

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:54:01 AM

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From: Andrew Fulton <adawgfulton1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

We write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

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In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city.

Lastly, activity generated by Wheel visitors will help spur economic recovery both in the neighborhood and, later, in the city as a whole by enticing new visitors to the park first from around San Francisco and then – as COVID restrictions loosen – from around the region and beyond.

For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,
Andrew Fulton

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keep the Park Dark!
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:53:35 AM
Attachments: [NO to the extension of the lease for the observation wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)

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From: Corinne Gibson <corinnemarie.gibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:18 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Keep the Park Dark!

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Hello,

My name is Corinne Gibson. I'm emailing on behalf of the Yerba Buena Chapter of the California Native Plant Society to ask you to limit light pollution and "keep the park dark." The SF Recreation and Park Commission wants to extend the Observation Wheel for four years. This amusement ride is one of the world's largest LED strobe lights.

Lighting pollution is detrimental to the environment and all the creatures that call it home. Research has documented adverse consequences in plant phenology, predator-prey relations, circadian rhythms, and nocturnal rest and recovery. Bright and dazzling light like the LEDs on the Observation Wheel throw migrating birds and bats off-course and could discourage the great horned owls and great egrets from nesting at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake. Lighting pollution is also a major contributing factor to the decline of insect populations, in turn affecting bird and wildlife populations that depend on them as an important food source. In addition, lighting negatively impacts wildlife by attracting and disorienting them.

Please help us in opposing the Observation Wheel extension and Keep the Park Dark!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Corinne Gibson

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Oppose Keeping the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:52:11 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:03 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: Environment, ENV (ENV) <environment@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: I Oppose Keeping the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse

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Good morning,

I strongly oppose keeping the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse. It is bright and very visible at night. It has impacted the surrounding neighborhoods. I live close to the park, and nobody wants to keep it. It also has a negative impact on the birds and animals in the park.

There is no reason to extend this deadline. The deadline was the only reason that there wasn't more opposition in the first place. It is disingenuous to now try to extend this.

And, I did take a ride on the Observation Wheel. It was fun, but everyone should have had a chance to go on it by now. There is no reason to keep it here, and lots of reasons not to keep it.

Thank you,
Susan Brock
SF resident

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: in SUPPORT of keeping the SKYSTAR
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:51:29 AM

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From: Pete Mulvihill <pete@greenapplebooks.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:37 AM
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Subject: in SUPPORT of keeping the SKYSTAR

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Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I am the co-owner of Green Apple Books, a legacy business with locations on both sides of Golden Gate Park. I'm also a parent and outer Sunset resident supportive of safe, healthy outdoor activities for locals and tourists alike.

The SkyStar is good for my business, drawing visitors to the park, and good for local residents, as a festive, safe amusement.

I've heard say that GG Park is not an amusement park, but would they tear out the Carousel?

I've also heard concerns about nature, but the park isn't natural at all--should we let it revert to treeless sand dunes? There were similar concerns raised about the lights of the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, but having those available for recreation has been a savior for many families on the west side, and I've heard of no studies proving harm to wildlife.

It's no secret that our business community has been economically impacted by COVID-19. In the short amount of time that The Sky Wheel was in operation, it helped bring increased foot traffic to our neighborhood and businesses that are desperately needing patronage. As a supporter of local businesses and as a representative of many small vendors, I support the extension of this attraction.

By providing a COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and the trails, meadows, and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the city and enjoy nature. With this combination, there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

As health restrictions are lessened, I hope that we experience increased foot traffic for the small businesses in San Francisco and particularly those surrounding the park. I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a SECOND ride on the wheel to take in the views of our beautiful city and surrounding area.

Respectfully,

--

Pete Mulvihill, co-owner
(he/him)

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Case No. 2019-022126COA-04.
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:51:23 AM

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From: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:38 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fw: Case No. 2019-022126COA-04.

Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner

Northwest Quadrant, Current Planning

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From: Mary Kamath <marymargarethoward@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 6:51 AM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Subject: Case No. 2019-022126COA-04.

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Hi Michelle,

I just heard about the hearing and am unable to make it today. I am not sure how this works but I would like to show my support to extend the Skystar.

I live in the inner Richmond and walk through Golden Gate park daily with my toddler. For s long time the wheel seemed ominous, a vision of a life that would have been. My daughter and I stood by and watched the cars go up and things started feeling more hopeful. It became more of a symbol of resilience, how we got through the worst of the pandemic and with creativity we can find ways to safely return to a better normal. My daughter danced in her stroller to the music it played as we walked past. We rode it Halloween weekend in our costumes and of course splurged for the photos which are now displayed around or home, the few that has all of us in it during this year of isolation. We waited in line for hours, despite timed reservations. It was a very popular attraction. The views of the City are amazing and looking down at the lushness of Golden Gate Park made me grateful. I look for the sky star on night walks, a little light show from my street.

I wish it could be a permanent attraction, but I can walk there so the street obstruction does not interfere with my access to the museums or music concourse.

Thank you for giving me the chance to show my support.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Veto the Observation Wheel extension
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:35:52 AM

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From: Leslie Lombre <leslie@bhoutdoorcine.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:31 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Veto the Observation Wheel extension

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Dear Commissioners,

Please veto the contract extension for the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park. We should not feel obligated to fulfill the financial revenue projections of Skyview Partners. The prices for tickets are exorbitant for San Francisco residents and do not provide any local benefit.

Please keep our parks free and enjoyable for all. Let Skyview move to an adjacent country fair or amusement park.

Sincerely,

Leslie Lombre
Bernal Heights Outdoor Cinema
Co-founder & Director of Exhibitions
(415) 999-2952

[Showcasing local film in free screenings in parks, playgrounds and open spaces.](#)

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please, Keep Golden Gate Park Dark
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:25:24 AM

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From: rachel styer <rachelmariestyler@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:19 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please, Keep Golden Gate Park Dark

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Hello,

The Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park is one of the world's largest LED strobe lights.

Lighting pollution is a major contributor to the decline of insect populations.

Lighting affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation.

Research has documented adverse consequences in plant phenology, predator-prey relations, circadian rhythms and nocturnal rest and recovery.

Dazzling light throw migrating bats and birds off-course and could discourage the great horned owls and great egrets from nesting at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake.

Golden Gate park is an incredible wild island in the heart of our city. San Francisco's greenspaces are part of what makes our unique city great. These urban wild spaces connect us to our humanity and give us an incredible quality of life.

As a city resident, I oppose the Observation Wheel extension and urge you to Keep The Park Dark.

Thank you,
Rachel

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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From: Donald F. Robertson <donaldfr@donaldfrobertson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:20 AM
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Cc: contact@growsf.org
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I think we should address the over-presence of automobiles that currently ruin the park long before we worry about ferris wheels. The ferris wheel is at a single place, while cars are everywhere. They add far more pollution, light, and damage to wildlife than the ferris wheel ever will. Close the park to autos except for access to the museums, ADA needs, and one North-South route, and only then should we be worrying about ferris wheels.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Historic Preservation Commission: Please do not extend Observation Wheel!
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:09:46 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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Historic Preservation Commission: Please do not extend Observation Wheel!

Though, 'fun', the wheel is not suited it being in Golden Gate Park any longer. It is a source of light pollution and has many negative impacts on the natural and living environment that it occupies.

Please remove asap, when the contract finishes. Please do not extend the contract. It is wasteful, expensive and the resources and "FUN" can certainly be better used elsewhere.

Thank you, Concerned Neighbor
John Goldsmith

#Save Harvey Milk Plaza
#Save LGBT Veterans Grove
#Save Harvey's Gardens

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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
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My daughter loves seeing the ferris wheel every day. She asks me what color it's going to be each night. We have not been able to ride the wheel since it's been mostly closed. Opposition to the wheel is coming from a small group of people who block everything new in the city, even the UCSF expansion project. We can't live in a city that's frozen in time. We need to build for future

generations.

Lastly, activity generated by Wheel visitors will help spur economic recovery both in the neighborhood and, later, in the city as a whole by enticing new visitors to the park first from around San Francisco and then – as COVID restrictions loosen – from around the region and beyond.

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Regards,

Sachin Agarwal
founder, [Grow SF](#)

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$27 MILLION FOR CITY'S DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:51:22 AM
Attachments: [02.17.21 Downpayment Assistance Loan Program.pdf](#)

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To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$27 MILLION FOR CITY'S DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$27 MILLION FOR CITY'S DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Funding will be available to low- and middle-income teachers, first responders, families and individuals to purchase their first home in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) is issuing a new round of Downpayment Assistance Loan Program (DALP) funds for first-time homeownership opportunities. This year's DALP program will distribute over \$27 million to up to 80 households and is part of the Mayor's efforts to make San Francisco a more equitable and affordable place to live.

“As we get on the road to recovery, I want to make sure that San Francisco remains a city for all and is a place where people can afford to live,” said Mayor Breed. “Just as we need to keep building housing to ensure we have enough supply, we also need to continue our programs like this one that help people purchase a home, put down roots in the community, and find a place they can call home for years to come. Giving people the help they need to invest in their community and make San Francisco their home for the long-term is how we'll build back our city even stronger than before.”

DALP provides up to \$375,000 in down payment assistance to low- to moderate-income first-time homebuyers for the purchase of any market-rate primary residence in San Francisco. The funds are available to a wide range of households earning a variety of incomes.

As San Francisco pursues economic recovery, the stability of low- and moderate-income families is central to their ability to prepare for and access the opportunities that will emerge. Moreover, the preservation of equitable ownership opportunities has the two-fold impact of enabling regular San Francisco families to harness the wealth building potential that homeownership has always meant in the United States as well as protecting the perseverance of long standing San Francisco communities and preventing displacement.

Down payment assistance is available to:

- General public households earning up to 175% of Area Median Income (AMI), or \$156,900 for a single individual;
- Educators employed with the San Francisco Unified School District earning up to 200% AMI or \$179,300 for a single individual ;
- First responder (active, uniformed members of the Fire, Police, or Sheriff's Departments) households earning up to 200% AMI or \$179,300 for a single individual.

“Over the years, I have seen how DALP transformed the lives of first-time homeowners and I want to see this program not only succeed, but expand. I want to see more programs for other essential workers, such as our early care educators who are struggling to live in the neighborhoods they serve,” said Supervisor Myrna Melgar. “It is not just about the financial assistance, but financial literacy and support that the program provides. Most people, especially immigrants and working-class people do not have the same access to capital or the knowledge to navigate the homebuying process. I am proud that San Francisco invests in the economic empowerment of our families and communities that will have long-lasting benefits.”

In order to be eligible to apply for DALP funds, applicants must attend 10 hours of first-time homebuyer education and receive first mortgage loan pre-approval from a MOHCD-approved lender. There are no monthly payments required as part of the program. When the homeowner sells or transfers the property, they pay back the original loan amount, plus an equitable share of the appreciation.

“Even though the DALP process can be overwhelming, it is manageable. My wife and I are not in tech/bio-tech, medical, or other high earning fields and we probably would not have been able to afford a home in San Francisco without DALP,” said general DALP recipient Ronnie Bautista. “We hope other families such as ours who do not come from wealth, or have relative high incomes, or have limited resources put in an application to DALP. Being a native San Franciscan, DALP made homeownership a reality.”

Prospective homebuyers will be able to begin to apply for DALP on the [MOHCD website](#) on February 26, 2021. As with all MOHCD housing programs, the City consistently sees strong demand and as a result, lotteries are administered to award funds. Applicants who submit a lottery application before the application deadline will be placed in a lottery that will take place on June 1, 2021 with applicants being notified shortly thereafter.

“We are excited to launch this year’s Downpayment Assistance Loan Program which creates another opportunity for local residents to pursue their dream of homeownership” said Eric Shaw MOHCD Director. “We see DALP as one of our crucial investments in creating housing opportunity for all San Franciscans. We know homeownership can be a challenge for many without down payment assistance and see this as one of the office’s many investments in creating housing opportunities for all residents. Down payment assistance is not enough, which is why we also fund in housing counseling and financial literacy to provide much needed support for those looking to purchase a home.”

MOHCD invests in five agencies who are available year-round for homeownership counseling and financial literacy across the City. In addition, local City partner Homeownership SF will be hosting a three-day virtual Housing Expo on March 4, 5, and 6 where interested first-time homebuyers can meet with homeownership counselors and begin the process of homebuyer education. More information about the virtual event and registration can be found [here](#).

“You just keep pushing forward and keep trying which I did,” said Cheryl Liu, SFUSD 2nd Grade Teacher who received DALP funds and was able to purchase a home in District 11. “I don’t have to worry about paying rent or being pushed out to the suburbs for something more affordable.”

This set of DALP funds is part of the annual release of general Downpayment Assistance Loan dollars. The City has worked to expand this program and ensure diverse communities have access to this money and to match local resources with the immense need. Additional DALP funds specifically targeting the most vulnerable and under-resourced communities are scheduled to be released in late summer 2021.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: ALERT: Public Comment Opposing the Observation Wheel Permit Extension
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:41:03 AM
Attachments: [Observation Wheel Comment.pdf](#)

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Historic Preservation Commission
San Francisco Planning Department

RE: Opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04: Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.

Dear Commissioners,

In San Francisco in the 60s, the saying was, if it feels good do it.

Today, the saying might be, if it feels good think about how it affects others.

Think about how four years of bright, flashing strobe lights affects bird and bat migration.

Think about how the lights that blare all night affects the owls that nest on Strawberry Hill and the great blue herons that nest at Stow Lake.

Think about the insects that get dazzled and trapped in the glare, the plant phenology that will be thrown out of sync, the scientists and their experiments that will be rendered useless on the Science Academy's green living rooftop.

Think about the resolution signed by the board of supervisors in 2018 to protect biodiversity. Think about carbon pollution reduction mandates being written into San Francisco's 2021 Climate Action Plan. Think about those lights, the fossil fuel wasted and the vanity.

If science isn't your thing, think about the Observation Deck at the de Young Museum not far away that provides the same view free of charge.

Unplug the wheel and keep the park dark.

Bob Hall
1946 Grove St. Apt. 6
San Francisco

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Lyon Martin House and Gardens support letter
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:40:42 AM
Attachments: [GLBTHS Lyon Martin House Support Letter HPC 021621.pdf](#)

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Subject: Lyon Martin House and Gardens support letter

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Commissioners:

Attached please find our support letter for the landmarking of the Lyon Martin House and Gardens.

Thank you,

Terry Beswick
Cell: 415-756-4920

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Terry Beswick
Executive Director



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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:25:20 AM

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Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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Regards,

Roz Chinchio
Richmond district resident

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose extension of Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park!
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From: Janet Carpinelli <jc@jcarpinelli.com>
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Historic Preservation Commission
San Francisco Planning Department

RE: Opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04: Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.

To: Historic Preservation Commissioners

Please do the wildlife and everyone a favor and **Keep The Park Dark at night!** Please do not extend the Observation Wheel for four years! or even for one year. If anything, I suggest moving the Wheel to Pier 39 or Fisherman's wharf where it is more appropriate and will serve the purpose of being an attraction for tourists and residents who can go up and view the Bay area from the waterfront. There is absolutely no need or reason to have this type of invasive structure in Golden Gate Park! If people want to see GGPark and surrounds from above, they can do so from the beautiful

observation deck at the deYoung museum when it opens to visitors as will surely happen within the next year!

Protect dark skies at night for the creatures who depend on that for their natural habitat in a natural area such as a large urban park.

This amusement ride is one of the world's largest LED strobe lights. Lighting pollution is a major contributor to the decline of insect populations. Lighting affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation. Research has documented adverse consequences in plant phenology, predator-prey relations, circadian rhythms and nocturnal rest and recovery.

Dazzling light throws migrating bats and birds off-course and could discourage the great horned owls and great egrets from nesting at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake which are great attractors of SF residents and visitors alike!

**Please speak out for our wildlife and for human enjoyment of wildlife!
Oppose the Observation Wheel extension and Keep The Park Dark.**

Thank you,
Janet Carpinelli
SF Resident and wildlife appreciator!

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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Regards,
Charles Lai

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
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Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners & RPD Commission,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My Name is Alex Aquino, long-time D5 resident, business owner, and event producer for the 420 Hippie Hill event & newly board member of the Haight Ashbury Street Fair. I am in support of the Ferris Wheel extension, I believe it brings a much-needed sense of positive morale and enjoyment for families during this difficult time. It is something special to do that will create fond memories of Golden Gate Park for all who visit.

During a time when we are seeing a lot of our favorite places close and shutdown people are exploring outdoor spaces and seeking new things to do. The Ferris Wheel provides something new and fun to do while also attracting more people to enjoy other parts of our beautiful historic park that they otherwise may not have normally visited.

It also brings more people to the neighborhood when business is at an all-time low, the merchants need as much help as possible to bring more people to shop and dine on Haight.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Alex Aquino

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Alex Aquino
Tel. 415-963-1231

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please let John McLaren's words and actions guide you to not extend Observation Wheel
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Historic Preservation Commission
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CC: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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RE: Opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04:
Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.

Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

Please let John McLaren's simple words and actions guide you to not extend the wheel past March 2021.

His Words:

John fought against holding the 1994 exposition in the park claiming, "the damage to the natural setting would take decades to reverse." *

The 1894 Midwinter Fair theme was Illumination. In the center of the Music Concourse (at the fair it was called the Grand Court) stood the Electric Tower designed by Leopold Bonet (it was also known as Bonet's Tower). The 266-foot tall iron and steel structure echoed the Eiffel Tower. It was topped by an electric spotlight weighing 6,000 pounds producing a beam of 375 million candle power, which was the largest constructed at that time ** (see photograph below taken by the fair's official photographer Isaiah West Taber; photo taken from Strawberry Hill).



It was boasted it could provide light to read a news paper at a dozen miles away. Thousands of electric lamps were woven over the entire tower from base to apex forming figures and intricate designs of all patterns.** The entire structure was strung with over three thousand incandescent light bulbs programmed to flash in alternating designs and patterns.***

The Fair closed on July 4th, 1894. Though the agreement stated that after closing, the organizers would return the park to "as nearly natural condition as possible", John McLaren was left with the task of removing many of the structures and all of the concrete foundations. **** Some community pressure developed to keep the Music Concourse. During that time (2 years) Bonnet's Tower remained standing.

His Actions:

In his impatience John had his crew place dynamite on two legs of the tower and after it fell, had it cut up and sold for junk, the proceeds going to the Park Improvement Fund.****

Please also note: The Observation Wheel and lights are viewable from Strawberry Hill. The wheel's lights can make it appear opaque and also make it strobe; rendering it one of the biggest and brightest strobe lights in the world. A January 11, 2021 World Birds article by Garth C Clifford titled "12 Tips on How to Get Rid of Owls Fast", item 3. Use Strobe Lights to Scare Owls Away. It goes on to say, Owls hate strobe lights in specific. You can find these devices in a pet shop near you ... American DJ Strobe light is one of the effective strobe lights to scare owls.





(View for top of Strawberry Hill)

Parks and Recreation has installed a death-star sized strobe light and the Great Horned Owl's nesting areas near Strawberry Hill and Bison Paddock are abandoned this year. Why was no environmental impact assessment performed on the Observation Wheel?

Please remove the Observation Wheel in March 2021 as planned.

Please let me know how I can help in any way. Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Wiseman

Lead Organizer of the "Keep The Park Dark" group



Our banner hanging recently at a media event at the band shell

* Crafts, D.S. "[The 1894 Midwinter Fair in Golden Gate Park: Unfinished History](#)". FoundSF. Retrieved March 5, 2013.

** Info from [founds.org](#) in [Architecture of the Midwinter Fair - Historical Assay](#) by Gary A Gross & Walter Biller, San Francisco Examiner

*** [Outsidelands.org](#) article by Woody LaBounty

**** [sfoix.com](#) [THE HISTORY OF THE MUSIC CONCOURSE IN GOLDEN GATE PARK](#)

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From: Pamela Kennedy <pamela.m.kennedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:41 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I've lived in San Francisco for the last 13 years and have been thrilled about this installation for the park's anniversary this year. It's a joyful addition to the park and I think it would be a shame to remove it before residents and visitors had a chance to enjoy it! I look forward to the day that it will be safe enough for me to enjoy it with friends.

In regards to environmental complaints about light pollution. This is also a very small portion of the park... and it is in a major city which has more light pollution than one small, non-permanent structure. Moreover, the lights are not on every night and do not stay on throughout the whole night. There are other more pressing environmental concerns our city should focus on first (installing more bike lanes to curb vehicle emissions would be a start!) and this should not be a reason to remove this wonderful, joyful addition to our park.

Thank you for hearing our voices. What a fun addition to our park and our community. Let's

retain the things that have brought our community together and have brought joy to our city's vibrant park during this challenging year. Please keep the Ferris Wheel.

Best regards,
Pamela

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:23:56 AM

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From: Adam Mills <admills@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:55 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

We write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

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For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,

Adam Mills

Inner Sunset resident (and daily Music Concourse pedestrian)

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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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From: Sean McBride <sean@seanmcb.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:33 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Regards,
Sean

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please Support the Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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From: Maria Cubeta <mcubeta@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:18 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Please Support the Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

I'm emailing to express my support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I live just blocks away from the park in the Inner Sunset. My toddler son spends every weekday morning exploring the park's wooded areas, and on the weekends we take him to the Music Concourse to see the fountains. I believe the Wheel fits in perfectly with the cultural activities in the Music Concourse while being respectful to the park's natural areas, and I hope to one day ride it with my son, friends and visitors.

I believe the wheel will be important for the economic recovery of the restaurants and shops next door to where I live. And I am heartened by the plans to distribute tickets to underserved residents and to use some funds for cultural performances.

Golden Gate Park is a living, breathing thing. We must all be open to change and

embracing new things that are good for the community. I am disappointed some people try to keep this city frozen in the past and unfortunately are some of the loudest critics of seemingly every project. I support four more years for the wheel and hope you will too.

Maria Cubeta

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:23:36 AM

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From: Colin Schmidt <cschmidt@americascores.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:15 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>; Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I am a 20 year resident, father of three, and the Executive Director of America SCORES Bay Area, a non-profit organization serving nearly 1000 low-income families who live and work in San Francisco.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. It's attractions like this magnificent ferris wheel that gets people from all zip codes in SF into Golden Gate Park. In addition to the museums, the paths, gardens, lakes, and sports facilities, the Sky Wheel adds an extra "family-fun" dimension and makes it so there is something for everyone in Golden Gate Park.

Even when closed for health reasons, the Sky Wheel makes the Music Concourse a nice

place to visit, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

I also believe that extending the permit for the Wheel will allow Golden Gate Park to continue playing an important role in supporting our city's economic recovery, as well as mitigating the financial hardships on our local businesses. One of Golden Gate Park's important historic roles has been to serve as an engine of economic growth for the City. The 1894 mid-winter fair was put on in part to pull the city out of an economic downturn, and some of the park's most iconic structures were built as part of the Works Progress Administration that pulled the nation out of the Great Depression. An extension of the Wheel permit will allow the park to continue to play this historic role for our community.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,

Colin Schmidt
Chief Executive Officer
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AmericascorersBayArea.org

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:23:28 AM

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From: Matt Brewer <mdbrewer8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:54 PM
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Cc: contact@growsf.org; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

We write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My 3-year-old daughter absolutely loves watching it turn and is so excited to ride in it. It is one of her favorite destinations at Golden Gate Park and makes a fantastic addition to the concourse. Its proximity to the Academy of Science is a great plus - so many fun things to do so close together. Please keep this fun attraction in the park for another four years.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of activities and cultural institutions, while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination

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Regards,

Matthew Brewer
SF Resident and small business owner.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Save Ferris (wheel)
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:23:21 AM

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Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Save Ferris (wheel)

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When did San Francisco become such a NIMBY Republican buzzkill? Seriously, I moved here to get away from whiny conservatives that never want to change.

The ferris wheel is fun and whimsy, two things our city should be about. Please don't take it down.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please Discontinue the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:23:12 AM
Attachments: [Please Discontinue the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park correction.msg](#)

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From: Lois Green <lg@sfgreen.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:03 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please Discontinue the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Because of the pandemic, I had not been in Golden Gate Park in quite a while until this past week. I was appalled at the Ferris wheel. It is totally out of scale for the park. In addition, the LeD strobe lights on it are a source of light pollution which contributes to the decline of insect populations and attracts and disorients wildlife. Please to do approve the extension of this list source! Thank you.

Lois Green

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Botanical Garden supports extending the permit for the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:22:37 AM

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From: Stephanie Linder <SLinder@sfbg.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:23 PM
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Subject: SF Botanical Garden supports extending the permit for the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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To the Historic Preservation Commission and the Recreation & Park Commission:

San Francisco Botanical Garden supports the extension of the permit for the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a neighbor to the Music Concourse and part of the network of vibrant cultural institutions in that section of the park, we welcomed the wheel and the visitors it brought during the sadly brief time it operated. The impact of the pandemic on the 150th Anniversary of the park was disappointing to all the community groups and partners, like us, who worked hard on an amazing celebration. Extending the Wheel's stay will give more San Franciscans and visitors the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular views and see the park in a new way, and make up for lost time. The Music Concourse has long been the site of special events and park activations. We believe the temporary but extended stay of the Wheel is an appropriate use of the space.

The businesses in our neighborhood have suffered during the pandemic and would benefit from increased visitors to the area. Like the Botanical Garden, local merchants will welcome more visitors. Tourists from the Bay Area and beyond will make a day of visiting Golden Gate Park, visiting museums, gardens, and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as the Wheel.

We are conservationists and work to protect biodiversity so we appreciate the need to balance active recreation or special events and attractions with nature in our parks. We believe Golden Gate Park is big enough to host a wide range of activity – that’s part of what makes it “everybody’s park.”

Thank you for time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie

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Regards,

John Somoza
(62 Havelock Street, San Francisco CA 94112)

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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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Regards,

Karen Young

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel – 4-year extension
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:22:00 AM

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From: Kathy Oneto <koneto12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:00 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel – 4-year extension

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you as a long-time resident (17 years) of the Inner Sunset, and I am a **HUGE** fan of the Sky Wheel.

