.

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amy Greenberg <amyw1180@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:10:28 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

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I am very disturbed that it is proposed that Golden Gate Park will become a homeless encampment.

This will bring, needles, feces and drugs to the park. The park will not be a safe place that people will be able to go to. There is already a high rate of car breaks in and crime in the Sunset and the Richmond and this will only make things worse.

There are other place in the city that would be a good location i.e. the Cow Palace.

Where has all the tax money gone to help the homeless? I am a Social Worker and there are barely/none any worthwhile services in the city.

It is disgusting what this city has become.

The new District Attorney will not be prosecuting any crimes that will occur in the park. How will we be safe?

-Amy Greenberg

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not put dangerous tent encampments at Kezar or 730 Stanyan

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Stacie Johnson <stacielyn\_99@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 5:06:27 PM PDT  
**To:** "Preston, Dean (BOS)" <dean.preston@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "cvia-board@googlegroups.com" <cvia-board@googlegroups.com>  
**Subject:** Do not put dangerous tent encampments at Kezar or 730 Stanyan

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Supervisor Preston,

I hope this message finds you well. My family and I live on Beulah St in Cole Valley and are writing to express our concern about placing a tent encampment around Kezar or at the old McDonalds site (730 Stanyan).

Please make sure you are listening to your constituents who actually live in Cole Valley/Haight. We are the law abiding, TAX PAYING, citizens who are raising children near these sites.

The McDonalds site used to be a magnet for crime, drug sales and drug use. It was an embarrassment to the neighborhood and city. First, I want to reiterate how pleased we have been since the McDonalds was purchased and shut down 2 years ago. Prior to that, we had significantly more homeless drug users and dealers that would linger around the entrance to the park and around our block. Our kids refused to walk under the bridge to go to the playground or to soccer practice because they were scared of the dogs that were off leash and the many young people openly doing and selling drugs. Over the course of living on Beulah, prior to the McDonalds shut down we found many needles on our front porch, a gun next to our garage, had a small fire that was started against our house (with clear drug paraphernalia), and too many to count human feces and urine incidents. To say the closing of that site has been crucial, much needed and appreciated is an understatement. Bringing this group back would be a disaster for our neighborhood.

The discussion about potentially using space around Kezar or at the old McDonalds site for a homeless camp site is also beyond concerning. Many kids and families utilize Kezar and Golden Gate park (appropriately distanced) for much needed exercise. Many kids and tax paying, law abiding citizens would need walk through this area to access Kezar, Golden Gate Park (one of this city's historic sites and most beloved asset) and our largest grocery store. The city just spent \$6 million, making this exact area a

clean, safe place to be. Are you really going to reverse all of the progress that Vallie Brown made?

Please look at other D5 sites. Kezar and 730 Stanyan are not appropriate.

IF a tent encampment happens how will you and the city:

1. Make sure laws are being abided to and appropriate action (i.e. jail) is enforced (i know... funny.... San Francisco would never do that. Poor drug users need our sympathy).
2. Make sure appropriate social distancing is being enforced at the tent encampment. We now know that there are many cases of Covid19 in one of the navigation centers. Do we really want to be bringing that risk INTO a neighborhood that has very little exposure when these folks are likely NOT going to distance when they are high on drugs or otherwise?
3. Make sure there is a plan in place to keep the area clean and ensure these folks are respectful of the neighborhood (i.e. - needles, feces, urine, garbage, dogs off leash).
4. Have a plan to immediately REMOVE this tent encampment when this is all over? The likelihood of it just being removed is slim to none. We would need a timeline.
5. Involve the neighbors who ACTUALLY PAY THE TAXES TO FUND THIS FINE CITY to ensure there is a realistic plan in place. By plan, this includes showing how laws will be enforced.

Stacie and Dave Johnson

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lin Barcellos](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please No Encampments  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:59:56 PM

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Distinguished Board of Supervisors

Thank you for serving our city.

Please do not allow encampments in Golden Gate Park.

Cow Palace, fenced school yards and more hotel rooms are much better choices for our citizens experiencing homelessness.

Our citizens who are homeless need some security and a little privacy. Also, they should not be asked to sleep with coyotes rats, mice, and hooligans. They need shelter from the natural elements, such as today's rain. The virus loves the cold! Let's keep our homeless citizens in warm temperatures as much as possible.

Furthermore, our parks need to be maintained for their intended use, especially now.

Sincerely  
Linda Barcellos  
1258 22nd Ave  
SF. CA 94122

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Olivia Puerta <olivia.puerta@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:30 PM  
**To:** Mar, Gordon (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** tent encampments in Golden Gate Park

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Hi Supervisor Mar and Board of Supervisors - I'm writing to express my support for Senator Feintsein's stance on the proposed tent encampments in Golden Gate Park -- I think that there are better alternatives that should be explored instead of threatening a valuable public space for nature and recreation.

Thank you,  
Olivia

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Shari Mann <shariuno@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR)  
**Cc:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tent Encampments

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Mayor Breed, and all

Please, oh please do not permit the use of Golden Gate Park or any part thereof for house people, no matter their circumstances. There are other alternatives, unrented hotel rooms seems to be working for example. They are far more acceptable than such a use of the Park.

As a 79-year-old senior citizen, I use the Park daily, as do many of our citizens of all ages. Golden Gate Park is a tourist destination, rightly so, and . Relatively few areas need to be avoided.

It is admirable to wish to provide housing for those who need it; I support that, and believe I contribute through the taxes I pay as a homeowner for over half a century. I chose San Francisco as a permanent residence while under 21 years of age, please permit me continue to enjoy the Park without fear.

Thank you.

Sincerely  
Shari A. Mann  
1241 - 27th Avenue  
San Francisco CA 94122-1506

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**From:** Lin Barcellos <linbarcellos@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:00 PM  
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**From:** Lafabnyc <lafabnyc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:21 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Waltonstaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Ordinance 200453 - I oppose public parks, incl. John McLaren park, to be used as homeless camps

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I fully oppose John McLaren park being used to house homeless encampments. Why not Golden Gate? The city has continuously ignored the maintenance and protection of this neighborhood. As it is, the neighborhood is polluted and dilapidated to where I am embarrassed to say I live in San Francisco. As it is, the park is covered in plastic, syringes, and feces - both human and dogs.

Peter Kouzmov  
50 Tioga Ave.

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**From:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:26 PM  
**To:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
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Eileen Tse  
San Francisco Native

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**From:** leona galea <leonagalea@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless encampment at McLaren Park

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

As a resident of the Portland District I would like to express my opinion of using McLaren Park as a campsite for the homeless of San Francisco.

It has taken many years to create this beautiful park as a thriving family oriented park.

To bring an encampment as a temporary fix for this problem due to the Covid 19 is not a good solution. There are many other areas that should be considered to help the homeless. Hiding these people in this area doesn't help anyone. This would be a temporary fix and not a solution to this problem. They should be near areas where there are resources to help with their drug addictions, alcoholism, mental health issues and many others problems they suffer.

Please do not vote to have McLaren Park as a temporary encampment.

Sincerely,  
Leona Galea

Sent from my iPad

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Paul Roscelli <paulroscelli@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless encampment Golden gate Park

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**From:** ALICE XAVER <acxavier@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:44 PM  
**To:** Yee, Norman (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS)  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Ginsburg, Phil (REC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to homeless housed in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Supervisors Yee, Mar and Fewer,

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposal to house the homeless in Golden Gate Park.

There are other more suitable options, which are available. The Cow Palace, which already has utilities is more suitable. Port Authority land is another viable option.

