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**Subject : Safe #CarFreeJFK must be made permanent**

Dear Director Ginsburg, Mayor Breed, and Director Tumlin, Rec and Park Commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your continued support of Car-Free JFK! Having car-free space in our largest park has been an eye-opening and uplifting experience for me and countless other people in our city.

Writing to urge you to support keeping JFK car-free permanently -- your support is needed now more than ever.

San Francisco deserves more people-first spaces where residents and visitors can be active, enjoy nature, and spend time with friends and family. People of all ages and abilities have been flocking to JFK to enjoy the car-free space.

Keeping JFK car-free would allow these people (and countless others) to get outside, enjoy nature, improve their health, and visit attractions in the Park.

Best of all, keeping JFK car-free would allow people of all ages, abilities, and means to access our beautiful park by whatever method they prefer -- walking, biking, rolling, taking public transit, or driving a car -- thanks to the ample access options, including buses, shuttles, the 3,000+ free parking spots throughout the Park and along Lincoln Way and Fulton Street, and the parking garages underneath the Music Concourse.

Finally, this 3+ mile car-free connection between the panhandle and ocean beach is a critical active-transportation corridor (walk, run, bike, scoot, roll) that encourages the most environmental and climate-conscious means of running errands, getting to work, visiting friends, and taking children to school.

Please join me and countless other residents and advocacy organizations in supporting keeping JFK car-free forever.

Thanks again, and please take care.

Heather

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**Subject : Help stop Climate Change**

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Board of Supervisors,

Look at this image I took of JFK as a car free space. Think of all the joy of all the San Franciscans using one of our few car free spaces. Do you really want your legacy to be legislating the removal of that joy? Do you really not want kids to have a space to learn to bike? Do you really want to sponsor greenhouse admissions? Do you really want a tyranny of the minority against the majority who have repeatedly and emphatically articulated their support for this space? I'm proud that my supervisor, Dean, my Assemblyman, Matt, and my Mayor, London, support car-free JFK and I implore the rest of you to join their perhaps-unlikely coalition in support of car-free JFK.

I resent that this fight for such a small slice of land dedicated to the people of San Francisco has dragged on for so long despite the overwhelming support of the people of San Francisco. You need to do better.

JFK Promenade has been a silver lining of the pandemic, resulting in a 30%+ increase in park visitation from across our city (~8 million visits), and was supported by more than 70% of San Franciscans who engaged in the official City survey. Further outreach showed broad support for permanence with increased access and equity to this amazing space without compromising or amending the Mayor's legislation and City staff recommendations.

JFK Promenade makes our city a more connected, healthy, and sustainable city.

With Tuesday's meeting about the Mayor's legislation, the people of our city are looking to you to lead and pass the Mayor's legislation as is—please no more delays, continuations, or amendments. Now is the time to make a decision, lead, and move forward for the future of our city.

People who love and rely on JFK Promenade assume it is already permanent and they are looking to you to vote in their interest to make JFK Promenade permanent and allow City staff to continue increasing accessibility, equity, and safety in our park. The Mayor's legislation will increase access and equity to JFK Promenade without compromising on the joy, safety, community, beauty, and serenity that the space has created. We need constructive, programmatic, and collaborative leadership that focuses on solutions and takes necessary action to move our city forward towards a more connected, healthy, and sustainable future.

Among countless positive uses, JFK Promenade serves as an essential commute corridor for workers as well as kids and families, including as part of the JFK Promenade Bike Bus: <https://SFBikeBus.com/JFK>

For those thinking about compromise, JFK Promenade and the broader Golden Gate Park project is already a compromise. JFK Promenade represents less than 10% of the roads in Golden Gate Park—and less than 0.5% of the roads in San Francisco—and the only car-free space accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in our city.

Please pass the Mayor's legislation as is at Tuesday's meeting, so we can move forward as a city making this space more accessible, equitable, and enjoyable for everyone in our city.

To hear from people who benefit from JFK Promenade, check out the videos on [CommunitySpacesSF.com](https://CommunitySpacesSF.com), where you can hear from people who love JFK Promenade and need you to make it permanent. In particular, listen to the stories of the following residents:

- 1) Carol, a senior with a disability who uses her mobility device on JFK Promenade with peace of mind that allows her to fully enjoy Golden Gate Park: <https://youtu.be/cBG3pS1qswM>
- 2) Kingston, a kid from the Southeast who rides his bike with friends on JFK Promenade, in part to escape violence in his neighborhood: <https://youtu.be/Z0LGDrOFPJ4>
- 3) Phil, who rarely visited Golden Gate Park growing up and now bikes there with RideOut Posse SF and encourages inner-city youth to be active at JFK Promenade: <https://youtu.be/1QXo34gGlU8>

You can watch the full 'Safe Places, Community Spaces' video here:  
<https://youtu.be/LVOymMfr7bc>

Please lead on this issue by passing the Mayor's legislation as is at Tuesday's meeting, so we can move forward as a city making JFK Promenade more accessible, equitable, and enjoyable for everyone in our city.