We live at **1420 11th Avenue**, and I walk in the park daily. It has especially been my refuge this past year. What's more, since the time the Sky Wheel has been in places, it's brought me so much delight and joy. I love to walk at dusk and catch the beautiful light show. AND, I love how it brings others out into the park and brings life and energy to what is this wonderful public space. This is what our parks are for! The city has done such a wonderful job with all our parks, really making them world class. This is another way to bring activity and interest to our lovely parks and continue to make our city attractive and a place for all to enjoy.

I would love to see the Sky Wheel stay longer in the park. It's such a disappointment that we did not get to properly celebrate the 150th anniversary of the park this year. It would be wonderful to keep this as an activity to keep the celebration going longer since it's been

curtailed during the pandemic.

I can only imagine the expense that went into putting this in place. Why not amortize it longer? Why not amortize it to give us all more joy and energy in the park? Why not bring more people to the area to attract them to the local businesses and restaurants that are desperately trying to stay in business during this time?

I really hope you will seriously consider extending the Sky Wheel.

Kind regards,
Kathy Oneto

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Kathy Oneto
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:21:53 AM

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

I preface this message by mentioning that I am terrified of heights, and will never ride this Ferris wheel, but write you with my unequivocal support for keeping it around. Please, please help keep San Francisco fun. I beg you.

We write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of activities and cultural institutions, while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

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For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,

Dylan Hulser
94110

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC Agenda Item 7 Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:21:46 AM
Attachments: [Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel.msg](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:34 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Ginsburg, Phil (REC) <phil.ginsburg@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>
Subject: HPC Agenda Item 7 Ferris Wheel

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Dear Commissioners,

I ask you to approve at least a one year extension to the Ferris Wheel. We live on Stanyan Street and take our four kids into the park as often as possible. My kids now act as my personal trainers because they demand night time runs in the park to see the Entwined art exhibit, the light show at the conservatory of flowers, and the wonderful lights on the ferris wheel. This has brought joy to my family in what has been a tough year for so many San Franciscans. We were lucky even enough to ride the ferris wheel before it was closed down again. It provides an amazing perspective on our city and reminded me how the museum plaza was built as part of a fair. Well, a temporary ferris wheel is consistent with the excitement of the original opening of the concourse.

Please do not let the same opponents to children playing soccer after sunset at the Beach Chalet fields also derail another chance for joy in this city.

Thank you,

Christian Cebrian

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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THE WHEEL is fantastic and fun - and my kids haven't even had a chance to ride it. This is a great reminder of the SF World's Fairs, when SF proved to the world that we knew how to throw a party!
I live blocks from it and love seeing the light peek out over the trees when I am out walking the dogs in the evening. It brings a joy and whimsy in to kids of all ages during a lousy year in SF. We need more of this kind of stuff - not less. Sure - it isn't perfect but what is?
Come walk by at night and let it help you remember a state fair growing up or a special moment from your youth - when rides took you to the moon. And once we get the vaccines out kids will clamor with joy into the seats and have those special moments with grandparents, parents , sibling s and even maybe mom or dad.
SF NEEDS THIS.

Max

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:20:53 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:20 PM
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Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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KEEP THE FERRIS WHEEL - MY KIDS HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO RIDE.

To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

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For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,
Max Young

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Extending the Sky Wheel in GGP
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:20:43 AM

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From: Shawn Sax <shawn.sax@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:16 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Extending the Sky Wheel in GGP

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

This email is written in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel.

I am a long-time resident of the City and once lived on Hugo and 7th, just a few blocks from the Music Concourse. I still regularly visit the park for exercise and leisurely recreation, and the Sky Wheel (once it runs again!) will be a lovely attraction for residents and visitors both: the perfect bookend to a paddle-boat excursion around Stowe Lake or a stroll through the Arboretum.

While the Sky Wheel understandably is not operating on account of COVID, it does seem like the type of outside, distanced activity that will be allowed fairly soon. And it will add to the opportunity to enjoy that end of the park until the nearby museums can operate at full capacity.

I am looking forward to taking my ride as soon as possible.

Thanks, Shawn Sax

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:20:39 AM
Attachments: [Ferris wheel.eml.msg](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:15 PM
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Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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For these reasons, I believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and I hope it can remain for four more years. I have also attached my thoughts that I sent via email to my D1 supervisor as she was considering the Wheel's extension - please take a look through as well.

Regards,
Sarah Boudreau, Richmond resident

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
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Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:20:27 AM

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Regards,
Jonathan Maguire
2646 45th Ave

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 7:04 PM
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Regards,
Brett Orlandi

Sent from my iPhone

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation

The ferris wheel is awesome. Please extend its tenure. The bad faith arguments against it should not be allowed to deny San Franciscans the pleasure of the park. I've really looked forward to getting to check it out, and haven't been able to because of covid.

Best,
Rachel Novak
2706 39th Ave 94116

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:37 PM
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For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,

John Lin
San Mateo

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
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From: Ansh Shukla <self@anshukla.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

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In addition, the wheel is simply one more in a long line of attractions that have added to the park's rich history. I understand there are concerns about responsibly planning for the wheel's future, and I support dedicating some of the revenue to plugging the wheel into mains power so a generator is not necessary, and adjusting when its light is turned on in the evenings.

In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city.

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For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,

Ansh

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:19:30 AM

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From: Sara Ogilvie <sara@ogilvie.us.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Regards,

Sara and Peter Ogilvie

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:19:23 AM

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From: Alex Avery <alex.flinn.avery@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:22 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Regards,
Alex

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: No to Ferris Wheel in park
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:19:10 AM
Attachments: [Fwd Items 12a and 12b on the February 18th agenda 321 Florida Street Project.msg](#)

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From: kenh-9000@usa.net <kenh-9000@usa.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:55 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: No to Ferris Wheel in park

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Hi

I am a concerned SF resident and I think the park should not have the ferris wheel. Because the park is for people and nature, and people experiencing nature.

I wanted to express my opinion , thank you Ken H.
SF Mission District

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of support from Friends of Lyon-Martin House
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:18:24 AM
Attachments: [Friends of Lyon-Martin House.pdf](#)

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From: Shayne Watson <sewatson77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:04 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; LaValley, Pilar (CPC) <pilar.lavalley@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Cc: Sharee Williamson <SWilliamson@savingplaces.org>; Christina Morris <CMorris@savingplaces.org>; Woody LaBounty <wlabounty@sferitage.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Bintliff, Jacob (BOS) <jacob.bintliff@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of support from Friends of Lyon-Martin House

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Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from the Friends of Lyon-Martin House.

Respectfully,

The Friends of Lyon-Martin House

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I support the Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:18:09 AM

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From: Jon Tyburski <jtyburski@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>
Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: I support the Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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Hello Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

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In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city.

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For these reasons I believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,

Jon Tyburski

District 5, Haight Ashbury

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:18:00 AM

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From: Stephen P. Lambe <stephenlambe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

As a resident of the inner Richmond and frequent user of Golden Gate Park, I write in strong support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel.

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In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and

the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city. I would, however, encourage the Park to pursue a more permanent solution for power generation for the Ferris wheel. A massive generator running at all hours is sub-optimal from an environmental impact perspective.

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Regards,
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:17:53 AM

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From: David Grey <dcrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:19 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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David Grey
631 Mangels Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:17:43 AM

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From: Scot Conner <scot.conner@berkeley.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:15 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Thank you,

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support the Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:17:33 AM

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Regards,

Alex Greene

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:17:26 AM

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From: James Ausman <ausman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 6:11 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
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Regards,
Jim Ausman

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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:17:02 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:54 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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Regards,

Toby Leavitt

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:16:35 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 5:40 PM
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To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:08:03 AM

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Manny Yekutiel Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:07:55 AM

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From: Manny Yekutiel <manny@welcometomannys.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>; Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>
Subject: Manny Yekutiel Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel Public Comment

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Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

My name is Manny Yekutiel - I'm a small business owner in San Francisco, member of the SFMTA board of Directors, believer in our City's bright future, and a passionate supporter of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

It has brought civic pride and joy to us in a dark time and I do believe allowing it to continue to do so through our economic recovery, which will take 4 years at least, will be a salve to many and a benefit to all.

We know that it's easier to speak out to stop something than it is to continue and so it's possible that more folks will be writing in and calling in to not extend this piece of our parks.

That's why I am writing this morning - to hopefully show that there are many many out there who

have and will benefit from this joyful addition's continuance in our golden gate park and would want it to stay. Think of those people and how this bit of joy will enrich their family or community time.

Thank you for considering,

Manny Yekutiel
Owner of Manny's
VCMA Board Member
Member, SFMTA Boards of Directors

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:07:42 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:58 AM
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris wheel must go
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:07:17 AM
Attachments: [Observation Wheel input - please vote NO..msg](#)
[Oppose 4-year extension of Ferris Wheel.msg](#)
[Fw Case No. 2019-022126COA-04.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel .msg](#)
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[Oppose Observation Wheel Extension.msg](#)
[OPPOSING the extension of the Ferris wheel contract.msg](#)
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From: Barbara Gregor <barbaragregor@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 4:09 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris wheel must go

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We live close enough to the wheel that we can see its garish lights at night. When I walk a morning loop of the music concourse the generator is filling the park with noise. Who is this ugly monstrosity for? Not for anyone who can't or won't pay \$18 a ride. Not for birdwatchers. Not for people who come to the park for greenery and to recharge with quiet. Not for people who are sincerely trying to distance for the pandemic. Not for people who are sincere about sustainability and responsible use of resources.

If you want to get people excited about the park, build a garden that welcomes all - keep the cars out, keep maintaining paths and spaces for quiet and active enjoyment. The oak woodlands path is a wonderful amenity, rooted in place and history and free to all, which builds awareness of natural cycles and interactions. The opposite of the Ferris wheel.

One year was already too long. I understand Mr McLaren had to dynamite ugly predecessors in the Music Concourse to keep the park a park.

Thank you,
Barbara Gregor

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Wheel - Friend of the Music Concourse - new arguments against Observation Wheel Extension
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:04:05 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 4:06 PM
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Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Oppose Wheel - Friend of the Music Concourse - new arguments against Observation Wheel Extension

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Here is the attachment. KH

From: Music Concourse <musicconcourse@earthlink.net>
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Cc: Jonas Ionin <Commissions.Secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Oppose Wheel - Friend of the Music Concourse - new arguments against Observation Wheel Extension

Historic Preservation Commissioners,

Attached and below please find our letter with some new arguments against extending the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse. Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard, ASLA

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Friends of the Music Concourse (c)

Dedicated to the Preservation
of the Historic Golden Gate Park
Music Concourse

February 16, 2021

Historic Preservation Commission
Planning Department
City and County of San Francisco
49 South Van Ness Ave, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103

Subject: OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension: Additional comments.

Commission President Aaron Jon Hyland and Commissioners,

The Observation Wheel does not belong in the historic Music Concourse; if it is allowed to remain, it will likely become permanent, setting a precedent for additional intrusive elements.

The Wheel does not belong in the historic Music Concourse.

- It does not fit the formal design of the Concourse and is not even aligned with the central axis.
- The Wheel is out of scale with the other contributory elements in the space. It dominates the design. It is taller than the Bandshell, which should be the dominant feature in the Bowl.
- The Wheel detracts from the classic beauty and charm of the area and destroys much of what makes the area a special place for many visitors.

Was the intent always to make the Wheel permanent?

The SkyStar Corporation brought this Wheel to San Francisco from Cincinnati; it was first installed on a temporary basis in Cincinnati. This is SkyStar's usual mode of getting a permanent Wheel installed.

"The SkyStar observation wheel at the Banks, a 150-foot-tall mobile observation wheel, was originally scheduled to be in place from September through Dec. 2, 2018. It's not just

extending its stay, it's being replaced by a permanent wheel that's 50 feet taller. The plan is to begin swapping out the existing wheel for the permanent one in the down months of winter. It will take nine months to assemble the new wheel."

*" 'We designed SkyStar to be moveable – **we prove out a market, get engaged and hope to open up permanently,** ' **Todd Schneider, managing partner of St. Louis-based SkyStar Wheel LLC,** told me. 'Cincinnati has proven to be a market where the wheel has been so well received and attendance is strong. Knowing what we can **do with a permanent project,** we're excited.' " [\[1\]](#)*

Leaving the wheel in the Concourse would set a precedent for other intrusive elements and is the first step to making the Concourse a midway 'attraction.'

If we do not remove the Observation Wheel soon, it will set a precedent for more clutter in the name of commercial viability. Another member of this industry, **the Dutch Wheels company,** explains this process on its marketing website:

" ' Turning the wheel into a destination ' is key to make it a success. "

"Additional amenities will make visitors "hang around", spend more money and attract more people. A wheel should be integrated in its environment so local authorities support the project, instead of opposing it reasoning that they do not want to turn their city into an attraction park!

"In order to achieve this potential, it is important to understand why "turning the wheel into a destination" is critical. A wheel should not be seen as just an attraction in which people can turn rounds and enjoy the view. Offering additional amenities that will make people "hang around," spend more money and attract even more people. Ensuring the wheel project integrates in its environment will also help local authorities to support a project. The integration of a wheel in a mixed use or leisure development, creates a synergy that will benefit both the wheel operator and the real estate development."

". . . Another interesting example is the Sky Wheel in Myrtle Beach, SC, situated on the boardwalk, overlooking the ocean. This wheel is part of a small development including a restaurant, a surf shop and a merchandising area making this an interesting and fun destination." [\[2\]](#)

This will ruin this beautiful space for future generations of San Franciscans, who will wonder -- what was the City thinking?

Department of Recreation and Park has always fought preserving the historic character of the Music Concourse.

Sadly, there is little awareness by the senior management of the Department of Recreation and Park of either the design intent or the value of this historic space. That attitude remains unchanged from when Friends of the Music Concourse pushed to landmark the Concourse to protect it from destruction during the construction of the garage.

In the early 2000's, when RPD proposed cutting down all of the trees in front of the Bandshell to 'streamline' the parking garage construction, a group of residents had to mobilize to stop

that. To prevent this from happening again, we worked very hard to make the Music Concourse a City landmark.

The Rec and Park Department fought tooth and nail in an attempt to avoid effective landmarking of the Music Concourse.

Rec and Park often follows a path of commercialization and privatization of our parks.

For example, for years local residents fought a mostly losing battle against renting out RPD's public clubhouses to private organizations. One such clubhouse housed a free City College program in early childhood development. That was changed to a private daycare center that charged thousands of dollars to participants.

San Francisco should not sacrifice its historic treasures to support an out-of-town business that is having the same problems in other cities.

SkyStar is having the same problems in Cincinnati. This is not a San Francisco problem.

"The future of the SkyStar observation wheel that was to become a permanent fixture on the banks of the Ohio River is uncertain amid the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

"In a Dec. 16, 2020 email to Hamilton County Administrator [Jeff Aluotto](#), SkyView Partners managing partner [Todd Schneider](#) wrote the project is not moving forward, at least as planned.

" ' Obviously it's been a rough year and this has forced us to put the project on hold,' Schneider wrote. " ' Unfortunately, we will not be able to deliver a wheel there this coming spring as originally forecasted.' " [\[3\]](#)

If recouping income for an out-of-town business becomes the purpose of our public spaces, then it is going to be very difficult to preserve our public historic properties.

San Francisco should not sacrifice its historic treasures to the unpredictable nature of the COVID epidemic.

The Department of Recreation and Park has prescribed a timetable they would like you to follow. But no one knows how much longer the COVID lockdowns will be in place. What will happen with the new strains of COVID? What happens if another pandemic shows up? Will there be more demands for the Wheel to remain in place? ***When does temporary become permanent?***

The Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board was right in declaring the Music Concourse a landmark with strict protections. Now this Commission has the opportunity to use that landmarking to protect this remarkable cultural landscape.

We are depending on your knowledge of and commitment to historic preservation to ensure that these precious resources are not lost to the ever-present pressures of development and financial gain. In the long run, it is the City and the people of San Francisco who lose when that happens

It would be ironic if the celebration of the Park ended up in tarnishing the beautiful heart of the Park, the Music Concourse. The 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park will end in a few weeks; so should the Wheel's presence in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Katherine Howard

Katherine Howard, ASLA

Co-Chair

cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Recreation and Park Commission
Planning Commission
Mayor London Breed

[1] "Cincinnati's SkyStar wheel will be replaced" Wetterich, Chris. Cincinnati Business Courier, 2-19-20

[2] <https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.dutchwheels.com/about-us&g=NTFmM2Q1YmU2YTnkZjg1Ng==&h=M2ZiYzkzZTAyMzk1ZTIwMTUzNmY5M2FhMDgyNTlhYTFjNzRmYjE3NDQxYzcxNjk4MDkyNjVhMzlhMjViNGY4ZQ==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbGpvZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2VtYWlsOjg0N2NiMjFjZjliODAwYmIyMjMxZDViNjM1NDM4ZGEzOnYx>

[3] "Future of the SkyStar Ferris wheel uncertain amid pandemic," Andy Brownfield, Cincinnati Business Courier, Jan 27, 2021

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keep the Observation Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:54:57 PM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:51 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Keep the Observation Wheel

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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

I am in favor of the Observation Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park for a few more years. I believe urban parks are the appropriate place to put an attraction like this, instead of requiring San Franciscans to drive long distances for such an experience.

I live in the nearby Haight Ashbury, and since the pandemic started, I have seen our city residents rediscover our parks and appreciate them more fully. The Observation Wheel will continue to draw people to the park and increase the sense of community that has been building over the past year.

Although the Sierra Club opposes keeping the Observation Wheel, and I am a lifetime Sierra Club member, I believe the Sierra Club is misguided on this issue.

Please approve the extension and keep the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park for the extension period.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Solari
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jeffrey@solari.org
(415) 701-9720

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Music Concourse observation wheel Case No. 2019-022126COA-04
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:50:36 PM

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Subject: Music Concourse observation wheel Case No. 2019-022126COA-04

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Dear Stacy and Michelle,

Thank you for the notice about the Historic Preservation Commission's hearing on 2/17/21 regarding the extension of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the SkyStar observation wheel, located at the east end of the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. As I understand it, the Recreation & Parks Department (RPD) has requested two extensions of the Certificate: for two years, from March 2021 until March 2023, for the wheel's operator to recoup COVID-related losses, and for an additional two years, from March 2023 until March 2025, for San Francisco's "economic recovery."

As residents of the Inner Richmond who live adjacent to Golden Gate Park, and as near-daily users of the park, my family and I have several questions related to this matter:

1. What do you anticipate the positive and negative impacts of these extensions will be on the eastern end of Golden Gate Park and the surrounding neighborhoods, especially vis-à-vis vehicle/bicycle/pedestrian traffic?
2. The portion of JFK Drive closest to the Music Concourse--from Kezar Drive to Crossover Drive--was closed to car traffic for the entire (short) time the Skystar was in operation this past summer/fall: if and when JFK reopens to cars, what do you anticipate the impact will

be on the Inner Richmond? I am specifically interested in the intersections at:

- Fulton/Stanyan (near Kezar entrance to the park);
- Fulton/Arguello (near Conservatory of Flowers entrance to the park);
- Fulton/8th (near Concourse entrance from JFK);
- Fulton/10th (Concourse parking garage northern entrance), where we live; and
- Fulton/Park Presidio

3. How do you respond to the Sierra Club's charge that RPD did not conduct sufficient environmental impact review before the wheel's installation and that the SkyStar endangers the park's wildlife?

4. Will the Historic Preservation Commission be considering the extensions separately, i.e., could the Certificate be extended for just the vendor, but not the City's economic recovery? And will the Commission consider shorter terms for the extensions, e.g., one year for the vendor and one year for San Francisco?

5. Are any changes to the SkyStar's operating hours or ticket price being considered in the context of an extension? For example, could the wheel close and turn off its lights earlier than 10PM? Would the vendor consider lowering the current ticket price of \$18 (for people 13 to 64 years old) if an extension were granted?

Thank you,

Hallie Cavallo
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Hallie Loring Cavallo
hcavallo@gmail.com

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Historic Preservation Commission: Remove the ferris wheel from GG PARK
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:49:03 PM
Attachments: [Observation Wheel Extension Hearing 02172021.msg](#)

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From: John Rizzo <jrizzo@sprintmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:28 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Historic Preservation Commission: Remove the ferris wheel from GG PARK

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners:

Please vote to not extend the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. The loud diesel generator that runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is an ear-sore and not in keeping with the historic character of the Museum Concourse.

The noise ruins the experience of the Concourse and spews greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere. Please visit the site yourselves before your vote.

Sincerely,
John Rizzo

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of support: Observation Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:48:29 PM
Attachments: [observation wheel hist prev.pdf](#)

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From: Misha <misha@unitedplayaz.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>; Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of support: Observation Wheel

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Hello Commissioners,

Please find the attached letter from United Playaz Executive Director, Rudy Corpuz Jr., in support of extending the stay of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

In peace,

Misha Olivas
Director of Community and Family Engagement

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:47:57 PM

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From: schrand@bellsouth.net <schrand@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:40 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris Wheel

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I am writing to express my opposition for a renewal/extension for the Ferris Wheel. This park area needs to be maintained and used as a natural park setting and not an amusement park! Please count this as a very strong vote of opposition and do not approve the application.

Ann Fernandez

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Historic Preservation Commission - Skystar Wheel Extention
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:47:38 PM

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From: Patty Lacson <patricia.m.lacson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:39 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Historic Preservation Commission - Skystar Wheel Extention

Please see e-mail below in support of the extension for the wheel in Golden Gate Park.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Taylor, Michelle (CPC)** <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Date: Tue, Feb 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM
Subject: Re: Historic Preservation Commission - Skystar Wheel Extention
To: Patty Lacson <patricia.m.lacson@gmail.com>

Hello Patty,

Thank you for your email.

To ensure that your comments are considered, you may provide written comments directly to the Commission Secretary or call in during the public comment period for this item at the Historic Preservation Commission hearing on February 17.

For email, please send comments directly to the Commission Secretary at commissions.secretary@sfgov.org. The Secretary will then send them to each member of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Information about how to call in during the hearing is available on the Planning website here: <https://sfplanning.org/remotehearings>

Thank you,

**Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner
Northwest Quadrant, Current Planning**

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From: Patty Lacson <patricia.m.lacson@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:31 AM

To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>

Subject: Historic Preservation Commission - Skystar Wheel Extention

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I am writing to express my support for the request to extend the Skystar Wheel. It will be a nice addition to the Music Concourse area and provide a new experience for visitors to Golden Gate Park.

Patty Lacson
Parkside Resident

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:47:00 PM

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From: Robin Kutner <robin.kutner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:59 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I am a Panhandle resident, and the wheel has been a delightful form of recreation for me and my family since it was built. We love seeing it in action, we loved riding it, and we love seeing the beautiful lights at night. I often run in the park alone at night (forced to because of my work schedule), and the bright lights on the music concourse make me feel safer.

The east end of the park is full of fun activities and amusements, such as the carousel, disc golf course, tennis courts, museums, lawn bowling, skate rink, horseshoes, archery, anglers ponds, etc. The ferris wheel adds to that list. The western part of the park is more wild, whimsical, and natural - our peninsula's natural

sand dunes take their shape here. There is truly something for everyone in GGP.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150 Anniversary of our beloved park.

Thank you,
Robin Kutner

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: OPPOSE EXTENSION FOR OBSERVATION WHEEL
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:46:28 PM
Attachments: [Ferris Wheel... 21821 meeting.msg](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)

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From: Nancy DeStefanis <nancyd@sfnature.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:19 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: OPPOSE EXTENSION FOR OBSERVATION WHEEL

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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I am the Executive Director of San Francisco Nature Education.

Besides teaching the public about wild birds in the City, we survey and study the Great Blue Heron Colony that has nested at Stow Lake for the past 27 years.

Currently, ten herons have occupied five nests at Stow Lake as they do each year from January to July.

I strongly oppose the extension of the Observation Wheel because artificial light has been shown to negatively effect the migration of birds as well impact the flight of nearby birds that are residents of the area and that nest nearby.

Four more years of artificial light will certainly have a long term negative effect on bird migrations and local birds who nest in the park and travel the park to forage and catch fish.

Please consider the adverse effects that four more years of 24/7 light will have on the biodiversity of our city.

Sincerely,

Nancy H. DeStefanis

Executive Director, Field Ornithologist

cell: 415-205-0776

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:45:42 PM

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From: Michael Ducker <miradu@miradu.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

We write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of activities and cultural institutions, while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city.

Lastly, activity generated by Wheel visitors will help spur economic recovery both in the neighborhood and, later, in the city as a whole by enticing new visitors to the park first from around San Francisco and then – as COVID restrictions loosen – from around the region and beyond.

For these reasons we believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and we hope it can remain for four more years.

Regards,
Michael Ducker
1949 McAllister St 94115

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel meeting 2/17/21
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:45:16 PM

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From: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:19 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fw: Ferris Wheel meeting 2/17/21

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From: SHEILA STUART <sstuart466@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Cc: Bradley, Stacy (REC) <stacy.bradley@sfgov.org>

Subject: Ferris Wheel meeting 2/17/21

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I received a notice of public hearing about the Ferris Wheel. I have tried to send comments online, but have failed to find how to submit comments... so hopefully this will do.

I feel a 4 year extension is too long. The wheel is totally inappropriate for GG Park: in scale, noise, lights, etc. But given the 150th anniversary, it was OK to do a short term celebratory item. I understand it has been closed, but a two year extension would be plenty of time to let people ride the wheel and the vendor to recoup his losses. He may still be left with losses, but then haven't we all during this Covid Pandemic.

Also two years will give plenty of time for all San Franciscans who are interested to have a ride. As for the ride itself... I did it and most of it was spent loading and unloading passengers... then a fast spin of 2 revolutions and back to loading and unloading. It is expensive and less than thrilling. I doubt many people will be interested in doing it twice.

Also, how can this possibly fall under Historic Preservation?

Thank you,

Sheila Stuart
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"Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!"