Golden Gate Park is the city's treasured space for families and visitors to relax and enjoy.  
Housing the homeless would put needless stress on our park land.

Currently, there are numerous fires in the park. Open drug use in San Francisco is another problem, which is not acceptable in Golden Gate Park.

We urge to consider the other alternatives for a clean safe park for our families.

Respectfully,  
Alice and Chris Xavier  
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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** ROBERT CHIESA <konalei@prodigy.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:43 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Tent sites at McLaren Park for Homeless

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Both of us are against tent sites at McLaren Park for the homeless!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Renee Mahan <reneemahan77@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless in Golden Gate Park

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you because I read the proposed idea to move the tents and homeless population into Golden Gate Park. Is that really a solution? It won't stop the problem and it won't be any safer. It fact it will probably make the park unsafe for families to use for walks or bike rides. It seems that the Cory is just moving the problem around. I may not have a good soliton, but just moving the homeless around is not it. The city is in a crisis, and just pushing the homeless encampments and tents into the park is just going to make the problem worse.

Sincerely,  
Renee Mahan  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Peter Mandell <petermandell25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:32 PM  
**To:** Mar, Gordon (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS)  
**Subject:** Homeless Encampment in GGP

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Being a resident who lives one block south of the park, this is just a bad idea. It wasn't that long ago that the park was overrun with homeless camping out. What is the major playground for city residents became overrun with garbage, drug abuse, unsafe refuse, needles and crime. It took years to clean up the park and make it safe again. And when the park turned bad, it spilled out into the local neighborhoods. Shelters are one solution, where conditions and all involved can be carefully monitored and supervised, and issues can be controlled; but turning over the park to camping out will forever green light the free for all and once again subject all using the park, as well as local neighborhoods to the uncontrolled unregulated and unsupervised ruin for all and increased risk to public safety.

It's the wrong solution to a current and troubling problem facing all, but it's just bad medicine at a time when public health and safety is the overriding concern. This idea must not pass in the pointy headed nabobs of city government.

Peter Mandell  
Sunset District resident  
San Francisco, CA

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Peter Mandell : [petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
Subject: RE: 200453 Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

From: Linda Stark Litehiser <linda.litehi@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:44 PM  
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; rafael.mendelman@sfgov.org; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>  
Subject: Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

During these times of COVID-19, parks and open spaces have been vital to everyone's physical and mental health. Throughout our city, tents and encampments have become a contentious issue and our city has worked to address individuals experiencing homelessness with the appropriate solutions. As our city continues to respond to the urgency of this issue, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer's proposal for the use of park properties for safe encampment sites.

I have spent my entire adult life advocating and helping support our park system as an active volunteer--PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

Here are some point I would like you to consider:

1. The parks are already in use for many vital services. Our neighborhoods Rec centers are being used to serve as daycare centers for the children of first responders and essential workers. It was a necessary solution for what we hoped would only be a few months but this situation could go on for some additional time. It means that fewer of our recreation indoor spaces are now available for our families, seniors and residents of all ages to exercise and recreate. This summer, we are not likely to be able to provide Day Camps, Sports Camps and Swimming programs which means that our parks need all of their green space areas to help our citizens get the valued exercise and mental peace of mind that comes with being "outside in nature". Our precious open spaces are needed now more than ever and as I live near a park, we are already seeing conflicts between people who refuse to wear face coverings or are engaging in unsafe behavior. Tent camps will exacerbate already concerning situations which will pit neighborhoods against neighborhoods--depending on which parks are selected. My fear is that the parks in less affluent neighborhoods will be selected creating even greater inequality and issues. Parks with more foliage and dry grasses could become engulfed in wild fires. It happens yearly with presently "illegal" encampments. Vigilant park staff and volunteers keeps an eye out for camping situations that can get out of hand.

2. I fear that the 60 days being proposed will not be close to the time needed to help the individuals who will choose or be chosen to live in these encampments. I don't believe that once these sites are selected that there will be any control over who can camp there and how to prevent others from showing up. What we will be doing is creating the de facto right to sleep (and live) in our parks--which now, thanks to legislation, are closed at midnight. How do we stop this experiment--if it is not

working ? How do you control those who now feel they have a "right" to live 24 -7 in our parks, how do you transition people to permanent housing? Our State laws allow individuals to claim "squatters Rights" after 30 days. I believe the City had to settle a lawsuit some years ago -where a "resident" of Golden Gate Park won a case on that legal ground. Would we have hundreds or thousands who now claim they "legally live" in our parks and opens spaces? Once "opened up" this will become an out of control situation. I remember well the Tent City experiment at Civic Center Plaza under the Agnos administration. It was a nightmare scenario and that took years to bring the plaza back to a place that now is a source of pride, safety and all types of activities that support this area as a true "commons area". It does require vigilance to maintain it-- the area requires constant supervision to prevent and maintain safety. How will we do that in as many as 8 separate park locations? We are clearly not learning from our mistakes.

Sadly, our homeless situation has never been solved properly and now we are suggesting using the park for another band-aid. Our neighborhoods depend on our parks-- each one is actively used and provides solace for those without a personal backyard. A proposal of this scale significantly impacts everyone living near a park and using their neighborhood park. Encampment tents could lead to unsafe access, unsanitary conditions of the parks for everyday park users. Without a collaborative discussion with neighbors and residents, this proposal would leave us with far less access to our parks.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stark Litehiser  
San Francisco Park Advocate and Volunteer  
78 Havelock St, San Francisco, CA 94112  
District 11  
415-516-9224 cell

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Amy Greenberg <amyw1180@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:11 AM  
**To:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Ginsburg, Phil (REC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park Proposed Homeless Encampment

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I am very disturbed that it is proposed that Golden Gate Park will become a homeless encampment.

This will bring, needles, feces and drugs to the park. The park will not be a safe place that people will be able to go to. There is already a high rate of car breaks in and crime in the Sunset and the Richmond and this will only make things worse.

There are other place in the city that would be a good location i.e. the Cow Palace.

Where has all the tax money gone to help the homeless? I am a Social Worker and there are barely/none any worthwhile services in the city.

It is disgusting what this city has become.

The new District Attorney will not be prosecuting any crimes that will occur in the park. How will we be safe?

-Amy Greenberg

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Alex Calhoun <adc.calhoun@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:37 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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TO: Clerk for the Board of Supervisors

PLEASE: include my email in the Public Comments record for the next meeting of the full Board of Supervisors.  
Thank you

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From: **Alex Calhoun** <[adc.calhoun@gmail.com](mailto:adc.calhoun@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, May 13, 2020 at 7:33 AM  
Subject: Please, do not house homeless in our parks  
To: <[MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org](mailto:MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org)>, <[Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:Phil.Ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, <[Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org](mailto:Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org)>, <[Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org)>, <[Norman.Yee@sfgov.org](mailto:Norman.Yee@sfgov.org)>

I agree with Senator Feinstein, please **do not house homeless in our parks**, which are a precious resource for all.

As Senator Feinstein points out, there are more suitable alternatives at the City's disposal. Do not abuse one of the treasures that serves our mental health, and is one of the beacons that attracts visitors to our (still, but not for long if you do this kind of thing) city. Don't forget, tourism is a huge driver of our local (San Francisco, not the Bay Area Region) economy. Not at this moment, but it will be again.

There are piers, hotel rooms that the City is paying for that evidently are not being used (?!?!?), empty parking garages and parking lots owned by the City. The Cow Palace property is spacious. If you must create a tent city, may I suggest Chrissy Field, or if you must use Golden Gate Park, the Pan Handle is open ground and closer to services.

