

From: [Pam Axelson](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: safe and well secured camps for unhoused
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:22:15 AM

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Hello to Supervisors Peskin, Safai, and Preston,

I am in favor of creating specific, bounded camping areas for our unhoused tent dwelling people can live.

The model I see is the one at civic center between the Asian Museum and the Main Branch of the Public Library.

Widely spaced tent sites, restroom facilities, washing facilities, medical access, police supervision and daily cleaning are essential parts of these camping. I would include in-and-out checks as well.

The possible sites for these camps include large areas of street that can be blocked (e.g. civic center site), large areas of open land (flat areas in some of our larger parks), areas of the presidio, areas that have been cleared for construction that have not begun construction) and empty buildings that have facilities available.

It is my opinion that these organized camps will be much more manageable than our current random spread of unclean and sometimes unsafe tent sites for the unhoused. I am also of the opinion that, if an area of one of our larger parks is chosen as a workable space that the city will put in place measures that minimize any possible harm to the surrounding community.

I am in support of camps that can be supervised and cleaned and can support our current Social Distancing Orders and guidelines.

Thank you very much for reviewing my note. Pam Axelson (district 11 resident)

From: [Suzanne San Miguel](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: No tents mclaren Park
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020 5:40:59 PM

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Please, find alternative, for the homeless . Not at mclaren.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mercedes Montecinos](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Chinchilla@aol.com](#); [Chinchilla, Monica \(BOS\)](#); [Berenson, Samuel \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton@aol.com](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Alert! - Please Do not let McLaren Park become a homeless camp
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 4:49:02 PM

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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 we have worked for through the years. When we 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.

Best,

Mercedes Gage

From: [Carolyn Kincaid](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comment on proposed tent housing in city parks ordinance
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 3:02:45 PM

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I would like to express my strong disapproval for the possible use of McLaren Park as a homeless tent housing location during the covid 19 pandemic. McLaren Park is already sorely understaffed, under maintained, and lacks the necessary facilities to support a tent encampment. The park is also the most crowded I have ever seen it in the 16 years that I have lived here. Many, many people are using the park for their essential exercise, so placing a homeless encampment in it would present a safety issue for all the park patrons. I fail to understand the proposal to use park space for tent encampments when so many people in San Francisco are utilizing public parks for exercise and time outside their homes.

Carolyn Kincaid
1 Prague Street
94112

From: jcyach@yahoo.com
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Tent housing
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:51:57 PM

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Please consider not allowing homeless encampments to be allowed in our city parks. They have made great efforts To keep these places clean, safe and enjoyable for everyone. I particularly love near McLaren and do not want to see homeless people milling around, especially those whose houses are in close proximity.

I agree a solution for our homeless community is needed. Tents are not a good long term solutions - housing and shelter in my opinion are better. Once established in our parks we will find ourselves spending the same amount of money trying to protect them in the park and keep the areas sanitary and clean.

Please oppose the tent community in our parks and find another solution.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gloria Asaro](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Homeless Encampments
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 2:14:03 PM

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I am a native of San Francisco and longtime resident.

I wish to state that I disapprove of homeless encampments in our neighborhood parks. These parks are designed for the residents of their respective parks to walk in, relax and play with their children. It is completely inappropriate to bring homeless people into these areas as it will bring drugs, crimes of all sorts let alone unsanitary conditions.

The residents in the southeastern section of the city are particularly concerned about McLaren Park! This park after years of neglect and having an unfavorable reputation going many years back has finally been improved at a great expense to the city. The residents are enjoying it once again and feeling proud of their park.

Please do NOT turn McLaren Park into a homeless encampment. No one here believes it will be a temporary situation and what are the nearby residents to do when they refuse to leave!

When you make your decision remember us **THE TAXPAYERS**.

Thank you,
Gloria Asaro

From: [Jilanne Hoffmann](#)
To: [Major, Erica \(BOS\); asha.safai@sfgov.org; Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: MacLaren Park tent housing homeless
Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:52:29 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

Our family lives two blocks from MacLaren Park in the Excelsior. We use the park twice daily, at minimum, to walk our dog (yes, on leash). And we enjoy the park for other activities as well.

I think it is a mistake to create tent housing in ANY park in the city, as it will end up turning into a garbage and human feces-ridden public health nightmare. Our city parks were not designed to be campgrounds.

MacLaren currently struggles to keep its permanent restroom facilities and garbage cans sanitary right now. And we already have to give a variety of homeless individuals wide berth while walking. A tent city would be a disaster.

Surely in a city with so many million and billionaires, we could do far, far better by establishing a more permanent, realistic, and public-health-friendly plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns.

Best,
Jilanne, Rem, and Liam Hoffmann

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*Learning*

*Whatever must be learned  
is always on the bottom,  
as with the law of dressers  
and the necessary item.  
It isn't pleasant,  
whatever they tell children,  
to turn out on the floor  
the folded things in them.  
--Kay Ryan*

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**From:** [leona\\_galea](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Homeless encampment at McLaren Park  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 12:13:51 PM

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> 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.  
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> It has taken many years to create this beautiful park as a thriving family oriented park.  
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> 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 additions, alcoholism, mental health issues and many others problems they suffer.  
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> Please do not vote to have McLaren Park as a temporary encampment.  
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> Sincerely,  
> Leona Galea  
>  
> Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Darlene Weide](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on housing homeless in city parks  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 11:47:56 AM

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To Whom it May Concern-

I am a parent of two children and a long time resident in the Portola neighborhood near McLaren park. I am very concerned about the proposal to house homeless individuals in the park near our house. I have lived here long enough to witness first hand the transformation of this park, from one of concern for safety to now, a place where families and children can exercise and get some reprieve from sheltering in place.

Homeless individuals deserve safe places too for their physical and mental health needs. How about a third option: transforming the parking lot on Frida Kahlo Way behind City College to a tent city? How about using the parking lots on Ocean Beach or an area in the Presidio? How about using the field in the Marina?

The Excelsior and Visitation Valley neighborhoods near McLaren park have already experienced decades of the inequities and disparities of socio-economic status that are now exacerbated by the pandemic. Let's not make things worse for the neighbors who live here. Let's find a third way. I urge you to vote NO on this proposal AND find a different way to provide the much needed places for homeless people to shelter.

Sincerely,

Darlene Weide, MPH, MSW

**From:** [Lisa Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Land use committee: NO homeless camping in McLaren Park  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 11:41:40 AM

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Dear Ms Major,

I am sending you the letter that I originally sent to my supervisor when I heard about the outrageous idea of letting homeless people camped in the parks. It is a strongly worded letter and I continue to feel strongly! We have worked so hard to make our neighborhood park welcoming and safe and this would reverse years and years of hard work. It also doesn't seem very compassionate; if you want to help people put them in empty hotel rooms, build rehab facilities, etc.

Many thanks, Lisa Campbell

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Lisa Campbell <lisamorriscampbell@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 11, 2020 at 11:38:38 AM PDT  
**To:** "RonenStaff (BOS)" <ronenstaff@sfgov.org>, Hillary Ronen <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** NO homeless camping in McLaren

Dear Sup. Ronen,

I am appalled that I only heard just now, three hours before the meeting, that the Board of Supervisors wants to house homeless people in tents in McLaren Park. I am OUTRAGED and DISGUSTED. I've lived on Gambier for 18 years and we are just finally now seeing the fruits of our hard work to get the park upgraded and used. My family is SIP and the park is the ONLY place we go. I've never seen so many people using the park and it's wonderful. I finally feel safe there...I definitely didn't when I moved here. So the idea of turning this gorgeous, well-used spot into a wasteland for tents and portapotties is deeply offensive. It's dangerous to have addicts and mentally ill people dumped in the woods near my house. As it is, my 6 year old found what looked like a homeless hideout near the blue water tower and we had to book it out of there.

Since there are hundreds of empty hotel rooms in SF right now, put the homeless there. Or open rehabs or mental hospitals. But don't dump them in my park. I am LIVID, but I dearly hope you will fight for District 9.

Sincerely,

Lisa Campbell  
122 Gambier St.  
415-517-6138

**From:** [CHRISTINE CORDARO](#)  
**To:** [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Homeless campsites in SF Parks  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:33:04 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that the BOS is proposing to permit and sanction homeless tent encampments in our public parks. I cannot think of a more irresponsible proposal that is an undeniable risk to public safety.

First of all thousands of SF residents and their families use these parks on a daily basis to find respite and recreation. They are needed more than ever now with kids home from school and people who need a diversion from sheltering in place. Parks need to be clean and safe for residents!

To suggest that the homeless set up camp there is dangerous and irresponsible and to suggest that they will behave any differently than they already do in the Tenderloin and elsewhere is simply “delusional thinking”. They already do not practice distancing (many refuse to do so) leave garbage, feces and needles everywhere and are becoming increasingly aggressive. Who will supervise/police these people? What will you do about the drug dealers who will find their way to their “customers”? How do you propose to place a police presence there when there will inevitably be misbehavior and violence? And how do you suppose this population is going to “mix” with the general public and their children who simply want some fresh air and exercise?

Honestly, this is one of the most hare-brained ideas I have heard. The simple fact is that homeless encampments have been a presence in SF since 1988 and despite the hundreds of millions/now approaching a few billion dollars expended on this population NOTHING has deterred their presence or facilitated their recovery. And to suggest that park encampments are a solution is the height of ignorance and irresponsibility!

Sincerely,

Christine Cordaro

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Josephine Ghiglieri](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Park use for homeless  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:22:53 AM

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Dear Erica Major and Supervisors,

I am writing to you concerning the relocation of Homeless people into our parks. I live in the Portola district all my 60 years. My mother-in-law lives right across the street of McLaren Park just under the Blue Water Tower. My grandchildren have lived walking around the lake to see the ducks and turtles at Louis Sutter Park.

