From:	Race Bannon
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Friday, January 22, 2021 9:44:36 AM

To:

The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103

We the undersigned comprise the entirety of the Steering Committee for the <u>SF Bay Area Queer Nightlife Fund</u>.

Our Fund's mission is in part to enthusiastically encourage efforts to preserve and foster San Francisco's queer nightlife., We therefore strongly support the designation of The SF Eagle bar located at 398 12th Street as a historic landmark.

The Eagle has a long and important history as a vital venue for San Francisco's LGBTQ and leather communities. To say that it would be a catastrophic development to lose this venue is an understatement.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Steering Committee <u>SF Bay Area Queer Nightlife Fund</u> Committee Members: Shannon Amitin Race Bannon Angel Garfold Phil Hammack Juanita More Mark O'Brien Joe Weidman

From:	Stephen Roberts
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:09:02 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the designation of the San Francisco Eagle as a historic landmark. The Eagle is an iconic location for the gay community and has served as the template for Eagle bars around the world. Within the San Francisco community it has served as a gathering place during the AIDS epidemic and has served as a community meeting and fundraising space ever since. Many of those lost to AIDS during the height of the pandemic had their ashes scattered there. It would be a blow to our community if this site was lost to developers and I encourage you to help preserve it.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen Roberts 415-505-5151 srob1121@gmail.com

From:	Tony
To:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:02:46 PM

I support historic designation of the SF Eagle Bar because it is one of the places that I know that I will be welcomed with open arms and feel safe. This bar means so much to me because it has always contributed back to our community.

Thank you,

Tony Russell

From:	Jackie Siegel
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:57:28 PM

## Hello!

I would like to express my support for designating the SF Eagle Bar as a historic landmark in San Francisco.

Little has shown us the importance of public meeting places like the Covid-19 Pandemic and sheltering in place. In the best of times, communities need safe and sacred places to meet, gather, celebrate, and remember. In harder times, the most vulnerable among us need these spaces even more.

The SF Eagle is unique among the city and indeed the world, and it has been a center of queer and leather life for San Franciscans and people from all over. San Francisco is what it is because of the leather and queer community, and indeed the spaces like the SF Eagle that nourished and sheltered creativity, sexual revolution, and queer rights.

Thank you,

Jackie Siegel Resident of San Francisco (he/him/his)

From:	Brian Abascal
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	<pre>lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)</pre>
Subject:	Supporting the SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:51:46 PM

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The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103

As a SF resident, and active member of the LGBTQ and Leather communities, I want to show my support for making the SF Eagle Bar a historic landmark. This iconic building is home to a thriving community that frequently fundraises for nonprofits. It is a cultural gem that serves as a gathering place for the gay community. Please preserve its history and honor us by making it an SF historical landmark.

Sincerely, Brian Abascal SF, CA 94110

From:	Robert Roder
To:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar-Historic Preservation Commission -Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 3:15:53 PM

I would like to show my support for the SF Eagle Bar to become a Historic Landmark!

For over 40 years that I am personally aware of the SF Eagle Bar has been a core supporter of the LGBTQ community. They have raised millions of dollars for different charities. They have been a refuge for so many. They have been a place where clubs and organizations from every walk of the LGBTQ community could go and have a place to express their individual freedoms.

After we have lost so much, now is the time to rescue and recognize what we have.

The SF Eagle is an institution of the LGBTQ community. Please Grant them Historic Landmark Status.

Thank you,

Robert M Roder 415-676-9669 505 West 100 South Apt 457 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

From:	Dave Fong
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS); Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject: Date:	Subject: Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400 Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:09:03 PM

I support The SF Eagle Bar be given Historic Status because it was been an long time supporter of the gay community. Many gay men and women have found this bar as their home during sunday beer busts and the holidays when their own blood family has turned their back on them. It is an important part of the city's history in the SOMA district has evolved.