Get more creative.

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Charles Yust <loveyust@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:45 PM  
**To:** Ronen, Hillary; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** DO NOT ALLOW MCLAREN TO BECOME A HOMELESS CAMP

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Supervisor Ronen and Board of Supervisors I am the homeowner of 481 Princeton, and live three doors from McLaren Park... I heard tonight that McLaren may be considered for a homeless encampment area. I am writing to express my extreme opposition to this idea; and ask you to oppose any proposal for this use. My kids are 8 and 6 years old, we use the park every day, for the love of god please don't do this - we find enough needles in our play grounds as it is!!!! The part of the park we live near has three playgrounds frequented by the neighborhood's children and elderly. We have owned here for 5 years. We have faced ongoing tough issues in this beautiful park over those years including dumping of trash, lack of maintenance, human waste from campers and other problems but it has gotten better recently. Please, please do not allow this, we use the park with our neighbors every day. We love the park and it has become our safe place near our homes. If it is used as an encampment, that will likely be an action not easy to reverse in the future and it will make our neighborhoods unsafe. I also ride the city bus every day to public school with my son in the Excelsior (SFC) and know from experience that city buses in other areas of the city with higher drug use can be unsafe to ride and **have been personally threatened** in the past. If you allow this my children will face the same kinds of threats daily as they try to ride their bikes, play in the park and go to school. Thank you for your consideration, I am happy to add much more detail as to why this is a bad idea and will be talking to my neighbors over the next week. I just heard of this tonight and understand the meeting is tomorrow; I don't know of anyone near me who was aware this might happen (WHICH IS INSANE - WE NEED TO NOTIFY ALL OUR NEIGHBORS IF WE SO MUCH AS CHANGE THE PAINT ON OUR HOMES!). I am respectfully asking you to push for what's right for your constituents in the Portola. I swear to god in the name of my children's safety and well being that I will be protesting in the streets and helping organize this entire neighborhood alongside my neighbors if this is allowed to happen. Best, Charles Yust, Father (8 and 6 yo) homeowner 481 Princeton St.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** LDC President <president@sflatinodemocrats.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides  
**Cc:** Gabriel Medina; Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS)  
**Subject:** SFLDC's Email supporting legislation to allow the creation of Safe Sleeping Sites in San Francisco

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Hello Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I'm emailing today on behalf of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club in support of Safe Sleeping Sites and to ask for your support for Supervisors Fewer & Mar's legislation to explore the use of Rec and Park and other City properties to create safe sleeping sites.

San Francisco- COVID- 19 has had a disproportionate impact on homeless families, an estimate of 8,000 unsheltered families. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced specific COVID- 19 guidelines to prevent the spread of the disease; complying with the CDC's safety guidelines is nearly impossible when unhoused families have no place to go. We can no longer ignore the fact that over 8,000 families are unhoused and exposed to unsanitary environments with a higher chance of getting infected with the virus. By supporting this legislation, San Francisco is more likely to contain its peak of new infections and deaths.

We must explore all possible pathways to address the public health crisis impacting the city's unhoused residents, and while hotel rooms should be the priority, we have to also look at outdoor sites on City-owned properties including those owned by Rec and Park. The City is failing our unhoused neighbors in the midst of a pandemic. We must do better. Please support the Safe Sleeping Sites legislation!

Sincerely,

Sarah Souza  
San Francisco Latino Democratic Club

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Valerie Schmalz <valerieschmalz6@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 5:40:19 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Fwd: oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP**

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Dear Mr. Ginsburg,

I join US Sen. Dianne Feinstein in opposing homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. As she writes, there are many other options available at this time and I applaud Mayor London Breed for her proactive action on both the pandemic and in addressing the needs of all people, and for taking special care of those who are homeless and addicted and mentally ill.

Please see my letter below to Mayor Breed and to my supervisor Gordon Mar.

I am enclosing a link to a 2007 SF Chronicle column by CW Nevius that was instrumental in activating city officials to remove encampments that made the park dangerous and unhealthy. I remember that time well--walking with my four small boys along the path on Lincoln Way and coming upon a group shooting up in the middle of the day. I also remember having to watch for discarded needles at the playgrounds. You have been critical in making the park again a place for all people. I believe homeless people are and should be treated fairly and enjoy the park during the day with all of us. It is the nighttime encampments that create problems.

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/HERE-S-THE-REAL-PROBLEM-IN-GOLDEN-GATE-PARK-2579670.php>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Schmalz  
1277-28th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
cell is 415-699-9230

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**From:** Valerie Schmalz <valerieschmalz6@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Tue, May 12, 2020 at 5:03 AM  
**Subject:** oppose camping for homeless, or anyone, in GGP  
**To:** <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisor Mar,

I am writing to oppose proposed legislation to place encampments for homeless folks in Golden Gate Park. One of the key factors that helps the Department of Recreation and Parks maintain Golden Gate Park as a resource for all San Franciscans is the fact no one can stay overnight in the park.

During the pandemic, I am walking with my dog throughout the park and everywhere I go whether it is near the beach and by the bison enclosure, along JFK Drive by the DeYoung Museum or wandering on a path along Lincoln Way I see many families with children, walkers, runners and people on bicycles. I have never seen the park frequented by so many people and in almost all cases, they are practicing the safe practices of social distancing and also great courtesy and friendliness.

Adding another factor of encampments would strain the resources and be beyond the ability of the hardworking and very effective Rec and Park staff. Rec and Park is one of the most successful parts of the City and County and this would add an unnecessary strain.

Sincerely,

Valerie Schmalz  
1277-28th Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
cell is 415-699-9230

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Valerie

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden gate park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Aaron Hoffmeyer <hoffmeyer.aaron@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:29:52 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Golden gate park

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I oppose using golden gate park for housing the homeless. This is a horrible idea and there are plenty of more viable alternatives.

Aaron Hoffmeyer  
5635 Anza St, SF

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: NO to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jean-Francois Roy <jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:15:09 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** NO to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park

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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

As a Sunset resident I am strongly opposed to moving homeless encampments to the Golden Gate Park. In this age of social distancing this is one of the only safe nature escapes from residents of San Francisco. It has a very unique balance of parks, lakes and a few highly popular museums. This is where kids, families, walkers, runners, cyclists escape from the city chaos. This would send the entire west side of the city in an uproar. We don't have fancy restaurants, malls, but we have a nature-feel that is unique. I commend the Mayor for the incredibly brave response to the current situation and our supervisor Mar for his town hall webcasts, but you let this happen and you will wipe out all the support you gained. Imagine the message you will send to the rest of the US and in particular the right wing propaganda. The GG Park is famous and images of tent cities in it will be seen as having central park turned into a homeless shelter. Please don't ruin our city.

Jean-Francois Roy  
1970 42nd Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

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Jean-Francois Roy  
[jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com](mailto:jeanfrancoisr@gmail.com)

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

## United States Senate

May 4, 2020

The Honorable Norman Yee  
President  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Yee:

I write to express my concern regarding reports that the Board of Supervisors may act to compel the Recreation and Park Department to permit homeless encampments within Golden Gate Park, especially as there are available alternatives.

I certainly believe all city resources need to be on the table to protect the safety of the residents of San Francisco. Providing safe housing options for our homeless population, especially those living in group housing or shelters, has to be a priority.

San Francisco has numerous options to deal with the critical shortage of safe shelter: continuing the Mayor's hotel program, enforcing social distancing and healthy conduct in group housing and shelters, and expanding RV programs and temporary shelters. This could include tents on unused parking lots and closed schoolyards, as well as public facilities such as the Cow Palace and Port property. These locations are available, have utilities, and can be more easily restored to original uses than can Park lands.