Now you are considering using parks as homeless encampments?? In this time of the corona virus, our parks are the only place that we can freely enjoy and children can run on the grass. In a city , this is hard to come by.

I am sure that our city has other empty lots in other areas of the city to use for the development of housing for the homeless.

We in the Portola district have worked tirelessly to improve McLaren Park which was never given the status, as the 2nd largest park in San Francisco, deserved.

Our district and the southern end of the city has been badly treated over the years.

Please do not allow homeless encampments in McLaren Park or in any park.

Sincerely,

Mr and mrs Steven Ghiglieri

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mark Scheuer](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Land Use and Transportation Committee, Monday May 18 Meeting, Item 4 - OPPOSED  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:51:40 AM

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RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee  
Monday, May 18, 2020  
Agenda Item 4, No. 200453

This agenda item is for an “Emergency ordinance authorizing the use of park property for temporary shelter and other measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.” I am very much against this ordinance.

During this Covid-19 pandemic, our parks should be reserved for use by the community and their families given that for many it is the only outdoor place for people to use. The City has other resources, like parking lots and empty buildings that can be used for these purposes. While I understand the need for those who do not have shelter, there are other options that do not severely impact the majority of our residents.

We need to work towards parks being able to remain open for use, especially for children. Without schools city-kids need these open spaces so they can have opportunity to be physical outside. With schools and summer programs closed, parks will provide the best safe place for children supervised in small groups to spend time over the summer and possibly into the fall.

Please do not pass this ordinance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Scheuer  
71 Scott Street  
San Francisco, CA 94117  
415-987-9545

**From:** [Joe Litehiser](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Item 4 of the May 18th Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting Agenda  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 6:52:40 PM

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Dear Supervisors Peskin, Safai, and Preston – **I am writing in opposition to a motion of the Land Use & Transportation Committee to refer Item 4\* of the Agenda of the Committee’s Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to the full Board of Supervisors as a Committee Report for consideration on May 19, 2020.**

Although our City continues to struggle to respond to the need for safe shelter for the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic, I am opposed to the Supervisor Fewer’s and Mar’s proposal for the use of park properties for “safe” encampment sites.

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 and Sunset Districts, and even as only partially used alternatives exist, I have to wonder if this suggestion has been adequately thought out and whether it legitimately needs to be considered under Emergency provisions that ask for endorsement by the full Board a single day after its introduction. 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 will 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 feet apart with seven tents 12 feet apart per row. With a little buffering around the margins, this takes an area of about 5,200 square feet or a square with just over 72 feet on each side. 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, especially when there are in place alternative ways to supplement the need to better house the homeless during this COVID-19-exacerbated, but long-standing, crisis on our streets.

Using the small area implied, even with all other alternatives considered, surely there are many vacant lots that would work much better than a small corner of a park.

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 a waste of Recreation and Parks Department resources that are currently being much better spent keeping our desperately needed parks open and maintained for the purposes they best serve 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 Supervisors Fewer's and Mar'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

\*4. 200453 [Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks] Sponsors: Fewer; Mar  
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. (Pursuant to Charter, Section 2.107, this matter requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors (8 votes) for passage.) 5/5/20; ASSIGNED to the Land Use and Transportation Committee.

### **Land Use & Transportation Committee**

Supervisors Peskin, Safai, Preston  
Clerk: Erica Major  
(415) 554-4441 (office number)



**From:** [Sai Seigel](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** 200453 Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks comment  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 9:46:04 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to strongly urge you against allowing homeless encampments in McLaren Park under Emergency Ordinance 200453 - Emergency Response In Parks. While I strongly urge the City to provide a safe space for our unhoused members, McLaren Park is not a suitable location. It is far from any supports and services that may be needed, has few bathrooms and other sanitation facilities, and is being used now more than ever by local residents for recreation and exercise. Our family walks in the park at least once a day and it is growing more crowded each day. There are many other, better locations in which homeless tents and temporary housing can be established that are more convenient and do not use open green space which is critically necessary for social distancing.

Sincerely,  
Sai Seigel  
471 Munich Street  
San Francisco, CA 94112

**From:** [Denise Chu](#)  
**To:** [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tents in the park  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:46:25 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a neighbor of McClaren Park. I implore the board to look at the possibility of opening sites in the park for homeless.

I could not disagree more. We live a stones throw of the park. I also have 5 children who regularly use the park, more than ever now. In fact my 12 year old was out yesterday taking pictures. I have an 11 yo who walks the dog with another sister. And I have a 12 yo who practices soccer and she has already been harassed by a vagabond.

I have stepped in human feces and their refuse will be left out. And after this over, well then they will stay. I'm not heartless, but I also have my needs that need to be met and that is we can enjoy the park in a safe manner. I just there is enough outrage that you all will reconsider.

I will be thoroughly disgusted if all of you do not take our concerns seriously. I have had enough bad experiences with these folks that I think my concerns are valid. Enough is enough that the efforts of the city are only for the homeless that I think have turned areas in the city into cesspools. Keep our area out of it.

Thank you

**From:** [Linda Stark Litehiser](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Land Use Committee, hearing on Monday, May 18, 1:30pm Re: Item 4: Emergency Response in Park (Opposed)  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:40:12 PM

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Dear Supervisors, I recently sent an email letter to each member of the Board of Supervisors about my personal opposition to the proposed legislation to create temporary tent space in our City parks for the unhoused. I want to be sure that the members of this committee are aware of my position on it. I strongly oppose this measure.

I realize that we are in the midst of a very serious public health crisis and we lack safe sheltering situations. But I feel very strongly that our City parks are not the spaces that you should be considering. The services alone, that this will required to provide sanitation, monitoring the individuals and mental health issues are not going to be possible in our parks. Our parks are in greater demand than ever as a place of peace and normalcy for all our citizens. It is always being cited, that people walk in our parks and bring their children as the only place they can feel a bit of normalcy during this very surreal time in our lives. The parks were not set up for housing anyone...and not particularly for people who are experiencing challenges of the magnitudes of homelessness. I want to be sensitive to all our vulnerable people but we won't gain anything substantial for them and we could lose so much!

We face challenges all the time with abuse to our parks, vandalism, unhealthy behaviors and crime....which was one of the reasons that a "closing time"....(Midnight) was adopted some years ago to have the right to PREVENT anyone in park after that time. It has helped deter some of the bad behavior. If we open the parks to be used as "safe sleeping sites", we leave them wide open to more abuse, the people allowed to live in tents, cannot be expected to police these sites--nor can we expect our police or any city funded security force, to know who is and is not allowed to be there after midnight. It will be a disaster for our parks.

Please vote this idea down and keep working toward solutions that will protect our very precious open spaces--We need them to be an oasis for both the housed and unhuosed as a needed respite.

Linda Stark Litehiser--51 year resident of San Francisco  
Long time Park and Community volunteer  
78 Havelock St.  
San Francisco, CA 94112  
415-516-9224 cell

**From:** [Cathy Borchelt](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** McLaren Park  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 4:31:56 PM

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To the Supervisors considering placing homeless in McLaren Park:

I am about to start chemotherapy and radiation Monday morning. With the number of homeless who refuse assistance and testing - see numerous 311 calls and resolutions - it is extremely dangerous to my health to have viral droplets spreading through the air. There is so much that is unknown about the virus and about this plan. Who will monitor the situation? What kind of sanitary facilities would be provided? Where will the food come from?

McLaren Park is basically my backyard. Homeless were responsible for a number of fires which occurred in the park last year. Since these homeless persons seem to have no regard for the ordinance governing behavior during this crisis while living on the streets, what guarantee do the residents around the park and those who use the park have that they will behave any differently?

There are also schools close to the park. What would be done to safeguard their well-being? Are the homeless going to be vetted for criminal history, drug and alcohol use? How do we prevent curious teens and tweens from exploring the park to see what's going on?

Finally, how do you get them to leave once the health crisis is over?

This is a bad idea and I hope you seriously consider the ramifications to those of use who live and love our park.

Cathy Borchelt

Resident of the Excelsior since birth with a home next to the park since 1955.

**From:** [Douglas Woo](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [philip.ginsberg@sfgov.org](mailto:philip.ginsberg@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Land Use and Transportation Committee - Monday May 18 Meeting  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 1:38:06 PM

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Ms. Major:

I am writing on behalf of Friends of Duboce Park, a non-profit organization whose mission is among other things is to organize and represent the collective interests regarding Duboce Park.

On behalf our our Board of Directors, I am writing to vehemently oppose agenda item 4 (200453) on Monday, May 18 Meeting agenda authorizing the use of Park property for temporary shelter and other measures in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Parks at this time should be reserved for use by the community and their families given that for many it is the only outdoor place for people to use.

The City has other resources, like parking lots and empty buildings that can be used for these purposes.

While we understand the need for those who do not have shelter, there are other options that do not severely impact the majority of our residents.

We hope you do not go forward with this legislation.

Regards,

Douglas Woo  
President  
Friends of Duboce Park

Thanks,

Doug

**From:** [blane](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** No Homeless in McLaren Park  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 12:16:22 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I have been walking and using McLaren Park for over 50 years. I took my kids there. We picnicked there. There were the Zebra murders! Drugs being dealt and used! People living in the bushes! Garbage being dumped every where!