Thank you, and please take care.

Thomas Fuller

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**Subject:** April 26, 2022 Joint Board of Supervisors and SFCTA Meeting: Board Files Nos. 220370; 220621; 220339

I am writing in reference to the April 26, 2022 Joint Meeting of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and San Francisco County Transportation Authority.

Please include the attached documents in the Board Packets for the following Board File Numbers on the Agenda: **File Nos. 220370; 220621; 220339**  
These attached documents must be part of the Record for this meeting. To: San Francisco County Transportation Authority and San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Dear Commissioners and Supervisors,

Regarding the Equity Study: There were only three districts included in the Equity Study: District 3, Supervisor Aaron Peskin's District; District 10, Supervisor Shamann Walton's District; and District 11, Supervisor Ahsha Safai's District. People from all of the other districts in San Francisco are severely negatively impacted by the road closure of JFK Drive; therefore we urge you not to accept this study, but to commission a thorough study that includes everyone in San Francisco; that is, from every district. This study is insufficient. The only true study would be for you Supervisors to put this on the ballot and ask the People of San Francisco if we want JFK Drive to return to its pre-pandemic protocols.

Regarding the Recreation and Parks Department mitigations: they will never equal equity because most disabled and elderly people are unable to park out of the park, walk to a

shuttle stop, board a shuttle, dismount from the shuttle, then have to wait again for a return shuttle, board again, then dismount, then walk back to an out-of-park parking space. This is simply impossible. Most of us cannot climb steps, so any shuttle bus is impossible for us. There is no equal access without reopening JFK Drive to automobile traffic, with parking all along JFK Drive, so that we can drive to our destination, park, and be there.

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON ITEM 3 FILE #220261** PARK CODE- GOLDEN GATE PARK ACCESS AND SAFETY PROGRAM - SLOW STREET ROAD CLOSURES. It is cruel, inhumane, ableist, classist, racist, and amounts to ethnic cleansing of Golden Gate Park. There is another perfectly viable, sylvan road with a pond, Middle Drive West, that was repaved after the 2007 Compromise Agreement and was supposed to be promoted as an alternative road closure site. It was repaved, then ignored. The agreed upon programs never happened.

All of this fighting over the segment of road that is called JFK Drive is really because the able-bodied elites don't want to share the road with families from the outer neighborhoods, the disabled, or the elderly. They just want to play in the sunshine with people who look like them. By the way, isn't the purpose of a park for people to visit the trees, the lawns, and the gardens? JFK Drive is supposed to be the means to get to the greenspaces, it is not supposed to be the end in itself. If people want to ride a bicycle, they can do that on Middle Drive West, or on any of the abundant Slow Streets throughout the City. The demand for exclusive use by the bicyclists of JFK Drive is simply selfish and mean, in total contempt for the suffering their privilege is bestowing upon the elderly and the disabled. Please do not enable the ethnic cleansing of Golden Gate Park. **Please vote NO on the proposed permanent road closure of JFK Drive.**

As for Item 4. **File #220339** [Park Code - Golden Gate Park Access and Safety Program - Slow Street Road Closures - MODIFIED CONFIGURATION] introduced by Supervisor Connie Chan and Supervisor Shamann Walton, **PLEASE VOTE YES.** It is not perfect, but at least it provides some relief, some measure of access. We feel that only fully reopening JFK Drive back to how it was before March 2020 when Mayor Breed used the excuse of the pandemic to impose draconian closures that have excluded the elderly, the disabled, and multi-generational families from everywhere from easy and free access to all of the amenities along JFK Drive, which our taxpayer dollars pay to maintain, would provide true equity. But since you are constantly being lobbied by the Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF, and SF Transit Riders staff members whose salaries our taxpayer dollars pay, you have the impression that their viewpoint is the majority of San Franciscans' viewpoint, which it is not. But you feel the pressure, especially since the mayor and the directors of the Recreation and Parks Department and the San Francisco Transportation department are determined to close our principal city park to cars, and for some reason the big-developer backed interests such as the YIMBY organization want the Park reserved for the elite and able-bodied to use. Just remember, that when you have a hearing, only those persons with the privilege to be able to attend are the ones you hear from. The vast majority of working class people are at work, unable to participate, if they even know that their access to the park is threatened. Please express compassion and respect for ALL San Franciscans and **VOTE NO ON PERMANENT JFK ROAD CLOSURE.**

