

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Redlined Draft Motion for 2019-022126COA-04
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 12:18:57 PM
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Cc: "Feliciano, Josephine (CPC)" <josephine.feliciano@sfgov.org>, "Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC)" <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: Redlined Draft Motion for 2019-022126COA-04

Jonas,

Sorry for the late notice. Can you please share with the Commissioners an revised redlined draft motion to reflect some new updates.

Thank you,

Michelle Taylor
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Cc: "Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC)" <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>

Subject: Redlined Draft Motion for 2019-022126COA-04

Hi Jonas,

Can you please share with Commissioner an updated draft motion for 2019-022126COA-04? The redlined draft includes three new conditions associated with:

1. Full site restoration at the close of the wheel's operation.
2. Fence/screening beautification
3. Generator improvements

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Michelle Taylor

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda item 8- In support of 1 year ext.
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:48:49 AM

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From: Richmond District Rising <richmonddistrictrising@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:28 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Agenda item 8- In support of 1 year ext.

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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

We at Richmond District Rising (RDR) are writing today to support a one-year extension of the SkyStar wheel in Golden Gate Park. Having the ride there for a year is a consensus solution, as many in our community would like the opportunity to enjoy the ride but also feel a 4-year extension is far too long, especially given the wheel's negative impact on owls, bats, and other resident wildlife in GGP.

With so many wonderful attractions in GGP, economic recovery from the pandemic is possible without the wheel. Our city also needs recovery in the forms of coalition building and consensus. It is the duty for public commissions to serve and guide our communities. The Historic Preservation Commission has an opportunity to demonstrate its mission and demonstrate that our city can resolve issues by approaching them through a collective lens.

On behalf of Richmond District Rising,

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Extending the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:48:36 AM
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From: Ethan Smith <ethansmith99@gmail.com>
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Subject: Support for Extending the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of an extension of the SkyStar Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As an avid park user and resident of District 1, my family and I visit Golden Gate Park all the time - literally every day. It has been and continues to be a wonderful resource, providing a safe opportunity to get out of the house, ride bikes, picnic and stay active during these times of social distancing.

We have all looked forward to the day when the Ferris Wheel will open back up, providing an opportunity for more joy, more activity, and a really cool addition to the Music Concourse area of the park. We managed to squeeze in a ride in October and our kids loved it (see attached photo). That area is already a favorite and always very busy with the DeYoung, Academy of Science, Parking Lots, Food Vendors, Roller Skaters

and other attractions that make it a great place for visitors and locals alike. I was very happy with the selection of that location for the Ferris Wheel because it fits right in!

Please: I urge you to extend the contract and the opportunity for San Franciscans and visitors to enjoy this experience and extend the 150th celebration of Golden Gate Park. There has been enough bad press and negativity around our city ... let's give everyone something to smile about and to enjoy this great city of ours.

Best

Ethan Smith
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Wheel
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:43:12 AM

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Subject: SkyStar Wheel

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Dear Supervisor Walton:

Thank you for your principled stand in questioning the need for a four year extension for the Wheel. The SF Chronicle editorial was a shameful pandering to the Recreation and Parks Commission's commercialization of Golden Gate Park and insulting to the Supervisors named.

Please do not support an extension for the Wheel to stay for more than one year. Thank you for devoting time to this important issue and thank you for looking out for our community and our Park.

Sincerely,

David Romano
San Francisco CA

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Wheel
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:37:58 AM

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Subject: SkyStar Wheel

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Dear Supervisor Preston:

Thank you for your principled stand in questioning the need for a four year extension for the Wheel. The SF Chronicle editorial was a shameful pandering to the Recreation and Parks Commission's commercialization of Golden Gate Park and insulting to the Supervisors named.

Please do not support an extension for the Wheel to stay for more than one year. Thank you for devoting time to this important issue and thank you for looking out for our community and our Park.

Sincerely,

David Romano
San Francisco CA

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE EDUCATOR VACCINATION PLAN
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:30:38 AM
Attachments: [03.03.21 Educator Priority Vaccination Codes.pdf](#)

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Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 11:11 AM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE EDUCATOR VACCINATION PLAN

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** STATEMENT *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE
EDUCATOR VACCINATION PLAN**

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today issued the following statement regarding San Francisco's implementation of the State's educator vaccination plan. The State is providing prioritization access codes to county Offices of Education throughout California to then be distributed through local school districts and private and parochial schools to educators to sign up for vaccinations. Since San Francisco does not have a County Office of Education, the City has been seeking clarity on how these codes would be received locally, and last night the City finalized the distribution plan with the State.

"Last night, we received our first vaccine priority access codes from the State for our educators who are in the classroom or who are heading back soon. We've distributed this first set of codes to the San Francisco Unified School District for distribution to public school educators and support staff, including charter schools, that are slated to return to the classroom first, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health is working directly with our parochial and private schools to make sure their teachers who are teaching in person have access. These codes can be used to schedule appointments at Moscone Center and other Bay Area sites now. While these access codes are meant to prioritize those teaching in person or those returning to the classroom soon by opening reserved appointments only, all educators can continue to have access to vaccination appointments as they have had since last week.

While we know that vaccines are not a requirement for our schools to reopen, we also know

that moving to vaccinate teachers is a priority and we are appreciative of Governor Newsom's support in helping us meet this goal. We still need a clear timeline from the District on reopening. All of our kids need to be back in the classroom safely as soon as possible, and that includes working to get them back in five days a week for full days as soon as possible. We've lost so much this year, and we have to do everything we can to get that done."

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
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Subject: FW: RPD Generator and Screening Slides
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 11:04:36 AM
Attachments: [HPC Hearing 030321 - Generator and Screening Slides.pdf](#)

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Cc: "Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC)" <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: RPD Generator and Screening Slides

Hi Jonas,

Can you please share with the Commissioners the attached slides from RPD regarding proposed changes to the screening and generator at the Wheel? RPD would like the Commissioners an opportunity to familiarize themselves with this new information prior to the hearing.

Thank you,

Michelle Taylor
Senior Preservation Planner, Northwest Quadrant

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
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Subject: FW: Support for 4-Year Extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 10:07:08 AM
Importance: High

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Subject: Support for 4-Year Extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Importance: High

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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing to lodge my strong support for the four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park as recommended and approved by the Recreation and Park Commission.

The SkyStar Wheel is a temporary installation that is totally in line with a long tradition of unique features in Golden Gate

Park designed to engage and entertain park users of all ages....local residents as well as out of town visitors. Its location in the Music Concourse is appropriate as this is a key activity hub in the park with supporting parking and a range of complimentary visitor attractions and services. To me, the Wheel is a fun, festive and appropriate way to help extend the celebration of Golden Gate Park's 150th anniversary...a park anniversary well worth our attention, honor and continued support!

The SkyStar Wheel was well received by the public during its-all-too-short operation and will continue to be a magnet for public enjoyment throughout the next four years. It should not be overlooked or understated that the revenue generated by the Wheel will directly benefit Golden Gate Park.