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of support for the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:44:47 PM

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From: Ben Metcalfe <mail@benmetcalfe.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:16 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of support for the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ben Metcalfe, I am a home owner and occupier in Golden Gate Heights, San Francisco.

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

From our house we are fortunate to enjoy an expansive view of the Golden Gate Park, including the recent addition of the SkyStar wheel. We have found the evening illumination of the wheel to be a welcome and delightful addition to the skyline.

Regrettably due to COVID we have not been able to ride on the wheel yet but are looking forward to doing so once things return to normal. I am in support of the area between the two museums being used for innovative new activities and attractions for families and other visitors to GGP.

I am originally from London and have witnessed the addition of the London Eye ferris wheel to our

skyline. Initially its addition was met with some resistance, even as a then-temporary fixture designed to be disassembled and reassembled in other cities. However Londoners warmed to it becoming a permanent fixture. Crucially, the London Eye proved that even an incredibly notable and historic skyline like London can benefit from new, innovative landmarks. Today, the London Eye is considered as 'London' as Big Ben or Tower Bridge.

I believe that the SkyStar wheel could and should become a permanent fixture in GGP and the wider San Francisco skyline, just like the London Eye has done there.

I would also urge this committee to consider carefully unsubstantiated claims about light from the wheel having an impact on migratory birds and other similar strange concerns - the people I have seen raise this concern have neither professional accreditations to make such claims nor any prior history demonstrating a concern around avian conservation. This suggests to me that the NIMBY's once again are attempting to halt a culture of progress and innovation within our beloved city - a culture which I feel strongly we should be championing.

My understanding is that the current proposal is a four year extension and I would support not only that proposal but moves to consider making the structure (or one similar/retrofitted) permanent.

Many thanks and best wishes,
Ben Metcalfe

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support Letter for Designation of Lyon-Martin House
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:44:36 PM
Attachments: [Heritage-Support-Lyon-Martin-Designation.pdf](#)

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From: Woody LaBounty <wlabounty@sfheritage.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:11 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; LaValley, Pilar (CPC) <pilar.lavalley@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Cc: Shayne E. Watson (sewatson77@yahoo.com) <sewatson77@yahoo.com>; terry@glbthistory.org; Bintliff, Jacob (BOS) <jacob.bintliff@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Kerri Young <kyoung@sfheritage.org>
Subject: Support Letter for Designation of Lyon-Martin House

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Commissioners,

Please find attached our letter of support for city landmark status of 649-651 Duncan Street, 2020-11305DES on tomorrow's agenda.

Thank you,

Woody LaBounty
San Francisco Heritage
Cell: 415-244-8739



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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support - SkyWheel Permit Extension
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:44:10 PM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)

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From: Klein, Valerie <ValKlein@iheartmedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:26 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of Support - SkyWheel Permit Extension

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Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

Historic Preservation Commissioners, I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I am the Vice President of Marketing + Activation for iHeartMedia San Francisco, a company that owns and operates five FM radio stations and one AM radio station in the Bay Area representing nearly 5 million weekly listeners and citizens. As an official media partner for the SkyStar Wheel, iHeartMedia is proud to support such a unique and much-needed attraction in San Francisco's historic Golden Gate Park. When we offered free tickets for the SkyStar Wheel on our stations, the response was excitement and anticipation amongst our listeners and fans. Given the delay in opening and then the necessary shut down due to COVID, we fully support and encourage the commission to extend SkyStar's operators permit to ensure that Bay Area citizens are fully able to enjoy this amazing attraction.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows, and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but I personally, as well as our listeners are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,

Val Klein

VP Marketing + Activation, iHeartMedia, San Francisco

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VP of Marketing & Activation, San Francisco

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Subject: The Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel issue

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My name is David Miles Jr. I have been an advocate for Golden Gate Park for 42 years. I am a homeowner and have live next to Golden Gate Park in the Richmond District for 40 of those years. I have been involved in most issues that involved the users of the park, mostly via roller skating, but my lifelong love and relationship with the issues with the park go much deeper.

Last year, before Covid 19 turned our world upside down, many of us who love Golden Gate Park were preparing for a grand celebration, the 150th anniversary of the creation of Golden Gate Park. The SF Rec and Parks Department reached out to a myriad of groups, park advocates, community organizers and the roller skating community to be a part of the celebration. When talk about the Big Sky Ferris Wheel coming to the park was announced as part of the effort, it was like a rainbow shining over a wonderful celebration.

Then came Covid 19. No gatherings. Gyms, theaters, nightclubs, everything we all take for granted closed. People getting sick and dying, jobs lost, businesses closed, people losing their homes and more. Then came George Floyd, and then the election. How much crap can be heaped upon a population before they crack?

The S.F Rec and Parks Dept. has recognized the immense pressure San Franciscans are living under. The 24 hour closing to cars on Kennedy Drive in Golden Gate Park has given thousands of people a much needed stress release valve. The Slow Streets program has had the same effect. Even with a 10 P.M. curfew in the park, people are able to have somewhere to go that's happy, where you can keep yourself healthy both mentally and physically. The addition of the Observation Ferris Wheel in the park has put an exclamation point on the kind of fantastic experiences that the park is providing the people of San Francisco during these terrible times. This is desperately needed as we are still facing the hardships of life as we all move forward.

Not only am I writing a letter of support for keeping the Ferris Wheel in the park, but I will be one of the speakers at the hearings on Wednesday, February 17th at 12:30pm. Why? Because this is not just a simple Ferris Wheel in the park. This Ferris Wheel in the park is serving as a symbol of hope that the day is coming when we'll be back to normal. It makes me smile every time I see it lit up and spinning. I will help in the fight to keep it in the park for the next four years.

Keep Rollin',

D. Miles Jr

The GodFather of Skate

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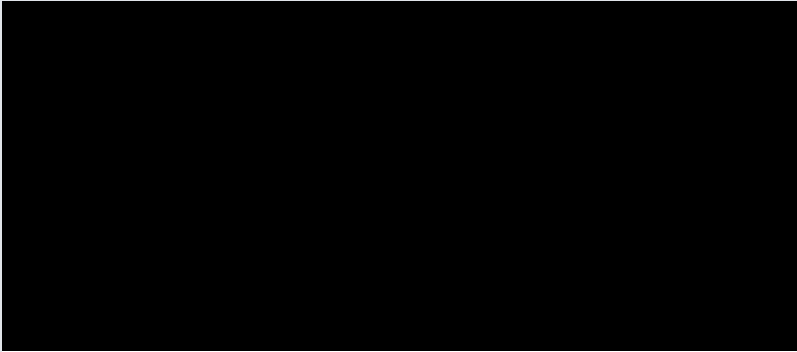
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Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel

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To the Historic Preservation and Recreation & Park Commissioners,

I write in support of a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of activities and cultural institutions, while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

In addition, the plan to distribute 16,000 Wheel tickets to San Francisco's most underserved residents over the next four years of its stay helps make Golden Gate Park a more inviting place, and the use of some wheel proceeds for cultural performances on the Bandshell and in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater will make parks more welcoming for all from our diverse city.

Lastly, activity generated by Wheel visitors will help spur economic recovery both in the neighborhood and, later, in the city as a whole by enticing new visitors to the park first from around San Francisco and then – as COVID restrictions loosen – from around the region and beyond.

For these reasons I believe the Wheel provides great benefit to Golden Gate Park and San Francisco, and I hope it can remain for four more years.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Moscone Chief Producer
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment for 2/17 HPC Meeting
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To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment for 2/17 HPC Meeting

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Dear Secretary,

I plan to attend tomorrow's HPC meeting but, b/c I have dental surgery in the morning, I (literally) will not be able to make public comment. In lieu of verbal public comment, I wish to submit this video, and thank you in advance for sharing it with the Commission.

Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMml-8kPbuA&feature=youtu.be>

Best, Josh

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Josh Klipp, Esq.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Sierra club - Oppose Wheel - Additional arguments against the Observation Wheel Extension
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 3:22:05 PM
Attachments: [2021-02-15 Sierra Club - Additional comments - Oppose Observation Wheel -.pdf](#)

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Subject: Sierra club - Oppose Wheel - Additional arguments against the Observation Wheel Extension

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,
Attached and below please find **a new letter from the Sierra Club with additional arguments** against extending the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse.
Thank you for your consideration.

Arthur Feinstein

Member, Sierra Club California Executive Committee
Chair, Sierra Club California Conservation Committee Board
Member, SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee



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Historic Preservation Commission
Planning Department, City and County of San Francisco
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Subject: Oppose Observation Wheel extension - additional arguments.

Commission President Aaron Jon Hyland,

The Sierra Club strenuously opposes a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel remaining in the Music Concourse. We have sent previous letters to this effect, but feel compelled to outline our reasons and add some additional arguments.

Economic issues:

- The Department of Recreation and Park proposal that Golden Gate Park and the Music Concourse should 'make whole' either an out-of-state or a local business is **a dangerous concept to apply to a historic property**. Putting business and commercial interests ahead of historic preservation threatens the future of not only the Music Concourse but also all of San Francisco's historic properties.

Historic issues:

- The Observation Wheel is not natural by any stretch of the imagination and does not enhance the experience of Golden Gate Park as an **historic landscape park**.
- The Observation Wheel was originally proposed by the Department of Recreation and Park as an attraction that would bring people into Golden Gate Park during the 150th Anniversary Celebration. However, during COVID and before the Wheel was operational, local residents flooded into Golden Gate Park and **enjoyed Golden Gate Park as parkland, its primary historic use**.

Environmental issues:

- The Observation Wheel was installed **without an adequate environmental review**.
- In effect, a four-year extension is a "**creeping project approval**." The impacts may be tolerable for a few months, but if the project is to continue for years, it deserves a full CEQA review, that is, an Environmental Impact Report.
- **Wildlife needs darkness**. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night. The increased artificial lighting and generator noise and fumes have a negative impact on this valuable habitat.
- **The Wheel will have a negative impact** on birds - migrating and resident - as well as on insects, bats, and other wildlife living in and migrating through the Park. Scientific studies have consistently demonstrated this fact. We expect that **an independent, unbiased Environmental Impact Report will sustain that conclusion**.

Environmental justice and equity:

- The Sierra Club is committed to environmental justice and equity. We support **environmental education and free access to nature close to home for the under-served communities** that

cannot afford to travel out of town to experience national parks or other natural amenities.

People cannot have that experience if nature is continuously infringed upon and damaged by artificial attractions.

- Giving out free tickets to those groups that a City department favors does not mean that this is an attraction available to everyone. On the other hand, **Golden Gate Park and the Music Concourse are free to all.**
- When the de Young re-opens, **the equally tall Tower will be free to everyone**, without depending on the largesse of the Department of Recreation and Park.

Please do not extend the time that the Observation Wheel is in the Music Concourse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur Feinstein

Arthur Feinstein

Member, Sierra Club California Executive Committee
Chair, Sierra Club California Conservation Committee
Board Member, SF Bay Chapter Executive Committee

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Blight in GG Park
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:24:11 PM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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Subject: Blight in GG Park

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I urge that the responsible San Francisco agencies disapprove the extension of the agreement to remove the ferris wheel in March 2021. This structure, its size, and the light pollution in the Music Concourse are a visual blight on our beautiful park. Even worse, the outsize structure and its lighting are diminishing the biodiversity that our park and open spaces should be fostering.

Respectfully

Edward Conley
39 Pond Street
San Francisco, 94114

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Extend the Sky Wheel Contract
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Subject: Extend the Sky Wheel Contract

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I live in the outer Richmond and walk with my dogs by the Sky Wheel frequently. I also run early morning in the park, so I get to enjoy the Sky Wheel at all hours. I love the Sky Wheel! It is really beautiful and inviting.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are

looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

Please extend the Sky Wheel another 4 years.

Sincerely,

Gina Edwards

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I strongly support four more years of the Observation Wheel.
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:23:03 PM

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Subject: I strongly support four more years of the Observation Wheel.

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Dear Commissioners,

As a parent, Golden Gate Park lover and neighbor, and the author of *Golden Gate Park, An A to Z Adventure*, I wanted to share my enthusiastic support for the continuation of the Observation Wheel for four more years.

The Observation Wheel has already proven to be right on-the-mark as an addition to Golden Gate Park.

1. It's brought a safe and family-friendly atmosphere to the Music Concourse in the evenings, making it a destination beyond just daytime. Now that JFK Drive is closed to vehicle traffic, it's created a really special, new, and safe experience for people during a time with such limited options. I never used to come into the park at night, but now I do with my kids!

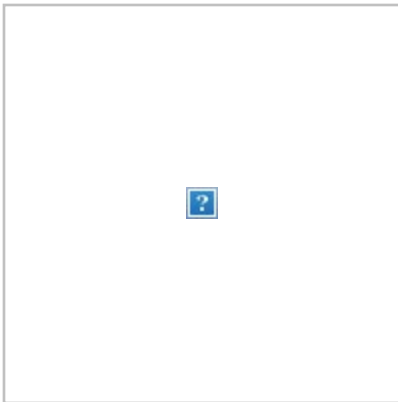
2. It feels very historically appropriate. The California Midwinter Exposition in Golden Gate Park in 1894 brought joy and boosted economic growth, and this seems right in line with that. There was even a ferris wheel back then, and I love that we have this gorgeous one today -- a modern spin on a beloved old-fashioned ride.

3. The impact is minimal on the park. Compared with other major music festivals, for example, the Observation Wheel can serve so many people over time without straining park resources. We have this incredible Music Concourse, and I think it's fantastic that it's getting used and enjoyed in additional ways.

4. Finally, I want to share that I rode the Observation Wheel with my family before it had to close. It was a memory we will always have, and it gave new perspective on a place we love. It felt like such an appropriate, uplifting experience within the park. Having it run for four years will ensure every family who wants to can make this same memory.

Thank you for your time and service,
Marta Lindsey

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel (Proponent)
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:09:29 PM
Attachments: [Fwd Case Number 2019-022126COA-04 55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive..msg](#)
[Historic Preservation Commission Support Ferris Wheel.msg](#)
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From: Paul L. <plpuffins@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel (Proponent)

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing directly to you because I support allowing the Ferris Wheel to remain in Golden Gate Park for another three years or until the operators want to leave. Also, I'm writing directly because I could not find a way to submit my comment on the website without spamming everyone. Thank you.

Paul Louie
108 Dorado Terrace
San Francisco, Ca. 94112

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Sky Wheel Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:08:49 PM

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Subject: Sky Wheel Golden Gate Park

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing to ask for your support of extending the SkyStar Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park for another four years.

Born and raised in San Francisco, I've spent countless hours exploring all that Golden Gate Park has to offer both kids and adults alike. I've witnessed the many changes that have been made to the Park over the years and enjoyed discovering new additions, preservations, repairs and improvements. The latest being the construction of the sky view observation wheel.

With the advent of the COVID pandemic, the wheel was opened briefly then closed for the health and safety of riders and operators. Along with so many others, I didn't get the opportunity to ride the wheel. The view of the Park, the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco from that vantage point must be spectacular. What a way to promote travel to San Francisco and to the revitalization of businesses in our city.

Once COVID restrictions are lifted and it is safe to get out again, many locals like me and visitors from all over will be eager to take a ride on the Wheel. I hope you will approve an extension for another four years.

Best regards,
Gerald Yim

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel extension
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a 15-year resident of the Sunset, I'm thrilled that there's a new attraction for my family and friends to enjoy. And as part of the local marketing team working with SkyStar, I'm excited to help promote another way for Bay Area residents to enjoy Golden Gate Park during a very tough year.

I work with many organizations in the Bay Area to promote their events and attractions, and I don't believe I've ever seen the level of excitement that I've witnessed with the Observation Wheel. I've had friends from all across the Bay Area take their families and tell me they are making plans to return. I've heard neighbors comment on how it adds joy and whimsy to the Park they love. And I know local business owners in both the Richmond and Sunset who feel hopeful about the foot traffic it will bring to the West side of the City once it reopens.

The past year has been a challenge for so many, particularly those of us with young children. Having a fun, COVID-safe outdoor activity in the neighborhood has been a ray of light for many of us who live nearby.

Thank you,

Mary Rickles
Sunset resident

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE AT THE SF MARKET IN THE BAYVIEW
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:39:04 AM
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Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 11:38 AM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
Contact: San Francisco Joint Information Center, dempres@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****
**SAN FRANCISCO LAUNCHES COVID-19 VACCINATION
SITE AT THE SF MARKET IN THE BAYVIEW**

The City is partnering with Sutter Health to operate a high-volume vaccination site at the SF Market in the Bayview, which will further ramp up as supply increases

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton, and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced the launch of a third high-volume vaccination site in San Francisco. The site, which opened Monday at the SF Market in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood at 901 Rankin Street, advances San Francisco's efforts to get as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible. As with other vaccination sites in San Francisco, the SF Market location will initially offer vaccinations to people 65 and older and healthcare workers. Due to current supply constraints, the initial doses given per day will be limited, but the site is ready to expand rapidly once supply increases.

This new location, which is operated by the City and staffed in partnership with Sutter Health, is the third high-volume vaccination site that San Francisco and health care partners have opened in the past month. Two additional high-volume vaccination sites are located at the Moscone Center and the City College of San Francisco. These high-volume sites serve anyone who meets their eligibility requirements regardless of health coverage, by appointment only, and are part of San Francisco's network of vaccination sites to facilitate the quick and efficient delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

The City's network of vaccination sites includes targeted efforts to ensure communities most

highly-impacted by COVID-19 receive equitable access to the vaccine. The Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood has had the highest rate of cases throughout this pandemic, and one of the highest number of deaths due to COVID-19. The City's efforts include neighborhood vaccine access sites, San Francisco Department of Public Health's (DPH) community clinics, mobile vaccination teams, and partnerships with pharmacies.

"With this site at the SF Market, we're bringing access to the vaccine closer to people who live in the Bayview Hunters Point area and the southeast of the city," said Mayor London Breed. "Throughout this pandemic, we've made sure our City's response to COVID-19 is equitable, and we're continuing that work by locating vaccination sites in the communities that have been hit the hardest. Supply remains very limited right now, but we're making sure that we have the infrastructure in place throughout our city, and we're prepared to vaccinate at least 10,000 people per day once we start receiving more doses."

The SF Market vaccination site will initially operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by appointment only. Due to the limited vaccine supply at this time, appointments for the first week of operations will be by invitation only. Once vaccine supply becomes more available, appointments and hours at SF Market will expand. People 65 and older and healthcare workers can make an appointment regardless of their health coverage status or provider by going to [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated) and booking an appointment through [Sutter's My Health Online](#) portal. Those who do not have access to a computer can schedule an appointment through Sutter's call center at 844-987-6115.

"We wanted to make sure that the COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed and administered equitably. We wanted to ensure the vaccine is available in neighborhoods where we have seen higher numbers of individuals contracting the virus," said Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton. "Having a high volume vaccination site in District 10, and partnering with the SF Market in Bayview, demonstrates we are committed to the health and safety of communities disproportionately affected by the virus. We will continue to fight for vaccine accessibility for everyone."

The opening of this site will allow the City and Sutter Health to effectively build the vaccination infrastructure needed so that when more vaccine supply is available it can be quickly, efficiently, and equitably distributed. The SF Market vaccination site will begin with an initial launch to test operations, establish successful processes, and ensure safety for patients and workers. While vaccine supply remains the limiting factor in the short-term, the site will have the capacity to vaccinate more than 1,000 people per day once fully operational. Appointments are required and will remain limited in the short-term due to the constrained and unpredictable vaccine supply coming to San Francisco.

The SF Market location is designed to allow for multiple providers to provide vaccination concurrently. Starting on Thursday, the City will also be providing additional vaccinations, administered by DPH and the San Francisco Fire Department, to vaccinate people 65 and older who live in the Bayview.

"The opening of this high-volume vaccination site at the SF Market represents an important milestone in our ongoing efforts to build a robust and flexible vaccine distribution system," said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Public Health. "This is our third high volume vaccination site and it will be a critical asset for achieving the twin goals of administering the vaccine at scale and making sure that the vaccine is accessible to neighborhoods like the Bayview that

have been highly impacted by COVID and that are underserved by the existing healthcare system. Vaccine supply coming to San Francisco continues to be insufficient to vaccinate all eligible populations, but we are working tirelessly to establish a distribution infrastructure that will allow us to swiftly and equitably distribute every dose of the vaccine that we receive.”

“As an integrated network, Sutter has moved swiftly to establish and expand several large-scale vaccinations sites across Northern California,” said Rob Nordgren, M.D., area CEO for Sutter Bay Medical Foundation in the Peninsula and San Francisco regions. “Community-based clinics, like the one we’re opening in the Bayview neighborhood today, will increase access to residents of disproportionately affected neighborhoods and are an important part of our commitment to continue to deploy as much vaccine as possible to all eligible patients, as supply allows.”

“This site was selected to support a community that has been leaving home to go to work every day since this pandemic began,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management. “We are pleased to offer vaccine here this week to those in Phase 1a and are excited to expand eligibility to essential service workers soon, especially at a location in the Southeast section of the city where so many live and work.”

“The San Francisco Fire Department is proud to continue the effort to fight COVID-19 under the leadership of Mayor London Breed,” said San Francisco Fire Chief Jeanine Nicholson. “Our members stand ready to vaccinate as many people as possible in the coming days, weeks and months. The opening of this Bayview site is another step towards getting our City fully opened.”

The SF Market, formerly called the SF Wholesale Produce Market, is a wholesale marketplace that connects growers and their produce to food businesses throughout the Bay Area. The 23-acre campus is home to 28 merchant businesses and more than 1,000 employees. The vaccination site at 901 Rankin is an 82,000-square-foot LEED Gold Certified warehouse and was completed as part of the SF Market Reinvestment Project in 2014.

“We are delighted to lend a hand to the City during this critical time,” said Eli Zigas, President, Board of Directors, The SF Market. “The SF Market’s infrastructure is an important resource for our city, region and state, and we are proud to support the economic and social recovery from the pandemic.”

This new site complements existing vaccination sites located in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood and people who live in neighborhoods most impacted by COVID-19, including:

- **Southeast Health Center** (2401 Keith Street)
 - Drop-in vaccinations available for people 65 and older living in the following zip codes: 94107, 94110, 94112, 94124, and 94134
 - 7 days a week, 9:00am to 3:00pm

- **Zuckerberg San Francisco General** (1001 Potrero Avenue, Learning Center, Building 30 on the 2nd floor (off 23rd Street))
 - Drop-in vaccinations available for people 65 and older living in the following zip codes: 94107, 94110, 94112, 94124, and 94134
 - 7 days a week, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Additional sites are located at the City College of San Francisco, Moscone Center, San Francisco State University, and at DPH community clinics. The City has developed a webpage for people who live and work in San Francisco to find vaccination sites in San Francisco and book appointments. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated).

Last week, Mayor Breed announced that starting February 24, COVID-19 vaccines will be offered to individuals identified as eligible for vaccination in Phase 1B, Tier 1 of California's population prioritization plan. This includes people who work in the education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors.

This expansion into Phase 1B, Tier 1 is occurring as San Francisco, in partnership with healthcare providers, continues to expand its vaccine infrastructure but vaccine supply remains limited. Phase 1B, Tier 1 is comprised of more than 115,000 individuals who live or work in San Francisco, in addition to the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65 and older who are currently eligible.

Anyone who works or lives in San Francisco can sign up for a notification when they are eligible for vaccination at [SF.gov/vaccinenotify](https://sf.gov/vaccinenotify). The City will continue to provide regular updates to the public about the vaccine in San Francisco at: [SF.gov/covidvaccine](https://sf.gov/covidvaccine).

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:38:59 AM
Attachments: [Keep The Park Dark.msg](#)

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From: Britt Lauer <britt@weplayers.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:18 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a site integrated theatre company who performed our 2018 *Caesar Maximus* at the Music Concourse, we have a special understanding of the vitality and uniqueness that is that space. So many of our audience members remarked that they'd only walked through the Music Concourse en route to the de Young or Cal Academy and didn't even know what the space was called. We're so excited that this special space now has its very own attraction.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, we are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, we hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best Regards,
We Players

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Britt Lauer
(She/Her/Hers)
Associate Producer
www.weplayers.org

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park - Sky Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:37:31 AM

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From: Liz Farrell <lizbriggsfarrell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:04 AM
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Subject: Golden Gate Park - Sky Wheel

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My name is Liz Farrell and I am an avid park user. I am also the Board Chair for the San Francisco Parks Alliance. Our family celebrated my son's 13th birthday by going to Golden Gate Park for a picnic and a ride on the wheel. My 3 children still talk about how fun it was. Unfortunately, the city shutdown before more people could enjoy it.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. There is biking, hiking, bird watching and meadows but the addition of the Wheel has brought so much joy and

we all could use more joy these days.

My family and I are looking forward to going back to the Wheel when it is able to safely reopen. However, even these past few months when it has been closed it has been a nice place to visit and we love seeing it lit up at night. As a park advocate and avid supporter of Golden Gate Park, I am also encouraged that the free tickets for RPD scholarship recipients will continue- allowing new visitors to our beloved park.

I strongly urge you to extend this contract and the opportunity for all San Franciscans to enjoy this experience, and to extend the celebration of the rich 150-year history of Golden Gate Park into the future.

Best,
Liz Farrell
SF Parks Alliance Board Chair
925-984-9405

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2/17/21 HPC Meeting Item D.7. 2019-022126COA-04, Landmark No. 249, Music Concourse
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:34:08 AM
Attachments: [2 13 21 GGP Observation Wheel.docx](#)

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From: Courtney Damkroger <cdamkroger@hotmail.com>
Date: Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 3:17 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>, CPC-Commissions Secretary
<commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: 2/17/21 HPC Meeting Item D.7. 2019-022126COA-04, Landmark No. 249, Music Concourse

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Please find the attached comment letter.