Finally we have the park cleaned up pretty well. There are a lot of children, seniors, and families that use the park. There must be other better options for housing the homeless. To my knowledge there are not a lot of public services around the park. Where would these people go to get food, water, medical treatment, etc.? It is a long way to SF General Hospital! There would have to be "staff" to take care of them: police to monitor crime and a lot of people to clean up after them.

Sincerely, Barbara Lane

**From:** [alminvielle@gmail.com](mailto:alminvielle@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to using our parks to house the homeless.  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 12:06:03 PM

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Stones town parking lot, SFState not in use. Why set a president for misapplication of our parks. They are our last respite from so many urban Issues. This is a very bad idea. If passed it will mobilize me to be sure that those supporting it do NOT get re-elected.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marc Neilson and Sharon Pucci](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** homeless in park  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 11:43:33 AM

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This is a very bad idea. What could go wrong, you ask? How about moving all the trash created on city streets to the parks, where cleanup becomes more complicated. How about children in playgrounds finding used needles, or feces strewn randomly. Do park employees now become police? How can this be a solution? This is kicking the can down the road because you have no solution for an intractable problem. Capitalism will never solve this problem... there's not enough profit to be had. Wrecking our parks solves nothing

Marc Neilson



**From:** [Kelly Egan Huibregtse](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal for campsites in public parks  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 11:29:03 AM

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Dear Land Use & Transportation Committee-

My husband and I are homeowners in the Portola neighborhood, across the street from McLaren Park on Wayland Street. I just wanted to reach out and voice concerns about the upcoming proposal that will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee to address the homeless problem by creating campsites in public parks.

I urge you strongly to work to defeat any proposal that would involve placing one of these homeless campgrounds in McLaren Park, or any other public park that the people of San Francisco are using for respite during these stressful times. I'm a physician and I rely on the park for physical fitness and as a place to decompress after long shifts at the hospital, especially during the pandemic while I care for patients with COVID-19.

Access to nature is one of the things my friends and coworkers cite over and over about why San Francisco is an amazing place to live despite rising costs of living and changing culture. This is something that deserves to be protected to allow safe access for the families and tax-paying citizens of our amazing city!

Spending time in the beautiful, safe, and clean McLaren Park is what keeps me energized and allows me to spend long hours doing a high-stress job during this unprecedented time. It's also essential to the health and fitness of San Franciscans, as we suspect the pandemic and need for social distancing to go on for many months, making gyms and workout studios an unsafe option. McLaren Park is a place where the community has come together to put in thousands of volunteer hours to revitalize it. We are now starting to reap the rewards of that work and investment from the city with a resulting incredible and delicate natural habitat for wildlife and humans to coexist. If you haven't spent time there lately, I highly encourage you to stop by for a walk. It's truly a hidden gem of San Francisco.

That being said, I don't think anyone would disagree that something needs to be done about the homeless situation now and ongoing. Perhaps instead a more suitable option would be public spaces like parking garages or large vacant parking lots?

Thank you so much in advance for advocating against any homeless housing in McLaren park, or any other public San Francisco parks, during its discussion in committee next week. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help in any way.

Thank you,

Dr. Kelly Huibregtse  
*(please redact my email from public record)*

**From:** [Steffen Franz](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SF BOS LUT Committee 5/18 - Public Comment - Item 4 (Please include in committee packets)  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 9:17:51 AM

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Greetings Supervisors Peskin, Safai, and Preston-

I hope you and each of your family are doing well at this time. Thank you for continuing to serve even during one of the most disruptive and uncertain times in our existence.

I am writing to share my thoughts about item #4 of the 5/18 meeting of the BOS Land Use and Transportation committee. I'm referring to Supervisor Fewer's proposed ordinance (file #200453). Although I have some thoughts about this situation, I want to be clear that I'm writing this not as the current President of Friends Of Lafayette Park board, nor as past Chairman and long time Member of Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC), but really just as an individual living across the street from a public park. (This in no way reflects Friends Of Lafayette Park's position on this matter. We will take this up at a special meeting held virtually this weekend)

I heard about this potential BOS ordinance from various people in the past few weeks, and Monday was the first time I got to read Supervisor Fewer's proposed language and it is concerning to me on many fronts. Although I understand the need to find innovative ways to house the city's homeless population, I don't think this the ordinance protects the parks themselves from misuse, or increased criminal activity or long term vandalism, which the city and RPD cannot control, limit or mitigate now, how will they be able to do this once hundreds if not thousands of people are permitted or encouraged to move into the parks?

Honestly, I am outright opposed to this ordinance. I think public parks are currently under attack by the city's homeless and mentally disturbed people on a daily basis. I go to Lafayette Park every day at 7:15 AM and there have been numerous mornings where the park has been vandalized overnight, and there are people setting fires (to cook meth by the way), breaking expensive sprinkler lines, upending garbage cans (I cleaned up 55 gallons of poop, glass, and days-old food a few weeks back), and selling drugs (and even a little prostitution) in Lafayette Park. The police have been called dozens of times, park patrol double or triple that, and yet we still have a very unsafe park between the hours of 8 pm and 7 am. I expect that if this legislation were to pass and the city starts setting up encampments, the park's short term and long term negative impact would be huge. Perhaps this is something to be piloted at

places like huge empty piers on the waterfront, or in some of the city's many empty parking lots. Those sites seem like more user-friendly spaces that wouldn't displace people who are already using the current open space. One interesting concept I heard recently was to use all of the shuttered schoolyards that are already perfect spaces for this type of mass housing effort.

If our current situation is any indication, we've had tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage to Lafayette Park already over the past few years. This wonderful site has huge groups of homeless people already who have caused permanent damage to various parts of the park that will never be restored. If parks are going to be used for housing homeless people then there should be a focus on providing services to meet the needs of a large group of people. As it stands today, we've had many homeless or displaced people who throw human waste, broken glass and needles into the bushes, and if there were more people actually living in the parks, I have no doubt it would increase these issues immeasurably.

Parks would likely never be the same. It would impact crime and other issues in the surrounding neighborhood, and I would say this would be the same for any other neighborhood park that would be pressed into service for this situation.

Clearly we know that all parks in our city are important to our citizen's quality of life. Parks like Golden Gate Park, McLaren Park, and Lafayette Park are iconic landmarks in our city, as are others like Washington Square, Alta Plaza, and Alamo Square. These sites are important to both tourists and locals alike, and the idea of creating camps in any of these parks that would house hundreds or thousands of homeless people, with the same type of oversight and management as the city's other homeless shelters and policies is concerning, to say the least. The city continues to try and come up with innovative solutions, but housing homeless people in parks is not a realistic option in my mind. My questions and concerns would be:

1) Who will police and protect these areas? At this time the SFPD and RPD Park Patrol are already way understaffed and overworked and will not have the people power to protect these places. Can the Mayor or BOS offer a policy that would include either a private security force or additional hours for police to protect these parks and their surrounding areas? Perhaps the Sheriff's office could be pressed into service for this?

2) The proposed ordinance calls for 60 days (temporary) but per the ordinance, it could be extended indefinitely. I think that the extension should be subject to public comment and support, not just a BOS vote. If this were enacted as a pilot program, it would make sense that a public oversight committee (perhaps PROSAC) can be

involved in giving the BOS/SF Park Commission some real feedback about how this is working. If there are no problems that the program could and should continue, but if there are problems the program should be terminated. As we know, SF is not always willing to undue things it does, and most people I speak with are concerned that if this is enacted it will be impossible to remove these tents/areas from parks moving forward.

3) Will there be money set aside or allocated, if this is enacted, to pay to fix critical infrastructure and hire more gardeners and maintenance staff to keep the parks clean, and more Park Patrol officers who can oversee safety in these possible camps? I don't think this should be done without real financial support from the BOS/City to make sure that there is some money put into the system if this does end up causing damage to parks as a result.

4) Finally, this shouldn't be something that displaces people who already use the park. As it stands now, depending on the time of day, people don't feel 100% safe in parks. As evidenced in other locations in the city, this situation could drive people away from parks... Not just now but in the longer term. This city has some of the most amazing parks and if a measure passes to bring large groups of homeless people into the parks for an undetermined period of time, it is my opinion that it will displace current and future users, and eventually, our entire park system will suffer.

These comments are made by myself personally and do not reflect any groups or boards I currently serve on. I am glad to present these and additional thoughts to this committee, the Rec/Park Commission, and to the entire Board of Supervisors if public hearings on this matter are held.

Thank you again for keeping us safe and moving in the right direction, and please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss this topic anytime.

Have a good weekend,

Steffen Franz  
2055 Sacramento Street  
SF, CA 94109

**From:** [David Landis](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing using SF City parks for housing  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 6:52:34 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Erica/Catherine:

As a board member of the “Friends of Alta Plaza Park,” I am writing to oppose the proposed legislation below that will allow the City to house people in parks. It’s simply a bad idea and not well thought out and will create worse problems and chaos. Our Alta Plaza Park is currently overrun with people exercising outside who don’t even social distance. This will make it worse.

David Landis  
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415.517.9887

Proposed legislation:

### **[Land Use & Transportation Committee](#)**

Supervisors Peskin, Safai, Preston

The measure then proceeds to a full Board meeting the next day. This legislation is Item No. 4, File No. 200453, Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response In Parks.

[https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/lut051820\\_agenda.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/lut051820_agenda.pdf)

Excerpt: "...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;

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Thank you.  
David Landis

**From:** [Anita Denz](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: LUT Committee Meeting - May 18, 2020  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:51:58 PM

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To: Erica Major, Clerk  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Please record the following commentary with regard to Agenda Item No. 4, File No. 200453, Emergency Ordinance - Emergency Response in Parks.