Tomasita Medál  
Park Access 4 All

Some of the organizations that we know have taken formal positions in support of fully reopening JFK Drive and in strong opposition to Mayor Breed, Supervisor Mandelman, Supervisor Preston and Supervisor Haney's proposal for 24/7 full road closure are:

The ARC, SF  
Calle 24 Cultural District  
Church Women United, SF  
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods  
Concerned Residents of the Sunset  
District 11 Council  
District 11 Democratic Club  
East Mission Improvement Association  
Excelsior Action Group  
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association  
Gray Panthers of San Francisco  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement  
SF Living Wage Coalition  
San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club  
OMI Cultural Participation Project  
OMI Neighbors in Action  
Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People  
Planning Association for the Richmond  
San Francisco Tour Guide Guild  
Self Help For the Elderly  
OWL (Older Women's League)

Some who voted to ask you to VOTE NO TO ITEM 3. FILE #220261





SUNSET HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION OF RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

WWW.SHARPSF.COM

January 10, 2022

Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors:

The Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People (SHARP) supports reopening of JFK Drive and other closed roads in Golden Gate Park, restoring them to their pre-pandemic state.

SHARP represents residents in the Inner Sunset and has been in existence since 1910. The closure of these roads creates barriers for thousands of individuals who are denied equitable access to the park and its nature, art and cultural experiences, and employment at the institutions in the park.

The closure also creates obstacles for our neighbors traveling north or returning to their homes, in addition to impeding access to the park. In particular, it impacts seniors and the disabled.

Sincerely, Frank Noto  
(SHARP Board of Directors)

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Resolution to Support the Re-opening of JFK Drove in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park

Whereas: The closure of JFK Drive in Golden Gate Park puts severe limitations on access to the surrounding attractions to seniors, disabled individuals and families, especially multi-generational families that are the working-class backbone of San Francisco;

Whereas: The City and County of SF adopted a policy expanding access to non-vehicular traffic on one week- end day and holidays from 6am – 6 pm and closure on both Saturday and Sunday from April to September in the Compromise Agreement of 2007 (Park Code 6.12 and 6.13.)

Whereas: Mayor Breed disregarded the Compromise Agreement of 2007 when she eased the Compromise Agreement of 2007 to create more environments to participate in the outdoor activities during the COVID outbreak, with the promise to re-establish the conditions of the Agreement when the City re-opened. Yet Mayor Breed has failed to re-open JFK Drive since the opening of the City as of March 12, 2022 when we achieved normalcy;

Whereas: Working families from distant neighborhoods and outlying Bay Area communities are detrimentally affected by the no-car policy as it greatly hinders their ability when bringing family members and all their belongings to enjoy the various elements of Golden Gate Park;

Therefore, be it resolved that San Francisco Living Wage Coalition, is in support of the compromise proposal presented by Supervisor Chan for a partial reopening of JFK Drive to vehicles immediately.



**Resolution Supporting the Reopening of John F. Kennedy Drive and All Other Roads  
inside of Golden Gate Park to Their Pre-pandemic State.**

*Whereas*, The current closures of John F. Kennedy Drive (JFK) and other streets in Golden Gate Park are unnecessarily limiting public access to the park; and

*Whereas*, The purpose of the street closures was to create a recreation area with social distancing for neighbors living close by the park during the height of the pandemic when the city was shut down for health reasons and people were encouraged to stay near their homes; and

*Whereas*, At the time we did not know how COVID-19 spread, and had no data and no vaccine; and

*Whereas*, Now we know how to protect ourselves, the pandemic Emergency Order will soon be lifted and citizens and businesses are trying to return to normal; and

*Whereas*, Road closures impact everyone, including but not limited to: underserved and vulnerable communities, the elderly and low-income, families with children and pets, individuals with disabilities, people who want to enjoy a day in the park with food, drinks, toys and gear, and people who want to enjoy nature, art or science as they have done since the park opened in 1870; and

*Whereas*, All parks and all areas of San Francisco must be accessible to all modes of transportation;

*Therefore be it resolved*, We request that London Breed immediately reopen JFK Drive and the other closed Park roads, restoring them to their pre-pandemic state; and

*Be it further resolved*, That Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority abide by San Francisco Park Code § 6.13 and not consider any road closures without going through extensive public process, and to stop using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to bypass required protocols.