As a long time San Francisco resident and regular user and strong supporter of Golden Gate Park I see this contract extension as appropriate, financially advantageous and publicly popular.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Cameron

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: ** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED AND RIPPLE FOUNDER CHRIS LARSEN ANNOUNCE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANT CORRIDOR FUNDING INITIATIVE: "AVENUE GREENLIGHT"
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:40:42 AM
Attachments: [03.03.21 Avenue Greenlight.pdf](#)

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Subject: ** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED AND RIPPLE FOUNDER CHRIS LARSEN ANNOUNCE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANT CORRIDOR FUNDING INITIATIVE: "AVENUE GREENLIGHT"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

**** PRESS RELEASE *****

MAYOR LONDON BREED AND RIPPLE FOUNDER CHRIS LARSEN ANNOUNCE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MERCHANT CORRIDOR FUNDING INITIATIVE: "AVENUE GREENLIGHT"

With an initial \$1.7 million in private funding, locally focused grants will support merchant corridors in San Francisco through a variety of neighborhood cleaning, safety, and beautification projects

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Ripple Founder Chris Larsen today announced the launch of a new philanthropically-funded initiative to promote small business economic recovery and community vibrancy in San Francisco. The initiative, "Avenue Greenlight," will deploy privately donated dollars to San Francisco merchant associations to be used for projects to improve commercial corridors. Larsen, a San Francisco resident, business leader, philanthropist, and co-founder of locally-based blockchain payment system company Ripple Labs Inc., is contributing \$1.7 million to launch the effort in partnership with the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations (SFCDMA) and other community stakeholders.

Over the coming months, all 34 of San Francisco's merchants associations will individually receive a \$50,000 grant of new resources allocated from Avenue Greenlight, starting with the Castro, Bayview, Chinatown, and Clement Street commercial corridors. Grants will total \$1.7

million and will be administered in a tiered format with three to four new merchant association grants released each subsequent month moving forward based on diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations.

“Now more than ever we need everyone to step up and support their neighbors,” said Mayor Breed. “Getting through this pandemic is going to take all of us working together, and Chris Larsen’s commitment to this city we all love serves as a great example for others to follow. Our small businesses are struggling and we are doing everything in our power to ensure that San Francisco comes out of this pandemic seven stronger than before. Supporting our commercial corridors with the programs funded by Avenue Greenlight, along with our ongoing City investments, will help keep small businesses intact and thriving.”

Avenue Greenlight is designed to respond to persistent challenges faced by commercial corridors, including the decline in business due to COVID-19 and the recent shift toward neighborhood-targeted property crimes. Avenue Greenlight complements the City’s ongoing efforts to invest in San Francisco neighborhoods and support commercial corridors. These efforts include San Francisco’s Invest in Neighborhoods Initiative, which seeks to strengthen small businesses, improve physical conditions, increase quality of life, and build community capacity. It also includes efforts like the City’s Shared Spaces program, which has created outdoor dining in neighborhoods all across the City, and which the Mayor has committed to extending elements of beyond the pandemic. The philanthropic model of Avenue Greenlight recognizes the need for collaboration across sectors in San Francisco to meet the needs of residents and recover as a city.

The impetus for Avenue Greenlight came from an acknowledgement on the part of Larsen that while San Francisco neighborhoods are composed differently, together they make up a truly special place to live and work, and that the success of the small business community is tied to the success of San Francisco as a whole. Small businesses are reeling as a result of compounding issues, many accelerated by the public health crisis. Further, many merchant corridors may not have the resources or ability to establish Community Benefit Districts.

The ultimate goal of Avenue Greenlight is to uplift local small businesses to help them adapt and recover from the current challenges. Direct investments like these \$50,000 grants with wraparound support will help catalyze new thinking for how residents envision their neighborhoods, and result in improved safety, cleanliness, and community vibrancy and resiliency.

“Our neighborhoods are not created equal and many suffer from systematic barriers and underrepresentation,” said Chris Larsen. “I believe San Francisco is poised for an exciting new chapter when we bounce back from this pandemic, and it is this city where people will want to be. If we come together, move from empathy to action, tangible impact can be made from a modest infusion of private resources put directly into the hands of those who need it and know how to use it, and we will get there.”

As Avenue Greenlight advances each month with new rounds of grantees, the SFCDMA will evaluate progress and fine-tune elements of the program to ensure its effectiveness. Avenue Greenlight will also provide an online platform for local engagement, to generate new neighborhood projects, tell the story of San Francisco neighborhoods, and enable residents to participate in shaping the fabric of their communities.

The San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations Community Fund will serve as the 501(c)3 administrative partner and fiscal agent for Avenue Greenlight. The SFCDMA will determine the prioritization of grant recipients, manage the initiative's day-to-day operations and direct communications with merchants and residents, and help guide each individual merchant association as they develop their local projects and create tailored spending plans for each corridor. They will also connect merchant associations to a range of City and nonprofit resource organizations throughout the city to support design and implementation.

“We applaud the commitment of prominent individuals like Chris Larsen to believe in our merchants, especially right now when they need it most,” said Maryo Mogannam, President of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations. “We stand ready to work alongside Mayor Breed and Chris Larsen to support our diverse neighborhoods, and we are excited to roll out critical new resources in an equitable and creative way that energizes merchants and delivers community vitality for local residents.”

Avenue Greenlight funds can be used for a range of projects, including a merchant association establishing a 501(c)3 to provide infrastructure; developing beautification and public open space projects, parklets, public art installations, lightning, greening, growing the urban canopy, banners and crosswalk painting, environmental design; creating access to business growth capital, emergency funding for vandalism; conducting cleanliness surveys, sidewalk cleaning services, modern litter receptacles; expanding SafeCity community camera program and public safety ambassadors; and providing a funding base for a merchant association to leverage additional member dues, marketing and promotion for shop local activations.

In addition to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development's long-standing programs to help businesses and Community Benefit Districts, the City has leveraged private funding to support businesses and neighborhoods throughout the city. In March 2020, Mayor Breed established City's Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, which has raised \$32.3 million and provided philanthropic funding for small businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last year, San Francisco has directed more than \$24 million in grants and loans to support more than 1,200 small businesses, and has developed a \$62 million plan to provide ongoing relief and recovery support to small businesses.

To learn more about Avenue Greenlight: avenuegreenlight.com

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
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Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I oppose the Observation Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:38:23 AM

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On 3/2/21, 5:25 PM, "Patricia Greene" <pjgreene@sonic.net> wrote:

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To the Historic Preservation Commission,

This brightly lighted noisy machine should have no place Golden Gate Park. One year extension if you must, and lights and noise shut off at sundown is a must. San Francisco's Parks and Natural Places have provided refuge for me and thousands of other citizens during this pandemic year when outdoors is the only heathy place to enjoy life. I go to the Park for birding, for enjoying peace and quiet, and contemplation of the beautiful landscapes created by the design and labor of Park Gardeners. I have loved seeing kids learning to ride bikes, and families playing together. The Wheel does not enhance these 'active' park experiences.

Please remove the Wheel from the Music Concourse as expeditiously as possible!

Pat Greene

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Text of SFLUC's Letter in Opposition to the Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:37:55 AM

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Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 5:51 PM

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Subject: Text of SFLUC's Letter in Opposition to the Ferris Wheel

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March 2, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

The San Francisco Land Use Coalition (SFLUC) was formed to take a proactive role in developing solutions to unabating land use issues that are causing irreparable damage to our city. Among our goals are protection of historic resources.

We are asking that you remove the Observation Wheel from the Music Concourse. This brightly-lighted, intrusive structure does not belong in a park that is so important to San Franciscans who love nature and the peace and beauty of Golden Gate Park.

The Observation Wheel was installed to 'celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Golden Gate Park.' That event, like so many other activities, was truncated by COVID and is now ending. Yet, the Department of Recreation and Park is asking that the Wheel remain in Golden Gate Park for four more years, to promote the Park and provide commercial benefits.

This ignores the fact that during COVID, the people of San Francisco have crowded into Golden Gate Park by the thousands 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 has become the rediscovery of our beautiful, peaceful park as a landscape park by the people of San Francisco.

Rec and Park has asked that the Wheel remain to promote business interests and fund RPD programs. This is a slippery slope not only for Golden Gate Park but also for all of our Parks. We believe that our parks should benefit the people of San Francisco as open space, available to everyone on an equal and free basis. They are not piggy-banks, to be used to benefit a City department or commercial interests.