As a resident of San Francisco for over 50 years, the last 13 years of my retirement have been devoted to City parks advocacy. I joined the Friends of Alta Plaza Park (FOAPP), managing the volunteer program, was deeply engaged in the Alta Plaza's restoration in conjunction with its major Irrigation and Water Conservation Project, and collaborated on community outreach for the development of a Master Plan approved by the Parks Commission in 2016. Further, I established a new FOAPP board of directors in 2018 with a mission to implement Maser Plan park enhancements and also work closely with the San Francisco Parks Alliance, our fiscal sponsor.

Through daily visits we have observed that Alta Plaza Park is truly a place of refuge for our neighbors during the City's shelter-in-place mandate, as well as a venue for restorative exercise. A tent encampment would deny residents access to the park's treasured open spaces and vistas. There are suitable, alternative locations to provide safe sleeping sites for displaced individuals that are much closer to resources than City parks.

I urge the Committee to reject this measure and pursue alternatives to a proposal that would negatively impact access to the healthful benefits of our 220-park system.

Yours truly,

***Anita Jean Denz***

Secretary  
Friends of Alta Plaza Park  
altaplazapark.com

**From:** [Jose Rivera](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** About camping on the parks  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 10:03:00 AM

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I don't agree opening parks for camping it's the best idea  
Since many of locals have the only option to walk in the neighborhood park  
Perhaps the presidio would be a better option since ones was a military base and can be control easily for campers  
coming in and out and for safety have the military help  
Another option could be treasure or angel island maybe there could be setup for better resources for homeless  
Just my thoughts not to disregard homeless but to look for better options for everyone  
Thank you  
J

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Margaret O Wilson](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against proposed plan to move homeless population to Golden Gate Park  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 2:37:32 PM

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Dear Madame Mayor, Supervisors Mar, Fewer and Yee, and Director of Park and Rec Ginsburg,

I am writing to oppose the plan to allow homeless encampments in Golden Gate Park. I live at the 30th Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance to the Park. From there, I and my family enjoy walking all over the Park several times a week. Golden Gate Park is an historical and environmental treasure that belongs to the people of the City. This legacy would be threatened by a plan that at best seems naive and at worst desperate and ill-designed and presents risk for the citizens who support the park with property taxes. For years, the City neighborhoods closest to the Park, the Sunset and the Richmond, have experienced persistent significant problems with homeless sleeping on the sidewalk, camping in residential doorways, and being very loud, especially at night. Just last week, a psychotic homeless man set up his shopping cart, sleeping bag and boombox right outside the entrance to our home. I am concerned that these incidents will escalate if the proposed plan moves forward due to the increased number of homeless people with proximity to the Sunset and the Richmond.

The homeless issue is propelled by chronic substance abuse which often leads to profound neurological damage in the brain and consequent disabilities involving impulse control, planning for the future, and a diminished capacity to reliably work. I understand that the homeless issue is complex and there is no simple answer. Please do not say that my concerns are like those of residents who say "we want help for the homeless but not in our neighborhood". The proposed plan greatly increases the number of homeless with proximity to established neighborhoods and raises the issue of loss of property value.

I agree with Senator Feinstein's concern about permitting homeless encampments in GG Park. When would the encampments be dismantled? As Senator Feinstein has suggested, why not use the Cow Palace, unused parking lots and closed schools, among many possibilities. I have also contacted Senator Feinstein.

Thank-you for your consideration,

Margaret O Wilson



**From:** [Irene Minabe](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Tent Encampments in GGP  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:10:03 PM

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To Mayor Breed and SF Board of Supervisors,

I hereby wish to express my concern about the suggestion to “temporarily” put homeless tents in GGP. As a resident of District 4, the thought of destroying our park with litter, needles, human waste is very scary and unsafe. By doing this, it would be encouraging the homeless that our park is a good place to make their home. Residents will no longer feel safe to walk or ride their bikes because some of the homeless have mental illness issues and can be aggressive.

As some people have suggested on Next Door, the Cow Palace parking lot would be a good alternative as it is large and away from residential areas.

Please don't ruin our beautiful park, vote NO on tents in Golden Gate Park!

Thank you.

Irene Minabe  
1226 39th Avenue  
SF. 94122

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [RPDInfo, RPD \(REC\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: GGP Encampment  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 9:12:25 AM

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:03 PM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: GGP Encampment

Phil Ginsburg  
(sent from my iPhone)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kathleen Hegerhorst <kat heg@att.net>  
**Date:** May 17, 2020 at 7:48:14 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** **GGP Encampment**

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Mr. Ginsburg:

It is absolutely outrageous that GGP is under consideration for housing homeless. This is an affront to the hundreds of thousands of Bay Area resident and tourists who visit the park to enjoy its beauty and splendor. This idea is an insult to the taxpaying citizens of S.F. , who have been putting up with the cesspool known as S.F. for multiple decades. Under no circumstances is the park a suitable venue.

As the head of Park & Rec, this proposal must surely be disturbing to you. Please heed the advice of Senator Feinstein, who has offered plausible site considerations that can be monitored, contained and equipped with appropriate services. There is absolutely no point in wrecking one of the few venues that is uplifting and provides respite for the stressed-out city/state/nation/world in which we live.

No on GGP.

Thank You.

Kathleen Hegerhors  
Emmett Hegerhorst  
San Francisco

**From:** [RPDInfo, RPD \(REC\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Homeless Camping In Golden Gate Park  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 9:15:55 AM

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From: Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
Sent: Saturday, May 16, 2020 1:52 PM  
To: RPDInfo, RPD (REC)  
Subject: FW: Homeless Camping In Golden Gate Park

Philip A. Ginsburg  
General Manager

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On 5/16/20, 1:27 PM, "Mrs. Phillips" <phillips@stanne.com> wrote:

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Dear Mr. Ginsburg,

I am writing to ask you not to support legislation to allow a homeless tent camp to be set up in Golden Gate Park. Golden Gate Park is a place for families to come together and exercise and enjoy nature. A homeless camp takes that away from the people of the City. I would not feel comfortable jogging or allowing my children to play in the park. San Francisco has a homeless problem, but this is not the answer.

Kathleen Phillips  
30 Woodacre Dr.  
SF, CA 94132

**From:** [RPDInfo, RPD \(REC\)](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: No to temporary homeless housing in our parks  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 9:15:21 AM

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**From:** Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 7:34 PM  
**To:** RPDInfo, RPD (REC) <rpdinfo@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: No to temporary homeless housing in our parks

Phil Ginsburg  
(sent from my iPhone)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sean Henderson <sphend11@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 16, 2020 at 6:48:43 PM PDT  
**To:** "Ginsburg, Phil (REC)" <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** **No to temporary homeless housing in our parks**

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Mr Ginsburg,

I applaud the San Francisco City Council's efforts thus far to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on our community. San Francisco is a leader in the world taking a strong stance requiring us all to shelter in place and do what we can to flatten the curve. In addition, the city's efforts to provide safe space to exercise with road closures in Golden Gate Park and along Ocean Boulevard have really helped us all maintain our physical and mental health during this difficult time.

In addition to writing to express my gratitude for your actions so far, I also **wanted to express my concerns regarding an upcoming vote on implementing emergency housing for the homeless in city parks.** While I understand the challenges the homeless population causes, I do not see this as a viable option for the following reasons:

- Damage to our parks. The pollution and potential damage that the most mentally unstable members of the homeless could cause to the parks may take

years to recover from.

- Exposing more members of our city. To date, the members of the homeless community are largely located within the Tenderloin district and if infected with COVID19, they are only exposing others within this small geographical area of the city. Relocating them to another part of the city will increase the exposure these individuals will have with others within our community increasing the number of COVID cases and deaths.
- Safety of our neighborhood. The Sunset and Richmond neighborhoods are quiet, safe areas that many San Franciscans raise families in. Bringing the homeless population to temporary housing in Golden Gate Park will severely reduce the safety of these districts in the city through increased crime that our district's police force is not equipped to manage through.
- Social distancing. We recently visited the Tenderloin to visit a local restaurant and noticed that there was sufficient space between the majority of tents to maintain social distancing, there was a clear lack of understanding by the members of the homeless population about COVID19 and the importance of maintaining social distance. Individuals were gathered close together socializing and not adhering to the social distancing guidelines. Moving them to another part of the city will not suddenly have them respecting these guidelines and will not reduce the number of cases of COVID19 within this population.
- Financial implications. The City is currently being sued for the implications that the homeless population have caused the UC Hastings Law School. Moving the homeless population to Golden Gate Park will have negative financial implications to the city. Property values and rents in both the Richmond and Sunset districts are high because of the safety the neighborhood offers while they are much lower in the Tenderloin because of the lack of security caused by the homeless population. Moving the homeless to Golden Gate Park even temporarily will have a negative impact on home values and rents in both the Richmond and Sunset districts and would result in a class action lawsuit against the city because the city did not consider alternatives.
- More suitable locations exist. While providing the homeless populations temporary housing in our parks is one option, it is not the best option. The parks do not present adequate utilities, washing or cooking facilities. There are many alternatives that have come up (Alcatraz, Cow Palace, Piers, Candlestick, malls with vacant space, etc) that would be better suited and should be considered first particularly because they would not cause the many negative consequences identified above and would also provide a longer term solution.