Sincerely, David Fong

From:	Joseph Coloff
To:	CPC-Commissions Secretary
Cc:	Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:17:02 PM

The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400

I support the historic designation of the San Francisco Eagle and the simple truth is during this pandemic the LGBTQ+ community especially the leather community of SF seems to be losing our safe spaces. My personal history started back in the 1990s, the San Francisco Eagle was the 1st bar that I went to when I first came here to live. I'm originally from Detroit and we had our own Eagle which sadly closed many years ago. Not only is the SF Eagle a local Bar it stands as a landmark to the international LGBTQ+ community. Please Grant the SF Eagle Historic Designation.

Sincerely, Joe Coloff SF Drummerboy 1996-97 Mr. American Rubber 2013.

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Martin Willmann
To:	<u>CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)</u>
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400 - SF Eagle bar should be ahistoric landmark
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:09:44 PM

To whom it may concern. We are German immigrants my husband and I and coming to San Francisco was always a symbol for being free of any judgement for being gay.

And just a few places like the Harvey milk bar or the sf eagle stand out as a beacon for that that is why we both are in favor and support the historic designation.

Best Martin & Dietmar.

From:	Mark Bonsignore
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS); Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	SF Eagle Bar: Historic Preservation 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:02:58 PM
Attachments:	SFEagle_LOS_SFPA.pdf

Historic Preservation Commission,

Attached is my letter in support of the San Francisco Eagle Bar's application for historical status.

If there is any additional information I can provide, please feel free to reach out,

Mark Bonsignore Project Manager Parks + Place

## San Francisco Parks Alliance

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January 21, 2021

The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103 Board File: 201400

To whom it may Concern,

I have had the pleasure of working with the SF Eagle Bar and neighboring LGBTQ community organizations for the past three years in an effort to bring the world's first leather plaza to SoMa; Eagle Plaza.

As a project manager for the San Francisco Parks Alliance, working around the city with a diverse population of citizens and sites, I have found no other group of citizens more supportive and eager to improve their community than the LGBTQ SoMa population, including the Friends of Eagle Plaza, the Leather Cultural District and SF Bay Area Leather Alliance.

I have seen first-hand the impact the SF Eagle bar has on not only San Francisco's population, but for cities around the country that support LGTBQ businesses that have been historically depleted of the necessary funds and rights given to similar businesses.

Every Sunday (outside of COVID), the bar provides an event to supporting a local nonprofit, where proceeds from liquor and food sales go; an invaluable resource to this community.

In addition, the outreach that the bar gets nationwide from spectators looking to visit the city for annual celebrations, such as Folsom Street Fair or Dorey Alley, provide a huge economic boost to the area. Within just one afternoon in April of 2019, the Friends of Eagle Plaza organized a street festival outside the bar to raise funds for the proposed Eagle Plaza. The group was able to raise over \$10,000.00 in just a few hours, a small snapshot of this communities' efforts to support not only each other, but the businesses and landmarks that make up our great city.

Myself and the San Francisco Parks Alliance completely support the San Francisco Eagle Bar's application for landmark status.

Best,

Mark Bonsignore

From:	Cal Callahan
То:	Major, Erica (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Mahogany, Honey (BOS); Ionin, Jonas (CPC)
Cc:	Robert Goldfarb; Bob Goldfarb; Lex
Subject:	Leather District Supports SF Eagle Landmark Designation
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:29:14 PM
Attachments:	SF Eagle Support Letter.docx

Dear Supervisors and Committee Members, please find our letter of support for the SF Eagle's landmark designation. Thank you for your consideration.

Cal Callahan District Manager (Pronouns: he, him)

**LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District** 

584 Castro Street #140 San Francisco, CA 94114 <u>info@SFLCD.org</u> 415-237-3237 January 21, 2021

Supervisor Melgar Supervisor Preston Supervisor Peskin Land Use and Transportation Committee City and County of San Francisco 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors and Committee Members,

We are writing in support of the SF Eagle's landmark designation. The Eagle has been a linchpin in the SOMA culture for many years and is an important partner for the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District. Its famed Sunday Beer Bust is a stand-by for hundreds, if not thousands, of patrons every week. It is a priority destination for out-of-town visitors, as well as providing a fundraiser for dozens of local nonprofits every year.