In case there is any doubt as to whether or not a Ferris Wheel belongs in the Music Concourse, it is good to remember that the Winter Exposition lasted a total of 6 months and that the past Ferris wheel was just one small part of that exposition. Temporary food trucks have remained in the park longer, but they are not considered historic or vital to the park, so why should we extend the welcome to a Ferris wheel?

Please deny the request for a four-year extension. The maximum that the Wheel should be allowed to remain in Golden Gate Park is one more year – until June 2022. After that, the Wheel should be permanently removed from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Members of San Francisco Land Use Coalition:

Stephanie Peek – District 2

Jerry Dratler – District 2

Kathleen Courtney – District 3

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TODAY -ITEM 55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:24:40 AM

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From: Timothy Seufert <timseufert@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 8:24 AM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TODAY -ITEM 55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE

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Good morning, I am double booked midday so I may not be able to make my public comments at the appropriate time. Our family is in support of the extension of the Wheel in Golden Gate Park. Please ask the Commission to approve this well-thought out plan.

We understand there are pros and cons for this matter, but there are far more pros than cons. We enjoy nature and the solitude of our parks, but there is a time and place for a variety of activities. The concourse is home to over a half million square feet of museums, an outdoor band shell, 800 parking spots, food trucks etc. It is an active place.

Let's celebrate our Golden Gate Park and have this people and family friendly activity for some more years.

Sincerely, Tim Seufert and family
D5 Residents and park enjoyers

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:21:16 AM

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From: Jaime <jcksf@earthlink.net>
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:28 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposition to the Wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Mr. Ionin,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate because:

- It is a hazard to birds, especially at night with those lights and noise. Night lighting also affects plants and trees, so the Wheel's proximity to the globally famous botanical garden adversely affects it as well.
- it detracts from the natural beauty of the landscape for which Golden Gate is revered and the purpose of the Music Concourse
- it disrupts the view in other SF neighborhoods!!!! I live more than 2 miles away and I can see it from my neighborhood! It is garish and unaesthetic.

I do not believe any extension should be granted to the Wheel. Please remove the Wheel permanently from the Park!

Thank you for your consideration of my heartfelt comments.

Jaime C Kooser
10 Iris Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: "Ferris Wheel" in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:20:52 AM

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On 3/2/21, 4:29 PM, "Anne Marie Praetzel" <apraetzel@comcast.net> wrote:

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the so-called "Ferris Wheel" remaining in the park past one year, as well as past dark. I feel it's an extremely inappropriate location for it, one that goes against the intended as well as traditional use of the Park. It is not an old-fashioned relic but something decidedly flashy and modern, and belongs someplace more developed—perhaps downtown, or at Fisherman's Wharf.

I lived at the foot of the Park for many years. It served as my sanctuary. I took many quiet walks through it at all hours, and loved seeing people out enjoying nature, riding bikes, roller blading and walking. The old merry-go-round at the beginning of the park fit into the atmosphere, but a flashy, modern, expensive amusement park ride completely destroys the sense of being in a natural environment—especially going after dark with strobe lights! Allowing its entrance shows an appalling lack of judgment on somebody's part and it should be removed within a year.

My family has deep roots in the City; we have now been there five generations and counting. Please don't allow this wolf in sheep's clothing (read: a modern RAVE ride posing as a sweet old-fashioned ferris wheel) to destroy the nature of one of our City's treasures.

Thank you,
Anne-Marie Praetzel

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:20:01 AM

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From: Reetta Raag <rraag@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:49 PM

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Subject: Opposition to Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Historic Preservation and Planning Commissioners -

I am writing to express my strong opposition to permitting the ferris wheel to remain in Golden Gate Park for another 4 years. It should be removed by the end of the year, with lights and generator shut off at sunset to minimize noise and light pollution.

Most significantly, the ferris wheel presents a hazard to wildlife such as migrating and local resident birds, which become disoriented by bright artificial lights at night.

Moreover, from my own perspective as a frequent visitor to Golden Gate Park, the ferris wheel is an unattractive anomaly in this otherwise peaceful, bucolic setting. Ferris wheels belong at county fairs and amusement parks, not in locations like Golden Gate Park where people like me go to find a quiet respite from overstimulation, to enjoy the green space, culture and beautiful environment.

thank you for your consideration,

Reetta Raag
126 Ravenhill Rd.
Orinda CA 94563

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:16:53 AM

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From: Amy Chong <ameliachong1@gmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:53 PM

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Subject: Opposition to Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners and San Francisco Supervisors,

I am writing in opposition to the ferris wheel extension in Golden Gate Park.

I am concerned about the environmental impact of the ferris wheel. I love visiting Golden Gate Park and visit almost every weekend. I have a lot of fun walking and biking through the park during the day and at night (especially during street closures).

However, I also love birdwatching and observing urban wildlife in Golden Gate Park-- it's a highlight that I love sharing with my family and with guests from out of town. They are often surprised to see wildlife in San Francisco, and it's a great teaching moment to share my love of nature and conservation. However, bright lights at night and the noise of the diesel generator disrupt the behavior of wildlife (especially migratory and nesting birds). Further, the air quality from the diesel generator negatively impacts animal and human inhabitants alike.

I understand that the commission is concerned about the economic impact of the Ferris wheel--however, I believe that we should not put the environment at the expense of one company's contract.

Conceding park visitation, I would be surprised that the Ferris wheel or concessionaires attract much new or additional visitation. If you visit the Music Concourse on any given weekend, you will see the park crowded with people enjoying the street closures and the nature in the city. I strongly believe that the street closure has done much more in increasing park visitation than the Ferris wheel when it was operating.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset to protect our wildlife.

Please remove the wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Amy Chong

2710 Cabrillo St #303, San Francisco, CA 94121

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Historic Preservation Commission Hearing 3/3/2021
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 9:13:28 AM
Attachments: [Sup Chan Letter to Historic Preservation Commission 3-3-21.pdf](#)

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Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 8:00 AM
To: "Chan, Connie (BOS)" <connie.chan@sfgov.org>, "Taylor, Michelle (CPC)" <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>, "Preston, Dean (BOS)" <dean.preston@sfgov.org>, "Peskin, Aaron (BOS)" <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>, "Walton, Shamann (BOS)" <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>
Cc: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>, "Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC)" <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Historic Preservation Commission Hearing 3/3/2021

Director Ionin,

Attached is Supervisor Chan's letter to the Historic Preservation Commission requesting that they consider a one-year extension of the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park, inclusive of the 39 days it operated in 2020 and subject to terms and conditions to mitigate concerns around light and the generator. Could you please send me a Webex invitation for the meeting so I can speak on behalf of Supervisor Chan and read this letter into the record?

Thanks,

Ian Fregosi 范義仁

Legislative Aide

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:55 PM
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Cc: Ionin, Jonas (CPC) <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>; Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC) <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>; Fregosi, Ian (BOS) <ian.fregosi@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: Historic Preservation Commission Hearing 3/3/2021

Thank you, Michelle, for your work on this project, and please extend my sincere thanks to the commissioners for the invitation to speak. While I regrettably will not be able to join and speak tomorrow, I have prepared a letter to the Commission, which if permitted, I would like to have my legislative aide Ian Fregosi, to present and read the letter into the record prior public comment. Ian is included in this email and will follow up shortly. Thank you again. -- Connie

Connie Chan
District 1 Supervisor
San Francisco Board of Supervisor

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Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:13 PM
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Cc: Ionin, Jonas (CPC) <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>; Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC) <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: Historic Preservation Commission Hearing 3/3/2021

Good Afternoon Supervisor,

Tomorrow afternoon the Historic Preservation Commission will consider a request for a four-year extension of the Observation Wheel under Certificate of Appropriateness Application #2019-0122126COA-04. The Commission would like to offer interested Supervisor's an opportunity to speak prior to public comment. If you are interested, please respond to Commissioner Secretary Jonas Ionin (copied) for an invitation to the Webex meeting.