**Please do not jeopardize the health, safety of the majority to temporarily move these homeless individuals into our parks, more specifically Golden Gate Park. We and our homeless population both deserve a longer term solution to this problem and moving them to our beautiful parks where we are all trying to maintain our physical and mental health will only have negative consequences for all of us.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Sean Henderson and Stephanie Kam

**From:** [christina altick](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Neighbors have lots of concern about district 1 recent events  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 7:25:41 AM

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Hi all,

I just want to be clear that the people that live here are not going to take this, and have the Richmond district turn into the new Tenderloin. You guys moved three new encampments here to spread them out and move from the city encampments, let in more danger from other cities and states because you guys don't care about citizens getting crime, robberies, fear happening to them, you give them services on neighbors' sidewalks, not follow covid rules, turn a blind eye to open drug use, crime, aggressive behavior, lewd acts, toxic and human waste, open fires etc.

And no, putting encampments in golden gate park also does not work!!!

Shuffling these people around are just "band-aids".

Sf is already sued because of tenderloin, it could happen with the other districts suing the city as well. I heard many neighbors will even get the federal government and media notified about this dangerous, negligent and horrible situation.

What these people need are proper mental and drug help, consequences, tougher rules, and proper housing.

Sf is not "compassionate" to them, nor are they compassionate to law abiding tax paying citizens living in this neighborhood properly.

And just a reminder, WE ALL DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE, A FEELING OF PEACE, A FEELING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, etc.

Christina

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**From:** christina altick <cwissy727@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: Neighbors have lots of concern about district 1 recent events

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**From:** christina altick <cwissy727@hotmail.com>

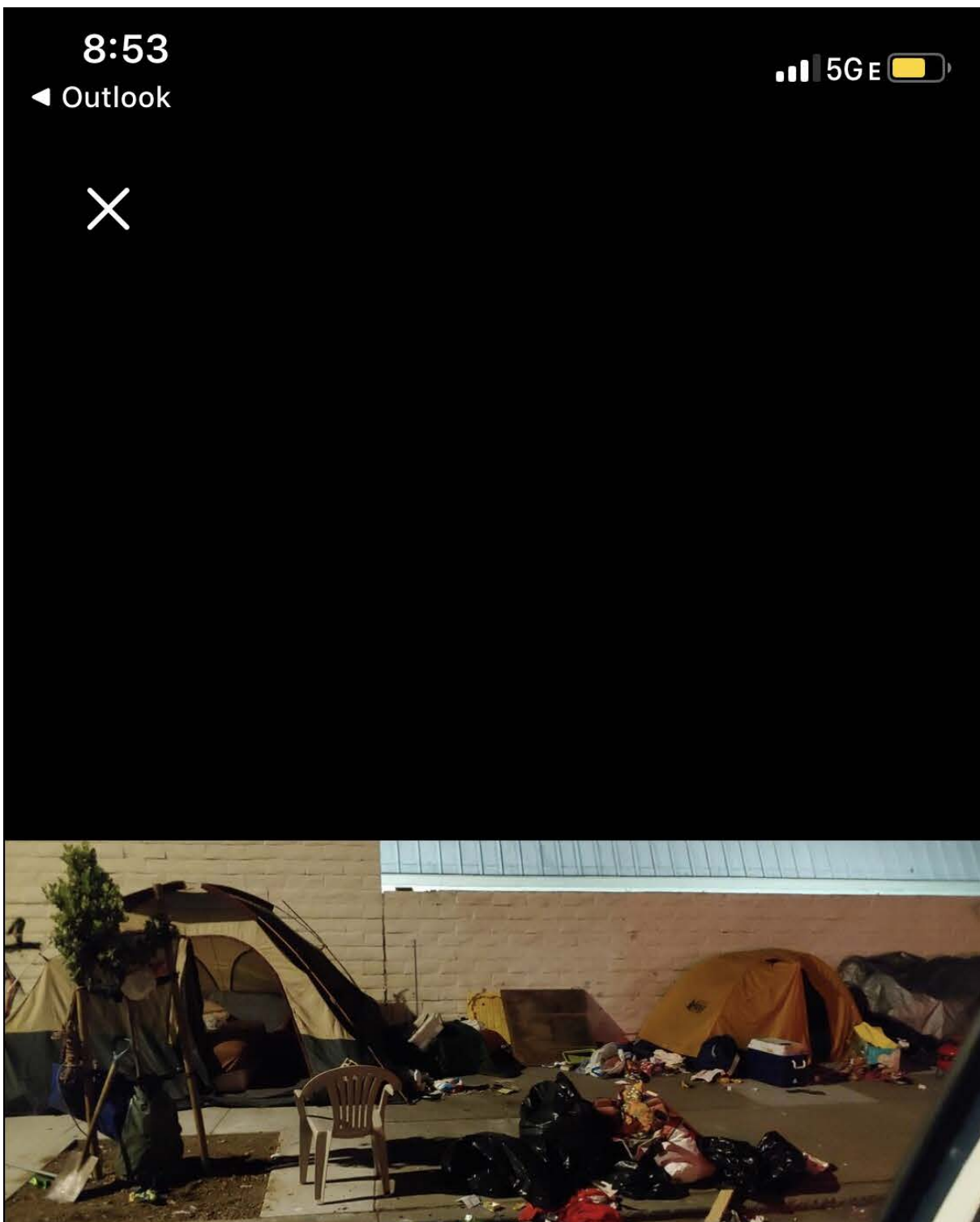
**Sent:** Friday, May 8, 2020 8:56 AM

**To:** SFPDRichmondStation@sfgov.org

**Subject:** Re: Neighbors have lots of concern about district 1 recent events

48th before was empty normal sidewalk next to Safeway area.

Here is it now. Pictures posted on next door







8:53  
◀ Outlook





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**From:** christina altick <cwissy727@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:15:08 PM

**To:** SFPDRichmondStation@sfgov.org <SFPDRichmondStation@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Neighbors have lots of concern about district 1 recent events

Hello,

There is a huge problem in Richmond district (district 1) that is causing hundreds of neighbors to feel distress and worry not only because of covid but because of other health hazards and dangerous aggressive behavior, open drug use, intimidation, etc.

It is - the 3 homeless encampments that have popped up since shelter in place. Located at  
Geary and 18th  
Balboa and 24th  
Balboa and 48th

This is a huge concern for the people that live here for many reasons, and moving them to our neighborhood has not solved anything whatsoever for the homeless issue. These encampments were not here before. There has also been a lot of trash from sutro heights parked that has spilled over on the highway, so I am assuming they are also there.  
Once again, this doesn't solve anything. Neither for them nor for the people that live here.

These people in the encampments truly need mental and/or drug addiction help and proper housing-- not tents and open area with crime, health hazard, etc.

Please let me know how my neighbors and I can get this addressed/who we should reach out to. We deserve to feel safe and ok in our neighborhood. We shouldn't have to feel scared and unsafe, we already are worried about the virus and now this has caused more anguish for us. And this is totally out of control that the city allows this...

Thanks,  
Christina

**From:** [Kathleen Hegerhorst](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** GGP Encampment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:07:34 PM

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Absolutely NO!!!!!!!!!!!! on housing homeless in GGP. Outrageous. Please follow Sen. Feinstein's suggestions for suitable alternatives.

Kathleen Hegerhorst  
Emmett Hegerhorst  
San Francisco

**From:** [Kashif Maqsood](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park - Thoughts from a neighbor!  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:27:16 PM

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All,  
I am a resident-homeowner in 94122.

I wrote independently to Gordon Mar and Mayor Breed.

Please stop this ill conceived idea of evaluating homeless housing in GGP. It is a gem of the city and as I run there every weekend I am already seeing the books and crannies of the park turning in to a trash bin.

These indigent folks need help. Not in the park. Please find a remote corner of the city. Need you folks, as decision makers, to think through strategically and know that there are unintended consequences.

Historically many gestures of generosity have been leveraged to the hilt by ppl who have no accountability or vested interest in our public places or the safety of the citizens.

Best,  
-Kashif

**From:** [sherry bijan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Golden Gate Park Encampment  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:36:46 PM

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To All this Concerns,

Happy 150th Anniversary GGPark!

The proposition to place the Street population at Golden Gate Park is without question the most negligent proposal to date.

The environmental and societal fall out from these actions are and will be insurmountable.

You propose expanding the most deplorable conditions into our Park and using our public bathrooms, essentially denying the average citizen & visitor access to the park and facilities, coupled with the filth and fright that this population brings with it.

To date the implemented policies have been utterly unconscionable. Instead of containing a most venerable population, you deliberately, no consideration towards them nor the citizens, have scattered without PPE the likely infected COVID19, Hepatitis, Typhoid, HIV, street people, drug addicts and dealers, criminals, thieves, burglars, mentally incapacitated bums throughout residential neighborhoods, under the most deplorable conditions.

The amount of trash this population creates compounded by used needles that wash into our storm drains and our ocean is an environmental and health hazard.

You all need to work towards permanent indoor solutions and containment of this population to address the tragedy San Francisco has become. Before, During and After COVID19. Stop using the virus as the excuse for inept management.

**NO TO YOUR SO CALLED SAFE SLEEPING VILLAGES/ CITY SANCTIONED OPEN AIR DRUG VILLAGES ANYWHERE, ESPECIALLY NOT GOLDEN GATE PARK!**

Sherry Bijan  
Sutro Heights  
SF 94121

**From:** [Vitaliy Goldin](#)  
**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  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 5:45:45 PM

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Dear members of the Board!  
Madame Mayor!

I am writing to all of you regarding the suggested plan to place homeless people in Golden Gate Park.

Please do not destroy our park, one of the greatest treasures of San Francisco and our country!

1. It has been my understanding that elected officials govern to provide for the greatest good of the majority. The idea to place homeless tents in Golden Gate Park is focusing on the needs of the destructive minority to the ultimate detriment of the majority of the people in our City. Why?