Thank you,

Courtney Damkroger

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please vote to remove the wheel by March 2021 as originally agreed
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:32:55 AM

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From: Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 8:43 AM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please vote to remove the wheel by March 2021 as originally agreed

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you to ask that you please not extend the operating agreement for the "temporary" ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. It was controversial even as a temporary event, and uncomfortably out of place in our historic Golden Gate Park. I hope that the Historic Preservation Commission will protect the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park. Rec and Park seems to see our park as land that is ripe for development, ignoring its historic importance to San Francisco residents and McLaren's vision.

I was very shocked to learn that we have already lost the west end of the park from the National Register of Historic Places due to the placement of the artificial turf soccer fields by the Rec and Park Department. Are we headed toward losing more historic designation, this time in the heart of the park, by creating a permanent amusement park?

Golden Gate Park is home to birds and animals, and is a green refuge for San Francisco residents who do not have their own green spaces. San Franciscans who use the park enjoy those birds and animals. It is a

precious urban resource. However, the diesel generator for the ferris wheel is loud and smelly and seems to be on all the time. The garish lights on the wheel are being used to produce an extremely bright light show at night, disruptive to the wildlife in the park, and more suited to a carnival. These lights should be turned off soon after sunset.

It appears that very bright expensive lights have also been added to the Music Concourse bandshell. Rec and Park spends our bond money to create a carnival space, while ignoring nature.

Our Covid crisis will not be resolved soon. As the anxiously awaited vaccines start to be rolled out, we can see that the process will be slow and there will be many problems extending long into 2021 or 2022. The carnival wheel places people together in small compartments which is less than ideal. This is another reason for a prompt removal.

Please vote to remove the wheel as scheduled in March, 2021.
The amusement park wheel should stay "temporary" and depart soon.

Thanks for your service on the Historic Preservation Commission!

Pam Hemphill MD
SF

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: OPPPOSE extension of the Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:32:35 AM

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From: Ann McPherson <annmc@hotmail.com>
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 1:48 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: OPPPOSE extension of the Wheel

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February 15, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

I oppose any extension of the Skystar Observation Wheel within the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. The Wheel was brought to the Concourse to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park. This celebration is now over. We've seen the Wheel displayed at the end of the Music Concourse for almost a year. It is now time to remove the Wheel and restore the Music Concourse to its quiet, tranquil and historic grandeur. The Golden Gate Park is historically a landscape park, not an amusement park.

In this pandemic time, we desperately need respite in quiet natural areas such as Golden Gate Park. The Wheel utilizes an 85-decibel diesel generator that runs 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. Although the Wheel has been closed to passengers since November 29, 2020 the loud noise from the diesel generator has been continuous since Oct. 16, 2020. The noise from this generator has totally destroyed the peace and quiet within the Music Concourse and permeates the entire area. It now feels and sounds like an industrial zone. Many people practice tai chi, bike, walk, exercise, and enjoy sitting in the Music Concourse. These activities are no longer pleasurable due to the continuous noise from the generator. This noise gives me a severe headache and I cannot practice tai chi or spend time in the Music Concourse now. To allow the diesel generator to ruin the quiet, peaceful tranquility of the Music Concourse is an irresponsible and harmful act.

I am not alone. Many other people, and most certainly birds and animals, are also impacted by the noise. Quietness – particularly in an urban park – benefits all life and is something precious that should be preserved, and not willfully destroyed.

To grant Skystar a four-year extension to a one-year permit is wrong – particularly given the many detrimental impacts we now recognize that were never formally evaluated including: noise pollution, air pollution, and impacts to birds, animals, insects from the bright flashing lights.

It is time to remove the Wheel – as was promised last year – and restore peace and tranquility to the Music Concourse. I urge the Commission to OPPOSE the extension of the Wheel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann McPherson

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:32:24 AM

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From: David Romano <droma4@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 3:19 PM
To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>
Cc: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>, "Commission, Recpark (REC)" <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>, CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>, "Breed, Mayor London (MYR)" <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>, "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposed to the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse

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Dear Commissioner Hyland:

Thank you for your original decision to allow the Observation Wheel for one year only. I am writing to ask you not to allow the Observation Wheel to stay in the Music Concourse or anywhere in Golden Gate Park. The Observation Wheel and attendant lighting are not in keeping with the Park's character or function. A better way to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park would be to keep the Park as dark and quiet as safety allows. We should honor the natural environment of the Park. **The Observation Wheel is inappropriate for this historic setting. We should not be sending a message that carnival attractions are more important than the peace and quiet of the Park.**

The Observation Wheel was only supposed to be in place for one year -- that year is up in March. Now Rec and Park is asking that it stay there for four more years. The Wheel is an intrusive structure that can be seen above the treeline from miles away. It has bright LEDs that stay lit until late every night. They are powered by a noisy diesel generator that runs 24/7. **The noise and fumes from the diesel generator should not be part of the Music Concourse experience.**

Rec and Park claims that extending the Wheel four more years will attract tourists to Golden Gate Park and promote local business interests, but that is speculative, and questionable, with COVID

cases declining and more businesses and venues opening up. San Francisco needs to commit to conserving the environment. We should not be selling out Golden Gate Park so a vendor can operate their amusement park ride.

Our future, and the future of planet Earth, depend on mitigating the impact of human activity on the natural environment. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find a refuge. Wildlife needs darkness at night. The increased artificial lighting from the Wheel has a negative impact on birds and other wildlife. In fact, people are also adversely affected by artificial light pollution at night.

Please do not grant an extension of time for the Wheel to stay in Golden Gate Park.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

David Romano
San Francisco, CA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:43:37 AM
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From: Elizabeth Hollinger <Bycbet@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 4:12 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission Members:

I write to support the designation of the home of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin as a San Francisco local landmark. For decades, they played an integral role in the movement to protect the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community. During their lifetime, their home was a place of refuge and a gathering place to support advocacy efforts for the equality of the LGBTQ+ community, serving as the location of countless meetings of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's first lesbian rights organization founded in the 1950s. The couple also were pioneers in the fight for marriage equality.

A survey of San Francisco's LGBTQ+ cultural heritage released in 2015 recommended the designation of the Lyon-Martin House as a local historic landmark. The significance of the property has also been recognized by the National Park Service and is included in the agency's publication entitled "LGBTQ America: A Theme Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History," a guide intended to increase the number historic sites that reflect LGBTQ+ history that is included in historic registers nationwide.

In San Francisco, and across the country, historic places that reflect the history of the LGBTQ+ community are underrepresented on registries of historic properties. There is a need to identify and preserve more LGBTQ+ historic sites, including sites of lesbian history and activism, to ensure that the entire community's history is acknowledged and included as a part of the full American story. The local landmarking of the Lyon-Martin House would be a positive first step in ensuring its long-term preservation.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Hollinger

NORRISTOWN, PA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Lyons-Martin House Letter of Support
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:42:38 AM
Attachments: [Lyons-Martin House letter.pdf](#)

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Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 8:51 AM
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Cc: Ionin, Jonas (CPC) <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; swilliamson@savingplaces.org; pedmondson@savingplaces.org
Subject: Lyons-Martin House Letter of Support

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Please add the attached letter to your files on the Lyons-Martin House, in support of its designation as a San Francisco Historic Landmark.

Cordially,
MM

Mary Means
703 582 9165

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: CNPS Society response to RPD request for "partners" to support the extension
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:42:27 AM

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From: SF Parc <sfparc@earthlink.net>
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Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: CNPS Society response to RPD request for 'partners' to support the extension

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Commissioners,

Please see below the California Native Plant Society Yerba Buena chapter's response to RPD's in-house sponsored outreach for support of the wheel.

(We have been given permission to share this letter.)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: CNPS Yerba Buena <yerba.buena.cnps.chapter@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Call to Action for Golden Gate Park
Date: February 12, 2021 at 1:35:16 PM PST
To: "Sun, Susan (REC)" <susan.sun@sfgov.org>

Thanks for sharing this Susan.

I'm writing on behalf of the California Native Plant Society Yerba Buena chapter. Our chapter which represents San Francisco has well over 600

members , our parent organization over 11,000 state wide. Our organization has submitted comments about the proposed extension.

We have joined many other SF local conservation science organizations in OPPOSING the extension of the ferris wheel contract. Scientists know, based on abundant peer reviewed studies (some of which have been shared with various SF RPD commissions) of the major negative impacts of night lighting on nature. Along with the night light pollution the ferris wheel has been emitting, abundant air and noise pollution has been emanating into the normally nocturnally dark portions of the park, far from the ferris wheel location, even during the idle cycles.

We consider it a great irony that SF RPD is going back on it's word to limit the ferris wheel operation even as the city pursues its Climate Action Plan which includes a "healthy ecosystems" chapter. Oh my, that's some disconnect!

When the ferris wheel was proposed and the community began to realize the environmental impacts, one of the reasons that our organizations did not strongly oppose at that time was the explicit promise that it would be limited to a short amount of time explicitly for the 150th Golden Gate Park celebration. Timing is key to biological functions, especially birds and so we gave it a pass. Celebrations should have clear beginning and end points and this one's time has come and gone. That anniversary opportunity is indeed a lost celebration, but on the pandemic scale of things, not in the top 1,000 of most residents list. We were further assured when first proposed of the calendar limitations for this amusement ride. This surprise extension is so disappointing. Trust has been broken in this regard.

We find the arguments that the extension will support the city's economic recovery as well as the claim that "crime has been reduced" due to the lighting to be exaggeration and fabrication. Can the city produce statistics that support this claim? That attracting more people to the park at night increases criminal activity is just common sense. Studies have shown that direct lighting does not deter crime. In fact, artificial lighting can cause "night blindness" for humans making it increasingly difficult to see into shadows. People who wilderness camp and criminals know this.

Furthermore, we are very curious about the funding involved and its sources to create and manage this impressive "four more years" campaign. Especially at a time when so many budgets for basic park necessities and maintenance are being slashed. The distribution of this plea through the 150th GGP anniversary event participant email list is also ethically questionable. Again, the anniversary event, along with so many others for virtually everyone, was lost. Share this letter with that list and we'll forgive that indiscretion.

Our community, more than ever, requires nature immersion for its well known healing properties. San Francisco has a long, sad history of biodiversity loss due to poor planning and policy. Isn't it time to start listening to peer reviewed science, try to save what we have left and build on that core?

Eddie Bartley
CNPS Yerba Buena, President

On Fri, Feb 12, 2021 at 11:41 AM Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org> wrote:

Dear Community Partner –

While the Golden Gate Park 150 festivities were not the events we planned, we are grateful for your partnership and shared love of our beloved park which has been such a source of respite and joy in these difficult times. One highlight of the birthday celebrations is the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse, which added a joyous activity in the park's developed east end. These activities in combination with the park's hundreds of acres of trails and woodlands and meadows for people to enjoy nature give everybody something to do in Golden Gate Park!

Originally slated to open April 4th, 2020 the pandemic delayed the Wheel opening to late October, only for it to be halted 39 days later due to tighter health restrictions. The Wheel is still closed today.

Next Wednesday the 17th and Thursday the 18th the Historic Preservation Commission and Recreation and Park Commission will consider a request to extend the operation of the temporary Observation Wheel for an additional four years – 2 years to offset the financial hardship of the Wheel vendor and an additional 2 years to support the economic recovery of neighborhood merchants and cultural institutions and museums within the park. Extending the Wheel permit will also allow continue the spirit of: "Golden Gate Park is Everybody's Park" because the Wheel operator has generously offered to continue providing 500 free tickets a month, or a total of 16,000 tickets for families from the city's most

underserved communities.

We are asking for your support of the extension most importantly by submitting letters of support today or this weekend and, if possible, by also calling in to speak at both meetings. Attached is a template with information about how to do both and the information is also here:

MEETING INFORMATION

- **Historic Preservation Commission: Wednesday, February 17th at 12:30pm**
 - Agenda https://sfplanning.org/sites/default/files/agendas/2021-02/20210217_hpc.pdf
 - Stream at <https://sfgovtv.org/planning>
 - **Public Comment:** (415) 655-0001 / Access Code: 187 731 7450 then press #. If prompted for an Attendee ID, just press #

- **Recreation & Park Full Commission: Thursday, February 18th at 10am**
 - **Agenda-** <https://sfrecpark.org/DocumentCenter/View/16003/012121-commission>
 - **Public Comment:** To join by phone: +1.415.655.0001, Access Code: 146 872 9370

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For more information, please feel free to contact me
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In partnership,

Susan Sun

Assistant Director, Partnerships

Please note I am out of the office on Wednesdays

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: February 17, 2021 San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Item 7- Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel - No Extension
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:36:03 AM
Attachments: [Public Hearing 2172021.msg](#)
[Opposing Observation Wheel Extension.msg](#)
[Four year extension of the giant Observation Wheel at Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Alert HPC Comment OPPOSE Observation Wheel Permit Amendment.msg](#)
[Opposition to Observation Ferris Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
[Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park SkyStar Observation Wheel.msg](#)
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From: noreen@naturetrip.com <noreen@naturetrip.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 11:00 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: February 17, 2021 San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Item 7- Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel - No Extension

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February 15, 2021

San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission
Commissions.Secretary@sfgov.org

**Re: February 17, 2021 San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Item 7- Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel – No Extension**

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to express these comments to oppose an extension of the operation

of the observation wheel in Golden Gate Park. I appreciate that the Commission granted the operation for a single year. The year will conclude March, 2021.

This wheel was to be a celebratory amusement for the 150 anniversary of the park. The year of the anniversary of Golden Gate Park is over. It is not appropriate for continued bright lights at night and noisy operation 24 hours a day in Golden Gate Park. This park is for residents and visitors to experience nature. The park has been especially important during the pandemic to relax or take a walk and enjoy fresh air, listen to birds, and to connect with nature. Artificial light at night and 24 hours of diesel generator noise are not a relaxing experience.

The continued operation of this generator powered, brightly lit Ferris wheel is in opposition to the City's biodiversity resolution and the current efforts for a Climate Action Plan.

As a longtime resident of the city, I am one of many people that enjoys bird watching in Golden Gate Park. There have been over 200 species of birds documented in Golden Gate Park. While some birds live in the park year round, others stop there during their migration north to breed; other birds come to the park each spring to breed. The State of Birds report for North American revealed that 30% of North America's birds have been lost over the past 50 years. [1] This is happening in our lifetime! The spring migration of birds starts in February. Many birds migrate at night and depend on the moon and stars to navigate. Light pollution, especially during storms, can draw birds off course. This wastes precious energy that is needed for their migration and breeding. [2] The light and noise from the operation of the observation wheel disrupts birds that should be resting to complete their migration and for the nesting season. Artificial light can reveal nests within the park to predators like raccoons. Concluding the observation wheel as agreed upon in March, 2021 will minimize these risks to birds.

I urge you to hold to the original agreement, deny the extension and order the removal of this observation wheel.

Thank you,

Noreen Weeden

Noreen Weeden

[1] <https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.stateofthebirds.org/2019/download-pdf-report/&g=NDI3ZTUxZTg3ZWVxNzM2Nw==&h=NzM0YTI3MTM1MTRkNGQxMGQyZmQ0NjQyNGU4NGZkM2ZhNjI5YT A5MjQyMTE5MmMzOTUwODgzYjI4YzJhY2YxYQ==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbGpvZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2 VtYWlsOmJmZjhlMzU2MThkM2JlMDA1NGMxNmQxZmFkZjZjMTZjOnYx>

[1] <https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.darksky.org/light-pollution-poses-threat-to-migrating-birds/&g=ZmFIMzk3ODM1OTJmYml3OQ==&h=M2Q4NwVhMjBkMGUxYzZc4OGI4YjkyNTgzNjVhNzgz1Z jE5OWM1NWJhZDU2OWY2NWU5NGFjYjYyZmFkZjZjMTZjOnYx==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbGpvZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2 VtYWlsOmJmZjhlMzU2MThkM2JlMDA1NGMxNmQxZmFkZjZjMTZjOn Yx>

[1] <https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.stateofthebirds.org/2019/download-pdf-report/&g=MTRhOWM0Zjc5ODRkZjUyNw==&h=NjdiNjUyNm11YTY5NjZiYjViMGE2ZjRmMzVkYjBhNGM1MjdmYjFiODAyNDhmNGVKNmExYjc5NDYxZjJhNWVlZQ==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbJpvZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2VtYWIsOmJmZjhlMzU2MThkM2JlMjA1NGMxNmQxZmFkZjZlZMTZjOnYx>

[2] <https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.darksky.org/light-pollution-poses-threat-to-migrating-birds/&g=OGE4NDc0YzExMzBiYWRRiMg==&h=N2FiZDVlZTk5YjAwNzA3YjRmMjZkNWVhNTNiYzQ5YmZlMDgxYjdmMWU4ZjNINzI3NzhjMDEyMzU1MzA1ODAzODQ==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbJpvZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2VtYWIsOmJmZjhlMzU2MThkM2JlMjA1NGMxNmQxZmFkZjZlZMTZjOnYx>

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comments in opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04: Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:32:51 AM
Attachments: [Extension of Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel..msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel 4-year extension.msg](#)
[Please Keep the Park Dark.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel.msg](#)
[OPPOSE extension of Observation Wheel .msg](#)
[Support of the wheel .msg](#)
[OPPOSE Extension of the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
[Broken promises - Ferris wheel in GGP.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel extension .msg](#)
[Letter of Support to Extend Observation Wheel.msg](#)
[Keep the park dark.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel .msg](#)
[The Wheel in the Park should leave on schedule..msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel.msg](#)
[Preserve Golden Gate Park for the animals who live there .msg](#)
[the Observation Wheel extension.msg](#)

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From: San Francisco CC <sfcc@goldengateaudubon.org>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 1:08 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; pyoung@goldengateaudubon.org; BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Subject: Comments in opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04: Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.

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CC: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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RE: Opposition to Certificate of Appropriateness Record No. 2019-022126COA-04:
Extension of the Observation Wheel in GGP. Landmark No. 249.

Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

Please accept our comments from Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) pertaining to our strong opposition to the extension request by the Recreation and Parks Department to permit the temporary observation wheel to remain for an additional four years. GGAS is a 104 year old non-profit organization of several thousand bird and nature lovers across the Bay Area. Outside of the pandemic, we host many bird walks in Golden Gate Park through our monthly field trips and regular classes. Our mission is to engage people to experience the wonder of birds and to translate that wonder into actions which protect native bird populations and their habitats. The observation wheel poses potentially harmful and possibly deadly impacts to the more than 200 species of birds that depend on Golden Gate Park.

Birds migrate at night and use the stars and other natural night lights to navigate under complex adaptations to celestial navigation. Bright artificial lights, especially during migration season, are disorienting and disruptive¹. Migration journeys are extremely physically demanding for birds and spending more energy being taken off course could be deadly. In addition, the bright lights of the Observation Wheel at ground level can make birds and their nests more vulnerable to predators.

The bright night lighting and noise violates planning codes for protecting and enhancing the Park's biodiversity. By approving an extension on the permit for four additional years without offering feasible alternatives or adequate mitigation, the planners would continue to violate Section 7 from the General Plan Compliance Code, Objective 4 on page 7 of Record No 2019-022126COA-04.

Objective 4 states:

“PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY, HABITAT VALUE, AND ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY OF OPEN SPACES AND ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN THE DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR OPEN SPACE SYSTEM Policy 4.4 Include environmentally sustainable practices in construction, renovation, management and maintenance of open space and recreation facilities.”

This proposal to amend the existing permit that calls for 76 LED spoke lights, 24 LED Ring Beam Lights that remain fully lit “to 10PM,” plus 2 LED Security lights that “provide after hours illumination ...to dawn,” as well as noise that will persist until 10PM, fails to meet the Objective 4 goal to enhance and protect biodiversity, habitat value, and ecological integrity.” The intense lighting and noise constitute significant effects and harmful impacts to wildlife that do not meet the Open Space System Policy to include “environmentally sustainable practices.” Planners must consider a feasible alternative that includes rejecting the permit extension.

Planners must adequately consider for harmful environmental impacts and present feasible alternatives and/or detailed methods for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating such impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Here, the Executive Summary provides no details for meeting Objective 4 nor feasible alternatives nor mitigations for these impacts in Document 2019-022126COA-04. A vaguely stated condition promises that, “[T]he City of San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department will conduct community outreach regarding the effect of lighting and implement measures to mitigate its impact in coordination with Planning Department staff.” Much more than outreach is required. The planners must consider feasible alternatives that avoid harmful impacts from intense lighting and noise that is potentially deadly to birds and other wildlife, such as rejecting the permit extension. Any permit extension requires adequate mitigation.

Golden Gate Park was created as a refuge for San Franciscans to enjoy an oasis of nature in the heart of a bustling city. It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Recreation and Parks Department as well as San Franciscan Naturalists throughout the last century, that the park has also become a refuge for wildlife, especially birds. Over 200 species of birds depend on Golden Gate Park as habitat and as their home for food and shelter.

In 2019, a sobering study² was released showing that 30% of North America’s birds have been lost over the past 50 years. If we don’t take action, this trend will continue. Even urban parks like Golden Gate Park can be part of the solution. Our park is already a bird habitat, so keeping additional dangers like a lighted ferris wheel truly temporary, will help make it a safe haven for birds and the humans who love them.

While GGAS supports Recreation and Parks and the rest of San Francisco in celebrating the amazing 150-year anniversary of Golden Gate Park, we must treasure our biodiversity and protect the legacy of all our hard work to restore habitat and ecosystem services. Let’s honor the historic purpose of the park and keep its special value for San Franciscans to escape the bustle of the city and enjoy its natural beauty and cherish its natural sounds close to home both day and night.

Thank you for considering our comments and please notify us of all activities and materials relating to this matter.

Sincerely,



Pam Young
Executive Director

Certificate of Appropriateness, Executive Summary, San Francisco Planning p.7
Found at: <https://commissions.sfplanning.org/hpcpackets/2019-022126COA-04.pdf>

“[P]ublic agencies are not to approve projects as proposed if the significant environmental effects of such projects can be substantially reduced through feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures.” Found at:
<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Winters/html/Winters18/Winters1804.html#18.04.010>

Certificate of Appropriateness, Executive Summary, San Francisco Planning p.16
Found at: <https://commissions.sfplanning.org/hpcpackets/2019-022126COA-04.pdf>

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2. <https://www.darksky.org/light-pollution-poses-threat-to-migrating-birds/>
- 3.
- 4.
5. <https://www.stateofthebirds.org/2019/download-pdf-report/>
- 6.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: oppose the observation wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:31:13 AM
Attachments: [The travesty of the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Objection to ferris wheel in GG Park.msg](#)
[Observation wheel or just too much light.msg](#)
[Opposed to the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse.msg](#)
[Supporting for the Sky Wheel in Golden Gat Park.msg](#)
[Ferris Wheel Please adhere to the original agreement. GGP is not a carnival..msg](#)
[Support Case No. 2019-022126COA-04.msg](#)
[OPPOSE Extension of the Wheel.msg](#)
[Letter of concern regarding the Observation Wheel at Golden Gate Park.msg](#)

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From: Kathy Woveris <kwoveris@gmail.com>
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Subject: oppose the observation wheel

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Lighting pollution is a major contributor to the decline of insect populations.

Lighting affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation.

Research has documented adverse consequences in plant phenology, predator-prey relations, circadian rhythms and nocturnal rest and recovery.

Dazzling light throw migrating bats and birds off-course and could discourage the great horned owls and great egrets from nesting at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake.

Kathleen Woveris

Oppose the Observation Wheel extension and Keep The Park Dark.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please extend the permit for the Golden Gate Park Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:30:01 AM

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Subject: Please extend the permit for the Golden Gate Park Wheel

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I would like to encourage you to extend the operation of the temporary Observation Wheel for an additional four years – 2 years to offset the financial hardship of the Wheel vendor and an additional 2 years to support the economic recovery of neighborhood merchants and cultural institutions and museums within the park.

I think this is a great idea. Our celebrations for our beloved park were hampered by the virus and I really think it would be a great idea to keep it going for economic, social, and just because it is a VERY COOL THING!!

Thanks,

Judi Leff
SFHA Board Member

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:29:34 AM

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From: Paige Gulley <png121bando@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 7:48 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission Members:

I write to support the designation of the home of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin as a San Francisco local landmark. For decades, they played an integral role in the movement to protect the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community. During their lifetime, their home was a place of refuge and a gathering place to support advocacy efforts for the equality of the LGBTQ+ community, serving as the location of countless meetings of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's first lesbian rights organization founded in the 1950s. The couple were also pioneers in the fight for marriage equality.

A survey of San Francisco's LGBTQ+ cultural heritage advocates released in 2015 recommended the designation of the Lyon-Martin House as a local historic landmark. The significance of the property has also been recognized by the National Park Service and is included in the agency's publication "LGBTQ America: A Theme Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History," a guide intended to increase the number of historic sites that reflect LGBTQ+ history that is included in historic registers nationwide.

In San Francisco, and across the country, historic places that reflect the history of the LGBTQ+ community are underrepresented on registries of historic properties. There is a need to identify and preserve more LGBTQ+ historic sites, including sites of lesbian history and activism, to ensure that the entire community's history is acknowledged and included as a part of the full American story. The local landmarking of the Lyon-Martin House would be a positive first step in ensuring its long-term preservation.

Sincerely,
Paige Gulley
Yorba Linda, CA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:28:07 AM
Attachments: [I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House.msg](#)
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-----Original Message-----

From: D Beacham <d.beacham@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 2:21 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission Members:

My husband and I write to support the designation of the home of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin as a San Francisco local landmark. For decades, they played an integral role in the movement to protect the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community. During their lifetime, their home was a place of refuge and a gathering place to support advocacy efforts for the equality of the LGBTQ+ community, serving as the location of countless meetings of the Daughters of Bilitis, the nation's first lesbian rights organization founded in the 1950s. The couple also were pioneers in the fight for marriage equality. My husband was living two blocks away on Duncan Street when we met decades ago, Although we both supported the LGBTQ+ community (including the election of Harvey Milk), we were unaware of this house's history at the time. This story MUST be told.

A survey of San Francisco's LGBTQ+ cultural heritage released in 2015 recommended the designation of the Lyon-Martin House as a local historic landmark. The significance of the property has also been recognized by the National

Park Service and is included in the agency's publication entitled "LGBTQ America: A Theme Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History," a guide intended to increase the number historic sites that reflect LGBTQ+ history that is included in historic registers nationwide.