More information about the hearing and links to the project documents are available on the agenda here:

https://sfplanning.org/sites/default/files/agendas/2021-02/20210303_hpc_3.pdf

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Please also feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about the Certificate of Appropriateness application or the review process.

Thank you,

Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner

Northwest Quadrant, Current Planning

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: LIGHT/NOISE POLLUTION FERRIS WHEEL-COVID SUPERSPREADER
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 7:08:54 AM

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From: Tracy Thompson <tracythomp24@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:51 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: LIGHT/NOISE POLLUTION FERRIS WHEEL-COVID SUPERSPREADER

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To Whomever it may concern.

I am strongly opposed to the time extension of the Ferris Wheel. If there is one place that COVID19 would spread, its inside those enclosed capsules which transport people. The Ferris Wheel is an obstruction of the beauty in the Park. I kindly request your VOTE AGAINST the extension of the Ferris wheel and perhaps one of you can make a suggestions on a new location for the Ferris Wheel that would NOT BE in the park.

PLEASE VOTE NO FOR ANY EXTENSION REQUESTED BY THE REC AND PARKS COMMITTEE.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracy Thompson

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC 3/3/21 Public Comment: Objection to Ferris Wheel Extension
Date: Wednesday, March 03, 2021 7:08:18 AM

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From: Joshua Klipp <joshuaklipp@gmail.com>
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Subject: HPC 3/3/21 Public Comment: Objection to Ferris Wheel Extension

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Dear Historic Preservation Committee,

I respectfully object to any extension of the Ferris Wheel at the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. There has been a lot of controversy, lately, regarding how SFRPD chooses to manage our public parks. Personally, I'm not opposed to ferris wheels and fun. I do, however, think that having a diesel fume-spewing generator running a 150ft tall wheel that's lit up like a Christmas tree in the middle of one SF's largest green spaces probably isn't so great for the environment, birds, bugs, and critters who are critical to our ecology, or people who desperately need access to nature. Not to mention the economic inequity foisted on those who can't afford a ticket and aren't fortunate enough to score a free one. And not to mention the fact that this in no way aligns with the historic preservation of this site, and John McLaren's vision for Golden Gate Park.

You are one of the few Commissions that has the depth of expertise to understand this controversy from both an historic and environmental perspective. I respectfully ask that SFRPD's request for an extension be denied, and that SFRPD be asked to manage our parks - and this location - in a way that is good for ALL living beings (not just humans). Thank you. Josh Klipp

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Josh Klipp, Esq.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Redlined Draft Motion for 2019-022126COA-04
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 7:13:22 PM
Attachments: [COA Motion Wheel Extension Redline 3.3.21.docx](#)

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Cc: "Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC)" <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: Redlined Draft Motion for 2019-022126COA-04

Hi Jonas,

Can you please share with Commissioner an updated draft motion for 2019-022126COA-04? The redlined draft includes three new conditions associated with:

1. Full site restoration at the close of the wheel's operation.
2. Fence/screening beautification
3. Generator improvements

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Michelle Taylor
Senior Preservation Planner, Northwest Quadrant

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Be saved!
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:52:53 PM

**Thank you,
Chanbory Son, Executive Secretary
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Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 12:51 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Be saved!

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Dear Commissioners: I want the contract for the Skystar Wheel renewed. It has a place in a public park and is not an eyesore. Thanks for keeping the magic alive in golden gate park.

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Grant Helton

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Ferris wheel contract
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:51:56 PM

**Thank you,
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From: Mary Betlach <mcbetlach@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 1:32 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; sfparc@earthlink.net
Subject: Oppose Ferris wheel contract

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To: Historic Preservation Commissioners and SF Supervisors,

I am writing to oppose extension of the Ferris Wheel contract. This amusement ride containing giant flashing strobe lights is detrimental to the birds and wildlife that make Golden Gate Park their home. The substantial amount of intense concentrated light pollution affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation. It interferes with bird migration and nesting activities and is a contributor to the decline of insect populations.

Nearby Stow Lake hosts a nesting population of Great Blue Herons that is a major attraction in the park during nesting season. I take my grandchildren there every year to see them and they always look forward to and enjoy it. Due to their exposure to the nesting bird colony, they have developed an interest in birding and nature. I am concerned that the presence of those bright lights during nesting season may drive away the herons as well as the Great Horned Owls that nest on Strawberry Hill. As a result, generations of SF children will miss out on this valuable and enjoyable learning experience.

Thus, I request that you please remove the Ferris Wheel out of Golden Gate Park by June 2022. And until then, please turn down the lights at night.

Thank you,
Mary Betlach
2530 Diamond St
San Francisco, CA

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose the Ferris wheel four-year extension
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:51:48 PM

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From: Robert Hall <bilgepump100@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 2:56 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Oppose the Ferris wheel four-year extension

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Dear Commissioners,

Golden Gate Park is one my favorite places in San Francisco. It's the place where I saw my very first Townsend warbler over 20 years ago. It's also where I encountered my first yellow tiger swallowtail butterfly and the first place I went to seek solace after my mother died on April 7, 2020.

For me, it truly is the urban pastoral retreat that William Hammond Hall and John McLaren strived to build. That's why a diesel-gulping Ferris wheel looks and feels so out of place. But the reason **I'm opposed** to this carnival attraction goes beyond its flashy appearance or San Francisco Climate Action Plan violations. It's because Recreation and Park didn't even consider the impact on insects or migrating bats and birds, even though they're supposed to uphold San Francisco's biodiversity policy. Nor did they consider how strobe lights affect nesting birds like the great horned owls and great blue herons that nest nearby at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake, respectively. Were you aware that there is a strobe light on the market that bills itself as the most effective deterrent for keeping owls away? I would imagine a 150-foot strobe light would be even more effective.

Please, **reject the four-year extension** of the Observation Wheel contract. If your intention is to help San Francisco Parks Alliance and SkyStar make some money, please limit the contract to one year, require a switch from diesel to electric and insist on a lights-out after sunset provision.

Regards,

Bob Hall

1946 Grove St. Apt. 6

San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Ferris wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:46:52 PM

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From: Chuck Coulson <chuck.coulson@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:43 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Ferris wheel

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To the SF Historic Preservation Commission:

I understand the Commission, along with the Department of Recreation and Parks, will be voting on whether of not to extend the Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel, which was installed to celebrate the Park's 150th Anniversary. Unfortunately, this installation, and other Park Anniversary celebrations have been greatly curtailed due to COVID-19. Also due to COVID, many San Francisco and Bay Area residents have heeded guidelines and stayed home as much as possible. Please allow us to visit this attraction and celebrate the Park's 150th Anniversary once it is safe to do so. I urge you to extend the Ferris wheel installation.

Thanks.

Chuck Coulson
chuck.coulson@comcast.net

Sent from my iPad

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Ruchira Nageswaran](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel SUPPORT!
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:45:05 PM

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From: Camelin Blackstone <cammyblackstone@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 12:51 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>; Bransten, Lisa (REC) <lisa.bransten@sfgov.org>; Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>
Subject: Observation Wheel SUPPORT!

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today in enthusiastic support of the Sky Star Observation Wheel.

My family and I were lucky enough to take a ride during the few weeks this joyous attraction was open. I was so impressed at how serious the staff was about precautions for both COVID and regular safety. I purchased tickets for my 86 year old father for Christmas, as this is one of the few attractions in San Francisco that is both COVID safe and manageable for someone in a walker. My father has very limited mobility, due to Parkinsons, and he was so looking forward to the ride.