It has been the home of countless live music shows, contests, and social events. It is more than a bar, more than a series of events, it is an institution of the gay community's culture. For many, the SF Eagle IS SOMA. Being granted historical landmark status would help ensure that this cornerstone of the community remains the resource it has been for so many years.

We strongly urge the passage of SF Eagle's landmark designation on behalf of the residents of SOMA, visitors to the District, and the neighboring businesses which benefit from the consistent influx of patrons. It is an extremely significant piece of our cultural heritage and an important factor in the vitality of the LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District.

Sincerely,

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Bob Goldfarb President, LEATHER & LGBTQ Cultural District

From:	pup@morty.me
To:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:15:31 PM

Hello,

Please help the Eagle achieve historic landmark status. It has been around for decades and it a vital gathering place for our community. Many social organizations use that place for their events.

Thank you for your attention,

Mark Sockness Treasurer, SF K9 Unit Associate Member of The 15 Association

From:	Boomer Ullrich
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 8:04:03 PM

To the member of the San Francisco Historic Preservation Committee-

When I first moved to San Francisco, I hardly knew anyone. During the years I lived in the Bay Area, my relationships with many of the people I now consider family started when I met them at Sunday beer bust, karaoke with the inimitable Beth Bicoastal, the make out parties, or any of the other nights of fantastic queer entertainment. The SF Eagle is not only woven into my personal history as a queer man, but into the stories of all of the queer people who have ever found a home and a family at The Eagle and thus in the San Francisco queer community. Designating The SF Eagle as a historic landmark would be a testament to everything The Eagle has given to the city and its residents.

Respectfully,

Boomer Ullrich

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Simon Schrick-Senasac
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:58:42 PM

The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103

To whom it may concern:

I wholly support the historic designation of the SF Eagle Bar. The SF Eagle has been part of the LGBT community for generations. It's historical and cultural significance cannot be understated. In addition to having spent time there myself, many of my contemporaries, from whom I have learned how to be the gay man I am today, attribute their own cultural upbringing to time in SF affiliated with the SF Eagle.

Thank you for your consideration. Simon Schrick-Senasac, DO

From:	Eoin Thomas O'Hehir
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:35:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

I support the historic designation for the SF Eagle. It is special to me, and I don't want another meeting place for LGBTQ+ folks taken away from us and defaced like The Stud was.

Thank you, Eoin Thomas O'Hehir

From:	Mckuin, Patrick
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary
Cc:	Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS); Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:32:57 PM

Coming to San Francisco five short years ago. I was a mostly closeted, mostly conservative, 1st year law student at UC Hastings.

I still remember day 2 of orientation, being grabbed by Zac, an incredibly flamboyant SF local, as he yelled, 'YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO A GAY BAR!!!' He was in my section, but a few years older than I was, not surprising though as I was only 22.

He dragged me to The Eagle that night. And I have dragged him back many subsequent nights.

The Eagle is where I became the person I am today. The Eagle is home. Whether it be Frolic, Woof, or just games night, it has such a welcoming, open atmosphere that I was able to come out of my shell for the first time in my life. The Eagle is where I met my boyfriend of two years and many of my friends.

To me. The Eagle is the most important building in San Francisco. The Eagle changed my life in so many ways I can never fully describe. And I hope it is protected for the future, so that it may have that same impact on others.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, Patrick McKuin

From:	Travis Trick	
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)	
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)	
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400	
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:29:46 PM	

## Greetings,

During the hearing taking place on Monday, January 25th, I would appreciate your voice and support to designate the SF Eagle bar as a historic landmark. This location has been part of the area for more than 35 years and supports many in the local and surrounding communities.

Thank you, Martin Levario

From:	Angel Garfold LA President	
To:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)	
Cc:	Christopher Wood; lex@sf-eagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)	
Subject:	Supporting The Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400	
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:19:44 PM	

Attn: The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103

Good day everyone,

We, the undersigned, represent the SF Bay Area Leather Alliance.

The Alliance's mission is in part to enthusiastically encourage efforts to preserve and foster San Francisco's queer, leather, and fetish communities. We, therefore, strongly support the designation of The Eagle bar located at 398 12th Street as a historic landmark.