In San Francisco, and across the country, historic places that reflect the history of the LGBTQ+ community are underrepresented on registries of historic properties. There is a need to identify and preserve more LGBTQ+ historic sites, including sites of lesbian history and activism, to ensure that the entire community's history is acknowledged and included as a part of the full American story. The local landmarking of the Lyon-Martin House would be a positive first step in ensuring its long-term preservation.

Sincerely,
D Beacham
Mechanicsville, VA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:25:09 AM

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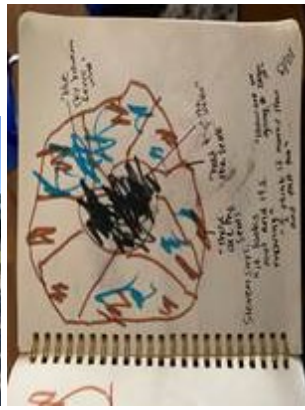
From: Ruqoyah Ghe-Huang & Destinie Chavarria <director@steppingstonesf.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:23 AM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Cc: Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>; Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My name is Ruqoyah Ghe-Huang and I am the director of Stepping Stones Preschool, an early education school in the Inner Sunset. During the pandemic, the children of my preschool eagerly watched the construction development of the Observation Wheel. The day the wheel was being tested before the Grand Opening was the best day of their pandemic lives. It was a symbol of bright hope for them that the world they once knew was slowly coming back together. They were excited to one day go on it but also to just watch something so magnificent finally come together. Below you will see their science journal entries that they made that day:



Aside from my job, I am also a mother of two who resides in the Inner Sunset. I have a now 4-year-old son who lightens up every time he sees the Wheel. He was one of the preschoolers who could not wait for the wheel to open and we had a dance party on Grand Opening night. We could not get tickets for that night to ride but we danced along the rainbow colors in front of it. A memory I will forever have because my son was elated that night and called out all of the colors when it changed. "All the colors are my favorite," he said. And then later that month, we rode on it 3 times before it was shut down. And on his birthday on December 5th, his only birthday request was to ride the wheel. But unfortunately, it was already shut down by then.

The wheel has brought so much joy to my own child and to the children in my community. Thank you for placing such a colorful structure into the park during these dark times for the children and their families. We have an economically diverse community of families who go to play in the Music Concourse Quad. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are looking forward to riding it again for my son's belated birthday gift when it is safe again to do so.



(Pictured: Stepping Stones Preschoolers watching the Wheel during free play time)

Sincerely,

Ruqoiyah Ghe-Huang

Director

Stepping Stones Preschool- Inner Sunset



From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Lyon-Martin House - Comments & Support by National Trust for Historic Preservation
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:23:33 AM
Attachments: [NTHP re Lyon-Martin House Feb 16 2021.pdf](#)

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From: Sharee Williamson <SWilliamson@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:17 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; LaValley, Pilar (CPC) <pilar.lavalley@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>
Cc: Christina Morris <CMorris@savingplaces.org>; Shayne E. Watson (sewatson77@yahoo.com) <sewatson77@yahoo.com>; terry@glbthistory.org; Woody LaBounty <wlabounty@sfheritage.org>; chris@californiapreservation.org; Jonathan Haeber <jon@californiapreservation.org>; Bintliff, Jacob (BOS) <jacob.bintliff@sfgov.org>
Subject: Lyon-Martin House - Comments & Support by National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Please find attached comments submitted regarding landmarking the Lyon-Martin House on behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We respectfully request that these comments be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission during its hearing on this matter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Sharee Williamson | Senior Associate General Counsel
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:23:06 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-3okalt5v.png](#)
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[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
[Extend GGP Ferris Wheel through 2025.msg](#)
[Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel.msg](#)
[Commissioners Please vote to terminate Skystar contract No permanent ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park!.msg](#)
[I support the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[ferris wheel.msg](#)
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From: Jamie Bruning-Miles <JBruning-Miles@ymcasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:09 AM
To: Jamie Bruning-Miles <JBruning-Miles@ymcasf.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Dear Recreation and Park Commissioners and Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As President and CEO of the YMCA of San Francisco, we as the Y have a vested interest in ensuring that kids have access to fun activities during these times. We know that the past year has put incredible stressors on our young people and at the Y, we are doing everything in our power to ensure access to play continues and expands for our City's youth.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, and even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it re opens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park. Additionally, by providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park.

It's no secret that San Francisco's business community has been economically impacted by COVID-19. Extending the permit for the Wheel will allow Golden Gate Park to continue playing an important role in supporting our city's economic recovery, as well as mitigating the financial hardships on our local businesses. One of Golden Gate Park's important historic roles has been to serve as an engine of economic growth for the City. The 1894 mid-winter fair was put on in part to pull the city out of an economic downturn, and some of the park's most iconic structures were built as part of the Works Progress Administration that pulled the nation out of the Great Depression. An extension of the Wheel permit will allow the park to continue to play this historic role for our community.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,

Jamie Bruning-Miles
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From: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
To: [CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY](#)
Subject: Fw: The Ferris wheel in GG Park
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:07:53 AM

FYI

**Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner
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From: Rob Rynski <rob@rynski.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: The Ferris wheel in GG Park

Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

My hope is that you decline the requested five year extension of the Ferris Wheel in the historic Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

My primary concern is **the noise and the noxious fumes from the diesel generator** that runs 24 hours a day.

I (along with many others) exercise most mornings in the Concourse from 6am-7am. Having the still beauty disrupted with the smell of diesel and the sound of a droning generator is a distracting and unnecessary experience; it diminishes an inspiring location. Tolerating the Ferris wheel in service of the 150th celebratory year, was understandable. But, that has passed. The pandemic has disrupted much. The Concourse should be returned to its more splendid self. Even the birds would rejoice (if you could hear them over the generator).

I see that the preliminary recommendation is to approve the extension. I propose that you reconsider that recommendation and deny the request. And, if that denial is not forthcoming, that you consider enforcing an agreement to require the generator operate only at the times when the Ferris wheel is open for public use.

Thanks.

Best,
Rob

Rob Rynski

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From: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
To: [CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY](#)
Subject: Fw: Please vote to remove the wheel by March 2021 as originally agreed
Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 9:49:12 AM

**Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner
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From: Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please vote to remove the wheel by March 2021 as originally agreed

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This letter was sent to each of the HPC commissioners.

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you to ask that you please not extend the operating agreement for the "temporary" ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. It was controversial even as a temporary event, and uncomfortably out of place in our historic Golden Gate Park. I hope that the Historic Preservation Commission will protect the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park. Rec and Park seems to see our park as land that is ripe for development, ignoring its historic importance to San Francisco residents and McLaren's vision.

I was very shocked to learn that we have already lost the west end of the park from the National Register of Historic Places due to the placement of the artificial turf soccer fields by the Rec and Park Department. Are we headed toward losing more historic designation, this time in the heart of the park, by creating a permanent amusement park?

Golden Gate Park is home to birds and animals, and is a green refuge for San Francisco residents who do not have their own green spaces. San Franciscans who use the park enjoy those birds and animals. It is a precious urban resource. However, the diesel generator for the ferris wheel is loud and smelly and seems to be on all the

time. The garish lights on the wheel are being used to produce an extremely bright light show at night, disruptive to the wildlife in the park, and more suited to a carnival. These lights should be turned off soon after sunset.

It appears that very bright expensive lights have also been added to the Music Concourse bandshell. Rec and Park spends our bond money to create a carnival space, while ignoring nature.

Our Covid crisis will not be resolved soon. As the anxiously awaited vaccines start to be rolled out, we can see that the process will be slow and there will be many problems extending long into 2021 or 2022. The carnival wheel places people together in small compartments which is less than ideal. This is another reason for a prompt removal.

Please vote to remove the wheel as scheduled in March, 2021. The amusement park wheel should stay "temporary" and depart soon.

Thanks for your service on the Historic Preservation Commission!

Pam Hemphill MD
SF

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel - Landmark No. 249
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:50:07 PM

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From: Andrew Owen <andrewowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:47 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Bradley, Stacy (REC) <stacy.bradley@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel - Landmark No. 249

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my full support for extending the tenure of the Observation Wheel at 55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr

I own and occupy 789 9th Ave, San Francisco, one of the closest buildings to the Observation Wheel, I can see the lights of the wheel from my living room, in addition, I have to find street parking for my vehicle every evening in that neighborhood. As such I am probably one of the most negatively impacted residents in the city with respect to this wheel being here.

I have spoken to a number of my neighbors and the unanimous sentiment is this observation wheel is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood, it has provided a much needed beacon of joy in this very trying time and as COVID restrictions lift, the additional foot traffic it generates will be crucial to the survival of our local businesses, such as Rise and Grind Coffee shop at 8th and Fulton.

Kind Regards,

-Andrew Owen (415.225.3617)

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please extend SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:49:43 PM

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From: Mandy Rogers <mandylovesflowers@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please extend SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a resident of Golden Gate Heights, my family and I delight in seeing the symbol of hope during our visits to nearby Golden Gate Park (and to see it lit up at night from neighboring hills).

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so.

Thank you,
Mandy Rogers

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: In support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:49:23 PM

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From: Jennielyn Dino Rossi <jdinorossi@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:16 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: In support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,^[1/1]_[SEP:SEP]

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a resident of Bernal Heights in San Francisco, my family and I delight in seeing the symbol of hope during our visits to Golden Gate Park. Since we haven't been able to travel outside of the Bay Area, we find traveling to Golden Gate Park to be just as fun with the SkyStar Wheel to greet us.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so.

Thank you,
Jennielyn

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Jennielyn Dino Rossi

Cell: (415) 730-9335

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:48:55 PM

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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:31 PM
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Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As a 27-year Bay Area Resident, I've grown to love the adventures in Golden Gate Park. I know I'll always find something fun and exciting to do there.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family, friends and I are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music

Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,
Melanie Yunk
650.593.9305

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
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From: cara@marketingbystorm.com <cara@marketingbystorm.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:15 PM
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Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I would like to give my support to a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

My business, Marketing by Storm, had the honor of collaborating with Golden Gate Park to create and promote its first official Pop Up Welcome Center, opening last year as part of the GGP150 celebrations. We were fortunate that the Welcome Center was given permission to open, and it has been able to happily greet, answer questions for, and sell park-related merchandise to the many visitors who have enjoyed the park during this very challenging time. The park partnered with local business SF Mercantile to operate the venue, and the SkyStar Wheel played a crucial role for that company over the 39 days that it was able to operate, attracting more people to the area and helping SF Mercantile keep its business going and its employees employed. We all anticipated more local, regional, domestic and international visitation to the park during its 150th, which obviously

changed drastically with the pandemic—extending the observation wheel’s presence will be a life saver to that small business and its employees.

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It’s no secret that San Francisco’s business community has been economically impacted by COVID-19. Extending the permit for the Wheel will allow Golden Gate Park to continue playing an important role in supporting our city’s economic recovery, as well as mitigating the financial hardships on our local businesses. The Wheel was instrumental in helping to bring increased foot traffic to the park, as well as to the nearby small businesses desperately needing patronage.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Thank you,

Cara Storm



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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:48:10 PM
Attachments: [I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House.msg](#)
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Sincerely,
Paul Coussan

Arlington, VA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keep SkyStar in GGP
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:46:33 PM
Attachments: [SkyStar.docx](#)

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Subject: Keep SkyStar in GGP

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Please see attached letter, let's get the SkyStar operational and keep it in GGP!

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:45:41 PM

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From: Nelly Sapinski <nellys@jamestownsf.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:23 PM
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Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Jamestown Community Center in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Jamestown Community Center is a San Francisco mission-district based non-profit serving youth and families. We provide free, high impact program activities including soccer, academic supports, youth workforce and Afro-Latino Arts to the underserved most vulnerable youth and families in San Francisco where 97% of our participants are low-income youth of color. Unfortunately, the pandemic and health restrictions have greatly impacted the families we serve - mentally, physically and economically.

Jamestown was thrilled to receive free tickets to the SkyStar Wheel for our community. This was exactly what we needed to bring a little joy to our families when all focus right now is meeting very basic needs! The SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park is a source of enjoyment by our many participants in community learning hubs, art & performance pods

and soccer pods. In a year that has been filled with challenges, a trip to Golden Gate Park has the power to bring immeasurable joy and respite to our Jamestown youth and families.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is full of wonderful activities and cultural institutions, and while the trails, meadows and wooded areas of the west end of the park provide acres and acres where people can escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but our Jamestown youth and families are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and then, I hope, with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,
Nelly Sapinski
Executive Director, Jamestown Community Center
(and San Francisco Resident)

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Writing on Behalf of Drew Becher, CEO SF Parks Alliance
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:10:20 PM
Attachments: [HPC from SF PARKS ALLIANCE.pdf](#)

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Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:20 PM
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Cc: Drew Becher <drew@sfparksalliance.org>
Subject: Writing on Behalf of Drew Becher, CEO SF Parks Alliance

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February 12, 2021

Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park. As CEO of San Francisco Parks Alliance, I believe the Wheel is an embodiment of joy, fun, and hope that our parks have brought to the public during the public health pandemic over the last year. I have heard first hand from San Franciscans across the city from Potrero Hill to the Richmond, Sunset, and SoMa how much they love the Wheel, and how they have been eagerly waiting for its reopening.

By providing a fun, COVID-safe activity in the Music Concourse, the Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. The east end of the park is the perfect location for Wheel as it is already the center of activities such as segway

tours, food trucks, and our museums and gardens. The Wheel will not take away Golden Gate Park's natural offerings as the Park's trails, meadows and wooded areas on the west end of the park will continue to provide acres and acres for park visitors to escape the hubbub of the city and enjoy nature. With this combination, there is truly something for everyone to do in Golden Gate Park.

I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but I am personally excited to ride it again when it reopens and to share this opportunity for all of the park's visitors and share our Golden Gate Park 150 allotment of free tickets with RPD scholarship families so they too can enjoy this once in a lifetime opportunity despite their ability to pay for a ticket.

Please extend the Wheel's residency in Golden Gate Park so many more can enjoy its offerings and so we can continue the 150 years of Golden Gate Park.

Thank you and best regards,



Drew Becher
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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Save the Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:09:58 PM

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From: Taryn Edwards <tedwards950@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; commission@sfgov.org; Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>
Cc: Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>
Subject: Save the Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am grieved to hear that the fate of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park is in jeopardy.

I attended early planning meetings for the Golden Gate Park 150th celebrations and was delighted to hear that a ferris wheel would be involved - such a "thrill ride" is a mainstay of any important and historic celebration in my opinion.

I am a librarian for the Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, a 5th generation Bay Area native, an historian of San Francisco's fair culture, a lover of Golden Gate Park and good times!

I had the chance to ride the ferris wheel in November - it was a glorious moment for me and my family - and it reminded me of the thrilling and memorable experiences that colored San Francisco's yesteryear. Indeed during the brief time the SkyWheel was open I think it was a bright spot for everyone during the pandemic.

My experience with the wheel was impressive - it was as COVID-safe as anything can be. The line to ride was kept socially distant, the ride itself was very clean, and surprisingly worth the money! In my mind it is an asset to Golden Gate Park and complementary to the other cultural institutions nearby. It adds a bit of levity, if you don't mind the pun, to one's Golden Gate Park visit.

Please extend the contract to the SkyStar Wheel. In the short time it was open it had already become a "San Francisco experience" that is not to be missed. Please remember, we are making history here!

With my best wishes and respect,
Taryn Edwards

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: GGP 150 - Letter of Support
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:11:50 PM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
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From: Summers, Ashley (REC) <ashley.summers@sfgov.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: GGP 150 - Letter of Support

Thank you Lisa.

Ashley Summers

Commission Liaison

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From: Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 8:51 AM
To: Summers, Ashley (REC) <ashley.summers@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: GGP 150 - Letter of Support

Dear Rec Park and Historic Preservation Commission Secretaries,

I am forwarding this email to you on behalf of the Golden Gate Park Honorary Committee because I believe it may have come to me in error.

Thank you so much,
Lisa Bransten

Lisa Bransten

Director of Partnerships

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From: Rodney Fong <rfong@sfchamber.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:29 AM

Cc: Rodney Fong <rfong@sfchamber.com>

Subject: GGP 150 - Letter of Support

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Good morning Commissioners,

I hope you are doing well. Please review the letter attached for your consideration.

Thank you,
Rodney



Rodney Fong

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 12:11:09 PM
Attachments: [Testimony on the Lyon-Martin House.msg](#)
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Sincerely,
Katherine Conry
San Francisco, CA

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** NEWLY RENOVATED WILLIE 'WOO WOO' WONG PLAYGROUND AND CLUBHOUSE OPENS IN TIME FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 10:25:35 AM
Attachments: [02.12.21 Willie Woo Woo Wong Playground.pdf](#)

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From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 at 10:12 AM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** NEWLY RENOVATED WILLIE 'WOO WOO' WONG PLAYGROUND AND CLUBHOUSE OPENS IN TIME FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, February 12, 2021

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**NEWLY RENOVATED WILLIE 'WOO WOO' WONG
PLAYGROUND AND CLUBHOUSE OPENS IN TIME FOR
LUNAR NEW YEAR**

New open space in Chinatown will provide safe, clean place for kids and their families to play, and newly renovated clubhouse will operate as a Community Hub in March

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the opening of the Willie “Woo Woo” Wong Playground—a center for community engagement and recreation for all ages in the heart of Chinatown. The playground recently completed a top-to-bottom renovation that includes an expanded children’s play area, new clubhouse featuring public art, and improved access to the park. In March, the City will open a new Community Hub at the clubhouse, which will provide approximately 12 students with in-person support for distance learning, healthy meals and snacks, and recreation opportunities.

The playground, serving families in one of San Francisco’s densest and most culturally celebrated neighborhoods, now features custom designed play equipment inspired by Chinese mythology. A huge, climbable water dragon sculpture wraps itself around a two-level tower and slide. A fiery phoenix sculpture bridges the separate zones for tots and school age children.

“I am so excited to open this playground and beautiful community space in Chinatown just in time for Lunar New Year,” said Mayor Breed. “Willie “Woo Woo” Wong Playground has

been reimagined as a creative, accessible place for children, seniors, and everyone in between to connect and play. Parks and playgrounds make cities livable, particularly in dense areas, and investing in neighborhood spaces and projects like this are critical for San Francisco's wellbeing and our recovery."

The reimagined half-acre park features new bridges and pathways that connect into a cohesive design. Renovated sport courts accommodate basketball, badminton, volleyball and pickleball players. A new plaza with fitness equipment and resilient surfacing opens to the newly improved Hang Ah Alley. The property also includes new landscaping, irrigation and stormwater infrastructure.

The clubhouse and its rooftop athletic court have been renovated as well. The clubhouse now includes a large multi-purpose room with bleacher seating, kitchenette, elevator, expanded bathrooms, office space, and storage. Each feature of the park is connected and ADA-accessible, with improved lighting and pavement.

The \$14.5 million renovation was funded in part through the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond. Funding also included \$4.5 million from the Downtown Park Fund, established in 1985 to collect fees from commercial developers in the downtown area. Additional funding was provided through the City's Open Space Fund.

"The incredible work of Chinatown stakeholders over the last decade to push this project over the finish line is a testament to the importance of this unique public playground and park for seniors and families living in cramped conditions," said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. "The Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown led robust outreach to identify culturally significant design elements and community programming needs. As we ring in the Year of the Ox, nothing makes me happier than knowing that Chinatown youth will soon be shooting hoops on a new basketball court named after a Chinese American legend, seniors will have a safe respite to practice outdoor tai chi, and children will be able to use the Clubhouse as the newest Community Learning Hub."

"We're thrilled to unveil Willie 'Woo Woo' Wong Playground's beautiful new design that honors its deep historical roots and reflects its beloved status in the community," said Phil Ginsburg, San Francisco Recreation and Park Department General Manager. "It is fitting that it was completed in time for Lunar New Year, when we celebrate new beginnings."

Community Youth Center (CYC), which encourages high-need young people to explore their full potential through academic, career, family, and community life, will provide a Community Hub in the clubhouse starting in March. In September, San Francisco created the Community Hubs Initiative to provide in-person support for distance learning and out of school time activities for San Francisco's highest needs children and youth. Since then, the program has served 2,000 students at 80 locations throughout the city. The new Hub will serve 12 middle and high school students, with a focus on those who live in public housing and SROs, as well as English language learners. The playground will remain open to the public while the Hub is in session.

"This is a big day for the Chinatown community because it not only marks the start of the Lunar New Year, but also the opening of Willie "Woo Woo" Wong playground," said Sarah Wan, CYC Executive Director. "The new playground and clubhouse resulted from a collaborative effort by the community partners. The design of the playground incorporates

many iconic elements from Chinese culture and is based on months of solicited feedback given by Chinatown residents. This makes Wille “Woo Woo” Wong playground an open space that is truly unique as it reflects the culture and needs of its citizens. CYC is excited to be the anchor tenant of the clubhouse where we will support the Community Hubs Initiative to provide a safe and stable learning space to youth in Chinatown who need it the most. Eventually, our goal is to open up the clubhouse and playground areas to provide holistic community programs that promote physical fitness, mental wellbeing and healthy lifestyles.”

“Maiden’s Dress,” a mural by San Francisco artist Julie Chang, stretches across an interior wall of the clubhouse. Inspired by both classic Chinese iconography and San Francisco Chinatown’s rich cultural heritage, Chang consulted with Chieh Tzu Yuan Hua Chuan, or The Mustard Seed Garden Manual of Painting, as she illustrated the Maiden’s Dress peony—signifying abundance and honor. The grid pattern of the concrete blocks is painted with traditional design elements—a red knot symbolizing good fortune, the green bamboo lines signifying integrity and resilience. All these intersecting moments reveal more intimate patterns and shapes, weaving together the existing historical site with the newly renovated center.

“The public art commissioned for this Chinatown playground is the best example of how art can shape the everyday urban experience,” said Ralph Remington, San Francisco Arts Commission Director of Cultural Affairs. “Julie Chang’s mural is bold and rich in symbolism, reflecting principles and values meaningful to the community. And it was created in close partnership with neighborhood organizations, allowing for a deep sense of ownership of these cultural assets for everyone who enjoys the playground and clubhouse.”

The redesign of the park and clubhouse was shaped by the Chinatown community. The culturally nuanced outreach was carried out in English, Mandarin and Cantonese and included surveys, meetings with community leaders, and focus groups of seniors, teens, and daycare providers.

Working with the Chinatown Community Development Center, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department organized neighborhood organizations and introduced members of the public to the plan, inviting them to provide critical feedback that influenced the final design. Additionally project advocacy was provided by the Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown; CYC; local daycares including Kai Ming Head Start, Wu Yee Family Center and True Sunshine; the Chinese Culture Center, Chinatown YMCA, and San Francisco Recreation and Park Commissioner Allan Low.

The Recreation and Park Department project was also made possible by numerous other city departments, including the Arts Commission, Planning, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and the Public Utilities Commission.

San Francisco Public Works provided environmental services as well as construction management for the project. The construction team included CLW Builders Inc. and Cal Pacific Carpentry. The design team was led by CMG Landscape Architecture and included Jensen Architects, InterEthnica, Urban Design Consulting Engineers, Pivot Structural Engineering, HRA Consulting Engineers, McGinnis Chen Associates, Inc. and M Lee Corporation.

Formerly called Chinese Playground, the park opened in 1927 with swings, slides and sport

courts. Its last major renovation was finished in 1980. In 2006, it was renamed to honor Willie Wong, a Chinese American basketball star who played at the University of San Francisco from 1948-50. Wong earned his nickname due to crowds shouting “Woo! Woo!” every time he scored.

Photos of Willie “Woo Woo” Wong Playground and Clubhouse (photo credit: Jim Watkins) available [here](#).

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:06:38 AM
Attachments: [I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House.msg](#)
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From: Danielle Bowden <rbowden48@verizon.net>
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Sincerely,

Danielle Bowden
Long Beach, CA

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:04:49 AM
Attachments: [FW GGP 150 - Letter of Support.msg](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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From: Helga Zimmerer (helga.zimmerer@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:05 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife

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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

I am opposed to the Observation Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco's premier historic landscape park and a major habitat area for birds and other wildlife. I appreciate that the Historic Preservation Commission limited the time period for the Observation Wheel to one year. I ask you to hold to this time period.

Our city parks are a vital refuge for wild animals struggling to deal with the loss of habitat and open space. Wildlife needs darkness. Light pollution can have a negative impact on birds ? both resident and migrating ? as well as bats, insects, amphibians, and other animals. Artificial light can alter an animal's circadian rhythm, disrupting breeding, foraging, and sheltering cycles. Furthermore, it can draw and disorient some species while repelling others ? in both cases, to deadly effect. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night.

Since its inception, Golden Gate Park has provided the opportunity for families and children from all income levels to enjoy nature close to home; this is especially important for those who do not have easy access to distant natural areas. If our own local nature is continuously infringed upon by artificial attractions ? particularly those which harm wildlife ? then that deprives those communities of a direct experience with nature.

Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

Helga Zimmerer
3724 Quintara St
San Francisco, CA 94116
helga.zimmerer@gmail.com
(415) 759-0358

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Sincerely,
greg denton
Antioch, CA

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY](#); [CTYPLN - CP TEAM \(TAC - Preservation\)](#); [RUIZ-ESQUIDE, ANDREA \(CAT\)](#); [WONG, VICTORIA \(CAT\)](#)
Subject: HPC Calendars for February 17, 2021
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 3:39:16 PM
Attachments: [20210217 hpc.pdf](#)
[20210217 hpc.docx](#)
[HPC Advance - 20210217.xlsx](#)
[HPC Hearing Results 2021.docx](#)

Commissioners,
Attached are your Calendars for February 17, 2021.