I have raised my family in San Francisco and we always enjoyed the varied opportunities for peaceful relaxation and outright fun that Golden Gate Park offers. The location of the Wheel seems quite appropriate, right between two museums and a parking structure. You can't even see the Wheel in the Park until you are practically at the Concourse.

As a former board member of the Western Neighborhoods Project, I care very much for historic preservation in this City. There is precedent for this attraction in Golden Gate Park, as the Firth Wheel was a huge success at the Mid-Winter Fair in 1894.

The Observation Wheel is fun, it is harmless, it will attract visitors and bring life back to our City.

Please vote to support the extension of this contract.

Cammy Blackstone
SF Resident, District 4

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment 2019-022126COA-04 55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:44:01 PM

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From: Matthew Bruno <brunoucsb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 12:51 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment 2019-022126COA-04 55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE

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I am writing to voice my opposition to extending the operation of the observation wheel in Golden Gate Park. I am a lifelong San Francisco resident and frequent user of Golden Gate Park. What makes Golden Gate Park special is that its beautiful natural setting provides a refuge for City residents and visitors to relax and experience nature outside of the urban environment of the rest of the City. Having a gigantic observation or ferris wheel right in the middle of the park takes away from the park's natural setting and therefore diminishes the nature experience for visitors to the park. Furthermore, there is an existing observation tower at the DeYoung Museum literally just a few steps from the current location of the wheel, so it's unclear what extra benefit the wheel provides aside from being just a for-profit amusement ride. If the City wants to provide a temporary amusement park ride attraction for tourists and residents, then it should locate it in a more appropriate location, outside and away from our most precious natural refuge from the urban environment. I am strenuously opposed to any extension of the operation of the observation wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bruno

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keep the Ferris Wheel (a little longer)
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:43:50 PM

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From: Chris Weldon <weldonchris@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 1:02 PM

To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; So, Lydia (CPC) <lydia.so@sfgov.org>; Pearlman, Jonathan (CPC) <jonathan.pearlman@sfgov.org>; Foley, Chris (CPC) <chris.foley@sfgov.org>; Johns, Richard (CPC) <richard.se.johns@sfgov.org>; Black, Kate (CPC) <kate.black@sfgov.org>; Matsuda, Diane (CPC) <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>; Hyland, Aaron (CPC) <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>

Subject: Keep the Ferris Wheel (a little longer)

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of an extension of the SkyStar Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

We live less than a block from GG Park, so we're there often. It has been and continues to be a wonderful resource, providing a safe opportunity to get out of the house, ride bikes, picnic and stay active, especially for the last year.

The concourse is a perfect temporary place for the wheel, and as we re-open bit by bit, everyone should have an opportunity to celebrate the much diminished anniversary of the park in a special way.

We know the voices against the wheel are loud, so let this be a counter to that - please extend the contract and with it the opportunity for residents and visitors alike to enjoy this experience and extend the 150th celebration of this amazing green space. There has been enough bad press and negativity around our city ... let's give everyone something to smile about and to quite literally look

up to, just for a while longer.

Best

Chris Weldon
District 1 Resident
834 27th Avenue
San Francisco

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel - hearing this Wednesday
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:43:12 PM
Attachments: [GG National Parks Conservancy Letter of Support for the Skywheel.pdf](#)

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From: Sun, Susan (REC) <susan.sun@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 1:33 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Observation Wheel - hearing this Wednesday

Dear Commission Secretary – this letter was sent to me, but it is intended for the Historic Preservation Commission's meeting .

Thanks,

Susan

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Chamber and Community Support of SkyWheel Permit Extension
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:42:43 PM
Attachments: [SFChamber_Support_SkyWheel \(1\).pdf](#)
[image003.png](#)

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From: Emily Abraham <eabraham@sfchamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 2:50 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Cc: SooHoo, Candace (CPC) <candace.soofoo@sfgov.org>
Subject: SF Chamber and Community Support of SkyWheel Permit Extension

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

The organizations and individuals listed in the attached letter offer their support of the extension of the SkyWheel permit to March 2025. Our City's small business community has been devastated by the impacts of COVID-19 and we must support meaningful ways to support this community, which contributes so greatly to San Francisco's vibrancy and culture.

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and community partners, please see attached for our full letter of support.

Respectfully,

Emily Abraham



Emily Abraham

Deputy Director, Public Policy
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Pronouns: [she/her/hers](#)

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: In support of a extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:42:04 PM

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From: David Heller <david@beautynetwork.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 5:34 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: In support of a extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

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Dear HPC Commission Secretary

I am writing in support of an extension to the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

The SkyStar Observation Wheel a beacon of light and positivity, giving many residents and families an experience to look forward to during what has been a dark time for most of us, but it also plays an important role in rebuilding San Francisco's tourism industry which is very important, and the surrounding small business community.

The Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park. I am truly looking forward to riding it as soon 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 Anniversary of our beloved park.

SkyStar has provided free rides to underserved families seeking a source of light-hearted fun and connection during this Covid- 19 difficult time, and they will continue to do so as this has been their promise to the community.

This is one of the many reasons I support the extension.

Best regards,
David Heller



[David Heller, President](#)

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The GGP Music Concourse Ferris Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:41:52 PM

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From: danrichman@earthlink.net <danrichman@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 5:55 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: The GGP Music Concourse Ferris Wheel

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3/2/21

TO: San Francisco Historical Preservation Commission

Hello:

I don't know if this has been mentioned before, but I will mention it now.

Aside from the damage to wildlife, the wrong lesson it teaches our children, and its utter incongruity, the blazing Ferris wheel on the Music Concourse of Golden Gate Park is vulgar. It is in bad taste. It brings to mind cheesy carnivals. It cheapens our City.

Vulgarity is no stranger to the SF Rec and Parks Department. It appears to believe it must "activate" the precious natural world in the Park with lights and noise and commerce. But this "activity" is what an urban Park is supposed to offer a refuge from.

If the Park is turned into one long video game, what will children and their parents turn to when the home screen is at last turned off and the smart phone is put away?

The Ferris wheel was a very bad idea to start with. The thing now is to get it out of our beloved Park as soon as possible. Please do not allow this aberration to vulgarize our Park beyond March 2022.

Respectfully,

Dan Richman
San Francisco

From: [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Edit on 888 Brannan Street Commission Packet and Agenda
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 6:31:07 PM
Attachments: [2021-001265LBR_updated.pdf](#)

Commissioners,
Please see updated packet for tomorrow's hearing.

Thank you,
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From: Wu, Elton (CPC) <elton.wu@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Ionin, Jonas (CPC) <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>; CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY <CPC.COMMISSIONSECRETARY@sfgov.org>
Cc: Boudreaux, Marcelle (CPC) <marcelle.boudreaux@sfgov.org>; Wilborn, Katherine (CPC) <katherine.wilborn@sfgov.org>
Subject: Edit on 888 Brannan Street Commission Packet and Agenda

Hi Jonas,

Please see the revised draft motion for 888 Brannan St Suite 1100 for Historic Preservation Commission tomorrow. Could you help distribute this revision to all the commissioners? The edits are on Page 1 and 5 of the Draft Motion. I have miswrote the project address as "888 Brannan Street Suite 100" when it should have been "888 Brannan Street Suite 1100" as it was pointed out to me by the applicant. Is there a way for me to update the agenda language as well? Please let me know if you would need anything else from me.

[2021-001265LBR.pdf](#) ([Desktop](#), [Mobile](#), [Classic Web](#))

Thank you very much for your help!