We are all aware that our city, state, and country has a homeless crisis that has been intensified by COVID-19. However, encouraging tent encampments on the streets of the Tenderloin or in Golden Gate Park is not a viable solution.

Please be assured that, while I disagree with this proposed use of Golden Gate Park, I will continue my work in Congress to help the City acquire the federal resources necessary to fight the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

DF/jll

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504  
<http://feinstein.senate.gov>

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: housing homeless in GG Park ? No thank you

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** michael meehan <meehan-michael@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:02:33 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: housing homeless in GG Park ? No thank you**

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Hello Mr. Ginsburg,

Please stop this idea in its tracks.

The Park is one area many SF citizens can find relief, and housing homeless people is not acceptable to all of the tax paying citizens

Perhaps a nice encampment in front of City Hall, with its large open area would be a better use of space as well as keeping the problem firmly in Supervisor Fewer's eyeline.

The Park is for everyone, and this bad idea infringes on that privilege.

The Park already suffers from constant homeless encampments , which is an ongoing t battle for your Park Police, as you well know.

Thank you for making the right decision.

Gratefully,

Michael Meehan

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Lihsuan Chou <lihsuan@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:14 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please STOP the Proposed Homeless Tent Encampments in GGP

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Allowing tent encampments in our beloved Golden Gate Park as proposed by a Supervisor is a horrible idea. This will not solve any problem but only make it worse. Please stop this!!!!

I love our city and our Golden Gate Park. And it makes me so sad to see how the city has deteriorated over time. And our park is one place that we still can go and spend time outdoor safely and peacefully. Please don't take this away from us.

Thank you!

Li Chou

[1631 31st Avenue](#)  
[San Francisco](#)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ana martinez <ana\_mariemartinez@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 7:17:20 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Golden Gate Park**

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Dear Mayor and Supervisors:

I am writing today to strongly oppose Supervisor Sandra Fewer's ill-advised idea of setting up homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. Sen. Diane Feinstein opposed it in her letter on May 4, 2020 and I believe most of SF opposes such a move. It would undo years of working to make Golden Gate Park a place for all the people.

I live in the Outer Sunset and in the last two months, I have already had to deal with two small meth lab explosions while bicycling with my family. We need the park to remain safe, clean and the sanctuary it is to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. Also who is going to pay for the undeniable clean-up that would be required for such encampments? I have already had to close my non-essential business, do not see a clear date for reopening and barely paid my property taxes.

I expect more from the government in SF. Do not forget those of us who pay all our taxes, abide by all the rules and continue to want to call this beautiful city our home.

Ana Martinez  
1427 42nd AVE  
SF, CA 94122  
(c) 415-254-8844

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Fewer's Annouement to use GG Park as Homeless Shelter

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marcail Kennedy <marcailkennedy@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 8:15:23 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Fewer's Annouement to use GG Park as Homeless Shelter**

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Hello Representatives in SF,

I have heard of Fewer's announcement to potentially use Golden Gate park as a specific site to house homeless population to help the spread of COVID-19. I think using a park in the middle of the city is ridiculous. You have requested us to shelter in place for months, and your city residents are abiding by that. If you now take away the ability for us to go to the park and a safe place for children to ride their bikes and be say, you are no longer giving us a safe place to work. Your community will protest. Use the hotels that are not being used right now for this, don't take away our parks and the little things we have left in this world right now.

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Tents in PArk for Homeless

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**From:** Janice Mortenson <mortenson48@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Tents in PArk for Homeless

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

We heard that they are thinking of putting Tents in the Park for the Homeless. That is a Big NO.

I have lived 1 Block from the Park at the Top of the Hill by the Blue Water Tower since 1985 and we finally have it pretty clean. You had People complaining when they Tried Horse Trails Rides in the Park because of the Poop they-where leaving behind so I cannot imagine the Trash that these Homeless will leave behind. It is BAD enough that there is one Homeless guy that Bathes in the Upper Reservoir a Couple times a week and washes clothes and hang them on the Fence around the Reservoir The we have a lot of little children that are walked around that Upper Reservoir during the day. That is not what a park is for.

Put TENTS under the Overpasses below the Freeways where you have Parking Lots. And give them the Temp Toilets with the Showers in them. As I said we just got our McLaren Park cleaned up and Nice Trails so Please do not put Tents in there.

The Peru Avenue neighbor.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public comment on Homeless encampment in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Caitlin Desmet <caitlindesmet@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 10:55:18 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Public comment on Homeless encampment in GGP**

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Hello I am a San Francisco resident who is concerned with GGP utilization as a homeless encampment. I agree heartily with Dianne Feinstein's letter of support for further use of other resources our society has access to such as parking lots and areas near public resources, extended RV programs, and hotels where possible. There are few public spaces in the SF area where people can socially distance who have children or dogs etc, and this includes the majority of medical/dental personnel at UCSF. And Among other reasons, I feel a large scale homeless encampment will severely impact that access both directly & indirectly, in addition to setting a dangerous precedence. While I understand the homelessness problem is indeed a very important problem, jumping to placing them in GGP I think at this time is pre-mature since other resources are available. Thank you in advance for your reading of this email of a concerned citizen, over all you all have been doing your best and the stats show it with low levels of the virus in our city, thank you! Be safe and have a great rest of your day.

Regards,  
Caitlin Desmet, DDS

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Please do not let McLaren Park become a homeless camp

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** TRILCE & CHARLES <[helpmlpark@gmail.com](mailto:helpmlpark@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 6:32:24 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ronen, Hillary" <[hillary.ronen@sfgov.org](mailto:hillary.ronen@sfgov.org)>, "Safai, Ahsha (BOS)" <[ahsha.safai@sfgov.org](mailto:ahsha.safai@sfgov.org)>, "Walton, Shamann (BOS)" <[shamann.walton@sfgov.org](mailto:shamann.walton@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Breed, London (MYR)" <[london.breed@sfgov.org](mailto:london.breed@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject: Please do not let McLaren Park become a homeless camp**

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Dear supervisors,

Many of you know me through my efforts improving McLaren Park for families and kids over the last decade plus. I have been out of town and unaware of the plan to try and find 10 parks to create a temporary homeless shelter until today. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN!!

This goes against everything I have worked for through the years. When I originally began our group Help McLaren Park 12 years ago it was because, not only was McLaren Park forgotten and neglected but supervisors wanted to open a recycling plant in the Visitacion Valley side of the park. Once these changes would have been implemented it would have been very hard to reverse. The same goes for this.

This is not a 1906 great fire tragedy that many are comparing to. Average hard working people in 1906 lost their homes. They weren't on drugs. They weren't addicts. They weren't mentally ill as much of the homeless here in San Francisco are today. We cannot allow sick people to be living in neighborhoods close to children! They need rehab centers with strict detoxification measures not San Francisco parks or San Francisco streets. If parks are a must then I would suggest using a park far away from where civilians inhabit such as the Presidio or Treasure Island.

Please do not allow this to happen to McLaren Park. McLaren has finally shed decades of sadness and neglect. It would be a tragedy to go back to that.

Sincerely,

Chuck Farrugia

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: No Homeless Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Marie Mika <mariemika8@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 8:15:20 PM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** No Homeless Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Esteemed Government Officials,

As a resident of the Outer Sunset and someone who walks in or bikes through Golden Gate Park almost every day I urge you not to allow homeless tent encampments in Golden Gate Park.