Respectfully submitted, November 2021

Charles Head, President  
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)

To: Mayor London Breed, and Board of Supervisors



November,26 2021

Mayor London Breed  
San Francisco Board of Supervisor  
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Park and Recreation

Re: John F. Kennedy Drive

Golden Gate Park was created in the 1860s and opened to the public in 1870, as a spacious public space to be enjoyed by all San Franciscans and visitors to the city. Golden Gate Park is one of the largest and most popular urban parks in the United States, with 24 million visitors annually. Golden Gate Park is the crown jewel of San Francisco and home to many beloved San Francisco destinations.

It's the home to The California Academy of Sciences, The Conservatory of Flowers, The De Young Museum, The Japanese Tea Garden, and The Botanical Garden. It is also home to the new Goldman Tennis Courts, Dahlia Garden, Rose Garden, Fuschia Dell, Peacock Meadow, Rhododendron Dell, and others.

Since 1967, John F. Kennedy Drive, the main route of access to the attractions on the western end of the Golden Gate Park, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive, has been closed to vehicular traffic, from 6AM - 6PM on Sundays and Holidays.

On April 12 and 13, 2007, parties met to discuss a Saturday closure proposal for John F. Kennedy Drive and spent several hours working to find a mutually amenable compromise on this issue till the existing Saturday closure was agreed upon.

The parties to the Saturday closure compromise, among others, included then-Mayor Gavin Newsom, Sierra Club San Francisco, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, Planning Association for the Richmond, Walk SF, District 11 Council, North Park Neighbors Association, de Young Museum, Recreation and Parks Department, Park Access for All, and California Outdoor Roller-Skating Association.

As described above, compromises have been previously made and agreed upon amongst stakeholders, and codified into San Francisco Park Code § 6.13, which allowed the Park roads to be shared by all diverse users.

Calle 24 is concerned that the current proposed park closure currently will not provide access to all communities. We must look at the proposed park closure through a race and social equity lens that will allow for all types of transportation access. The compromises codified in San Francisco Park code 6.13 does just that. We must think of communities of color with larger families and elderly parents, those who are disabled, seniors and low-income. Keep Golden Gate Park open for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erick Arguello", is written over the typed name.

Erick Arguello  
Founder and President  
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District

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*"WORKING TO EMPOWER  
THE LATINX COMMUNITY"*

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*"TRABAJANDO PARA EMPODERAR  
LA COMUNIDAD LATINX"*

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VENECIA MARGARITA  
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**SAN FRANCISCO LATINX DEMOCRATIC CLUB**

January 10th, 2021

**VICE-PRESIDENTS**

**OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS**

KEVIN ORTIZ  
BAHLAM JAVIER  
VIGIL

**Att:** Mayor London Breed

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
San Francisco Recreation and Parks

**VICE-PRESIDENTS  
OF MEMBERSHIP**

PEPE RODRIGUEZ  
JOSE TORRES

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club Membership voted on October 20, 2021 in support of the reopening of JFK Drive as this would benefit the children, families, and seniors of San Francisco being able to access the full amenities of Golden Gate Park (GGP). Equity must be at the forefront of this planning process, and the current & proposed JFK closures do not take into account the needs of our City's most vulnerable residents. For our seniors and low income families residing in the south east quadrant of the city, who will have limited access to the park without the ability to drive within the JFK closure, this proposal limits accessibility to the open space with GGP for all.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS OF  
COMMUNICATIONS**

MARIO FLORES  
LUIS AVALOS

**TREASURER**

ROBERT M. SANDOVAL

**SECRETARY**

ERNESTO CUELAR

SF Park Code 6.12 (a), (iii) reads as follows:

**PARLIAMENTARIANS**

LAUREL MUNIZ  
ALONDRA ESQUIVEL  
GARCIA

“Proposition J. the Golden Gate Park Revitalization Act of 1998, adopted by San Francisco voters on June 2, 1998, has as one of its primary purposes to take steps to reduce the impact of automobiles in Golden Gate Park **while still providing long-term assurance of safe, reliable, and convenient access for visitors to the Park.** This goal remains of paramount importance in ensuring that Golden Gate Park is scenically beautiful, environmentally sensitive, **culturally diverse, and accessible to all.**”

San Francisco Park Code 6.13 (b), building upon 6.12, was created following a 2007 agreement between stakeholders, including then-Mayor Gavin Newsom, the Sierra Club - SF Chapter, the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, Walk SF, the De-Young Museum, SF Recreation and Parks Department and others allows for Saturday closure from Motor Vehicles 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pacific Standard and Daylight Times.