Please note our Offices will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Enjoy the weekend,

Jonas P Ionin
Director of Commission Affairs
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Sincerely,
Caylin Elowitz
Santa Monica, CA

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 11:00:10 AM
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Sincerely,
Helen Tocco
LOS ANGELES, CA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Skyview Ferris Wheel / Biodiversity needs your support
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:58:54 AM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)

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From: Denise Louie <denise_louie_sf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Skyview Ferris Wheel / Biodiversity needs your support

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Hi,
Please forward my email to supervisors and commissioners.
Thanks!
Denise

Hi San Francisco Supervisors, Rec and Park Commissioners and Historic Preservation Commissioners,
I urge you to not extend any period of time for Skyview's Ferris Wheel in San Francisco. That means it does not belong anywhere in our fair City.

I urge you to consider biodiversity loss. Human activities have caused bee, butterfly and bird populations to crash in a few short decades. Such activities include development, landscaping with non-native plants, noise and lights. San Francisco is an important part of the biodiversity hotspot that is California.*

I urge you to respect the City's Biodiversity Resolution, the State's Biodiversity Initiative and the United Nation's Decade on Biodiversity. Eyes around the world are on us, watching to see whether we are willing to take action to support wildlife, such as bees, butterflies and birds.

Thank you,
Denise Louie
Member, Center for Biological Diversity
Native and resident of San Francisco, D7

Vote NO on the Ferris Wheel!

* California is one of only 36 internationally recognized biodiversity hotspots. This means that we are blessed with an abundance of naturally occurring plant and animal species, but also that we humans have brought many to the brink of extinction. For example, our City bird, the California quail, has just gone locally extinct; the last one in Golden Gate Park is likely gone. (Meanwhile, RPD spends millions of dollars on playgrounds, etc.)

No other state has greater biodiversity than California. This is largely due to our geologic history of vulcanism and tectonic activity, leading to many soil and climate types.

There are 468 different plants indigenous to San Francisco still in existence. Only a paltry few occur in Golden Gate Park. Wildlife depend on plants they co-evolved with. And, in turn, plants depend on wildlife for pollination and dispersion. We've caused more than enough habitat disturbance for plant and wildlife populations to diminish.

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
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Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
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Sincerely,
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Sincerely,
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Fircrest, WA

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Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Thursday, February 11, 2021 8:44:47 AM

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Firth Wheel at the Mid-Winter Fair
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 5:47:08 PM

Per Commissioner Pearlman's request.

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From: "Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC)" <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 4:55 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Firth Wheel at the Mid-Winter Fair

Jonas,

Please distribute this illustration of the Mid-Winter Fair of 1894 in Golden Gate Park to the HPC commissioners and staff working on the COA for the SkyWheel. You can see the Firth Wheel on the far right side of the illustration, not located in the Fair Concourse area, what is now the Music Concourse. Remember that the Mid-Winter Fair was open for only 6 months, a tiny fraction of the time the park has been around.

Thanks.

Jonathan Pearlman
ELEVATIONarchitects
1159 Green Street, Suite 4
San Francisco, CA 94109

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel - Analysis of Extension Request and Reasons to Oppose
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:55:08 PM
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Attached and below please find SFUN's analysis of the proposal to extend the Observation Wheel in the Music Concourse and our reasons for opposing this.

We have inserted the full document in the email for those members of the public who are concerned about opening attachments. Footnotes can be found in the attached document. The full document is also on our website: www.sfurbanature.org

San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN)
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**Arguments against the Observation Wheel
remaining in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park**

Prepared for the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission and Staff

February 9, 2021

Introduction

We wish to thank the Commission for setting a deadline for the removal of the Observation Wheel from the Music Concourse in a few months. The Wheel was installed by the Recreation and Park Department (Rec and Park) to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park. That event, like so many other activities, was truncated by COVID and is now ending.

Despite claiming initially that the Wheel was to be in place for the purpose of the one-year celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park, the Rec and Park has now asked to keep the Wheel in the Music Concourse for four more years.

SFUN opposes this extension. Our concerns are outlined in the following report.

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Negative impact on the historic character of the Music Concourse

The Recreation and Park Department packet referenced the 1894 Mid-Winter Exposition as a reason to allow the Ferris wheel in the Concourse. However, if one reviews the documentation, the National Register contains three full pages of lists of Individual Park Resources in Golden Gate Park, and the 6-month Ferris wheel from the Mid-Winter Exposition is not on that list. ^[1] The City landmarking (#249) does not list a Ferris wheel as either contributing or non-contributing. ^[2]

The City landmarking lists the French Formal design of the area, which features a main axis and secondary intersecting axes, all of which are listed as important Contributory Features in the landmarking documents. ^[3] However, the Ferris Wheel is not aligned with the central axis and is completely out of scale with the other elements in the Concourse. While the Temple of Music's architecture, placement and scale fit with the overall formal design, the Wheel is, first of all, too large when compared to the scale of the other elements. Its off-center location and enormous size detract from the formal design. As such the Wheel dominates the eastern end of the Concourse and detracts from its historic character.

The Music Concourse's formal design, along with the circular fountains, place the focus of the design on the Bandshell and lend a feeling of serenity to the area. This calm has been enjoyed throughout the COVID crisis by people who enjoy walking through the area, doing meditative exercise in the gravel planting areas, or relaxing on the benches that line the paths and reinforce the design. Unfortunately, that feeling of sanctuary has been disturbed by the presence of what can only be described as a carnival attraction.

SF Heritage has reinforced this view by pointing out that:

“a decision should not be based on whether people enjoy amusement rides, but of the impact the massive structure has on a landmarked landscape. The view from the top of the \$18 ride may be impressive, but the same can't be said from ground level, where security fencing, lights, an ever-present patrol car, an enormous tarped-and-fenced-off generator, and the

massive wheel itself all clutter and block views of the Concourse. This was never a good place for such an attraction. Please do not encourage continuation of the observation wheel and if, in the end, you decide to extend the time, again set an end date, so that the Recreation and Park Department is not tempted to permanently disfigure the Music Concourse." [\[4\]](#)

Lest we think the public is insensitive to the nuances of historic landscape design and intent, please note that this has been remarked on in public testimony and letters by members of the general public.

- ". . . In this pandemic time, we desperately need respite in quiet natural areas such as the Golden Gate Park." AM. Opposition letter to RPC: 02-02-21
- ". . . For me it interferes with the natural environment the park was historically created to provide its visitors. Its overwhelming presence disrupts a sense of peace and sanctuary that I personally go there to experience." SW. Opposition letter to RPC: 02-04-21.

Negative impact on the historic character of Golden Gate Park

The National Register designation describes Golden Gate Park as a "*green oasis in a sea of urbanization*." [\[5\]](#) The Register further states that,

"Golden Gate Park was conceived as a naturalistic pleasure ground park to provide a sylvan retreat from urban pressures for all citizens, rich and poor. . . With development spurred on by the park, the city grew up around the park and it is now a green oasis in a sea of urbanization."

[\[6\]](#)

This is especially true during the COVID pandemic, when San Francisco residents have been flocking to our parks in record numbers for the sustenance provided by nature.

According to the National Register listing,

"Although the park contains the individual resources listed here, it is important to view Golden Gate Park as a whole. Golden Gate Park was developed over many years, but it was conceived as a single creation that we now consider an historic designed landscape." [\[7\]](#)

Unfortunately, by promoting the Observation Wheel as a symbol of Golden Gate Park, the Recreation and Park Department has made a symbolic statement that Golden Gate Park is meant to be seen as a series of artificial attractions, not as a landscape. This will change how the public sees and uses the Park. Since its inception, there have been innumerable proposals to add built attractions to Golden Gate Park. The Wheel sets a bad precedent that can lead to further cannibalization of the Park by even more attractions, buildings, and other built elements and the eventual loss of its historic character and significance. This is what happened to the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields in the western end of the Park. Paving over a natural meadow with artificial turf, adding various built elements, and introducing various sports stadium lighting, caused that section of the park to lose its listing in the National Register.

Instead of the totally artificial, non-contributory Observation Wheel becoming the center of the anniversary celebration, over the last year the people of San Francisco came to Golden Gate Park and celebrated it as a landscape park, finding relief and inspiration in its lawns, meadows, forests, and lakes. The true celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park became the rediscovery of our iconic park as a landscape park by the people of San Francisco.

Economic Analysis of Claims made in RPD supporting document regarding fulfilling original expectations^[8]

"...extension will accommodate the anticipated riders from the original permit ..."

[RPD Staff Report to RecPark Commission Operations Committee]. ^[9]

Expectations about Wheel Ridership

We are not aware of any contractual obligation guaranteeing SkyStar a minimum number of wheel riders. This section addresses the statement that during the 150th celebration year, total ridership was expected to be 500,000.

Actual ridership during 39 days of operation in 2020 at 25% capacity has been reported as 65,700 [1685/day on avg.], leaving the operator 434,300 riders short of the stated expectation. With use of some simple arithmetic, one can predict that even at 25% capacity, it should only take about 37 weeks – about 8.5 months- to get those additional 434,300 riders. At full capacity it would take even less time.

We realize no one knows how long it might be before the wheel could start operating again. Even so, and even if it were accepted (which we do not) that the wheel should be allowed to resume operating so that ridership can reach a level close to what was expected during the single originally permitted year of operation, it should not take more than 8.5 months of additional operation for such a goal to be achieved.

Conclusion: As part of the four-year extension proposal, there is absolutely no way to justify asking for a 2-year extension to make up for lost ridership during the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Expectations about operator income

Revenues

Based on simple calculations, a conservative estimate is that during the 39 days of operation, gross revenues from ticket sales were close to \$1,000,000. Gross revenues after revenue sharing (roughly \$.89 per ticket on average goes to the San Francisco Parks Alliance, a total of \$58,309) were roughly \$942,000.

[Explanation:

Ticket prices are: \$18 for those aged 13-64, \$12 for seniors 65+ and children 3-12, free for children 2 and under.

65,700 people are reported to have taken rides on the wheel when it was operating. The proportion in each age category is unknown, but some idea about possible gross revenues from those riders can easily be generated using hypothetical average ticket prices.

If Avg. ticket price is: _____

Expected gross revenues would be:**

\$12 (all riders are seniors or children 3-12)	\$ 788,400
\$15 (half paid \$12 and half paid \$18)	\$ 985,500
\$18 (all riders are adults or children 13+)	\$1,182,600

[**It is stated that few of the 500 free tickets for at-risk youth were used, so they were ignored for purposes of these calculations; it is unknown how many riders were children 2 or younger OR if they were even counted as riders.]

In addition to ticket sales, the operator also had a photography booth and a retail sales booth selling food & drink in addition to other items. Actual gross revenues (minus 5% revenue sharing on sales) would include an unknown amount of income from those as well.

Extra Costs

In the request to amend the CofA, reference is made to “significant” COVID related costs incurred by the operator; specifically, costs of securing and maintaining the wheel during closure, and those of following COVID requirements for extra staffing and protocols.

Of course, it makes sense that there might have been extra, unanticipated costs. **Large numbers of businesses in the city and elsewhere have incurred the same kinds of COVID related costs.**

But without actual \$ figures it is hard to judge how “significant” the operator’s extra costs were. Questions to which it would be helpful to have answers:

---How much HIGHER were costs as compared to normal operating costs? (For example, wouldn’t the wheel normally have to be secured and maintained?)

---During the time when the wheel was not operating, some costs would be lower than normal. What were the **net** extra costs?

Whatever the level of net extra costs, surely some of them were covered by the \$93,830 forgivable PPP Loan via the Federal CARES act that Skystar Wheel LLC received in April 2020. [<https://avanan.url-protection.com/v1/url?o=https%3A//www.federalpay.org/paycheck-protection-program/skystar-wheel-llc-saint-louis-mo%5D.&g=OTNmMmY3MThhODI3NDJkMg==&h=MmY0YTk5NTM2NDNmNTEyODByYTJkMjE0MTUxY2FmZTRkMDU4Y2U4ZTVmMjl3OWZmODg3MTk0YzZhZDBhY2ZmYQ==&p=YXAzOnNmZHQyOmF2YW5hbGpvcZmZpY2UzNjVfZW1haWxzX2VtYWlsOmRhY2I5YzUxYTA2MGU0ZGY2ZDNiM2FkMGViOTNhYzQ5OnYx>]

Summary: The operator no doubt had extra COVID related costs (even allowing for any decline in normal operating costs during the period of non-operation.) Some of those costs were covered by the forgivable PPP Loan, and some by revenues received. Without actual figures, it is hard to know if the operator was in any worse financial state than any other business. Furthermore, why should San Francisco be responsible for expenses that the operator would probably have had at any location they chose to set up?

Final Rebuttal to argument that the wheel's stay should be extended "to help offset the

financial hardship suffered by the Operator."

Why should a department in the city of San Francisco be so concerned about helping a business headquartered in St. Louis MO when so many businesses here in the City need help?

SkyStar LLC took the gamble to bear the expenses of setting up to operate here, hoping to reap rewards in the form of lots of short-term revenues. It is bad luck that the gamble might not pay off, just as it is unfortunate that lots of locally based businesses are in trouble. **That is no reason to allow a business to continue to operate in a site where it should not have been permitted to do so in the first place.**

Rebuttal to RPD claims of increased economic benefits from increased tourism and visitors in Golden Gate Park due to the Wheel

From the Rec and Park request for an extension: [\[10\]](#)

“During the brief time that the wheel was open, the wheel encouraged new visitors to the park and increased visits to museum institutions and local merchants in the Inner Sunset, as well as nearby commercial corridors in the Richmond and NOPA/Haight.” [\[11\]](#)(RPD)

Rec and Park has not provided any data to support this claim. Were local businesses in the area surveyed to find out if they did indeed get business from wheel riders? Were riders asked if they patronized area businesses that they do not usually patronize? Or where they come from? In fact, during the RPC Operations Committee meeting of February 4th, a caller stated that he had requested this data and was still waiting to receive it. Given that tourism is virtually non-existent, it is unlikely that there have been numerous “new visitors” to the park at this time, purportedly drawn by the wheel.

The business area closest to the Music Concourse is centered at 9th and Irving, where there are cafes, restaurants and retail businesses such as Green Apple Books. Parking is difficult, so it has always been patronized more by locals who can easily walk there for a meal or shopping. The locals continue to support the businesses that offer takeout and online ordering. These are the same people who use the park regularly for walking, running, bicycling, and just sitting in nature, because the park is in their backyard. Before COVID, 9th and Irving was a thriving area without the Ferris wheel and will be again after COVID is under control. The commercial corridors in the Richmond and NOPA/Haight are not nearby.

The SkyStar Observation Wheel also sells food and drink in its retail sales outlet. This competes not only with local merchants, but also with Golden Gate Park Concessionaires like Annie’s Hot Dogs and the institutions. It is inconsistent to say that the wheel is benefitting local merchants when in fact the wheel is competing against them.

“Tourists will be drawn back to San Francisco for this new experience.” [\[12\]](#)

Seriously? Are we to believe that tourists will travel to San Francisco to take a 12-minute ride on a

Ferris wheel in the middle of a park that offers so many other attractions, located in a city full of them? Tourists who are looking for amusement park rides will go to Disneyland or Disney World or Six Flags in Vallejo or the Nut Tree Plaza in Vacaville. Tourists who come to Golden Gate Park want to see the Botanical Garden, the Japanese Tea Garden, the Conservatory of Flowers, the De Young Museum, or the Cal Academy. And they can always go up in the 144-foot-tall De Young Tower for free.

The Wheel is a relic from a celebration that has passed. It certainly is not integral to economic recovery in San Francisco.

30 x 30 State and National Executive Orders

Both President Biden [\[13\]](#) and California Governor Newsom [\[14\]](#) have now issued executive orders, calling for preservation of 30 percent of lands and coastal water by 2030. California is the first state to adopt "30 by 30" as an official goal -- that is, to fight crises of species extinction and biodiversity loss, as well as effects of climate change, by conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and coastal waters to benefit nature by 2030. .

Biologists say 30 percent is the very minimum needed to keep our world in balance, and many view it not as a final goal but as a stepping stone on the way to conserving "half earth". The concept of "nature needs half" was first formally promulgated in fall of 2009, at the Ninth World Wilderness Congress, in Merida, Mexico, and has achieved wide global concurrence since then from scientists in many countries.

Yet, expanding green areas in our city is no simple task; densely built up commercial and residential areas do not make it easy to find additional open space that can be made into new parks. **The simplest way to enhance biodiversity and also to increase equitable access to Nature in our present green areas, with minimal capital investment and construction needs, is to make present parks MORE Nature friendly by decreasing development in parks – not increasing it.**

San Francisco is a biophilic city and as such should be working to "build an understanding of the value and contribution of nature in cities"

San Francisco has declared itself to be a biophilic city. [\[15\]](#) From the stated mission of Biophilic Cities: *"Partners with cities, scholars and advocates from across the globe to build an understanding of the value and contribution of nature in cities to the lives of urban residents. As a central element of its work, Biophilic Cities facilitates a global network of partner cities working collectively to pursue the vision of a natureful city within their unique and diverse environments and cultures. These partner cities are working in concert to conserve and celebrate nature in all its forms and the many important ways in which cities and their inhabitants benefit from the biodiversity and wild urban spaces present in cities. Biophilic Cities acknowledges the importance of daily contact with nature as an element of a meaningful urban life, as well as the ethical responsibility that cities have to conserve global nature as shared habitat for non-human life and people."* [\[16\]](#)

Lack of adequate environmental review and references by staff to past

flawed environmental review documents

The Sierra Club has expressed concerns about the lighted Observation Wheel, because it was installed without an adequate environmental review. [\[17\]](#)

During public hearings on the Wheel, staff has referred to the Environmental Impact Report for the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields as evidence that the lighted Wheel is not environmentally impactful. However, the EIR for that project was deeply flawed. In a letter analyzing the lighting section of the EIR for the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields, internationally renowned lighting experts, Dr. Travis Longcore, and Catherine Rich, made the following statements:

"The project proposal and analysis set forth in the EIR does not adequately describe the extent of light pollution that would occur from the new sports field lighting, nor does it take into account the exacerbating effects of the unique weather conditions on the western side of San Francisco and the project site's location 450 feet from the beach. It improperly discounts the potential impacts to biological resources including nesting birds in the park, migratory birds, seabirds, shorebirds, bats, and any other species currently living in the vicinity of the sports fields. The EIR for the proposed project is far too optimistic that mitigation measures such as lamp design will limit any adverse impacts, especially since the EIR for the project fails to exhibit knowledge of the basic physical properties of light or the different ways in which light affects animal species, including humans. In short, and as elaborated below, the proposed project would create a luminous dome of bright white light where it is currently darker than the surrounding city. This dome, especially under foggy conditions (which occur at least one third of the year), would be the defining visual feature of the nighttime environment in the National Park to the west, and would increase ambient illumination over a wide area to levels that are ecologically disruptive."

" Based on the analysis above, we conclude that *the project goal of a lighted field cannot be achieved without significant adverse impacts on coastal zone resources*. The Commission should protect those resources, and in this instance, should only approve a renovated grass field and bathroom structure without any of the proposed sports field lighting . . . [\[18\]](#)

Golden Gate Park 's historic habitat is negatively impacted by the Wheel

Golden Gate Park is more than a historic retreat from city life for its human residents; it is also a historic home for wildlife. Wildlife have been an intrinsic part of the Park's history. Early in the Park's development, various animal species were introduced and were popular with visitors. [\[19\]](#) As the Park evolved and the trees and shrubs developed into valuable habitat, the Park became populated with many native wildlife species that have turned to our urban parks for shelter, both as a daytime habitat and also a nighttime refuge. The Park also became a place that people visit to view wildlife in their own habitat.

Even though this installation and operation have lacked adequate environmental review, various other studies indicate that the Observation Wheel can threaten wildlife habitat in Golden Gate Park:

- Dark skies and quiet night-time areas are important for wildlife health, providing rest and cover from predators. [\[20\]](#)

Golden Gate Park is on the path of the Pacific Flyway, and as such, thousands of birds pass over at night during the bird migration seasons. [21] Birds can be drawn off course due to night time artificial lighting, resulting in disorientation and collisions during bird migration. With its several-story height, and very bright lights, there is potential for harm in distracting and deterring birds from their habitat in Golden Gate Park [22]

- Too much artificial lighting can have an impact on their lifecycles and nesting patterns. [23]
- Not only birds but also insects are impacted by the presence of artificial nighttime lighting, resulting in clustering around the lights until they are exhausted; this has contributed to the decline of the insect population. [24] Insects are vital to the health of the food chain. [25]
- The San Francisco-based Chapter of California Native Plant Society (Yerba Buena Chapter) has expressed strong opposition to continuation of the Observation Wheel due to the impact it may have on Golden Gate Park's biodiversity.

"The United Nations' Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services has found a 45 percent decline in insect populations – insects that rely on our native plants for food – in just in the past 40 years. Lighting pollution has been cited as a major contributor to the decline of insect populations. Insects are most attracted to blue and white light, though shades of orange, yellow and red also draw them in. [26]

"The Wheel operates in a broad spectrum of colors late into the night flashing many of these colors. Half of all insect species are nocturnal. [27] It has long been known that artificial night lighting affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation, [28] and recent research has documented the extent of the adverse consequences of artificial night lighting to include, for example, plant phenology [29], predator-prey relations, [30] circadian rhythms, [31] and nocturnal rest and recovery. [32] Importantly, light attraction and disorientation results in direct mortality of many groups of insects [33], birds [34], including seabirds [35], contributing to species decline [36]. Insects form the basis of food webs that feed everything from fish on up to grizzly bears. Birds, in particular, depend on them."

- Bats can be impacted by high frequency and ultra-frequency sound pollution from equipment that is run at night when they are hunting, resulting in failed feedings and potential collisions and mortality. What is the impact on the wildlife that have to live with this noise 24/7? Security lights are left on all night and are overly bright, even compared to the other facilities in the Concourse. The Music Concourse is not a crime center, and we assume that any funds are removed from the area at end of the business day.

The artificial lighting and generator noise and fumes also can contribute to human health problems:

- The bright lights impact the skies over the Park, providing a glow on foggy nights that contributes to blocking out the night sky. According to the Dark Sky Association, "The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light – known as light pollution – can have serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife, and our climate." [37]
- Generator noise has already been recorded in multiple complaints to the Recreation and Park Department. What is the impact on residents and Park users who visit the Concourse

frequently?

- Generator fumes have also been recorded in complaints. What City and other regulations should be applied to this use of a diesel generator?

City policy supports protecting biodiversity in parks

San Francisco city policy supports protecting biodiversity in our parks,

" . . . The City should employ appropriate management practices to maintain a healthy and resilient ecosystem which preserves and protects plant and wildlife habitat. (ROSE, Policy 4.1).

[\[38\]](#)

RPD's own strategic plan supports stewardship of SF's natural resources

The 2020-2024 Strategic Plan for the Department of Recreation and Park states as one of five goals for the Department, to

"Inspire stewardship - protect and enhance San Francisco's precious natural resources through conservation, education, and sustainable land/facility management practices." [\[39\]](#)

The negative impact of loss of nature on children's development

San Francisco has a great many artificial, lighted attractions. However, the long-term loss of nature deprives children of the opportunity to learn about and to enjoy the natural world outside of books or museum exhibits. As Richard Louv states in his pivotal book about the important for childhood development of experiencing nature:

" . . . the child in nature is an endangered species, and the health of children and the health of the Earth are inseparable." [\[40\]](#)

What is the lesson for the children who come to see the Observation Wheel? That it is all right to damage the environment for short-term gain -- instead of teaching them the need to protect the environment over the long term.

The negative impact of loss of local access to nature on social equity

Not all people enjoy an equal access to Nature. Throughout the world, throughout our nation, throughout our state, and even in our city, there is a "Nature Gap". Where people live and what their income levels are directly affects their practical ability to immerse themselves in or even very occasionally to visit natural, green areas. And all natural, green areas are not the same; any city can feature a large number of small parks or parklets (occupying one block or less). It is not so easy to have multiple large, wild areas—that offer the maximum ability to create urban biodiversity—and provide people a profound Nature experience.

San Francisco is exceptionally fortunate to have Golden Gate Park, which is big enough and in many parts of it, wild enough, to allow habitat, and to allow residents to wander freely and immerse themselves in Nature. From most under-served neighborhoods in the city, such as the Tenderloin, the Mission, and even Hunters Point, Golden Gate Park can be reached relatively easily via city bus.. Its

Nature features can be enjoyed without additional expenditures for a whole afternoon, even a whole day by anyone. This is especially relevant for San Franciscans who do not own second homes outside of the city or cannot afford – either by money or by time or both -- to visit distant national parks or national forests, or other public lands offering natural landscapes and remote recreational opportunities. Nature in Golden Gate Park must be preserved - without being compromised by interference from unnatural structures - to allow for these communities to enjoy nature locally and for children to develop a love of and appreciation for the natural world.

The present pandemic, still far from over with, has only accentuated these needs. Unable or unwilling now to make long risk-fraught travels, and beset by multiple uncertainties and concerns, people have increasingly turned to nearby Nature for solace. What a difference to the spirit an hour spent surrounded by Nature's peace and quiet amid green spaces can make!

The recent report from the Hispanic Access Foundation, entitled, "The Nature Gap" highlights this inequity; among the report's "key findings":

"Nature is supposed to be a "great equalizer" whose services are free, universal, and accessible to all humans without discrimination. In reality, however, American society distributes nature's benefits—and the effects of its destruction and decline—unequally by race, income, and age.

In many parts of the country, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed an uneven and inequitable distribution of nearby outdoor spaces for recreation, respite, and enjoyment. Particularly in communities of color and low-income communities, families have too few safe, close-to-home parks and coastlines where they are able to get outside. At this time of social distancing, when clean, fresh air is most wanted and needed, nature is out of reach for too many.

The unequal distribution of nature in America—and the unjust experiences that many people of color have in the outdoors—is a problem that national, state, and local leaders can no longer ignore. With scientists urging policymakers to protect at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and ocean by 2030 to address the biodiversity and climate crises, now is the time to imagine how, by protecting far more lands and waters over the next decade, the United States can guarantee every child in America the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of nature near their home. " [\[41\]](#)

When does 'temporary' become 'permanent'?