My fellow San Franciscans and I already treasured Golden Gate Park. With the advent of Covid it has become an even more invaluable haven and refuge from sheltering at home.

I'm proud of (the vast majority of) my fellow citizens for being responsible and practicing social distancing while in the park.

I avoid popular areas (Bison Paddock) and narrow paths that don't allow six feet of space.

The area I visit most often now - a relatively unattractive "backstage" area with chain link fences and empty horse stables on the west side of park - I have dubbed Covid Meadow because I go there, like the others I see, to stay a safe distance from other park goers trying to stay healthy and sane.

There are ALREADY homeless encampments throughout the park - you can see them if you go to any of these quieter, relatively more remote areas. The park is already unable to manage the situation.

Please do not invite an even greater public safety hazard to a place where families and children gather to escape a public health menace!

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Marie Mika

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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**From:** Angela O'Neill <oneill.angela4@gmail.com>

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 1:37 PM

**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, Phil Ginsburg <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, Norman Yee <norman.yee@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Do not destroy GGP by housing homeless population!

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I'm writing to ask you to oppose the proposal of Sandra Fewer, Supervisor of Richmond District, to use Rec & Park sites to house homeless population. Nice for her she won't have to deal with the problem from her home in San Rafael.

I have never written to an elected official before but feel this is the time.

I vehemently oppose any legislation that would put San Francisco's homeless population into our beautiful Golden Gate Park, the jewel in the crown of San Francisco. This is utter madness. To suggest that it would be a temporary measure is disingenuous and/or naive.

It has taken years to get the GGP to a place where families can freely roam without fear of being affronted with a homeless person screaming at them, without finding discarded needles and generally being afraid to go to the Park alone.

I have called San Francisco home for nearly 30 years. I remember Beach Chalet when you could not go into the trees to retrieve a soccer ball alone because of the fear of what you would encounter.

I am trying to raise a family in San Francisco and doing my best to stay here and not flee like so many families. At this point, I wonder if it has all been in vain and now feel like just giving up and moving out.

My children attended a local Catholic school in the Sunset and we had hoped they could go to public high school but that wasn't possible as they were allotted to a school on Folsom Street. We sent them to a Catholic high school, which, by the way, has open drug dealing and homeless mere blocks away. We are buckling under the strain of the fees to make this possible but we are committed to see it through.

I am wondering when the Mayor is going to work hard for us folk that are working hard? Working hard to stay in this City? Working hard to pay our taxes? Working hard to own a property in this City and pay more taxes? What about us? How much do you think we can take of this?

I voted for London Breed. I've been to many events and heard her speak. I sang at City Hall in March for the St. Patrick's Day flag raising. I realize it's a balancing act to try to keep everyone happy. I am a part of that Irish community that is asked to vote for London Breed. I will not be voting for her in the next election if she continues to disregard the hard-

working people of this City and have any part in destroying our beautiful Golden Gate Park. Don't we hardworking residents deserve an oasis where we can move freely?

These are catastrophic times and we all have to make sacrifices. Our GGP should not be sacrificed. There are plenty of other options to house the ever growing homeless/mentally ill population in San Francisco. You should not support this proposal to set up homeless in the Golden Gate Park.

Angela O'Neill

[oneill.angela4@gmail.com](mailto:oneill.angela4@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** Madland, Sarah (REC) <[sarah.madland@sfgov.org](mailto:sarah.madland@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

Philip A. Ginsburg  
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**From:** Serge Ulyanov <[sfcity888@gmail.com](mailto:sfcity888@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:22 PM  
**To:** Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** proposed sheltering of homeless in GGP

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Dear Phil Ginsburg,

I'm a homeowner and resident of the Central Sunset district.

I have recently learned about your agreement with making Golden Gate Park available to house homeless population of San Francisco.

The Golden Gate Park is a treasure of San Francisco and allows all of us enjoy this oasis in the middle of a city. Allowing homeless people to shelter in the park would effectively transform the park into the Tenderloin 2.0 and would deprive us - San Franciscans from enjoying the park.

You can not ignore our desires of NOT having homeless people be placed in Golden Gate Park - whether temporary or not.

The local community on Nextdoor is unequivocally against your agreement with sheltering homeless people in the Golden Gate Park.

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Serge Ulyanov  
Central Sunset district homeowner

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:09 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: No homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park

On 5/12/20, 1:38 PM, "Sharon Kozik" <skozik13@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hello,

I strongly oppose the use of Golden Gate Park for homeless encampments. This open space is a treasure for everyone in the city. We need safe open recreational space now more than ever.

Using the park as an encampment will create many associated problems such as risk the safety other park users, uptick in property crime like car breakins/garage thefts/home burglaries. One only has to skim nextdoor to see all of these things have been on the rise since the SIP.

San Francisco's generous offer of hotel rooms for the homeless has already served as a magnet to draw out of town homeless to our city. We do not need more enticements to lure MORE people to live on our streets.

Homeless camping in the park will seed them staying there long after the shelter in place is over.

Why can't the homeless be housed in the ball park or the parking lots down there?

- Sharon  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Golden Gate Park

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:21 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Golden Gate Park

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**From:** casson kauffman <[casson.kauffman@gmail.com](mailto:casson.kauffman@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:33 PM  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>, Norman Yee <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park

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To Whom it May Concern,  
Thank you for everything you have done to keep the people of San Francisco safe. I am writing to express my concern about creating encampments in Golden Gate Park. I have advocated for the homeless in the past. I can not imagine trying to find solutions given the current crisis. I do however agree with Feinstein that there are already better areas

where this kind of solution can be met. My fear is destroying the park and bringing illness to an area which is densely populated at the moment with many people getting outdoors in an area that has so far had less cases of covid.

Thank you.

- Casson

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Golden Gate Park is not the answer!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Krista Spence Loretto <kristaspenceloretto@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:56:48 AM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: Golden Gate Park is not the answer!**  
**Reply-To:** Krista Spence Loretto <kristaspenceloretto@yahoo.com>

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May 12, 2020

Dear Supervisor Ginsburg,

I agree with Senator Dianne Feinstein, Golden Gate Park is not the answer! The city has plenty of other resources such as the Cow Place, hotels, closed down commercial spaces, Candlestick Park, and the Giants parking lots. These places can be temporary and cleaned up. Golden Gate Park cannot be cleaned up once people live and use drugs. Needles and drug paraphernalia will remain for years to come. This will become the new normal and you will not get people to move out, quite the opposite, news travels fast and GGP will become the largest homeless park in the country.

Please for the children of the city and the neighbors of the park don't allow this to happen. I live half a block from GGP and the park is the best part of the city. It is our sanctuary. I love our park and take my daughter daily on walks and bike rides.

My daughter is scared of homeless people as she has been yelled at, cursed at, things are thrown at us, barked at by off-leash dogs, witnessed public defecation, and been with me when I needed to call 911 a number times. Two of which were for homeless fires in the park, one they lit and fell asleep the other was arson. We have had our cars broken into three times and our house was broken into once, while we were home.

Enough is enough please stop this legislation!

Sincerely,

Krista Spence Loretto  
Longtime Sunset resident/taxpayer/mother

Krista Loretto  
Founder, Classic Girl Clothing  
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[ClassicGirlClothing.com](http://ClassicGirlClothing.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:01 PM  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Opposed to homeless population in Golden Gate Park

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Dear City Officials,

I have been a resident of San Francisco for over 30 years and living in the Sunset district. I grew up in San Francisco and the Sunset and attended Jefferson elementary school and later moving back with my wife and starting my family in the Sunset. My children have grown up in the Sunset and have gone on to have meaningful and productive careers and lives.