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This does not not impact the closure of GGP on Sundays and Holidays. To date, GGP is closed to vehicle traffic Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Prop J clearly states that as a guiding principle, “it also includes making the Park accessible to all San Franciscans from all neighborhoods and by all forms of transportation, including, by way of example only, the Municipal Railway, bicycles and automobiles, subject to the provisions set forth in this ordinance, so that residents and visitors alike are able to use and enjoy the institutions and natural settings of the Park.” Creating a sustainable Park is the goal of this ordinance, the Golden Gate Park Master Plan and the people of San Francisco. The principal purposes of this ordinance are to (1) create a pedestrian oasis in the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park, situated between the de Young Museum and the Academy of Sciences (the "Concourse") and (2) “take steps to reduce the impact of automobiles in the Park while still providing long-term assurance of safe, reliable and convenient access for visitors to the Park, including its cultural institutions.”

The current iteration of the JFK closure, taken during the pandemic, has been done without the intent of the voters as passed by Prop J. The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club requests that Mayor London Breed and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors immediately reopen John F. Kennedy Drive and the other closed Park roads, permanently restoring them to their pre-pandemic state.

Sincerely,

The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club

April 2022

Dear Supervisors

RE: JFK Drive

The Older Women's League urges you to re-open JFK Drive to cars immediately in a compromise such as the one worked out in 2007 which has worked beautifully and fairly for everyone until the recent "temporary" closure.

We have these basic question now:

Why is this stretch of roadway closed when there are other stretches perfectly suited to skating and cycling yet this is the only one which provides such access to the beautiful gardens and the Conservatory?

There is a lot of talk about people using public transit to get to the Park but little or no attention to how difficult that would be for many elderly and disabled people to do. Why?

Why was this closure put in place and why has it been kept in place long before any work was done to accommodate seniors and disabled people who would desire to visit the gardens and Conservatory?

Why not open JFK Drive ala the Compromise of 2007 while a compromise is being worked out instead of keeping seniors and disabled people shut out?

Members of the Older Women's League have lived in San Francisco for decades and paid taxes and we are angry about being deprived of the best features of Golden Gate Park. This is unjust and blatantly discriminatory.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melanie Grossman  
Older Women's League  
Political Advocacy Committee



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## CALL TO ACTION!



Gray Panthers of San Francisco  
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<https://sfgraypanthers.wordpress.com/>

Ms. Angela Tsao.  
Clerk of the Sf County Transportation Authority.  
1455 Market Street, 22nd Floor SF 94103.

Gray Panther of San Francisco Board and members have voted to strongly opposes Car-Free JFK Drive.

1. There is no way to know if the access mitigations promised by the City, even if funded, and completed, would provide equal access to people with disabilities or for people in transit-poor areas of the City. If the City were seriously concerned over Car-Free's consequences, it would implement its planned mitigations, assure that they do indeed provide equal access, and only then permanently close JFK Drive.
2. The City is perfectly able to provide the walkability, beauty, and safety of a car-free area in Golden Gate Park without blocking access to the museums, gardens, and meadows for seniors, people with disabilities, and transit-poor residents. In fact, the 2007 Compromise explicitly called for creating such an area west of Transverse Drive. If the City had fulfilled its obligation, we would not be facing this controversy now. But it still exists as a preferable option.
3. The Introduction to de Young Museum's MIG Access Study states:
  - i. ADA Standards allow alternatives to specified requirements that provide **substantially equivalent or greater accessibility and usability as an "equivalent facilitation."** (Emphasis in original)

There is no evidence that the City intends to comply with this standard of access. Indeed, the City is providing temporary substitutes, such as vans and shelters which they themselves admit are disability-unusable and might take several years to become disability-usable, yet the City is saying these unworkable measures are enough evidence to warrant JFK closure now. Those most affected have not been adequately engaged on access issues. Nothing about us without us.

4. The proposed car-free areas of JFK can be made pedestrian-safe with extremely low speed limits, speed bumps, pedestrian crosswalks raised to sidewalk level with button-actuated warning lights, widening of pedestrian stroll-ways, and other legal and structural measures.
5. JFK closure, on the other hand, would cause dangerous congestion on streets adjacent to Golden Gate Park every day, even in night-time hours when people would not be using the Park for walking or biking.
6. The Mayor's own Office on Disability, Senior and Disability Action, and the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council all insist that a specific and comprehensive list of access mitigation measures be in place, not promised or even funded, but actually in place, before permanently closing JFK. As these measures are unlikely to be implemented in near or even intermediate future, this position is functionally equivalent to complete opposition to closing JFK.
7. The 2007 compromise was arrived at after difficult negotiations, and already calls for car-free JFK Drive for daylight hours on all Sundays, Summer-months of Saturdays, and holidays. The City has already enacted this compromise solution which worked for 15 years.
8. San Francisco Park and Recreation Department has a history of privatization of SF public facilities and subsequent high admission fees, and we cannot help but wonder whether their insistence on closing JFK

is part of a longer-range plan to privatize a portion of the closed-off area. High prices at the de Young garage are a prominent example.