2. If you need a vivid demonstration of what will be happening with our Golden Gate Park – one of the treasures of the entire nation – why not visit the areas where the currently erected campsites located in San Francisco that are filthy with needles and feces? Did you consider how much money would be spent trying to restore the Park, once you get rid of those homeless tents in places where young families, children and your future voters enjoy their rest? How many of those families will leave the City losing hope to have a safe place where to raise families?

3. From my perspective, now that the City has started reopening, San Francisco needs to be a magnet for tourism, conferences, corporate and professional associations, meetings, assemblies to bring more money to the City and its businesses. Why drive these revenues away due to the inability to keep our streets clean and our parks accessible to that very majority in the name of whom you serve the people of the City?

Did you consider why so many homeless people are attracted to San Francisco? Maybe excessive benefits (money, drugs, needles, hotel rooms) you provide create a wrong impression that anything and everything is permitted in the City? While some of the working poor in this City live in their vehicles

4. Let's be fair: The City administration did and does a remarkable job in keeping the residents relatively unscathed by the pandemic. May it be so going forward!

What is the point of placing those tents in the Park when the lockdown slowly moves to Phase 2, as indicated by the Governor of the state? Even if these tents and their inhabitants are in the Park for a short period of time, the level of destruction and contamination will last for a long time.

I cannot think of a young mother in her right mind who would go to a park with her children to find needles, feces, broken trees, places of fire instead of flower beds? What would you tell her, members of the Board?

Please Vote No and prevent the destruction of the beauty of our City!

Stop the insanity of this proposal coming from the Supervisor of Richmond

**From:** [klawfs@pacbell.net](mailto:klawfs@pacbell.net)  
**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  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 7:22:39 AM

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The Golden Gate Park should never be used as a camp ground for the homeless. This will only create undue stress to the residents of Richmond and Sunset districts, especially the senior citizens who walk/exercise in the park everyday , and count on it as their last sanctuary to obtain some clean fresh air.

Please identify another open space for the homeless in a less residential area where you can also set up medical and sanitary facilities, as well as feed them.

I represent a group of very concerned senior citizens.

K.Law



**From:** [Marina Klochkov](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Homeless encampments in GG Park  
**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020 12:32:56 AM

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To distinguished supervisors and BoS

I hope this message finds you well.

My family and I live on La Playa street in Outer Richmond. I am writing to express our concern about placing a homeless population in Golden Gate Park. Please, make sure you are listening to your constituents. We are the law abiding, TAX paying residents. We are already experiencing the flood of homeless people on our street and currently the only way to get some rest is the GG Park. The "Safe place" you are creating is for whom? We now know from first hand that it is not a safe place neither for low abiding residents nor for homeless. Police will not be able to stop drug sales, drug users and dealers that would linger around kids, parents and elderly people. It's going to be needles all over the park. Bringing this group would be a disaster for our neighborhood. Many kids and tax paying, law abiding citizens need Golden Gate Park as a rest area and it should be safe and clean place.

IF a tent encampment happens how will you and the city make sure laws are being abided to and appropriate action is enforced if the police already is not capable to do so on the street I live. How you will make sure that 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?

Please make wise decision and not allow encampment in GG Park.

Thank you.

**From:** [Joanne Weinman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Homeless in Golden Gate Park  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 6:54:08 PM

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As a native San Franciscan I am most distressed to learn of your plan to house the homeless in Golden Gate Park. WHY? There are other places where they will be safe, for example, The Cow Palace, parking lots, un used school yards, etc The citizens of this city deserve to have Golden Gate Park for a place to walk, ride bikes ,take families and children out for a day without having homeless people roaming around making a mess of everything, dealing drugs etc. We as a community are being discriminated against. We are the TAXPAYERS and the VOTERS for whom you are supposed to be working. If the homeless are allowed to live in Golden Gate Park it will not be safe or inviting for the families of this city. You have spent millions on the homeless problem and it just gets worse. How about doing something right for the working people of this city. Keep Golden Gate Park a park and not a homeless encampment.

J. Weinman

**From:** [Joanne Weinman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Homeless in Golden Gate Parl  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 6:28:41 PM

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**From:** [Dimitra](#)  
**To:** [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Representative Nancy Pelosi](#)  
**Subject:** I absolutely OPPOSE moving the homeless & unsheltered population to the Golden Gate Park  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 3:24:34 PM

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My father is over 80 years old, lives in a six bedroom, four bath home in a historical neighborhood in San Francisco neighboring the Golden Gate Park. He along with others—cancer survivors, NIH1 survivors, and so on—is already cleaning up feces, trash, and other infectious waste The City is FAILING to protect him from by subjecting him to this RIDICULOUS and SHORT-SIGHTED stopgap move to insufficiently address not only the homelessness issues of San Francisco day in and day out, but WORSE...during COVID-19. Why on Earth the custodians and political REPRESENTATIVES of San Francisco feel that suddenly mentally ill, self medicating, drug addicted, etc. homeless people will confine thselves to their own best behavior in the GGP when they already fail to do so ALLL OVER THE CITY and along my family's home is beyond disturbing and bewildering. Seriously, even the Governor said streets need to be washed and so on as we open up for business moving forward with a new plan. There is no plan here except to blindly dump, offer an option of bathrooms that clearly are nit preferred... on sensitive and carrier populations who pay taxes and many of who are out of work now?! This is a childish and rudimentary offer to “help” that doesn't take the infectious waste risk to THEIR OWN HOMES, but to THEIR TAX PAYING CONSTITUENTS' HOMES while also putting those tax payers at added risk health wise?!?! Furthermore, hotelier friends and others indicated that deals are falling through because the homeless are refusing accommodations; they prefer large convention type settings as Feinstein and Ms. Tsantilis point out below as solutions. Why would you suggest DEPRIVING people who pay YOUR SALARY of safe and time honored outdoor outlets such as the GGP which we all have invested so much in through the decades—yes, the decades for many of us representatives? Are you actually intending to make San Francisco the laughing stock of the American South even more than it already is—pushing swing voters and other people to vote for Trump? Are you trying to destroy tourism in our beloved City forever? Are you seriously planning this to give families a reason to keep complaining and leaving San Francisco for failure to address serious infectious disease in any real way after all the containment success of COVID-19 Breed and others have slaved to adhere to? Are you familiar with any of the risks and research done on outdoor exposure related to slip stream, wind factor, etc.? THIS PROPOSAL WREAKS OF LIABILITY FOR THE CITY I grew up in, invested in, volunteered in, etc. As Ms. Tsantilis states so well in her letter below and then some, I oppose this bizarre and dangerous proposal. You haven't even given people ample time to discover and respond to weigh in. It is morally, ethically, politically, logistically...wrong.

D.T.  
(415) 832-9580

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dimitra <dimitra.sf@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 17, 2020 at 11:49:49 AM PDT  
**To:** Grace Tsai <gtsai27@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: **I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE moving the homeless & unsheltered population to GGP**

Begin forwarded message:

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From: **Senta Tsantilis** <[sptsantilis@gmail.com](mailto:sptsantilis@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, May 17, 2020 at 10:26 AM  
Subject: I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE moving the homeless & unsheltered population to GGP  
To: Gordon Mar <[marstaff@sfgov.org](mailto:marstaff@sfgov.org)>  
CC: [board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)  
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Dear Supervisor Mar,

I vehemently oppose the City's shocking and inhumane proposal to move the homeless and unsheltered population to tent camps inside the Golden Gate Park.

As a resident who has lived in my family home across the street from the GGP in the Sunset district for over 30 years, I can attest to the numerous, very serious problems that will be compounded by the placement of these groups on neighboring households and businesses. Having experienced the effects of parked RV'S along the park, and still experience the issues that take place with the current displaced persons population in the area weekly, I'm writing to voice my concerns to you and to urge you to VOTE AGAINST settling any group in the Golden Gate Park.

It's beyond reasonable to expect the noise and pedestrian level to greatly increase in our neighborhood. People will be entering and exiting the park at all hours. There will be more loud, scary, manic episodes by individuals, who NEED mental health care and to be hospitalized, and loud engagements and arguments between others

that disturbingly echo and often wake us up in the middle of the night. More garbage, urination and defecation, and syringe needles will be found in the park and around our homes. In one week in January, I saw three used needles between 27th and 30th Ave on Lincoln Way, one of which was in front of our home. Theft in stores, particularly large ones such as Walgreens and Safeway on Noriega are bound to rise. I cannot tell you how many times over the years I've seen homeless people shoplifting at these establishments and the altercations between them and employees who confront them on it, and are risking their safety for loss prevention. We've had a continual problem with cars and houses being broken into and seeing a few homeless people with those stolen belongings. And then, there's the pandering....

It took us Sunset residents at least two years to work along with along with former Supervisor Katie Tang to help us move the the RV'S on Lincoln Way and that greatly reduced the problems I mentioned above. What makes you so confident that placing, what the hundreds, maybe thousands, of unsheltered individuals in our park isn't going to negatively impact this sacred preserve and impact the neighboring voting, respectful, law abiding, property tax paying households and businesses? Furthermore, Supervisor Sandra Fewer is reported as saying "These sites would provide bathrooms and enough room for tents to be spaced out so that the residents could have access to..." Residents? The park will be their home? To do as they like? We all know it will be problematic, difficult, and time consuming to move these groups from the area once they're settled in. That's not to say anything about the impact this move will have on lovingly cared for and respected wildlife and gardens. How would you like your wife and children to live in the midst of this chaos of unwell, un-resourced screaming people, excessive waste strewn around, excretion to clean up, used syringe needles tossed where you walk with your family, and maybe your dog, and the risk of theft and property damage to your home and car?