The Eagle has a long and important history as a vital venue for San Francisco's LGBTQ and leather communities. To say that it would be a catastrophic development to lose this venue is an understatement.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Angel Garfold, President, SF Bay Area Leather Alliance Christopher Wood, Vice President, SF Bay Area Leather Alliance

Sal Mattos
CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
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## Hello Historic Preservation Commission team,

My name is Sal Mattos and I am an actor, writer, drag queen, and lifelong resident of San Francisco.

It goes without saying that this past year has been particularly devastating to local businesses, particularly queer organizations. We've already seen one historic spot, The Stud, have to move away from its longtime venue, in addition to other venues closing up for good.

We cannot have this happen to The Eagle, an institution with years of history tied directly to SF's own queer history. It is of particular importance to the leather community, and is even literally physically at the center of the leather cultural district. To put it simply: San Francisco is not San Francisco without the Eagle.

Please consider granting the SF Eagle historic preservation status to help ensure that this institution can survive not only the pandemic but also the wave of changes to the city that are sure to follow it.

Thank you!

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Sal Mattos Actor, Writer @salmattos

From:	Robert Goldfarb
To:	Major, Erica (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Mahogany, Honey (BOS); Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Lex Montiel
Subject:	SF Eagle Bar - Support for Landmark Designation
Date:	Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:26:32 PM
Attachments:	2021-01-21 - letter of support for Eagle Bar Landmark designation.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached letter supporting the Landmark Designation for the SF Eagle Bar.

Thanks!

Bob Goldfarb President (Pronouns: he, him) Friends of Eagle Plaza Friends of the Eagle Plaza, Inc. 584 Castro Street, #140 San Francisco, CA 94114

January 21, 2021

Supervisor Melgar Supervisor Preston Supervisor Peskin Land Use and Transportation Committee City and County of San Francisco 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the SF Eagle's landmark designation.

The Eagle has been the center of leather culture in SOMA for decades. They host community fundraisers at least weekly and are a "must" destination for visitors from throughout the world.

Landmark status would help denote the important role the location has played in the leather & LGBTQ communities for so long.

I urge you to support the landmark designation for the SF Eagle bar.

Sincerely,

for the

Bob Goldfarb President Friends of Eagle Plaza

From:	L.M. West
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Friday, January 22, 2021 8:24:59 AM

To -

The Historic Preservation Commission 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400 San Francisco, CA 94103

I support the historic designation of The SF Eagle Bar because this business represents the history of GLBT people in San Francisco.

Thank you, Lindsay West

From:	Alexandre Stutzmann
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting the SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission - Board File 201400
Date:	Friday, January 22, 2021 8:23:25 AM

Dear friends of the SF Eagle,

As a French lover of SF, of its vibe and respect of diversity, I was very happy to hear that there is an ongoing process to designate the SF Eagle as a historic landmark! I very much welcome this initiative and support it wholeheartedly! I am looking forward to visiting as soon as the pandemic is over!

Warm regards, Alexandre Stutzmann

From:	Peter Berman
To:	Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Subject:	Fwd: Eagle bar as a landmark
Date:	Friday, January 22, 2021 6:23:36 AM

>>> Good morning.

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>>> I am writing to express my full support to grant the SF Eagle Bar historical status and to urge you to support this move. This space is more than just a bar—nearly a second home for me. It is here that I feel welcome and included, as a kinky leatherman. Please help me protect my cherished space.

>>> Peter Berman, MD MPH >>> >>> Sent from my iPhone

From:	Jamey Allen
То:	CPC-Commissions Secretary; Ionin, Jonas (CPC); Major, Erica (BOS)
Cc:	Lex@thesfeagle.com; Mahogany, Honey (BOS)
Subject:	Supporting The SF Eagle Bar - Historic Preservation Commission
Date:	Friday, January 22, 2021 3:48:57 AM

Good day to you all,

As a patron of The SF Eagle bar for nearly thirty years, and believing in the importance of this building and business to our community, I urge you to approve the request for historical designation certification.

Our hopes are with you.

Sincerely, JD Allen