9. The very act of driving or riding through the park is itself a stress-reducing activity that must be accessible.

Do not endorse or implement closure of JFK Drive, which is so fundamentally unfair to seniors, people with disabilities, families with small children, and residents poorly-served by transit.

Gray Panthers of San Francisco Board

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To: Mayor London Breed; San Francisco Board of Supervisors; San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission; Board of Directors, San Francisco MTA; San Francisco County Transportation Authority; Jeffrey Tumlin, Director of Transportation, SFMTA; Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, SF Recreation and Parks Department

I am writing on behalf of Planning Association for the Richmond ("PAR") regarding the current closure of John F. Kennedy Drive, recently rebranded by SFMTA as *The JFK Promenade*, and other roadways in Golden Gate Park. As the largest and oldest neighborhood organization in the Richmond District, PAR urges you to restore JFK Drive and all other roads in the park to their pre-pandemic status.

These roads in Golden Gate Park were temporarily closed at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to create a recreation area where people could socially distance. The closures were not intended to be permanent. The impacts of the temporary closure of roads 24/7 in Golden Gate Park, most notably JFK Drive, have been significant.

- The road closures significantly impact traffic in the Richmond District, especially on Fulton Street, which has become dangerously crowded. It also makes access to the park from the Richmond District very difficult, effectively walling off the Park for drivers.
- The closures bar many members of our local community, including people with disabilities, those with ADA placards, the elderly, families with infants and young children, and others from large areas of the park, including access to the DeYoung Museum, the Academy of Sciences, and the Conservatory of Flowers. The closures have made it impossible to drop people off curbside at many destinations in the park and have also removed a significant portion of the free public parking that is critical to ensuring access for all. Many seniors and people with disabilities need to be dropped off at their destination or they require parking that is very close to their destination. And families with infants and young children also need easy access to the park. All of these people will be unfairly impacted if JFK Drive remains closed, since they are unable to navigate the long distances that are required if drop-offs and parking are removed.
- The closure of JFK Drive excludes the great majority of working families who live in the Mission, Bayview and Visitation Valley or who live in San Francisco's suburbs, who must drive, from visiting a large portion of the park.

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Much has been said about motorists that use Park roads for activities unrelated to the park activities. Our urban Park runs from Stanyan Street to the Great Highway, and effectively splits the entire western half of the city in two. With the current closures westside residents are forced to drive miles out of their way to attend to daily activities and business, endure horrendous traffic congestion and create new routes that are less safe for both motorists and pedestrians. While alternatives to cars may be a positive goal, notions of good government require that such alternatives be brought to the fore before implementing policy that so profoundly impacts people that must currently rely on cars.

The current closure was implemented based on emergency authority. What has followed is an effort by a small number of people, including bureaucrats and their partisan staffers, to advance a narrow agenda in an affront to democratic principles at the expense of residents citywide.

PAR is committed to collaborating with city leadership to find a solution that creates equitable and safe access to Golden Gate Park for everyone. Now that the city is reopening and Emergency Orders will no longer be in place, the roads in the park should be restored to their pre-pandemic status, which includes re-opening JFK Drive during the week and on many Saturdays. Only after there has been comprehensive data-driven research as well as extensive community engagement of all stakeholders should there be any changes to these roadways.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. PAR looks forward to working with you to reopening Golden Gate Park to everyone.

Respectfully

*Nicholas C Belloni*

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President Planning Association for the Richmond



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REOPENING OF JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE AND ALL OTHER ROADS INSIDE OF GOLDEN GATE PARK TO THEIR PRE-PANDEMIC STATE**

WHEREAS, Golden Gate Park was created in the 1860s and opened to the public in 1870, as a spacious public space to be enjoyed by all San Franciscans and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, Since 1967, John F. Kennedy Drive, the main route of access to the attractions on the western end of the Golden Gate Park, between Kezar Drive and Transverse Drive, has been closed to vehicular traffic, from 6AM - 6PM on Sundays and Holidays; and

WHEREAS, On April 12 and 13, 2007, parties met to discuss a Saturday closure proposal for John F. Kennedy Drive and spent several hours working to find a mutually amenable compromise on this issue till the existing Saturday closure was agreed upon; and

WHEREAS, The parties to the Saturday closure compromise, among others, included then-Mayor Gavin Newsom, Sierra Club San Francisco, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, Planning Association for the Richmond, Walk SF, District 11 Council, North Park Neighbors Association, de Young Museum, Recreation and Parks Department, Park Access For All, and California Outdoor Rollerskating Association; and