I am writing to you to oppose any homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. Before Governor Gavin Newsome was mayor of San Francisco, the homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park increased in numbers and were becoming dangerous for my young children (at the time) and us to enjoy the park.

They was also aggressive pan handling on Irving street which is a vibrant commerce area for shopping and dining. Whether it was drug abuse or mental illness, the homeless situation in Golden Gate Park was getting out of control.

When, then mayor Newsome cleaned up GG park of the homeless encampments, things definitely improved.

I live near the park and we get our fair share of homeless people going through our recycling and garbage cans. That is part of living in the city and understandable.

I understand that there is a major crises going on and people are in need, but at the cost of destroying other parts of the city is not the solution. What will the hundreds of homeless tent city residents do when they're living in Speedway meadow or the Polo fields? They are not going to shelter in place. They will be wondering around the neighborhoods in the Richmond and the Sunset looking for food or whatever. If I had small children, I would be very concerned about that.

What does the city spend the \$241 million dollar homeless budget on?

That's my opinion and feelings. Your decisions will determine the next election cycle.

Sincerely

John

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:57 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:35 AM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>, Phil Ginsburg <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>, Norman Yee <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Please, do not house homeless in our parks

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I agree with Senator Feinstein, please **do not house homeless in our parks**, which are a precious resource for all.

As Senator Feinstein points out, there are more suitable alternatives at the City's disposal. Do not abuse one of the treasures that serves our mental health, and is one of the beacons that attracts visitors to our (still, but not for long if

you do this kind of thing) city. Don't forget, tourism is a huge driver of our local (San Francisco, not the Bay Area Region) economy. Not at this moment, but it will be again.

There are piers, hotel rooms that the City is paying for that evidently are not being used (?!?!?), empty parking garages and parking lots owned by the City. The Cow Palace property is spacious. If you must create a tent city, may I suggest Chrissy Field, or if you must use Golden Gate Park, the Pan Handle is open ground and closer to services.

Get more creative.

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Alexander D. Calhoun III  
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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Melanie Scardina <scardinama@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC)  
**Cc:** Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Tent Encampments in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Mr. Ginsburg

I've been made aware that Supervisors Fewer and Mar have drafted emergency legislation to require sanctioned tent encampments in Golden Gate Park and that you have been tasked with designating appropriate areas for such shelter, and to disregard health and safety laws. Under your leadership, Golden Gate Park has remained a beautiful oasis for recreation, respite and peace in our city. Please don't open our parks to tent encampments. I grew up in the 60's. I vividly recall when the hippies took over the park. It was not a safe place to be for the average citizen, and it caused all sorts of issues for the surrounding neighborhoods that took years and years to resolve.

With the Covid-19 crisis, seniors, the disabled and those with medical conditions have been prioritized for the hotel rooms reserved by the city. That means that the sanctioned tent encampments will mostly contain the young and able-bodied, many suffering with addiction and psychiatric issues.

By the city's own metrics:

95% - Percentage are suffering from alcohol and/or drug use disorder.

41% - Often use urgent and emergency psychiatric services.

See: <https://sfgov.org/scorecards/safety-net/homeless-population>

There is a direct correlation between tent encampments and break-ins, vandalism, drug trafficking and prostitution. See San Francisco crime maps <https://sfgov.org/services/sf-crime-maps>

This plan will not work. It's naïve to expect those addicted to mind altering substances and/or suffering from psychosis to shelter in place, wear a mask and maintain safe social distancing. There will be a negative impact on the park and the surrounding communities.

We all know that the homeless issue in this city is longstanding and intractable. I believe that if the park becomes a sanctioned homeless area, it will never return to safe, recreational use. In addition, the park and its geography create more logistical issues with enforcement, health and safety. There are other locations within the city that are more suitable and easier to secure and maintain.

Please keep the park a safe-haven for ALL San Franciscans.

Thank you.  
Melanie Scardina

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless Encampment in GGP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Peter Mandell <[petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 11:32:23 PM PDT  
**To:** "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <[gordon.mar@sfgov.org](mailto:gordon.mar@sfgov.org)>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <[phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org](mailto:phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org)>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Homeless Encampment in GGP

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Being a resident who lives one block south of the park, this is just a bad idea. It wasn't that long ago that the park was overrun with homeless camping out. What is the major playground for city residents became overrun with garbage, drug abuse, unsafe refuse, needles and crime. It took years to clean up the park and make it safe again. And when the park turned bad, it spilled out into the local neighborhoods. Shelters are one solution, where conditions and all involved can be carefully monitored and supervised, and issues can be controlled; but turning over the park to camping out will forever green light the free for all and once again subject all using the park, as well as local neighborhoods to the uncontrolled unregulated and unsupervised ruin for all and increased risk to public safety.

It's the wrong solution to a current and troubling problem facing all, but it's just bad medicine at a time when public health and safety is the overriding concern. This idea must not pass in the pointy headed nabobs of city government.

Peter Mandell  
Sunset District resident  
San Francisco, CA  
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Peter Mandell : [petermandell25@gmail.com](mailto:petermandell25@gmail.com)

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: I do not agree in allowing encampments in Golden Gate Park

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 7:26:09 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Mar, Gordon (BOS)" <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject: I do not agree in allowing encampments in Golden Gate Park**  
**Reply-To:** Eileen Tse <eileentse2010@yahoo.com>

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We already have a major problem with homeless people in SOMA and the Tenderloin district. A lot of these homeless people have drug problems and/or mental illness. I have seen a lot of them sleeping in the middle of the street right by Townsend & 4th. I have seen human poop on the sidewalks.

They should not be allowed to setup tent camps in Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park is a recreation place for residents of San Francisco. This would become a safety and health issue (human waste in streets) for people trying enjoy Golden Gate park for exercise during the covid SIP order.

Eileen Tse  
San Francisco Native

**From:** [Shila Clement](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't do this. The homeless situation in San Francisco is appalling.  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:28:49 PM

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The mayor purchased hotel rooms with our tax dollars and they aren't nearly full. This was about as dumb an economical move as I've ever witnessed. Now we give those you are addicted more of same to comfort them: name your poison, we've got it for you, marijuana, alcohol and cigarettes.

To further lower the standards in San Francisco to prevent the residents from the enjoyment of our city parks, these stupivisors are advocating giving the homeless additional acreage in city parks. It is disgusting that they will become trash repositories and feces snd public urination will literally prevent dog owners and families from being able to use the parks many of us use, enjoy and care so very much about. Our very active park advocacy group who work as volunteers every first Saturday of the month will not be willing to continue our clean ups and plantings if homeless are allowed en masse into Lafayette Park.

Please consider this seriously as giving in further to homelessness as the central core of all things political in San Francisco is not the solution.

Sincerely,

Shila Clement  
Cleaning and Greening Chair  
Lafayette Park  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:08 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Fw: NO HOMELESS CAMPS IN GG PARK

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sandra Fullerton <sandrafullerton@sbcglobal.net>  
**Date:** May 12, 2020 at 9:06:22 AM PDT  
**To:** "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Fewer, Sandra (BOS)" <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>, "Yee, Norman (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>, "stateinformation@state.ca.gov" <stateinformation@state.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** NO HOMELESS CAMPS IN GG PARK

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Sandra Fewer if you are so concened about the homeless during this pandamec, why don't you let them camp in your home, front steps and backyard. You and Gordan Mar are turning our beloved San Francisco into one big drug infested homeless camp. You are both disgraceful. I pay my property tax, where do you propose my children who are out of school ride their bikes? In Golden Gate Park to watch druggies shot up, shit all over the park?