The continued presence of the Wheel will contribute to the possibility of the Wheel becoming a permanent installation in Golden Gate Park. As SF Heritage pointed out during a hearing last year, the more Instagram photos taken and the more people get used to it, the more likely it is that it will become a permanent fixture in the center of our landmarked Music Concourse.

The Department of Recreation and Park is now involved in intense lobbying, using city employees to gather support from various organizations, many of which depend on the Parks. [\[42\]](#) [\[43\]](#) In addition, Rec and Park has negotiated from the vendor thousands of free tickets, as part of the contract; the tickets are an enticement for cash-strapped groups to support this project.

In fact, letters from the public are already advocating for this structure to be made permanent.:

- Letter to RPC, 12-03-2020, SB: "I would be very happy to have it as a permanent part of the park...."

- Letter to RPC, 12-14-20, CM: "I hope someone starts a movement to have this added as a permanent addition to the park."

It will be extremely difficult to remove the Wheel after a long extension.

Conclusions

Given the historical inappropriateness of the Observation Wheel in this historic setting, the potential damage to wildlife, and the message the wheel sends that artificial attractions are more important than parkland or habitat, and especially, the message that historic preservation must bow to commercial interests, we encourage the Historic Preservation Commission to enforce the original agreement and remove the Wheel from the historic Music Concourse at the end of the one-year time period.

Appendix A: Photo of Wheel in Music Concourse

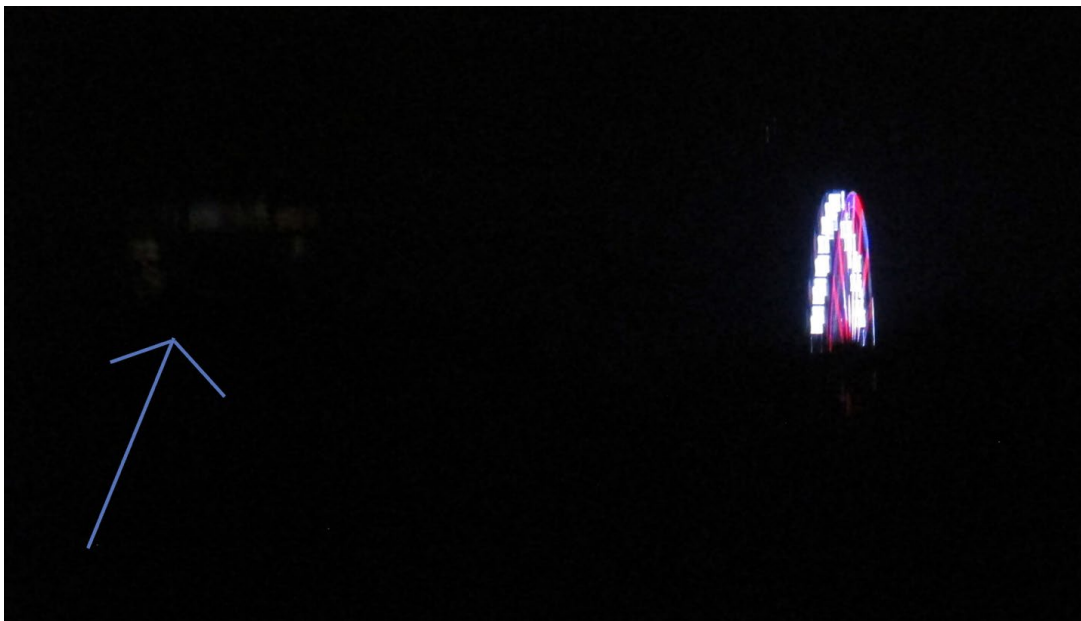


The brightly lighted wheel in the Music Concourse. The lights on the gondolas cannot be turned off. The ring and other lights have been left on constantly, even on days and nights that the Wheel was shut down

Appendix B: Golden Gate Park as a refuge from the city surrounding it.

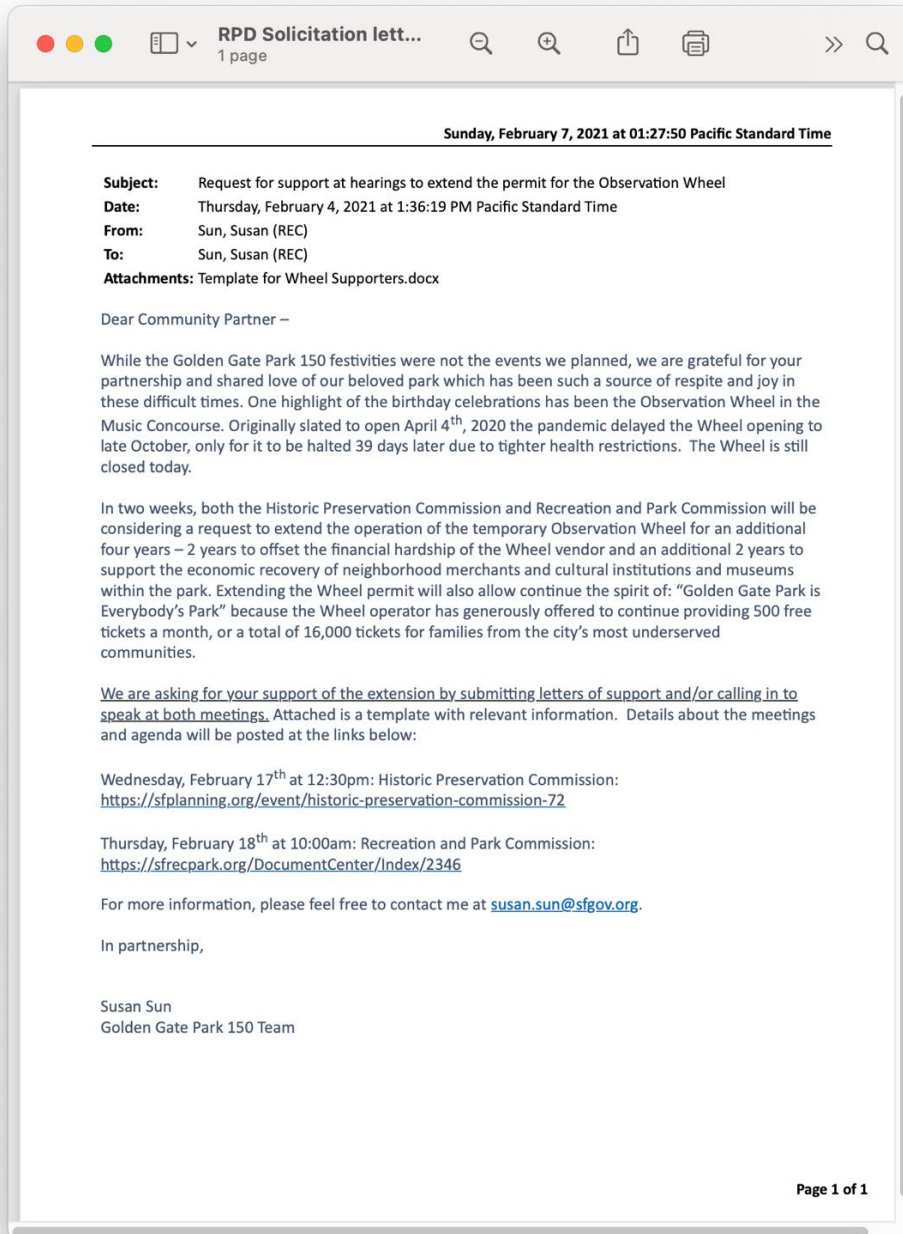


Golden Gate Park - A haven from the noise and lights of the surrounding urban environment, for people and for wildlife.



The brightly-lighted Wheel as seen towering over the park trees, from Parnassus Heights. The de Young Tower with its subdued night lighting is by the arrow..

Appendix C: RPD Solicitation letter



Appendix D: RPD Template for Soliciting Comments

Historic Preservation Commissioners/ Recreation and Park Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

A COUPLE SENTENCES ABOUT WHO YOU ARE AND WHY THE WHEEL IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. (eg: As a

resident of the Inner Sunset close to the Wheel my family and I delight in seeing the symbol of hope during our visits to Golden Gate Park.)

Parks and open spaces have provided immeasurable opportunities for physical and mental health well-being during this pandemic. The addition of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park has only added to rich amenities that are available to be explored and enjoyed by all. I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for health reasons, but my family and I are looking forward to riding it when it is safe again to do so. Even closed it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

FROM BUSINESS OWNERS/SUNSET ADVOCATES: It's no secret that our business community has been economically impacted by COVID-19. The Sky Wheel has helped bring increased foot traffic to our neighborhood and businesses that are desperately needing patronage. As health restrictions are lessened, I hope that we experience increased foot traffic for the small businesses in the Richmond and Sunset that have been so hard hit by the Shelter in Place restrictions.

I look forward to celebrating our community through the holidays and then, I hope with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,

XXXXXXXX

[1] "National Register of Historic Places," OMB No. 1024-0018, United State Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Oct. 15, 2004 certification. Section 7, pages 3- 5.

[2] Music Concourse landmarking #249, Attachment F.

[3] Music Concourse landmarking #249, Attachment F.

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[8] "Golden Gate Park 150th Anniversary – Observation Wheel Installation, Amendment to Extend Permit Term to March 1, 2025," 02-04-21

[9] "Golden Gate Park 150th Anniversary – Observation Wheel Installation, Amendment to Extend Permit Term to March 1, 2025," 02-04-21

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[13] Executive Order on Climate Change, President Biden, January 26, 2021

[14] Executive Order, Governor Newsom, October 7, 2020

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: the Observation Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 4:54:14 PM
Attachments: [letter to HPC Feb 2021.pdf](#)
[Landmark Approval Documents.pdf](#)

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From: Robert Cherny <robt.cherny@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:58 PM
To: Aaron Hyland <aaron.hyland.hpc@gmail.com>, Diane Matsuda <dianematsuda@hotmail.com>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <chris.foley@sfgov.org>, "Johns, Richard (CPC)" <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>, Jonathan Pearlman <jonathan.pearlman.hpc@gmail.com>, "So, Lydia (CPC)" <lydia.so@sfgov.org>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: the Observation Wheel

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Dear commissioners:

I am attaching a letter about the requested extension for the observation wheel and the landmark designation report for the Music Concourse.

Thank you for your attention.

Robert W. Cherny
Professor *emeritus* of History
San Francisco State University

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:32:56 PM

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From: Anne Lakota <alakota@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 3:18 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Sincerely,
Anne Lakota
Novato, CA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: GGPark Wheel Feb 17 Hearing - COMMENTS
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2:31:40 PM
Attachments: [Ferris Wheel .msg](#)

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From: Robert Bakewell <rcbakewell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:40 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Jake Sigg <jakesigg@earthlink.net>
Subject: GGPark Wheel Feb 17 Hearing - COMMENTS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing Date: **WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021**
Time: **Not before 12:30 PM**
Location: **Visit www.sfplanning.org for details**
Case Type: **Certificate of Appropriateness**
Hearing Body: **Historic Preservation Commission**

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Address: **55 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr.**
Cross Streets: **Music Concourse Dr.**
Block / Lot No.: **1700 / 001**
Zoning District(s): **P / OS**
Designation: **Landmark No. 249**
Record No.: **2019-022126COA-04**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant: **Stacy Bradley**
Agency: **Recreation & Parks Department**
Address: **49 South Van Ness, Suite 1220**
City, State: **San Francisco, CA 94103**
Telephone: **628-652-6610**
Email: **stacy.bradley@sfgov.org**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Request for Certificate of Appropriateness to extend the expiration of a temporary prohibition wheel for four

In regard to the GG Park Wheel coming under consideration for 4 yr extension :

I'm very concerned about the impact of lighting and the [24/7](#) Diesel engines ... and certainly the cost of this Wheel installation .

I help run "Friends of Oak Woodlands in GG Park - SFPA Park Partner" that collaborates with SFRPD's Natural Resources Division .

(We are currently implementing our CCG earned grant to plant 400 native trees and shrubs in the Oak Woodlands Natural Area at a site on flank of Lick Hill near McLaren Lodge) .

We are dismayed by the underfunding and short staffing for NRD that is supposed to be managing SF's roughly 30 Significant Natural Areas , including the extensive Oak Woodlands Natural Area in NE GG Park, under terms of the the Board of Supervisors mandated SNA Management Plan.

The Oak Woodlands feature a relatively new near mile long Oak Woodlands Nature Trail that is thankfully very popular , but the ongoing restoration and stewardship of this whole area is substantially left to volunteers .

Given the extraordinary need to conserve legacy natural landscapes , local biodiversity and peaceful green space, I think that financial resources must be directed to increase what is now NRD's tiny staff that is practically incapable of fulfilling its mandate , despite valiant effort .

We also know that GG park tree management falls behind current conditions .. dead and dying Monterey Pine and Blue Gum eucalyptus are worsening hazards in the NE GG Park region.

John McLaren would agree I think !

We also note that the Historic WPA Bas Relief Horseshoe Pitcher Sculpture in nearby Horseshoe Courts is crumbling and SFRPD has repeatedly delayed quoted restoration .

Yes, the Wheel is attractive, bringing attention to this region of the Park , but I think management attention and \$resources must be directed to urgent requirements .

Thank you !

Robert Bakewell

Friends of Oak Woodlands GG Park- SFPA Park Partner .

rbakewell@friendsofoakwoodlands.org

[415-710-9617](tel:415-710-9617)

Feb 10, 2021

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2:30:44 PM
Attachments: [I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House.msg](#)
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From: Helen Harrison <helen.harrison@stonybrook.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 12:36 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Sincerely,
Helen Harrison

Sag Harbor, NY

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 11:02:33 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Yushi Chen (yushichen19@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:42 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife

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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

I am opposed to the Observation Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco's premier historic landscape park and a major habitat area for birds and other wildlife. I appreciate that the Historic Preservation Commission limited the time period for the Observation Wheel to one year. I ask you to hold to this time period.

Our city parks are a vital refuge for wild animals struggling to deal with the loss of habitat and open space. Wildlife needs darkness. Light pollution can have a negative impact on birds ? both resident and migrating ? as well as bats, insects, amphibians, and other animals. Artificial light can alter an animal's circadian rhythm, disrupting breeding, foraging, and sheltering cycles. Furthermore, it can draw and disorient some species while repelling others ? in both cases, to deadly effect. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night.

Since its inception, Golden Gate Park has provided the opportunity for families and children from all income levels to enjoy nature close to home; this is especially important for those who do not have easy access to distant natural areas. If our own local nature is continuously infringed upon by artificial attractions ? particularly those which harm wildlife ? then that deprives those communities of a direct experience with nature.

Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

Yushi Chen
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San Francisco, CA 94112

yushichen19@gmail.com
(415) 481-9903

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [LaValley, Pilar \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Local Landmark Designation for the Lyon-Martin House
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 8:59:49 AM

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From: Julia Rocchi <rocchijulia@gmail.com>
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To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Sincerely,
Julia Rocchi
Arlington, VA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Proposal to extend Observation Wheel 4 years
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 7:32:22 AM
Attachments: [Microsoft Word - 2-9-21RPCommissioners re Obs. Wheel extension.docx.pdf](#)
[Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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From: Denis Mosgofian <denismosgofian@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 5:38 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Bradley, Stacy (REC) <stacy.bradley@sfgov.org>; Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Koppel, Joel (CPC) <joel.koppel@sfgov.org>; Moore, Kathrin (CPC) <kathrin.moore@sfgov.org>; Chan, Deland (CPC) <deland.chan@sfgov.org>; Diamond, Susan (CPC) <sue.diamond@sfgov.org>; Fung, Frank (CPC) <frank.fung@sfgov.org>; Imperial, Theresa (CPC) <theresa.imperial@sfgov.org>; Tanner, Rachael (CPC) <rachael.tanner@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Subject: Proposal to extend Observation Wheel 4 years

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Feb. 9, 2021

Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners, and Planning Commissioners,

Re: Proposal to extend Observation Wheel 4 years

"The City of San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department proposes an operational extension until March 1, 2023 to offset financial hardship experienced by the vendor and an additional extension until March 1, 2025 to support economic recovery."

It is truly unfortunate that the Covid19 pandemic and the anemic 2020 federal response have caused so much suffering to so many small businesses and so many millions more residents everywhere.

But, the proposal to retain the Observation Wheel for 4 years is no longer relevant to the 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park, and is rather an issue of economics. So, putting aside the "celebratory" lighting of the Wheel, and lost revenue, what reasons would rationalize keeping the inappropriate structure in place for 4 more years?

Why should the out-of-town vendor receive more taxpayer compensation than our long-time local businesses which contribute far more to the residents of San Francisco and which have suffered at least as much?

The 150th anniversary is past. The Wheel does not fit in GGP. The invasive and long hours of lighting are wrong in the park. Few in their right minds will enter the enclosed gondolas during this next year of Covid and Covid variant strains. Herd immunity will not be achieved in 2021 and only maybe in 2022, if we are lucky.

This proposal is a hope and a prayer with public monies. Not good governance.

"RPD proposes an operational extension until March 1, 2023 to offset financial hardship", thus clearly stating the losses are expected to take two full years for the Vendor to recover. Why cover these losses with a better than 50-50 bet that the losses will be greater than expected.

Question: Isn't it more cost effective to close the Observation Wheel now for both the City and the Vendor than to leave it up for four more years? This costly operation should not be on the City's mind for the next 4 plus years.

Question: how much smarter would it be for the City to compensate the Vendor in some manner for past losses, though not future losses?

Question: How much and who pays the cost to dismantle it and restore the grounds?

When the Ferris Wheel was presented to us, it was a traveling attraction that would be moving along after one year. This proposal sounds like RPD may be hoping to make it a permanent fixture.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the RPD proposal,

Denis Mosgofian

1227 – 10th Avenue

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 6:32:56 PM
Attachments: [02.10.2021 Public Schedule.pdf](#)

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From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:31 PM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

**MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC
EVENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

10:00 AM

Mayor London Breed to join UC San Francisco, City officials, and Labor representatives to celebrate the final agreement between the City and UCSF regarding the Parnassus Heights campus and hospital.

Online event.

Watch [here](#).

Note: Mayor's schedule is subject to change.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES PLAN TO EXPAND VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TO WORKERS IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND FOOD SECTORS
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 1:12:57 PM
Attachments: [02.09.21 COVID-19 Vaccine Update.pdf](#)

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Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES PLAN TO EXPAND VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TO WORKERS IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND FOOD SECTORS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Contact: San Francisco Joint Information Center, dempres@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

SAN FRANCISCO ANNOUNCES PLAN TO EXPAND VACCINE ELIGIBILITY TO WORKERS IN EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND FOOD SECTORS

Starting on February 24, San Francisco will move to Phase 1B, Tier 1 of the state's population prioritization plan and begin vaccinating people who work in education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors, while continuing to vaccinate healthcare workers and people 65 and older as supply allows

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax, in partnership with local healthcare providers, announced that starting February 24, COVID-19 vaccines will be offered to individuals identified as eligible in Phase 1B, Tier 1 of California's population prioritization plan for vaccine administration. This includes people who work in the education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors.

This expansion into Phase 1B, Tier 1 is occurring as San Francisco, in partnership with healthcare providers, continues to expand its vaccine infrastructure but vaccine supply remains limited. Phase 1B, Tier 1 is comprised of more than 115,000 individuals who live or work in San Francisco, in addition to the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65 and older who are currently eligible.

“Getting people who live and work in San Francisco vaccinated as quickly as possible is our top priority. We’re moving full speed ahead with setting up our COVID-19 vaccination network in San Francisco and are ready to ramp up as we get more supply,” said Mayor Breed. “As we keep making progress vaccinating healthcare workers and people 65 and older, we’re looking ahead to the next phase and are making sure we’re ready to vaccinate workers quickly so they can safely be out in the city serving the community.”

Healthcare providers in San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health are currently vaccinating healthcare workers and people 65 and older. San Francisco will continue to prioritize those 65 years and over for vaccination, as they carry the highest risk of hospitalization and death of any population in the city.

The City has developed a webpage for people who live and work in San Francisco to find vaccination sites in San Francisco and book appointments. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated).

The goal of the City’s vaccination strategy is to make receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as convenient and comfortable for as many people as possible, particularly in those neighborhoods disproportionately affected by the pandemic. In partnership with the healthcare providers in San Francisco, which are receiving the majority of the vaccine doses from the state, the City is facilitating the quick and efficient delivery of vaccines through high-volume vaccine sites, neighborhood vaccine access sites, community clinics, pharmacy partnerships, and mobile vaccination teams.

“Although vaccine supply remains extremely limited, we are making progress in vaccinating the most medically vulnerable people in our community – those over 65 years of age. As we expand vaccine eligibility to those in Phase 1B, Tier 1 we will offer protection to individuals who have supported and protected our City throughout the pandemic – workers in the education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture sectors,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Public Health. “We are building a robust and flexible system of vaccine distribution that can efficiently and equitably administer the vaccine as quickly as we receive it. Together with adherence to public health measures such as masking, hand washing, and social distancing, the vaccine can bring an end to this pandemic.”

The Moscone Center high-volume vaccination site opened last week by appointment only for anyone eligible to receive the vaccine, regardless of health coverage. Initially, the site will operate at a moderate capacity, but when supply increases, it can expand to 7,000 to 10,000 vaccinations per day. Hours of vaccination are limited but will ramp up to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily, when vaccine is more readily available. The site is part of a collaborative effort between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health partnering with a consortium of statewide healthcare organizations: Kaiser Permanente, Adventist Health, the California Medical Association, CommonSpirit/Dignity, and Futuro Health as well as the California Primary Care Association.

In addition to the high-volume sites at the Moscone Center and City College of San Francisco, which opened on January 22, the City will add a third high-volume vaccination site at The SF Market in the Bayview. These high-volume sites were chosen in part for their proximity to neighborhoods in the southeastern part of the City that have been most heavily impacted by COVID. These sites will serve anyone, regardless of their health coverage status or provider.

“The workforce of the City and County of San Francisco has stepped up time and time again over the last year to provide critical and essential services to the residents of San Francisco throughout the pandemic including food distribution, community safety, testing and distribution of the vaccine,” said Carol Isen, Acting Human Resources Director. “As the City moves into Phase 1B of vaccination, these workers will be able to continue to provide these services with the protection of a safe and effective vaccine which will allow San Francisco faster to reopen faster.”

The distribution of a national vaccine during a pandemic is an unprecedented event, and the City of San Francisco is partnering with healthcare providers to have as many people vaccinated as fast as possible, while following the federal and state guidelines for prioritization. In the meantime, it is critical that all San Franciscans continue to follow all public health recommendations to wear a mask when not in your home, cough into your elbow, wash your hands, keep 6 feet from others whenever you must be in public places and help your local health department collect information to inform people of possible infection. These steps will help protect you and those around you while COVID-19 is circulating, and, along with the vaccine, will be essential to ending the pandemic.

Anyone who works or lives in San Francisco can sign up for a notification when they are eligible for vaccination at [SF.gov/vaccinenotify](https://sf.gov/vaccinenotify). The City will continue to provide regular updates to the public about the vaccine in San Francisco at: [SF.gov/covidvaccine](https://sf.gov/covidvaccine).

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 11:05:36 AM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Audrey Ng (audrey_lai_ng@yahoo.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 9:25 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Sincerely,

Audrey Ng

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Tuesday, February 09, 2021 7:06:39 AM

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 2:25:31 PM

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To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Sincerely,

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** JOAQUÍN TORRES SWORN IN AS SAN FRANCISCO'S ASSESSOR-RECORDER
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 1:41:13 PM
Attachments: [02.08.21 Assessor-Recorder_Joaquin_Torres_Swearing_In.pdf](#)

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From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 1:39 PM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** JOAQUÍN TORRES SWORN IN AS SAN FRANCISCO'S ASSESSOR-RECORDER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Monday, February 8, 2021

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**JOAQUÍN TORRES SWORN IN AS SAN FRANCISCO'S
ASSESSOR-RECORDER**

Torres, appointed by Mayor Breed, previously led San Francisco's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and will now be responsible for the City's property tax-related functions

San Francisco, CA — Today Mayor London N. Breed conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Joaquín Torres as the new Assessor-Recorder for the City and County of San Francisco. Torres previously served as the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD). He is filling the vacancy left by Carmen Chu, who was sworn in as San Francisco City Administrator last week. Anne Taupier will serve as the Acting Director of OEWD as a search is undertaken for a new Director.

The Office of the Assessor-Recorder is responsible for locating all taxable property in the City, identifying ownership, establishing a taxable value, and applying all legal exemptions. The position of Assessor-Recorder is a citywide elected position and Torres will have to run in the next election, which is currently scheduled for June 2022, to complete the current term.

“I am proud to swear-in Joaquín Torres as San Francisco's Assessor-Recorder. He has been a strong leader for the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and we were especially lucky to have him as we navigated the pandemic and created programs to support small businesses and workers in San Francisco,” said Mayor Breed. “Joaquín's experience working with businesses as well as communities throughout our entire City make him well-suited for this new responsibility. I'm confident that as our Assessor-Recorder, Joaquín will help us advance the City's economic recovery and build back San Francisco even stronger than

before.”

Torres served as Director of the City’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development since 2018. Under his leadership, the department’s budget grew approximately 35% from \$67 million to almost \$92 million, constituting a substantial expansion of services for businesses and workers. During his tenure, he significantly increased support for small businesses, pioneered a community-driven departmental budget process, and firmly centered racial equity in the department’s mission and operations. Together with the Human Rights Commission, he has also helped to successfully implement Mayor Breed’s Opportunities for All initiative.

“I am honored for the confidence that San Francisco and the community is placing in me to carry forward the important work of the Assessor-Recorder. Our economic recovery will rely on the billions in annual property tax that this office helps to generate and that go into our communities to support public services from health and education, to safety and neighborhood services,” said Assessor-Recorder Joaquín Torres. “I’m committed to leading this organization with integrity, promoting accessibility and ensuring equitable treatment for all San Franciscans. As I look forward to joining the team at the Assessor Recorder’s office, I’d also like to extend my gratitude to the team at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development for their outstanding service to workers, residents and businesses, especially this past year during COVID-19. It’s teams like these—their work ethic, commitment and extraordinary accomplishments—that make me so proud to be a public servant.”