WHEREAS, Since 2007, John F. Kennedy Drive, the main route of access to the attractions on the western end of the Golden Gate Park, between Transverse Drive and the western side of Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Stow Lake Drive between Stow Lake Drive East and John F. Kennedy Drive, has been closed to vehicular traffic, from 6AM - 6PM on Saturdays, from the first Saturday in April through the last Saturday in September; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, protected cycle tracks were added to John F. Kennedy Drive, providing separation between cyclists and moving vehicles; and

WHEREAS, In April 2020, Mayor London Breed, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowed John F. Kennedy Drive to be temporarily closed 24/7, to provide additional open space to nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, A full reopening of the Park's art and cultural institutions, and many San Franciscans returning back to work, the continued closure of streets for additional recreating space and increased social distancing is no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, The continued closure of John F. Kennedy Drive and other Golden Gate Park roads continues to deprive persons with disabilities, seniors, families with young children, those who do not live close to the Park and those who cannot afford the high price of the Music Concourse Parking Garage, of equitable access and use of the Park's amenities;

WHEREAS, Golden Gate Park belongs to everyone and should be accessible to all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That East Mission Improvement Association, finds as follows:

1. As described above, Golden Gate Park is the crown jewel of San Francisco and home to many beloved San Francisco destinations.
2. As described above, compromises have been previously made and agreed upon amongst stakeholders, and codified into San Francisco Park Code § 6.13, which allowed the Park roads to be shared by all diverse users.
3. As described above, as we move past a tremendously challenging time resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the closure of roads, such as John F. Kennedy Drive, for additionally recreating space and social distancing is no longer needed.
4. As described above, the continued closure of John F. Kennedy Drive and other roads inside of Golden Gate Park creates barriers for countless individuals who are denied equitable access to the Park and its nature, art, and cultural experiences; and it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, That East Mission Improvement Association requests that Mayor London Breed immediately reopen John F. Kennedy Drive and the other closed Park roads, restoring them to their pre-pandemic state; and it be

FURTHER RESOLVED, That East Mission Improvement Association urges the Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority to abide by San Francisco Park Code § 6.13 and not consider any road closures without going through extensive public process, and to stop using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to bypass required protocols.

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**Subject : Let cars on at night - re JKF Drive**

Board of Supervisors,

Please let cars use JKF Drive at night. This way the old, the young and the disabled will get to have some access to sites and features. Having our most vulnerable wait out in the cold for buses is not truly workable. This way the people who can use their legs, bicycles, scooters and roller skates can enjoy JFK Drive during the day while those who need cars can drive by the Hall of Flowers and other buildings at night.

This is a valuable token of concern in addressing the new lack of access equity for the disabled, families that include small children and elderly parents, and those who live some distance from the park. The pavement might not stay as clean as it would with no cars 24 / 7 but what dirt the cars bring at night is a small cost for the reward of giving some park access to those who are unable to walk those blocks. It shows some of the most vulnerable San Franciscans that you see them, that you're not willing to completely abandon them.

Thank you,  
Carol Taylor



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Subject : #CarFreeJFK must be made permanent

Dear Director Ginsburg, Mayor Breed, and Director Tumlin, Rec and Park Commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your continued support of Car-Free JFK! Enjoying car-free space in our largest park is important to the culture and health of our city. Please, please continue to support keeping JFK car-free permanently -- your support is needed now more than ever.

San Francisco deserves as many people-first space as we can fit - where residents and visitors can be active, enjoy nature, and spend time with friends and family. People of all ages and abilities have been flocking to JFK to enjoy the car-free space. Keeping JFK car-free would allow these people (and countless others) to get outside, enjoy nature, improve their health, and visit attractions in the Park.

Best of all, keeping JFK car-free would allow people of all ages, abilities, and means to access our beautiful park by whatever method they prefer -- walking, biking, rolling, taking public transit, or driving a car -- thanks to the ample access options, including buses, shuttles, the 3,000+ free parking spots throughout the Park and along Lincoln Way and Fulton Street, and the parking garages underneath the Music Concourse.

Please keep JFK car-free forever!

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**Subject : Letter of Support for joint meeting with SFBOS and SFCTA, File Nos. 220370, 220621 and 220339.**  
**Attachment : SFD11 Dem Club Letter In Favor of Reopening JFK Drive (3).pdf;**

Please see our letter of Support in the Board Packets on the Agenda File Nos. 220370, 220621 and 220339 for tomorrow's joint meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 9am meeting with Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco County of Transportation Authority.