Disgusted  
Sandra Fullerton

**From:** [Kevin Brenner](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Concern from board member of Friends of Alta Plaza Park  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:11:12 PM

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Dear Ms. Major and Ms. Stefani,

I hope this email finds you healthy and safe. While I fully support safely housing all San Francisco residents, especially during this time of pandemic, I have grave concerns about doing so in our city parks. As a member of the board of Friends of Alta Plaza Park and a frequent visitor of the park with my wife and two young sons, I see the incredible gift the safe space provides to many members of our community during this challenging time. Please do not support handing over the parks where countless residents retreat for fresh air, exercise, and moments of peace as suitable park locations for safe encampment sites.

Kind regards,  
Kevin R. Brenner  
415-254-0695

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Linda Stark Litehiser <linda.litehi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:44 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); rafael.mendelman@sfgov.org; Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS)  
**Subject:** Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

During these times of COVID-19, parks and open spaces have been vital to everyone's physical and mental health. Throughout our city, tents and encampments have become a contentious issue and our city has worked to address individuals experiencing homelessness with the appropriate solutions. **As our city continues to respond to the urgency of this issue, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer's proposal for the use of park properties for safe encampment sites.**

**I have spent my entire adult life advocating and helping support our park system as an active volunteer--PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.**

Here are some point I would like you to consider:

1. The parks are already in use for many vital services. Our neighborhoods Rec centers are being used to serve as daycare centers for the children of first responders and essential workers. It was a necessary solution for what we hoped would only be a few months but this situation could go on for some additional time. It means that fewer of our recreation indoor spaces are now available for our families, seniors and residents of all ages to exercise and recreate. **This summer, we are not likely to be able to provide Day Camps, Sports Camps and Swimming programs which means that our parks need all of their green space areas to help our citizens get the valued exercise and mental peace of mind that comes with being "outside in nature".** Our precious open spaces are needed now more than ever and as I live near a park, we are already seeing conflicts between people who refuse to wear face coverings or are engaging in unsafe behavior. Tent camps will exacerbate already concerning situations which will pit neighborhoods against neighborhoods--depending on which parks are selected. My fear is that the parks in less affluent neighborhoods will be selected creating even greater inequality and issues. Parks with more foliage and dry grasses could become engulfed in wild fires. It happens yearly with presently "illegal" encampments. Vigilant park staff and volunteers keeps an eye out for camping situations that can get out of hand.

2. I fear that the 60 days being proposed will not be close to the time needed to help the individuals who will choose or be chosen to live in these encampments. I don't believe that once these sites are selected that there will be any control over who can camp there and how to prevent others from showing up. **What we will be doing is creating the de facto right to sleep (and live) in our parks--which now, thanks to legislation, are closed at midnight.** How do we stop this experiment--if it is not working ? How do you control those who now feel they have a "right" to live 24 -7 in our parks, how do you transition people to permanent housing? Our State laws allow individuals to claim "squatters Rights" after 30 days. I believe the City had to settle a lawsuit some years ago -where a "resident" of Golden Gate Park won a case on that legal ground. Would we have hundreds or thousands who now claim they "legally live" in our parks and opens spaces? Once "opened up" this will become an out of control situation. I remember well the Tent City experiment at Civic Center Plaza under the Agnos administration. It was a nightmare scenario and that took years to bring the plaza back to a place that now is a source of pride, safety and all types of activities that support this area as a true "commons area". It

does require vigilance to maintain it-- the area requires constant supervision to prevent and maintain safety. How will we do that in as many as 8 separate park locations? We are clearly not learning from our mistakes.

Sadly, our homeless situation has never been solved properly and now we are suggesting using the park for another band-aid. Our neighborhoods depend on our parks-- each one is actively used and provides solace for those without a personal backyard. A proposal of this scale significantly impacts everyone living near a park and using their neighborhood park. Encampment tents could lead to unsafe access, unsanitary conditions of the parks for everyday park users. Without a collaborative discussion with neighbors and residents, this proposal would leave us with far less access to our parks.

Sincerely,  
**Linda Stark Litehiser**  
San Francisco Park Advocate and Volunteer  
78 Havelock St, San Francisco, CA 94112  
District 11  
415-516-9224 cell

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** John Barkan <johnbarkan1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:37 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park

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I object to government permission, let alone facilitating. They are already there by the way. Drug dealers will inevitably follow. Use empty parking lots if necessary - i.e. schools, DMV, Sunset Water Reservoir, etc. Once they are there, what makes you think they will ever leave. Free and safe access to ALL of all the parks is more critical now than ever. John Barkan, 1221 27th Ave, 94122

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Matthew Stevens <matthew.stevens732@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Chinchilla, Monica (BOS)  
**Subject:** McLaren Park - Unhoused Occupancy

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Dear Ahsha / SF Board of Supervisors -

The controversial topic of allowing unhoused individuals to occupy / tent / live in public parks is driving a stir through the community. Please make decisions AGAINST this proposal as it would have an incredible negative impact on the local community. This is an example of shifting issues into other parts of the city that are already dangerously underserved.

Thanks,

Matt Stevens  
McLaren Park Advocate

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Donna Sharee <dsharee@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 1:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)  
**Subject:** Tents in McLaren Park

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote NO on the emergency proposal to allow people without homes to use public parks as tent sites during Covid 19.

Our parks are for our recreation and are so needed by working people and families with children in this time of SIP. I am especially concerned about McLaren Park because it is a park for the Excelsior, the Portola, Crocker Amazon, and Visitacion Valley. It only has three bathrooms for 400 acres and has a very limited amount of gardeners for such a large area. I feel by choosing McLaren Park it is putting at risk our working class neighborhoods because we are out of the public eye and are not wealthy neighborhoods. I know that the 94112 zip code had one of the very highest numbers of people that had contracted Covid 19, so we are even more vulnerable than other neighborhoods to bringing people without homes to our area. Furthermore, our park is very far from the services that the people housed in the tents would need. I am so afraid of the increased crime, drug use, needles, and garbage this would bring to our beautiful park.

Please don't take our public parks away from the public at this time!

Sincerely,  
Donna Sharee  
District 11 Resident for 28 years!

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Kerri <kerri.terk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:54 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** McLaren Park not the solution for homeless shelter in place

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I want our homeless community members to have a safe place to rest in place. I do not feel that closing McLaren park to the thousands of people in the neighborhood and across the city who are in it everyday is an appropriate solution. Perhaps the golf courses at Lake Merced, and in McLaren park could be workable locations as they are areas that are fenced in. McLaren park is not fancy, like Golden Gate park, but rather it is wild and nature prevails. This should not indicate to you that it is not appreciated. It is on the contrary a critical element for so many people to get through this crisis. I am writing to you from a bike trail in the park right now that I am on with my son. Please consider other ideas. Thank you,

Kerri Terk, 1651 Burrows Street, SF  
Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Deirdre <deirdree@urbanwildlife.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** safe tent sites

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Dear Supervisors of San Francisco.

I am emailing you to register my support to use city parks to provide safe tent sites for the unhoused residents of San Francisco. While I sympathize with the folks who are arguing to reserve our open green spaces for their outings, and I think that is important, (frankly I would prefer that too!) I believe we have the responsibility as decent human beings to prioritize the security and safety of all our residents.

Sincerely,  
Deirdre Elmansoumi  
Resident of District 10

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Aaron Goodman <amgodman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** tents in parks - see city streets / don't ruin public spaces when people are locked up...