Since the onset of COVID-19, OEWD has helped lead the City’s response by serving as a central information hub and support for businesses and workers as they grapple with the incredible uncertainty and challenges created by the pandemic. Under Torres’s leadership, OEWD has coordinated with public health officials and the business community to maximize safety and limit economic damage, led development and implementation of relief programs and policies for businesses and workers, and built a foundation for an equitable recovery. Torres has strategically marshaled the department’s staff and resources, as well as its extensive network of civic and business leaders, philanthropy and community-based organizations to drive these critical, overlapping COVID-19 relief initiatives.

Torres also serves as the President of the San Francisco Housing Authority Commission, where he leads the oversight body as it works to complete the process of rehabilitating over 3,400 units of public housing with \$750 million in improvements, ultimately transferring ownership to affordable housing providers to better serve low-income communities. He serves as Chair of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee for the American Conservatory Theatre (A.C.T.) and has also served on the Executive Board of SPUR since 2019, helping to develop regional solutions to major urban challenges ranging from housing, land use and transportation to food access, climate, and governance.

“I am truly excited about Joaquin Torres’ appointment as our City Assessor. As the Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development he has been a champion for our communities before and throughout the pandemic,” said Shamann Walton, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. “Whether it be the rapid response to ensuring Family Relief and Right to Recover resources were secured and provided into the hands of families when they were most needed, ensuring businesses and workers had access to critical, real time information, or delivering direct financial relief for hundreds of our hardest hit small businesses (including minority owned), he has been a committed and resourceful leader. I know he will bring the same effective approaches and dedication to the Assessor’s Office.”

“Joaquín Torres is one of the best leaders we have in San Francisco City Government. He cares deeply about people, is reliable, trustworthy, and demands substantive and excellent work product from himself and the staff he leads,” said Supervisor Hillary Ronen. “Although I am sad we will lose his tremendous skill focused on Economic and Workforce Development, I am excited to see how he will lead the Assessor’s Office and ensure that it continues to operate fairly and efficiently for the people of San Francisco.”

“San Francisco’s Assessor-Recorder’s Office is one of the best in the state. And I believe that Mayor Breed’s choice of Joaquin Torres is a good pick to replace former Assessor Carmen Chu,” said Supervisor Aaron Peskin. “I have high expectations that Assessor Torres will rise to the level of one of the most challenging times any assessor could face and is ready to meet those challenges.”

“Joaquín Torres is a well respected and capable City leader who is up to the challenges of Assessor-Recorder,” said Supervisor Gordon Mar. “As we move towards recovery from the pandemic facing much economic uncertainty, his steady leadership will be essential to San Francisco’s ongoing financial success.”

“On behalf of Self-Help for the Elderly, I want to convey our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Joaquín Torres as he steps in as our city’s Assessor-Recorder,” said Anni Chung, President and CEO of Self-Help for the Elderly. I’ve worked closely with Mr. Torres for many years as Director of the Mayor’s Neighborhood Services and since 2018 as Director of OEWD. He is always accessible to the community, smart, has great people skills, hard-working and committed to helping communities of color succeed. We’re looking forward to continuing our partnership with Mr. Torres as our Assessor-Recorder. He is a great asset for our city!”

“From his earliest days working in public service for the City of San Francisco, Joaquín has always gone the extra mile for every San Franciscan,” said Bevan Dufty, Bart Board of Directors, District 9. “Joaquín’s worked hard to support neighborhoods and businesses, and he’s risen to the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19 in a truly remarkable way. As Assessor, I have no doubt he will remain at the forefront of building back our City, better than ever.”

Previously, Joaquín served as Director of the San Francisco Invest in Neighborhoods initiative, Director of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services for Mayor Edwin M. Lee, and Liaison to the San Francisco Latino and American Indian communities and to Supervisorial Districts Nine and Eleven for Mayor Gavin Newsom. He is a graduate of Stanford University and New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. He lives in the Outer Mission with his wife, Ruibo Qian.

The Office of the Assessor-Recorder carries out the property tax-related functions governed by the State Constitution and local laws. The Office’s core responsibility is to identify and assess the value of all taxable property in the City and County of San Francisco and apply all legal exemptions. Property tax funds public education and is the single largest revenue source supporting the City’s general operations. The office also records and maintains official records of the City, and collects transfer tax from changes in property ownership.

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 1:28:10 PM
Attachments: [Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel.msg](#)
[Please do not extend the SkyStar Observation Wheel.msg](#)
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Sincerely,

Shawn Heiser
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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 11:23:16 AM
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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED *** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 9:15:55 AM
Attachments: [02.08.2021 Public Schedule UPDATED.pdf](#)

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Date: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 9:15 AM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: UPDATED *** MEDIA ADVISORY *** MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Monday, February 8, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

MAYOR LONDON N. BREED'S SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

1:00 PM

Mayor London Breed to swear-in Joaquín Torres as Assessor-Recorder for the City and County of San Francisco.

Online event

Watch at www.youtube.com/SFGovTV/

Note: Mayor's schedule is subject to change.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ON THE PASSING OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 9:13:53 AM
Attachments: [02.07.21 Secretary George Shultz.pdf](#)

Jonas P Ionin
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From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Date: Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 11:14 AM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ON THE PASSING OF FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Sunday, February 7, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** STATEMENT *****
**MAYOR LONDON BREED ON THE PASSING OF FORMER
SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ**

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today issued the following statement regarding the passing of former Secretary of State George Shultz:

“I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Secretary George Shultz, who left a tremendous impact on our City and our country. He was well-known for his accomplishments on the world stage, but it’s important to remember that he was a fierce advocate for what many of us consider “San Francisco values”, including the value of a high-quality public education, the value of accessible healthcare for all, and the value of mutual respect and dignity for people from all walks of life. In recent years, we were fortunate that he used his role as a respected statesman to serve as a bridge builder between other countries and our City, and his international work on nuclear deterrence was truly about leaving the world in a better place. He was a giant in our community and my condolences go out to his wife, Charlotte, and all of his family and friends.”

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 8:34:05 AM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 10:13 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife

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I am opposed to the Observation Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco's premier historic landscape park and a major habitat area for birds and other wildlife. I appreciate that the Historic Preservation Commission limited the time period for the Observation Wheel to one year. I ask you to hold to this time period.

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to enjoy nature close to home; this is especially important for those who do not have easy access to distant natural areas. If our own local nature is continuously infringed upon by artificial attractions ? particularly those which harm wildlife ? then that deprives those communities of a direct experience with nature.

Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tupasi
1207 48th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122
improvant@yahoo.com
(415) 401-5728

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To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife

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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

The built, illuminated landscape of San Francisco has few places of refuge for wild creatures and Golden Gate Park is one of them. Please reject the extension of the ferris wheel's tenure there.

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Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

Carol Soto
1643 Castro
San Francisco, CA 94132
carol222us@gmail.com
(415) 282-1721

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Sincerely,

Johanna Wald
845 Ashbury St
San Francisco, CA 94117
wald94117@yahoo.com
(415) 238-2644

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Sincerely,

Richard Sparacino
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San Francisco, CA 94122
rbsparacino@att.net
(415) 564-5925

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 8:28:33 AM
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Sincerely,

Leon Van Steen
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San Francisco, CA 94134
leonvansteen@gmail.com
(415) 468-5398

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Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 8:27:11 AM
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Sincerely,

Carlos Ferreira
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San Francisco, CA 94102
cfinsf@yahoo.com
(415) 285-5200

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
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Sincerely,

Ileana Labergere
1750 McAllister St Apt 1208
San Francisco, CA 94115
anthropologistinthe field@yahoo.com
(415) 775-1234

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Leslie Owyang-Chin
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-----Original Message-----

From: Michele Nihipali (nihipalim001@hawaii.rr.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 10:44 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife

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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

I am opposed to the Observation Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco's premier historic landscape park and a major habitat area for birds and other wildlife. I appreciate that the Historic Preservation Commission limited the time period for the Observation Wheel to one year. I ask you to hold to this time period.

Our city parks are a vital refuge for wild animals struggling to deal with the loss of habitat and open space. Wildlife needs darkness. Light pollution can have a negative impact on birds ? both resident and migrating ? as well as bats, insects, amphibians, and other animals. Artificial light can alter an animal's circadian rhythm, disrupting breeding, foraging, and sheltering cycles. Furthermore, it can draw and disorient some species while repelling others ? in both cases, to deadly effect. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night.

Since its inception, Golden Gate Park has provided the opportunity for families and children from all income levels to enjoy nature close to home; this is especially important for those who do not have easy access to distant natural areas. If our own local nature is continuously infringed upon by artificial attractions ? particularly those which harm wildlife ? then that deprives those communities of a direct experience with nature.

Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife
Date: Monday, February 08, 2021 8:21:34 AM
Attachments: [Stop the extension of the SkyStar Observation Wheel to protect our wildlife.msg](#)
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From: Lael Robertson (lael@sonic.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>
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Dear SF Historic Preservation Commission,

I support the take down of the wheel. The extra light at night feels so out of place in the wildness that is GG Park. Lets help the animals and let it be dark.

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Please deny the extension and remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park permanently.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO CAPS OFF WEEK OF NEW SITES, EXPANDED ACCESS ACROSS NETWORK OF COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES
Date: Friday, February 05, 2021 9:55:57 AM
Attachments: [02.05.21 Vaccination Sites - Recap of Week.pdf](#)

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Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:04 AM
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Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO CAPS OFF WEEK OF NEW SITES, EXPANDED ACCESS ACROSS NETWORK OF COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Friday, February 5, 2021
Contact: San Francisco Joint Information Center, dempres@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****
**SAN FRANCISCO CAPS OFF WEEK OF NEW
SITES, EXPANDED ACCESS ACROSS NETWORK OF
COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES**

This week the City expanded its COVID-19 vaccination network with new and expanded sites at the Moscone Center and in the Mission, Bayview, South of Market, and Outer Sunset neighborhoods, vaccinating health care workers and community members 65 and older

San Francisco, CA — The City of San Francisco has made significant progress on its COVID-19 vaccination network and has the infrastructure in place to administer at least 10,000 vaccines per day once adequate supply is received. Just this week, San Francisco and health care partners opened a new high-volume vaccination site at Moscone Center, expanded neighborhood vaccine access in the Bayview and Mission neighborhoods, and launched a new vaccination site with Safeway Pharmacy at San Francisco State University. All sites are currently vaccinating health care workers and community members ages 65 and older, regardless of insurance status and in accordance with the State's prioritization plan. The goal of the City's vaccination strategy is to make receiving the COVID-19 vaccine as convenient and comfortable for as many people as possible, particularly in those neighborhoods disproportionately affected by the pandemic. In partnership with the health care providers in San Francisco, which are receiving the majority of the vaccine doses from the state, the City is facilitating the quick and efficient delivery of vaccines through high-volume vaccine sites, neighborhood vaccine access sites, community clinics, pharmacy partnerships, and mobile vaccination teams.

In addition to creating the infrastructure required to vaccinate people quickly and conveniently, the City has developed a new webpage for people who live and work in San Francisco to find vaccination sites in San Francisco and book appointments. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated). Anyone who works or lives in San Francisco can sign up for a notification when they are eligible for vaccination at [SF.gov/vaccinenotify](https://sf.gov/vaccinenotify).

“Creating this network of vaccination locations has been a massive undertaking, with City staff, health care partners, and community organizations working around the clock to create these sites and make sure we’re prepared to vaccinate people as quickly as possible. I want to thank everyone who has been working with us to make this network of vaccinations a reality,” said Mayor Breed. “Getting people who live and work in San Francisco vaccinated safely and efficiently will help us get on the road to recovery and protect the health of our entire community. We are ready to ramp up and vaccinate thousands of people per day -- now we just need the supply.”

“Vaccinations are our way out of this pandemic,” said Dr. Colfax, Director of the Department of Public Health. “The Department of Public Health is working hard to expand vaccination distribution to communities that have suffered disproportionately from COVID-19. We encourage all eligible members of the public to get a vaccine so we can keep each other healthy, support our health care workers, and get San Francisco back on its feet. Until it’s your turn, please continue to be vigilant by wearing your mask and physical distancing. Let’s avoid turning Super Bowl Sunday into a super spreader event by following the health guidelines and avoiding indoor gatherings with people outside your household.”

“The vaccine is one of the most critical tools we have in responding to the COVID-19 emergency,” said Mary Ellen Carroll, Director of Department of Emergency Management. “When Mayor Breed announced San Francisco’s vaccination plan, our goal was to have all the infrastructure and logistics ready to get vaccines in as many arms as possible. While we still need greater supply of the vaccine, the private-public partnerships that have come together to establish high-volume and community vaccination sites marks a significant turning point in our response and recovery from COVID-19.”

High-Volume Vaccination Sites

Today, the Moscone Center high-volume vaccination site officially opens by appointment only for anyone eligible to receive the vaccine, regardless of health coverage. Initially, the site will operate at a low capacity, but when supply increases it can expand to 7,000 to 10,000 vaccinations per day. Hours of vaccination will initially be limited but will ramp up to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. The site is part of a collaborative effort between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health partnering with a consortium of statewide health care organizations: Kaiser Permanente, Adventist Health, the California Medical Association, CommonSpirit/Dignity, and Futuro Health as well as the California Primary Care Association.

In addition to the high-volume sites at the Moscone Center and City College of San Francisco (opened on January 22), the City will add a third high-volume vaccination site at the SF Produce Market in the Bayview. These high-volume sites were chosen in part for their proximity to neighborhoods in the southeastern part of the City that have been most heavily impacted by COVID. These sites will serve anyone, regardless of their health coverage status

or provider.

Neighborhood Vaccine Access Sites

On Monday, February 1, the first neighborhood vaccine access site opened in the Mission District at 24th and Capp Streets. The City is working to expand neighborhood vaccine access sites to the Bayview, Excelsior, Visitacion Valley and other neighborhoods with the highest infection rates for COVID-19 and limited access to health care services.

The 24th Street site is by appointment only and is serving community health workers and local residents over the age of 65 within the Unidos en Salud network, which includes uninsured vulnerable populations. The site has an initial capacity of 120 vaccinations per day and, when vaccine capacity increases, this site may expand to conduct 200-400 vaccinations per day.

Community Clinics

In addition to these neighborhood vaccine sites, the Department of Public Health and its community partners continue to vaccinate people through community clinics in the Western Addition, Chinatown, Bayview, Outer Sunset, and Potrero Hill.

The Department of Public Health recently expanded vaccination access through the Southeast Health Center, which is offering walk-in appointments for residents 65 and older in the neighboring zip codes 94124 and 94134. Patients must show proof of age and residency in order to be vaccinated. No insurance required.

Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH) is offering free COVID-19 vaccines for people meeting all of the following requirements: live in zip codes 94110, 94112, or 94107; Ages 65 and over; and either Medi-Cal recipients, Healthy San Francisco recipients, or uninsured. Those who are eligible can drop in from 9am to 3pm any day of the week at ZSFGH's Learning Center at 1001 Potrero Avenue, Building 30. Patients must show proof of age and residence, such as a utility bill or driver's license. For those with Medi-Cal or Healthy San Francisco, patients should bring an insurance card.

Partnerships with Pharmacies

On Wednesday, February 3, Safeway Pharmacy began vaccinating individuals 65 and older who live and work in San Francisco at San Francisco State University. The Department of Public Health will partner with Safeway Pharmacy, CVS, and Walgreens to eventually expand vaccination services throughout the city.

The distribution of a national vaccine during a pandemic is an unprecedented event, and the City of San Francisco is partnering with healthcare providers to have as many people vaccinated as fast as possible, while following the federal and state guidelines for prioritization. In the meantime, it is critical that all San Franciscans continue to follow all public health recommendations to wear a mask when not in your home, cough into your elbow, wash your hands, keep 6 feet from others whenever you must be in public places and help your local health department collect information to inform people of possible infection. These steps will help protect you and those around you while COVID-19 is circulating, and, along with the vaccine, will be essential to ending the pandemic.

The City will continue to provide regular updates to the public about the vaccine in San Francisco at: [SF.gov/covidvaccine](https://sf.gov/covidvaccine).

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT MOSCONE CENTER
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2021 10:37:19 AM
Attachments: [02.04.21 Moscone Center Vaccination Site.pdf](#)

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To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT MOSCONE CENTER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Thursday, February 4, 2021
Contact: San Francisco Joint Information Center, dempres@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND HEALTH CARE
CONSORTIUM TO PROVIDE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT
MOSCONE CENTER**

New high-volume vaccination site opens Friday, February 5 providing vaccinations to health care workers and community members age 65 and over

San Francisco, CA — San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed and a consortium of health care organizations today announced that a high-volume COVID-19 vaccination site will open in the Moscone Center on Friday, February 5. The site will initially serve health care workers and community members ages 65 and older, by appointment only and in accordance with the State's prioritization plan. The site will eventually allow for vaccinations on a broad scale and at a dynamic pace once adequate vaccine supply is received from the state.

The Moscone Center vaccination site is part of a collaborative effort between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health partnering with a consortium of statewide health care organizations: Kaiser Permanente, Adventist Health, the California Medical Association, CommonSpirit/Dignity, and Futuro Health. The California Primary Care Association will also participate in this effort to ensure broad, equitable access to the sites.

The Moscone Center's spacious and accessible location is part of a network of high-volume vaccination sites organized by the City and County of San Francisco and health care providers.

The consortium will enable partnering health care organizations to leverage resources and staff, align operations for efficient and safe vaccine delivery, and offer convenient parking for patients if needed.

“We are working every day to set up systems to get people vaccinated as soon as we have the supply,” said Mayor Breed. “I’m thankful to Kaiser Permanente for organizing this consortium, which is working with us to expand our vaccine network through this initiative at Moscone Center. As vaccines come to our city, whether it’s through our Department of Public Health or our private health care partners, we need to do everything we can to move it quickly and efficiently. I know the consortium members have the experience, clinical expertise, and resources to help us reduce barriers to vaccine access and broaden opportunity for equitable, optimal health and well-being throughout San Francisco.”

“We thank the State for making additional vaccine supply available, so we can help open this high-volume vaccination site and at the same time expand our ability to provide vaccine to our members,” said Carrie Owen Plietz, regional president for Kaiser Permanente in Northern California. “The success of this site will depend on receiving additional vaccine in the coming weeks. As we receive more vaccine, we can continue to get it in the arms of our members and the public, at our medical centers and at sites like this.”

The high-volume vaccination site at Moscone Center will open Friday at a lower vaccination capacity due to limited vaccine supply. All vaccinations will be by appointment only on the state’s [MyTurn](#) website for anyone eligible to receive the vaccine regardless of health coverage. Once adequate supply of vaccine is distributed by the state of California, the Moscone Center site will be able to administer 7,000 to 10,000 COVID-19 vaccinations per day, depending on supply. Hours of vaccination will initially be limited but will ramp up and be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

“This high-volume vaccination site is made possible because of the strong partnership between Kaiser Permanente, the consortium, and the City and County of San Francisco. Together, we can leverage the strengths of both organizations to establish a site that has the capacity, the staff, the infrastructure, and the community support to help protect those who live and work in the City by vaccinating as many people as fast as possible,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Public Health. “These partnerships with health care providers are key to meeting our goal of vaccinating everyone who lives or works in San Francisco in order to help bring an end to this pandemic.”

The City has created a new webpage for people who live and work in San Francisco to find vaccination sites in San Francisco, including the new Moscone Center site, and book appointments. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](#). For more information on eligibility and how to make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at the Moscone Center, go to [SF.gov/getvaccinated](#) or the [MyTurn](#) website.

About the City of San Francisco’s Network of Vaccination Sites

The Moscone Center site advances the City’s vaccination strategy to make receiving the vaccine as convenient and comfortable as possible for as many people as possible. High-volume vaccination sites, like Moscone Center, are one critical piece of a larger network of vaccination distribution that also includes neighborhood vaccine access sites, community clinics, pharmacy partnerships, and mobile vaccination teams. Once the vaccine locations are

fully operational, pending vaccine supply, the City has a goal of facilitating over 10,000 vaccine doses per day.

On January 22, the City opened the first high-volume vaccination site at the City College of San Francisco and has a plan to open a third high-volume site at the SF Market in the Bayview. The City College site has the capacity to serve as many as 3,000 people per day when supply increases. These high-volume sites will serve anyone eligible to receive the vaccine regardless of health coverage and all require that patients make an appointment.

On Monday, February 1, the first neighborhood vaccine access site opened in the Mission District at 24th and Capp Streets. Neighborhood vaccine access sites are part of the City's targeted efforts to ensure communities most highly-impacted by COVID-19 receive equitable access to the vaccine. The site will have an initial capacity of 120 vaccinations per day and, when vaccine capacity increases, this site may expand to conduct 200-400 vaccinations per day. The 24th Street site has the additional benefit of being adjacent to a significant transit hub, ensuring that it is accessible and convenient for the community health workers and other eligible people that it will serve.

The City is working to expand neighborhood vaccine access sites to the Bayview, Excelsior, Visitacion Valley and other neighborhoods with the highest infection rates for COVID-19 and limited access to health care services. The Department of Public Health and its community partners continue to vaccinate people through community clinics in the Western Addition, Chinatown, Bayview, Outer Sunset, and Potrero. For example, on Tuesday, February 2, the Department of Public Health expanded vaccination services at the Southeast Health Center for people who are 65 years or older and live in one of two highly COVID-impacted zip codes in the southeastern part of the city that include Bayview Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley. Additionally, the City is partnering with Safeway pharmacies to bring vaccines to various neighborhoods, including a new site at San Francisco State University.

About the Consortium

The consortium, initiated by Kaiser Permanente, includes Adventist Health, the California Medical Association, Dignity Health, and Futuro Health. California Primary Care Association will also be working with the consortium to ensure broad equitable access to the sites.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Thursday, February 04, 2021 8:29:45 AM
Attachments: [Support for GGP Sky Wheel.pdf](#)

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Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 8:27 AM
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Subject: Support for Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

The San Francisco Travel Association, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Council of San Francisco, and Golden Gate Restaurant Association are writing in support of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park. As San Francisco reopens to visitors, safe, outdoor activities, like the Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel, play a critical role helping our City attract regional visitors and recover economically.

Prior to the pandemic, San Francisco welcomed over 25 million visitors who spent over \$10 Billion in hotels, restaurants, retail, and recreation. It's no secret that San Francisco's tourism and business community have been economically impacted by COVID-19. As health restrictions loosen and the Sky Wheel reopens, we hope to see visitors return to enjoy Golden Gate Park and support small businesses in the Richmond and Sunset that have been so hard hit by the Shelter in Place restrictions.

Parks and open spaces have provided immeasurable opportunities for physical and mental health well-being during this pandemic. The addition of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park has only added to rich amenities that are available to be explored and enjoyed by all in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

When the Sky Wheel reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our beloved park.

Thank you.



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Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 7:04 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
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Subject: SKY Wheel extension

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Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

Historic Preservation Commissioners/ Recreation and Park Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I live next to Golden Gate Park at Arguello and Fulton and help manage the Park Partner ' Friends of Oak Woodlands GG Park - SFPA Park Partner '.

Parks and open spaces have provided immeasurable opportunities for physical and mental health well-being during this pandemic. The addition of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park has only added to rich amenities that are available to be explored and enjoyed by all. I know that the Wheel needs to be closed right now for

health reasons, but we are looking forward to the reopening as it brings more people to the Park and they may find other highlights like our new Oak Woodlands Phil Arnold nature Trail in NE GG Park .

We , Friends of Oak Woodlands GG Park - SFPA Park Partner , are a volunteer run community organization that puts value into GG Park , and the SKY WHEEL brings in visitors who may walk our Oak Woodlands ' Phil Arnold ' Nature Trail near by in NE GG Park and want to help out community volunteerism for the benefit of all citizens and SFRPD.

Best regards,

Robert C. Bakewell

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Friends of Oak Woodlands GG Park - SFPA Park Partner

Feb 3 , 2021

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Sent from my iPhone

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cc: Susan Sun (susan.sun@sfgov.org) and Lisa Bransten (lisa.bransten@sfgov.org)

Subject: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel

Historic Preservation Commissioners/Recreation and Park Commissioners,

I write in support of the Sky Wheel in Golden Gate Park. During this challenging time for San Francisco and its residents and visitors, I've come to appreciate more than ever all the recreational and cultural offerings of Golden Gate Park, our crown jewel. As a volunteer leader of interpretive city walks, I was very much looking forward to the 150th Anniversary celebration, yet I found my own ways to mark this moment by exploring the Park end-to-end on many occasions. I even had a chance to ride the Sky Wheel while it was open, and would love to have that opportunity extended to others once it is safe.

Parks and open spaces have provided immeasurable opportunities for physical and mental health well-being during this pandemic. The addition of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park has only added to rich amenities that are available to be explored and enjoyed by all. Even when closed, it makes the Music Concourse a nice place to visit and get outside, and when it reopens it will be a wonderful place to belatedly celebrate the anniversary of our beloved park.

It's no secret that our business community has been economically impacted by COVID-19. The Sky Wheel has helped bring increased foot traffic to the Richmond and Inner Sunset neighborhoods and businesses that are desperately needing patronage. As restrictions are lessened, I hope we will see increased foot traffic in the neighborhoods that have been so hard hit.

When the time comes, I look forward to celebrating our community with a ride on the wheel to take in a view of this entire beautiful city.

Best regards,
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This plaything has no place in an arts oriented area of the park. It is very disturbing for museum and garden visitors to have this huge lighted up plaything in the arts concourse. You should get it moved to another area if it is to be kept another 4 years. Put it in a playground area or in another park. It spoils the visit to the music concourse and the museums.

Probably it is causing visitors to be exposed to the Covid virus by allowing groups to stand too close or sit close. And it's ugly and commercial and out of place. Its like Playland at the beach.

Jean Struthers
Museum member