Elton Wu, Assistant Planner (he/him/his)
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [CTYPLN - CP TEAM \(TAC - Preservation\)](#); [Hillis, Rich \(CPC\)](#); [CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY](#)
Subject: Re: HPC Calendars for March 3, 2021
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:26:38 PM

Everyone,

My apologies for the confusion, but I have just learned that there is a provision in the Charter that permits Historic Preservation Commissioners to remain seated past the 60 day extension beyond term end dates. Therefore, Commissioner Pearlman will be joining us tomorrow.

Jonas P Ionin
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From: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:01 PM
Cc: "CTYPLN - CP TEAM (TAC - Preservation)" <CPC.TAC-Preservation-Team@sfgov.org>, "Hillis, Rich (CPC)" <rich.hillis@sfgov.org>, CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY <CPC.COMMISSIONSECRETARY@sfgov.org>
Subject: HPC Calendars for March 3, 2021

Commissioners,

Attached are your Calendars for March 3, 2021.

Please be advised that Commission President Hyland and Commissioner Pearlman were not nominated by the Mayor for re-appointment. Ruchira Nageswaran was nominated to replace Commissioner Hyland in Seat 1, no nomination was made for Commissioner Pearlman's Seat 3 position. Commissioners Foley and Matsuda with Ruchira Nageswaran are scheduled before the Rules Committee Monday, the Full Board Tuesday and if all goes well will be sworn in and seated with us Wednesday.

Enjoy the weekend,

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Director of Commission Affairs

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Observation Wheel in GGP
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:14:47 PM

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On 3/2/21, 3:06 PM, "Teena Berman" <ohart@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission,

We are writing to express our support for having the SkyStar Observation Wheel stay in Golden Gate Park for 4 years.

We live in Jordan Park and frequently walk to GGP. We watched the wheel being constructed and we waited patiently until it opened in October. Unfortunately, it closed before we could take a ride. Nonetheless, we look forward to it reopening sometime soon and we intend to enjoy the ride then.

The wheel is a great destination for visitors to GGP. It's a focal point of the Museum Concourse. It should stay! Any concerns about the lights can be addressed by dealing with that specific aspect to protect birds. There are lights at the tennis court complex, many more than previously there. The same wildlife issue needs to be addressed there.

The wheel's presence does not make GGP into an amusement park! It makes GGP into a great urban park with a fun ride that's not permanent. GGP is already home to many different places and things to attract all manner of city residents and visitors. The wheel only adds to the diversity of park offerings.

We wholly support keeping the SkyStar Observation Wheel in GGP!

Thanks for your time. Stay safe.
Owen Hart and Teena Berman

-- Sent from Teena Berman

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SFLUC's Opposition to the Ferris Wheel at the GG Park
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:03:33 PM
Attachments: [Letter in Opposition to Ferris Wheel in GG Park.pdf](#)

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From: Ozzie Rohm <ozzierohm@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:06 PM

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Subject: SFLUC's Opposition to the Ferris Wheel at the GG Park

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Dear Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter signed by the members of San Francisco Land Use Coalition (SFLUC) in opposition to the Observation Wheel currently installed at the Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Ozzie Rohm
For San Francisco Land Use Coalition

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Ferris wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park beyond its original term
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:03:05 PM

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Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:24 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Ferris wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park beyond its original term

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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I join my voice to that of numerous other San Franciscans who are shocked at the proposed 4-year extension of the Ferris Wheel on Golden Gate Park's concourse.

This decision, if carried out, is in direct conflict with what an urban city park is about: **Nature and culture**. A place where city-dwellers can connect with flora & fauna, away from polluting, noisy man-made money-mills. A place its creator, John McLaren, created with love and passion. I dare say that Mr. McLaren would NOT approve of the Ferris wheel!

The wildlife that calls the park home - particularly the birds who live there all year and those that visit the park while on their migrations, is DIRECTLY THREATENED by un-natural, **huge**, brightly-lit, moving structures in their midst that dwarf their habitat and disorient them.

I am urging you to please turn down the Ferris wheel extension, and ensure that, while on its current term until Spring 2022, its bright lights be turned off at sunset.

Respectfully,

Evleen anderson
San Francisco

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: APPROVE ONE YEAR EXTENSION ONLY FOR FERRIS WHEEL
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:02:52 PM

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Cc: "Board of Supervisors, (BOS)" <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>, "joel.koppel@sfgov.org" <joel.koppel@sfgov.org>, SFUN - San Franciscans for Urban Nature <sfun---san-franciscans-for-urban-nature@googlegroups.com>
Subject: APPROVE ONE YEAR EXTENSION ONLY FOR FERRIS WHEEL

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Dear Members of the HPC,

I am writing to urge you to provide an extension of ONE YEAR ONLY for the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park with no lights or generators working after sunset.

As you know, the community of environmental activists, naturalists and ornithologists overwhelmingly oppose a four year extension. We support a one year extension only.

Please remember that an EIR was never conducted and that the lights and noise are harmful to wildlife, and migrating birds on the Pacific flyway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy H. DeStefanis

Executive Director & Field Ornithologist

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel must go!
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:02:43 PM

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From: Barbara Gregor <barbaragregor@gmail.com>

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:03 PM

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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: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Remove the Wheel permanently by June 2022
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 3:02:30 PM

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Subject: Remove the Wheel permanently by June 2022

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March 2, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking additional time to consider the request to extend the Observation Wheel. I hope that you've been able to engage in some productive dialogue with the Supervisors and other parties about the proposed extension.

As a resident that lives nearby, I want to update you on the current situation. The noise problem has largely been resolved by bringing in a small, portable generator to power the computer systems at night instead of running the 85-decibel diesel generator continuously. Also, the lights on the Wheel have been turned off for the last week. The security guard now parks his car with the headlights shining on the Wheel. These are noticeable improvements that should be carried forward as a condition of any extension.

Given these improvements and provided that they continue henceforth, I support the proposal to compromise and extend the Wheel for a shorter time period – up to June 2022 – with that date being the permanent end date. If the Wheel remains in the Concourse for four more years, I fear it will become a permanent feature there.

I urge officials to get the Wheel connected to the grid as soon as possible to eliminate noise and air pollution from the diesel generator. As both the De Young Museum and Academy of Science will benefit from electrical upgrades, this action should not be contingent on the length of time the Wheel will operate.

Please ensure that the CofA includes new stipulations that address noise associated with the diesel generator in the interim period before the Wheel is connected to the grid. For example, the diesel generator – if in use – should be turned off at night and not started up until 2 hours before the Wheel carries passengers.

Please ensure that the CofA addresses lighting by including additional stipulations that lights on the Wheel be turned off at dusk and throughout the night to protect birds, bats, and insects.

All efforts should be made to keep the park as dark and quiet as possible. Turning off the bright lights in the Music Concourse and on top of the Bandshell at night time while the park is closed would be of great value too.

The Music Concourse is such a beautiful, peaceful, and historical place. Please ensure that it is preserved as such, Commissioners.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Regards,

Ann McPherson

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Reject Ferris Wheel Extension
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:42:49 AM

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From: C Whittle <hudson914@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:40 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Reject Ferris Wheel Extension

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Dear Representatives,

I strongly oppose the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. It is a hazard to migrating birds. We have lost over a third of birds in the last 50 years, and this is one of the kinds of hazards that we can eliminate to protect these species.

It detracts from the matira; beauty of the park.

When I took my granddaughter there, it was cold, dark, expensive, and a VERY long wait. What's the point?

I favor removing it immediately and forever.

Carolyn Whittle
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San Francisco, CA 94131

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: In support of extending the Ferris Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:42:33 AM

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Subject: In support of extending the Ferris Wheel

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of an extension of the SkyStar Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

As an avid park user and resident of District 1, my family and I visit Golden Gate Park all the time. It has been and continues to be a wonderful resource, providing a safe opportunity to get out of the house, ride bikes, picnic and stay active during these times of social distancing.