San Francisco is a great city and when we understand that all access will change and be limited after we have had our city closed due to the pandemic and want to access our beautiful Golden Gate Parks, we will speak up for our community of working class and seniors and our families on opposing permanent closure of JFK road closure. See our letter which is attached.

Thank you.

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## SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT 11 DEMOCRATIC CLUB



April 25, 2022

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in reference to the April 26, 2022 Joint Meeting of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and San Francisco County Transportation Authority.

On behalf of the members of the SF District 11 Democratic Club, as well as the residents of San Francisco's District 11, I humbly request that the results of the Golden Gate Park, John F. Kennedy Drive Access Equity Study Report be considered as part of the decision making process. As you know, District 11 was an Equity Priority Community within the study.

The study's focus group findings include:

- About half to two-thirds of respondents want to use the park more often than they currently do.
- Closure of JFK Drive made accessing eastern GGP more difficult for those that drive to the park, given the reduction of ADA parking, passenger loading, and free parking and particularly because transit takes too long and active transportation is not accessible for all people. JFK Drive closure also results in less direct driving routes to and through GGP.
- Cost of parking at the Music Concourse Garage is considered expensive.

Therefore, we humbly request that you vote in favor of the compromise proposal, which includes partial rather than full closure of JFK Drive.

Please include the this letter in the Board Packets for the following Board File Numbers on the Agenda: **220370, 220621, and 220339**

I request that this letter be included as part of the record for this meeting.

Sincerely,

*Alida Fisher*

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Writing to urge you to support keeping JFK car-free permanently — your support is needed now more than ever.

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Finally, this 3+ mile car-free connection between the panhandle and ocean beach is a critical active-transportation corridor (walk, run, bike, scoot, roll) that encourages the most environmental and climate-conscious means of running errands, getting to work, visiting friends, and taking children to school.

Please join me, along with countless other residents and advocacy organizations, in supporting keeping JFK car-free forever.

Thanks again, and please take care.

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Subject : Why I #LoveJFKPromenade

Dear City Leaders,

I write today to urge you to vote to support the mayor's legislation for a permanently car-free JFK Promenade on April 26.

Here's why I #LoveJFKPromenade: it is safe for me, an elderly woman, and my 3 grandchildren to take a walk in the park, visit the rose garden and cross JFK Drive without being menaced by speeding cars. Also my 2 older grandchildren can ride their bikes after school while I follow with the youngest. They are too young to ride on the street, and I am too old. We see lots of older children and teenagers safely enjoying the park during these after school hours.

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Your constituent  
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I really hope you keep the park for playing and having fun, and let commuters use the surrounding roads instead.

Best regards,  
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Thanks again, and please take care.



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Subject : THE Djakovic Family PLEEDS for Safe #CarFreeJFK must be made permanent

Dear Director Ginsburg, Mayor Breed, and Director Tumlin, Rec and Park Commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your continued support of Car-Free JFK! Having car-free space in our largest park has been an eye-opening and uplifting experience for me and countless other people in our city.

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Vivienne (4YO) learned to ride her bike along the stretch in front of COF this past summer. And Elliette (our now 6month old baby) rolled for the first time on the grass near Stow Lake after we walked there as a family for a Sunday picnic. Meghan has enjoyed hundreds of runs at all times of the day without fear of being hit by a car or sexually assaulted thanks to the increase of pedestrian traffic and reduced car traffic. Stevan has safely commuted on his bike to work daily along this stretch through GGP. PLEASE DON'T LET IT GO BACK TO THE TRAFFIC JAM PARKWAY.

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**Subject : Safe #CarFreeJFK must be made permanent**

Dear Director Ginsburg, Mayor Breed, and Director Tumlin, Rec and Park Commissioners, and members of the Board of Supervisors including my Supervisor Dean Preston and all the others.

The time is closing in on the vote today, to create a space that is safe for people to be free in their bodies. It is a space where people can learn, even fall (maybe even skin a knee!) BUT without the worry that a car might be on one side of them and accidentally kill them. I am an active cyclist and am not afraid of the roads and know how to take all precaution - but my family, my friends, their small children aren't all comfortable like me, they are afraid to experience their spaces when cars exist in them. And even someone knowledgeable like me, is always keenly aware of the danger that a car in my space might cause.

I have attended city hall meetings. I have been educated on able-ism, and issues of accessibility and equality for all the groups who wish to benefit from all the park offers. However, this (relatively) small amount of space will keep us safe, but doesn't not prohibit others from being able to get around the park. There are still open roads and parking. We are simply removing a commuter lane that shouldn't exist.

Let's be a pioneer in safe spaces, clean energy planning and more.

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Let's go Car Free JFK!

-Cristina Arthun,  
Lower Haight