The Golden Gate Park is one of our City's historical treasures. We go there during the day to commune with nature, mentally decompress, exercise, and rejuvenate our spirits. Not only do we desperately need this safe haven for our all-around wellbeing, but we NEED to protect the park's biodiversity of plant, tree, and wildlife ecosystems ESPECIALLY during this beyond challenging time. This would necessitate keeping GGP a day use only park that is so worthy of doing if you care about life in all its forms— humans, animals, and the environment.

San Franciscans pay millions of dollars a year to combat the homeless issue and its getting worse. We want to see this group housed and living the same lives of opportunity and dignity that so many of us live. However, by moving them from place to place isn't the answer. THE HOMELESS NEED INDOOR SHELTER safe

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As a person who voted for you; is responsible; law abiding; gives money, food, and clothing often to the homeless; and cares very deeply about the preservation our City's compassionate values and improvement to our beautiful, beloved San Francisco, I URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST the inhumane, unhelpful proposal to move the homeless and unsheltered populations to the immensely loved and treasured Golden Gate Park. If you do not do this, based on this sole issue alone, it will have a huge impact on I will vote in future elections. As I'm sure many other San Franciscans will feel the same way.

I appreciate you listening to your constituents.

Senta Tsantilis  
2865 Lincoln Way  
S.F., CA 94122

**From:** [Senta Tsantilis](#)  
**To:** [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE moving the homeless & unsheltered population to GGP  
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Senta Tsantilis  
2865 Lincoln Way  
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**From:** [Sean Henderson](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to temporary housing for the homeless in our parks  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 6:52:22 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I applaud the San Francisco City Council's efforts thus far to mitigate the impact of COVID19 on our community. San Francisco is a leader in the world taking a strong stance requiring us all to shelter in place and do what we can to flatten the curve. In addition, the city's efforts to provide safe space to exercise with road closures in Golden Gate Park and along Ocean Boulevard have really helped us all maintain our physical and mental health during this difficult time.

In addition to writing to express my gratitude for your actions so far, I also **wanted to express my concerns regarding an upcoming vote on implementing emergency housing for the homeless in city parks.** While I understand the challenges the homeless population causes, I do not see this as a viable option for the following reasons:

- Damage to our parks. The pollution and potential damage that the most mentally unstable members of the homeless could cause to the parks may take years to recover from.
- Exposing more members of our city. To date, the members of the homeless community are largely located within the Tenderloin district and if infected with COVID19, they are only exposing others within this small geographical area of the city. Relocating them to another part of the city will increase the exposure these individuals will have with others within our community increasing the number of COVID cases and deaths.
- Safety of our neighborhood. The Sunset and Richmond neighborhoods are quiet, safe areas that many San Franciscans raise families in. Bringing the homeless population to temporary housing in Golden Gate Park will severely reduce the safety of these districts in the city through increased crime that our district's police force is not equipped to manage through.
- Social distancing. We recently visited the Tenderloin to visit a local restaurant and noticed that there was sufficient space between the majority of tents to maintain social distancing, there was a clear lack of understanding by the members of the homeless population about COVID19 and the importance of maintaining social distance. Individuals were gathered close together socializing and not adhering to the social distancing guidelines. Moving them to another part of the city will not suddenly have them respecting these guidelines and will not reduce the number of cases of COVID19 within this population.
- Financial implications. The City is currently being sued for the implications that the homeless population have caused the UC Hastings Law School. Moving the homeless population to Golden Gate Park will have negative financial implications to the city. Property values and rents in both the Richmond and Sunset districts are high because of the safety the neighborhood offers while they are much lower in the Tenderloin because of the lack of security caused by the homeless population. Moving the homeless to Golden Gate Park even temporarily will have a negative impact on home values and rents in both the Richmond and Sunset districts and would result in a class action lawsuit against the city because the city did not consider alternatives.
- More suitable locations exist. While providing the homeless populations temporary housing in our parks is one option, it is not the best option. The parks do not present

adequate utilities, washing or cooking facilities. There are many alternatives that have come up that would be better suited and should be considered first particularly because they would not cause the many negative consequences identified above and would also provide a longer term solution.

**Please do not jeopardize the health, safety of the majority to temporarily move these homeless individuals into our parks, more specifically Golden Gate Park. We and our homeless population both deserve a longer term solution to this problem and moving them to our beautiful parks where we are all trying to maintain our physical and mental health will only have negative consequences for all of us.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Sean Henderson and Stephanie Kam

**From:** [Lisa Tsang](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose emergency housing of the homeless in the city park  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:09:50 PM

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Dear Mayor and all the supervisor:

I am writing to oppose emergency housing of the homeless in the city park , the park is for the people to walk around, it is not a good environment for residents and travelers, it sure will bring down the travel business!

San Francisco already have more than enough homeless, this will attract more homeless from around the U.S.A!

Thanks for your attention and help in this matter!

San Francisco voter

Lisa Tsang

**From:** [RADHA LORCA](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)  
**Cc:** [stopcrimesf@gmail.com](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Placing Homeless in GGP  
**Date:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:27:34 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please reconsider placing the unhoused in GGP.

Why not use parking lots, empty schools, empty businesses instead?

If encampments are authorized in GGP even for a short time, it will be impossible to remove them and the destruction, contamination will have lasting destructive, negative effects; needles, feces, garbage, destroyed vegetation...

Many of the homeless have unmanaged mental illness and/or drug addictions. Therefore the violent, scary, erratic behavior would be a danger to others.

Please consider the health and safety of all SF residents and protection of the natural residents of the park; the trees, plants, animals who live there. The children who play there. Please don't destroy this amazing place!!!

Please reconsider for the greater good of all.

Sincerely,  
Radha Lorca  
2515 28th Ave  
SF, Ca 94116

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Viktoria Kolesnikova](#)  
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**Subject:** Proposed homeless tent encampments in Golden Gate Park  
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Stop the insanity of this proposal coming from the Supervisor of Richmond

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GGP is for our elderly, immunocompromised, adults, young adults and children.

There are so many health and safety hazards if you have the homeless camp out in GGP. The used needles will be everywhere on the grass and accidentally poke ANYONE! Are you going to be responsible when a child picks up an used needle and gets infected with Hep B, C or HIV!?

Why are some hotel rooms given to non SF residents!? I met homeless travelled from Nevada, Las Vegas, Texas, Oregon... because we have the greatest benefits. I've had homeless told me "I want to keep my \$900+/mon and don't want to spend \$300+ on SRO, I rather spend it on drugs." Why aren't drug dealers being out behind bars? Why are drug dealers allowed to be in the hotels and selling drugs, that's also "harm reduction"????

Now you want to invite homeless to GGP!? Feces, urine, drugs, crack, cocaine, meth, used needles, really!? They will burn down GGP! You want to take that risk!?

How are they supposed to get to their methadone clinics from GGP!? Travel across the city and infect more people!?

Seriously, please stop. Please stop ruining our city by providing so much great benefits and attract more and more of them. Some even have other apartments and benefits in another cities, are you even aware of that? Do you even check or know how to check?

Why don't you invite them to your own backyard!?

Start cutting the benefits!!!



**From:** [Krista Brugnara](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [mayorlondonbreed@sfov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfov.org); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
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**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Protest of emergency ordinance file no. 200453  
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Dear Sandra, you replied to my first message that I was misinformed but I had read your full draft ordinance on Monday.

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**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)  
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**From:** [Melanie Scardina](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - May 18, 2020 Land Use & Transportation Committee  
**Date:** Friday, May 15, 2020 5:45:47 PM

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### **Public Comment Re: Proposed Ordinance 200453 – Emergency Response in Parks**

Sandra Fewer (Supervisor Richmond District) is proposing allowing tent encampments in Golden Gate Park and claims to have identified specific areas that would be “perfect” for safe sleeping sites. I strongly disagree.

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Drug dealing is rampant in the homeless camps in the Tenderloin and the Mission districts, dealers are literally going tent to tent and person to person and the police have been told to stand down. It’s chaos. It’s a mistake to invite this into our parks and then expect that the public can safely share these spaces. If an encampment is allowed in the park, this illegal activity will flow out into our commercial areas, impacting our residents and making it harder for our local businesses to recover from the pandemic.

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**To:** [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: URGENT: Formal Petition to Oppose Homeless Occupation i  
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Dear Supervisor Mar,

I'm very disturbed by Supervisor Sandra Fewer's completely UNHELPFUL and INHUMANE proposal to place the homeless in Golden Gate Park. Several us who voted for you, who are responsible, taxpayers (doesn't that count for anything?), who deeply care about our city and the homeless population, who NEED the safety and refuge of our beloved Golden Gate Park during this horrible time, are preparing emails, including a formal one by me who has lived across the street from the GGP for over 30 years, to send to your office by Monday. Still, I believe several people do not know about this proposal and I would like to create a formal petition to gather as many signatures as possible to oppose this proposal. How may I do this? Also, how many signatures are needed for you to consider to oppose proceeding with this decision?

I would also like you to seriously consider how hard and long we fought along with former Supervisor Katie Tang to reduce just the campers around the GGP. There was garbage being dumped, syringe needles that were tossed, manic episodes, possible drug deals taking place, and urination and defecation by these individuals found around our homes and businesses and the park in the Sunset. And we we still experience these destructive, unsanitary, scary behaviors weekly from just the natural homeless people around. You have a family with children, would you want to expose them to this? Don't you care about the thousands of tax paying families' safety and well-being who live in the Sunset?