We have all looked forward to the day when the Ferris Wheel will open back up, providing an opportunity for more joy, more activity, and a really cool addition to the Music Concourse area of the park. That area is already a favorite and always very busy with the DeYoung, Academy of Science, Parking Lots, Food Vendors, Roller Skaters and other attractions that make it a great place for visitors and locals alike. I was pretty happy with the selection of that location for the Ferris Wheel because it fits right in!

Keeping the Ferris Wheel is icing on the cake... and who doesn't love cake? We could all use a little cake after the year we've had.

Please: I urge you to extend the contract and the opportunity for San Franciscans and visitors (when/if anyone comes back) to enjoy this experience and extend the 150th celebration of Golden Gate Park. There has been enough bad press and negativity around our city ... let's give everyone something to smile about and to enjoy this great city of ours.

Best

Lee Anne Weldon
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO REOPENS SOME BUSINESSES AND ACTIVITIES AS IT MOVES INTO THE STATE'S RED TIER
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Attachments: [03.02.21 COVID-19 Update Red Tier.pdf](#)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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

**SAN FRANCISCO REOPENS SOME BUSINESSES AND
ACTIVITIES AS IT MOVES INTO THE STATE'S RED TIER**

Beginning Wednesday, March 3, San Francisco will open up activities such as indoor dining, indoor fitness, and indoor museums and aquariums in accordance with State and with additional local limits

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax today announced that San Francisco will resume most businesses and activities that are allowed by the State, following the City's assignment by the State to the Red Tier based on COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates. With some exceptions, San Francisco's reopening will align with what is permitted by the State. New and expanded businesses and activities can reopen starting Wednesday, March 3 at 8:00am, as long as they comply with required safety protocols.

As of today, March 2, San Francisco has met the criteria based on its COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and other health metrics, to advance to the less restrictive red tier on the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). This action allows San Francisco to reopen and expand some indoor activities such as dining, museums, movie theaters, and fitness on a limited basis. It also reopens additional outdoor recreation options such as Ferris wheels, carousels and amusement park style train rides; increases the types of outdoor sports that both adults and youth may pursue; and expands outdoor out of school time programs to groups of 25 children. At this time, indoor retail will generally remain capped at 25% capacity and small indoor gatherings with other households are restricted.

“Thanks to everyone in our City acting responsibly and doing their part, we can take another step towards reopening and beginning our recovery,” said Mayor Breed. “This year has been incredibly hard on our residents and small businesses, so every step forward is critical to making sure they can survive this pandemic. To make sure we can keep moving forward, we all need to stay focused and continue to follow the health guidance. We are making good progress managing the virus and ramping up vaccinations, and I’m hopeful for what lies ahead. We have shown that San Francisco can do what needs to be done to protect our city and each other.”

With some exceptions, San Francisco is reopening in alignment with the activities allowed by the State. Additionally, the City is opening remaining activities allowed in the purple tier that had not yet reopened, such as personal services that require mask removal, and groups of up to six people from three households eating together outdoors. Additionally, San Francisco will lift its local nighttime hours limit for all activities except indoor dining, meaning that non-essential businesses and gatherings, such as outdoor dining, can continue past 10:00pm.

With the move into the red tier, middle schools and high schools that had not yet opened can resume opening with a COVID-19 safety plan approved by the San Francisco Health Officer. All other schools can already be open with an approved safety plan. As they have been able to do since September, all schools may provide in-person instruction and services to youth with disabilities, foster children, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, and children from families experiencing housing or food insecurity among others, without Health Officer approval.

Based on San Francisco’s health indicators and its health equity metric, San Francisco meets the State’s criteria for advancing to the Red Tier. San Francisco’s new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have decreased steadily since the holiday surge that peaked in early January. At this time, San Francisco is averaging 67 new cases a day, which is comparable to where the City was in mid-November before the surge.

Although San Francisco’s new cases and hospitalization have been trending in a positive direction, the presence of the U.K. (B.1.1.7), West Coast (CAL.20c) and the South African (B.1.351) variants in the Bay Area represent a potential increased risk of contagiousness and greater community spread. Continued adherence to public health prevention measures such as wearing masks, washing hands and physical distancing can limit the impact of variants, particularly as indoor activities begin to open.

Further supporting San Francisco’s reopening is the City’s ongoing vaccination efforts. At this time, more than 20% of San Francisco’s population has received the first dose of vaccine, as have almost 65% of the City’s residents over 65. Last week, the City moved to Phase 1B of the State’s vaccine prioritization plan, allowing workers in emergency services, education and childcare, and food and agriculture related occupations to begin making appointments to receive vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccine supply remains limited, but with significant steps towards vaccinating the most at risk and the most vulnerable to exposure underway, San Francisco hopes to continue the momentum towards reducing the threat of the virus.

“I am so proud of San Francisco. Nearly a year after our shelter in place order, thanks to our collective actions and commitment to following the health guidelines, we have come through our worst surge since the beginning of the pandemic,” stated Dr. Grant Colfax. “We know

how to slow the spread and save lives. As we continue to gradually reopen we need to be aware of the risks and to stay vigilant, especially while vaccines remain limited and the growing presence of more contagious variants pose an increased risk of greater community spread. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to get vaccinated when and wherever it is offered. Until it's your turn, practice physical distancing, avoid indoor gatherings with people outside your household and wear your mask over your nose and mouth. Together, we can continue to move forward safely.”

San Francisco continues to approach reopening with a lens of balancing the public health harms of COVID-19 transmission with the public health harms of economic stress and isolation. San Francisco is updating its health order to come into near alignment with the State, although there remain some areas of departure where it is important to minimize the risk to public health. Although San Francisco is reopening some of the indoor activities allowed in the red tier, indoor activities, particularly those that require mask removal remain significantly more risky than outdoor activities. Because of this, concessions in indoor theaters remain closed at this time. Similarly, although indoor dining is opening, it is limited to members of one household and up to four people per table and indoor service must stop by 10:00pm.

People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19, such as unvaccinated older adults and individuals with health risks, and members of their household are urged to defer participating at this time in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures of wearing face masks and social distancing may be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces.

“We are encouraged by the partnership and participation in risk mitigating behavior that San Francisco businesses and patrons have demonstrated, which is what allows the City to take this next necessary step forward. Despite certain unknowns, we are doing this based on the need to sustain our businesses and workers,” said Anne Taupier, Acting Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development “After a year of restricted interactions and depressed business operations and the consequences those have wrought, we must try to move forward. We can support our local businesses *and* practice preventative health behaviors. We know how to minimize the spread of this virus without requiring our businesses to close and it is up to all of us to do so.”

As of today, the San Francisco Department of Public Health will issue [final health and safety guidelines](#) to reopen activities allowed under the red tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, effective as of 8:00am Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The City will post the revised Health Order with detailed requirements to its [webpage](#) by the end of the day today March 2, 2021. Under the new Health Order, the following activities will be opened or expanded.

Activities to Resume Wednesday, March 3, 2021

The following activities may be reopened:

- Indoor dining and food courts
 - Indoor dining at restaurants, bars serving meals, cafes and coffee shops, hotels, museums, and food courts in shopping malls may open at up to the lesser of 25% maximum occupancy or 100 people.
 - San Francisco will limit indoor dining tables to members of one household up to a maximum of four people and require indoor service to end by 10:00pm.
- Indoor and outdoor personal services

Personal services that require mask removal can take place outdoors and the service provider wears an N95 or other well-fitted mask.

- Personal services that require mask removal can occur indoors if the service is provided at least 6 feet away from others and preferably in a separate room and the service provider wears an N95 or other well-fitted mask.