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As I am unable to attend please accept these comments into the record.

Please do not allow camping  in public areas and parks. The streets both downtown and outside the downtown are covered in debris garbage and feces especially near tent sites on sidewalks.

You currently do not have control over this situation and pushing it to the parks will assuredly ruin what little positive public zones we have in SF.

If you want to test the theory let the homeless park under your watchful eye at city hall plaza. But not in the public parks and spaces critical for those in outer areas needing a place to stretch or get out.

This will also impact resources such as sfdpw and rec and park that are already stretched thin.

Use other means to address this challenge and seek further input on where and in what methods we can solve for housing issues without destroying the few public zones we have remaining that are already under grave pressures due to population growth in sf...

It's hard enough to get funds for a bathroom near a playground in mclaren park and proper maintenance and staffing.

Stuffing homeless encampments into public parks will worsen the tourist needed industry in sf and cause long term damage to our public shared ammenities.

Agoodman D11

Sent from my iPhone

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Beth Clendenin <beth.clendenin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Park use for homeless

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

I am writing as a concerned resident who absolutely wants to see the homeless cared for in this crisis. I support their sheltering in appropriate places such as hotel/motels, schools etc.  
As a resident of district 11 for many years I would hate to see our limited outdoor space and nature such as we find in mclaren park being closed to the public to make space for homeless sheltering in place.  
This park has become a lifeline for many of us and especially beneficial for those of us with children who love to allow them the precious little space to ride bikes and run free in the great outdoors. I know many neighbors have utilized this park more than before the crisis began.  
Thank you for weighing carefully everyone's needs

Beth Clendenin  
District 11 resident  
Parent of 3 kids.

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** thistleball@sbcglobal.net <thistleball@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 10:12 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)  
**Subject:** NO to for proposal to tent sites in McLaren

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote NO on the emergency proposal to allow homeless people to use public parks as tent sites during Covid 19.

**It would be a drug ridden and trafficking catastrophe in McLaren park. The topography of McLaren would make it impossible to patrol during COVID 19 with limited resources, and to reverse post Covid 19.**

sincerely

Jeremy H Goldman  
SF resident who lives near McLaren

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Hallie Sinor <hallie.sinor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)  
**Subject:** NO to for proposal to tent sites in McLaren

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please vote NO on the emergency proposal to allow homeless people to use public parks as tent sites during Covid 19.

**It would be a drug ridden and trafficking catastrophe in McLaren park. The topography of McLaren would make it impossible to patrol during COVID 19 with limited resources, and to reverse post Covid 19.** There are only 3 bathrooms for 400 acres, so human waste and needles would be everywhere. The city would not have budget to clean up afterwards, especially since it can't patrol, clean, and control the tent sprawl in front of Civic Center.

To allow the homeless to take over the public parks will leave no place for families and San Franciscans to have space for recreation. This will avert tourism and make the homeless situation even more difficult to control by it being dispersed. It would then be left to the hardworking working class neighborhoods surrounding McLaren to deal with the increased crime, drug use, and needles/waste, with their parks being overtaken by the homeless, therefore no longer public. Many would no longer be able to even use the restrooms in McLaren because they would be taken over. I think there is one gardener for the 400 acres, maybe 4? It would be way too expensive to patrol and clean this park.

Best,  
Hallie

Hallie Sinor  
Learning Experience Designer  
[Web Site](#) | 415.548.3317

## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Skb Sf <skbsf@rocketmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** Parks being used for homeless

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Hello,

I am a San Francisco resident, and I live near McLaren Park. I am there daily, walking or running, or just hanging out. I am emailing to say that I do not approve of the idea to use SF Park lands to provide space for tents for the homeless. I do sympathize with persons who are unhoused, and feel all levels of government should and could do more to address the homeless crisis. But merely allowing tent spaces in our parks will not solve the problems the tent-dwellers face, especially with the health issues presented with Covid-19. For one thing, these persons will still not have a proper roof over their heads. They won't be warm on cold nights, will barely be dry on rainy nights. Sure, they might have access to water to wash their hands and face, but will they have hot water and shower facilities? Living in a tent is substandard.

You can do better than turning city parks into camp sites. You can do better than to turn your backs on the sheltered residents, who in these times need the parks more than ever for recreation, unencumbered.

Thank you,

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## **Major, Erica (BOS)**

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**From:** Joe Litehiser <jjlitehi@Outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 10, 2020 6:48 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS)  
**Cc:** Linda Stark Litehiser  
**Subject:** RE: Letter in opposition to Covid 19 emergency tent housing in San Francisco City Parks

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Dear Supervisors,

**As our city continues to respond to the urgency of safe shelter for the homeless during the COVIS-19 pandemic, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer's proposal for the use of park properties for safe encampment sites.**

Although undoubtedly well-intentioned as sidewalk tent sites proliferate, even extending beyond areas long struggling with this problem and into outer reaches of the City such as the Richmond District, I have to wonder if this suggestion has been adequately thought out. And according to the May 5<sup>th</sup> article in the Examiner Supervisor Fewer herself was at that time, "still working out the details" of her proposal for temporary Safe Sleeping Sites in public parks.

Others have raised a number of concerns that I need not repeat. But I do want a few details that occur to me to be considered.

First, the Examiner article says that the thought is for 40 – 60 tents to be placed 12 feet apart on less than one acre of land, along with amenities like drinking water, handwashing stations, bathrooms and sanitation. Using a near-average number of 49 tent sites, say, this implies, using one simple geometry, seven rows 12 ft apart with seven tents 12 ft apart per row. With a little buffering around the margins, this takes an area of about 5,200 square feet. This is a little more than one tenth of an acre whose area is 43,560 square feet. If the proposal is really to use up to "a few" acres, this simple geometry would allow almost 290 tent sites per acre, less, of course, space needed for, "amenities like drinking water, handwashing stations, bathrooms and sanitation."

I believe that the logistics to implement, then dismantle, these temporary tent sheltering sites, the costs associated with these logistics, and the policing and additional ongoing City support services that would surely be needed to assure safety for the campers, the users of park resources for outdoor exercise in this time of SIP by the citizens of San Francisco, and the safety of neighborhoods adjacent to any identified tent site areas, all these things are enough to conclude that the negatives far outweigh any benefit to be realized from this idea.

And to require the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department to write a report that must inevitably come to the same conclusion, for the above and many other reasons, is surely a waste of resources that are currently being much better spent keeping our desperately needed parks open and maintained for the purposes they exist during these trying times – to provide the citizens of the City physical, emotional, and mental support within the parameters of existing Park access rules and under the SIP strictures of the current City Ordinance.

**So, again, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer's proposal for the use of park properties for safe encampment sites.**

Very Sincerely,

Joe Litehiser  
San Francisco Park Advocate and Volunteer  
78 Havelock St, San Francisco, CA 94112  
District 11  
415-819-7456

## Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp  
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
4. Request for letter beginning :"Supervisor" [redacted] inquiries"
5. City Attorney Request.
6. Call File No. [redacted] from Committee.
7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
8. Substitute Legislation File No. [redacted]
9. Reactivate File No. [redacted]
10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [redacted]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission       Youth Commission       Ethics Commission  
 Planning Commission       Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Fewer; Mar

Subject:

Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks

The text is listed:

Emergency ordinance authorizing the use of park property for temporary shelter and other measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; directing the Recreation and Park Department to report to the Board of Supervisors with a list of potential locations for such uses; and waiving contrary provisions in Administrative Code Chapters 79 and 79A and Charter Section 4.113, if and to the extent applicable.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: [redacted]

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