Supervisor Fewer needs to be reminded that she DOESN'T own the GGP because 70% of it is in the Richmond District. It's belongs to everyone in the city and she must represent of her district only, and the same goes for you. If you go along with this proposal, I promise you, I will not vote for you should you decide to run when your term ends. Furthermore, I will fund and campaign your opponent, as well as Supervisor Fewer.

Sorry to be so harsh and rude, but the city has proven for years that it's completely inept and a failure at solving this problem. It's getting worse and worse, and San Franciscans are paying millions of dollars toward this problem and there's no relief. Perhaps as an incentive to the Board, we should place the homeless and unsheltered in front of City Hall as a reminder to you all how ineffective you all have been, or maybe around your homes!

The best solution is to put the mentally unstable people in hospitals and shelter the other individuals at either the Cow Palace, Mascone Center, or the Oracle stadium. Offer a stipend or pay these individuals to keep the areas neat and clean so they can buy food, etc. Perhaps Marc Benioff will be a willing candidate to donate the City some millions he offered to assist this population? Or, perhaps Mayor Breed can plead with her wealthy

supporters to help out. But no matter what, if you care about the safety of the homeless they need to be indoors!! Allowing them to be placed in the elements and in our natural preserve is NOT the answer!!

Sincerely,  
Senta

**From:** [Paul Tovbin](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Your voters" opinion  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 11:48:21 PM

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3. I understand that some of you who would vote in favor of the destruction of our

Golden Gate Park, thence – the destruction of the very fabric of the beauty of our City do not even live in the City. Maybe your aspirations are to get to Sacramento on the backs of our annihilated livelihoods? I applaud your “noble efforts”.

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Maybe excessive benefits (money, drugs, needles, hotel rooms) you provide create a wrong impression that anything and everything is permitted in the City? While some of the working poor in this City live in their vehicles. Just today my wife had a patient who is forced to live in his truck. Maybe he needs more help from you. Do you have anything to tell him unless, of course, you focus on homeless par excellence? He is your client, your voter, your stakeholder, not the homeless.

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If the main concern is the plight of homeless of the City instead of protecting the interests and the wellbeing of the majority of the population of the City , why not use every parking lot in the City, including even schools, which stay closed?

What is the point of placing those tents in the Park when the lockdown slowly moves to Phase 2, as indicated by the Governor of the state? Even if these tents and their inhabitants are in the Park for a short period of time, the level of destruction and contamination will last for a long time.

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**Stop the insanity of this proposal coming from the Supervisor of Richmond**

P.Tovbin, PhD, DBA; Zh. Vishnevskaya, MD

**From:** [victoria brugnara](#)  
**To:** [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Sandra Fewer Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:21:28 PM

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Please do not make OUR beautiful park a homeless encampment! The bill Sandra Fewer proposed is both unfair to the taxpayers (and citizens) of San Francisco, as well as short-sighted. We ALL want people safe during the COVID-19 crisis, but there are viable solutions that won't impact the whole city population. Didn't you read Sen. Dianne Feinstein's letter??

The Homeless have Drug, Alcohol, and Mental problems. Don't DUMP those problems in Golden Gate Park!! What about the people who want to ride their bikes, take their children on walks, or even walk their dogs? We ALL love our park----are we not considered at all?? Do we have to step aside so that our children don't step on a drug need or an alcoholics bottle? GET REAL! This "homeless encampment" is not only a bad idea, it is a horrible and unsafe one....for ALL the citizens of San Francisco!

Sincerely, Vickie Brugnara

Sunset resident

Born and raised in San Francisco

**From:** [Aleksandr Kolesnikov](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop ruining GG park  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 8:03:20 PM

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Dear members of the Board!

Madame Mayor!

I am writing to all of you regarding the suggested plan to place homeless people in Golden Gate Park.

Please do not destroy our park, one of the greatest treasures of San Francisco and our country!

1. It has been my understanding that elected officials govern to provide for the greatest good of the majority. The idea to place homeless tents in Golden Gate Park is focusing on the needs of the destructive minority to the ultimate detriment of the majority of the people in our City. Why?

2. If you need a vivid demonstration of what will be happening with our Golden Gate Park – one of the treasures of the entire nation – why not visit the areas where the currently erected campsites located in San Francisco that are filthy with needles and feces? Did you consider how much money would be spent trying to restore the Park, once you get rid of those homeless tents in places where young families, children and your future voters enjoy their rest? How many of those families will leave the City losing hope to have a safe place where to raise families?

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**From:** [Elise Corin](#)  
**To:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#); [Ginsburg, Phil \(REC\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on the Golden Gate Park homeless plan  
**Date:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 12:22:29 AM

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Dear members of the Board and Mayor London, I am extremely perturbed at the plan to house homeless in our pristine Golden Gate Park.

We all know once this is set up, it CANNOT be taken away.

And why is the city's most predominant and beautiful park, which draws people from all over the world, up for grabs to make a "toilet and garbage dump site" to those who enjoy walking and loving the lakes and paths throughout our beautiful landmark! THINK ABOUT IT!!! Or do you not enjoy the park.

I understand that elected officials want to provide for the unfortunate people in San Francisco. But, the idea to place homeless tents in Golden Gate Park is preposterous, focusing on the needs of the minority to the ultimate filthy detriment of the majority of the people in our City. Why? Have you all not driven around this beautiful city and seen "tent cities" pop up and become dumping grounds, and remain so. What will be happen with our Golden Gate Park, one of the treasures of the entire state?

The recommendation to move homeless to the Park will destroy the natural beauty of the Park for us taxpayers. I will not support the officials that cannot find other options. Did you also even consider how much money it will take to maintain GGPark once the landscape is used and abused as a toilet and dumping ground for feces and drug user needles? Have you even thought of the level of destruction and contamination and the public health issue this will create? How will we ever be able to restore the Park, IF you are ever able to move the homeless tents to another place.

GG Park is a place where tax paying adults, young families, and children enjoy their rest days off and family time. What young family, group of mothers with childrens play groups would, in their right mind, think of going to GGPark to find feces, urine, needles, smashed and contaminated flower beds, public bathrooms in unsanitary conditions, the homeless confronting people for a handout, not to mention the mentally ill wandering about the paths? There are far more appropriate public lands and buildings which could be advocated for the homeless of San Francisco. The Governors map shows detailed sites, or have you not considered this???

<https://cadgs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c7f256b23d5e421885422c518db253b3>

An exodus from the City will occur, to live in a safe place where they feel secure to raise families, to walk through a park and enjoy the fresh air. And with them go the tax dollars to beautify the city.

And how may of you officials who are voting for this measure even live in SF anymore. How many have left the city for Marin, East Bay, peninsula? Left for a clean place where YOU feel safer and cleaner???

EXACTLY!!!  
Now that the City has started reopening and recovering from the financial losses due to the pandemic, San Francisco needs to be a magnet for tourism, conferences, corporate and professional associations, meetings, assemblies to bring more money to the City and its businesses. Why try driving these revenues away due to the inability to keep our streets clean and our parks accessible to that very majority that PAY YOUR WAGES, and pay their share of taxes! Try to clean up downtown so it is not a disgusting district that locals do not even want to go. Go ahead, take a walk around Market Street, inhale deeply and take in the what the city is becoming.

Try to clean this mess up so corporations want to bring conventions to SF, because we are suffering from a loss of that business.

YOU are allowing this destruction to our city, and now you want to move this type of filthiness to GGPark? What is to become of our city? I for one want a reduction in my taxes for the lack of maintenance of the city, if this is the trend of how you will deal with this problem.

Did you ever consider why so many homeless people are attracted by San Francisco? Benefits like money, drugs, needles, and hotel rooms that you provide, and you create a wrong impression that anything and everything is permitted in our City. Some of the working poor in this City, live in their vehicles. Maybe they need more help from you. They are your clients, your voters, your working people. If the main concern is the plight of homeless of the City, there are other areas which would be more appropriate to accommodate homelessness. There are more city properties with buildings and facilities that sit uninhabited and could be used. For the meantime while you source a place to make for homeless, why not use parking lots in the City?

Real estate in San Francisco is so very, very expensive for residents to rent and purchase. How can you take such valuable real estate and make it a dumping ground? We who pay our share to own a home or rent in this lovely city, pay for its maintenance. WE pay, so we deserve our parks to be clean, and feel safe while we enjoy them.

With the lockdown slowly moving into Phase 2, as indicated by Governor Newsom, the tax payers of San Francisco are excited to get out and enjoy the pristine nature in GG Park. I know you say it is only a temporary move, but even if these tents and their inhabitants are in the Park for just a short period, it will be nearly impossible to move them out and make GG Park pristine, lovely, free of litter and uncleanness, enjoyable and pure again.

I am sure you are very well aware of the lands that Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-23-20 Sites for homeless. Look at the map! Start planning for communities which will become places for the homeless. Look at the model of a Washington based company, Pallet, which makes pop up homeless shelters that can be assembled in 20 minutes, and with no tools involved! Please, please do NOT make GG Park the middle "waiting" ground until you can come up with another idea. <https://cadgs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c7f256b23d5e421885422c518db253b3>

(I have no stake in the Pallet company, I read and hear the news of interesting ideas and creative ways to help people who need it)

Please Vote No and prevent the destruction of the beauty of our City! Please put your heads together for a more practical plan. Once again, look at the map of sights and the pop-up homes idea. It has been done in other states, and been successful! Please, leave our nature and beauty alone, please do NOT make this move to ruin Golden Gate Park!!

I am a tax paying resident of San Francisco, living here since I was 5 years old, and my father was born in San Francisco in 1920. I am a concerned resident and citizen of California.

**NOTE NO. PREVENT THE CONTAMINATION OF GOLDEN GATE PARK!!!**

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