- Indoor fitness

- Gyms and climbing walls may reopen indoors at up to 10% capacity.
- Gentle indoor fitness classes such as stretching, yoga and meditation may operate within indoor fitness guidelines.
- Indoor locker rooms and showers remain closed at this time. Indoor saunas, steam rooms and hot tubs remain closed per State rules.

- Indoor museums, zoos, and aquariums

- Indoor museums, zoos and aquariums can open at up to 25% capacity with an approved safety plan.

- Indoor funerals

- Funerals may take place indoors up to up to 25% capacity.
- Simultaneous indoor and outdoor services may not take place.

- Indoor political demonstrations

- Political demonstrations may take place indoors up to 25% of maximum capacity.

- Schools

- Middle schools and high schools that had not yet reopened may resume reopening for in-person instruction with a COVID-19 Safety Plan approved by the Health Officer. Elementary schools may continue to reopen, as has been the case.

- Outdoor stand-alone amusement rides

- Outdoor stand-alone amusement rides like Ferris wheels, carousels, and train rides will open. Only one household can inhabit each separate space, such as a Ferris wheel cabin or train car.

- Indoor movie theaters

- Indoor movie theaters may open at up to the lesser of 25% or 100 people capacity, but without food or beverage concessions.
- If there are multiple auditoriums, each auditorium is limited to the lesser of 25% or 100 people provided the complex as a whole does not exceed 25% capacity.

- Indoor pools

- Indoor swimming pools may open up to 25% capacity but only for basic swimming and drowning-prevention classes for children.
- Outdoor pools remain open for broader uses.

The following activities may expand their operating capacity:

- Outdoor gatherings

- Small outdoor gatherings of up to 12 people from three households can continue
- Outdoor gatherings that involve food and drink may expand to up to six people from three households.

- Outdoor dining

- Outdoor dining will expand from members of two households up to six people, to members of three households up to six people per table, and will remove the requirement that service end by 10:00 pm.
- Additionally, for those businesses that had constructed barriers between tables in lieu of distancing before December 6, those barriers can remain. New barriers intended to replace the required 6 feet of distancing may not be constructed.

Hotels and other lodging facilities

- Hotels and lodging facilities can open dining and fitness facilities in accordance with guidelines.
- Though San Francisco's travel quarantine for travelers from outside the Bay Area has lifted, the State's travel advisory requiring that non-essential travelers from out of state or beyond 120 miles quarantine for 10 days remains.
- Drive-in venues
 - Live entertainment with up to six performers can open in a drive in context of up to 100 cars, with one household per car.
 - In-person ordering or pick up of concessions may open if in a designated area with customer metering and eating or drinking in vehicles only.
- Real estate
 - Real estate showings must occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment without limits to the number of people viewing or showing the property.
 - Open houses are not permitted at this time.
- Outdoor youth programs and out of school time programs
 - Out of school time programs for school-aged children and youth such as Community Hubs, youth sports, and afterschool programs, may increase outdoor cohorts to 25 children or youth.
 - Youth may only participate in one program at a time.
- Higher education and adult education
 - In-person classes at institutes of higher education, vocational education and adult education can take place outdoors up to 25 students.
 - If specialized equipment is required, classes can take place indoors at 25% capacity or if for a core essential service, without a capacity limit as long as 6 foot physical distancing can be maintained.
 - No indoor lecture classes may take place.
- Outdoor recreation
 - Doubles tennis and doubles pickleball can resume with members of up to four households.
 - Up to 12 people from three households may pursue outdoor low, moderate, or high contact sports.
 - If part of a supervised youth or adult league or club, outdoor moderate and high contact sports such as softball, field hockey, and gymnastics, as well as football, basketball, and soccer may resume for stable groups of up to 25 per team, following DPH safety precautions.
 - Competitions may only occur in county or with teams from adjacent counties (i.e., Marin, San Mateo, and Alameda) in an equal or less restrictive tier. Consistent with State guidelines, travel for out of state tournaments may not take place.

San Francisco's reopening updates will be available online tomorrow, March 3 at [SF.gov/reopening](https://www.sfdph.org/reopening).

Public health officials will regularly assess the [Key Public Health Indicators](#), particularly new positive case counts and hospitalizations, to ensure San Francisco has the necessary resources available for those who contract COVID-19. Particularly in light of the variants within the community, public health officials may implement a phased or lagged approach to reopening subsequent tiers in order to ensure enough time to understand how health indicators have responded to the reopening of activities in the current tier and ensure that San Francisco

continues to manage its risk and to protect public health. While San Francisco recognizes and is attempting to align with the State's framework, the City will continue on a reopening path based on its local health indicators and the unique challenges and successes of its local reopening.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel - Please Remove From Golden Gate Park by June 2022
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:30:35 AM

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On 3/2/21, 11:29 AM, "Denise Zietlow" <dmzietlow@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Commissions,

I am appalled that the city's Rec and Park Department has approved a 4-year extension allowing the Observation Wheel to remain in Golden Gate Park. Rec and Park originally promised the wheel would be in place for only one year, yet now they have approved a 4-year extension. I realize the pandemic has been a factor and a reason cited for the extension, but to extend the period 4 years is much more than is needed. After 4 years are they going to once again ask for an extension? The removal is important in order to protect birds and other wildlife as well as the historic character of the Music Concourse. If it cannot be removed immediately, please ensure a permanent removal of it from Golden Gate Park by June 2022.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Denise Zietlow

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Ferris Wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 11:00:24 AM

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From: Chris S <belle53starr@gmail.com>
Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:51 AM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposition to Ferris Wheel

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Dear Commissioner,
I write to express my opposition to keeping the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. My reason for this comes from many years of using the Park as a place of refuge, solace, & recreation. I know, and science has documented, that bright light is harmful to not only navigating birds, but to the wildlife that call the Park home and make it the beautiful place it is. I urge you to ensure all Wheel lights and generators are always turned off at sundown, and to respectfully consider this request.
Thank you, Chris Shaheen

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Informal polling shows nearly 80% support the ferris wheel
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 10:34:47 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2021-03-02 at 9.41.26 AM.png](#)

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From: Corey Smith <cwsmith17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 9:45 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: Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; PrestonStaff (BOS) <prestonstaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Informal polling shows nearly 80% support the ferris wheel

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Good morning all,

Ahead of tomorrow's hearing, I wanted to provide an update to the poll which now has more than 1250 responses. **As you can see, 78% of the responders indicate they support keeping the ferris wheel.**

Best,
Corey

On Tue, Feb 23, 2021 at 12:49 PM Corey Smith <cwsmith17@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello all,

My name is Corey Smith and I live in 94117. I've attached two screenshots from a Nextdoor poll I ran with nearly 1,000 responses as of this afternoon. As you can see, nearly 80% of residents responded positively to my poll, hoping to keep the ferris wheel. I think it's fair to say the wheel has strong community support. [Here is a link to the post on Nextdoor.](#)

Personally, I think making the owners figure out a way to connect power without a diesel engine makes sense. I've heard that PG&E would be willing to connect power as long as the wheel stays for a few years.

Let me know if you have any questions. Please make this happen.

Respectfully,
Corey Smith
94117

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Thanks,
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Cell: (925) 360-5290
[LinkedIn](#) | [@CoreySmith_17](#)

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Parklets, slow streets, Ferris wheel and closed to cars road in the park- best ideas ever
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 10:34:24 AM

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From: Deborah Beck <hamptonpilates@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 9:18 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Parklets, slow streets, Ferris wheel and closed to cars road in the park- best ideas ever

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Please keep some of these quality of life changes made. Really has made the city more pedestrian friendly and helped out the small restaurants survive. We need to get more people from driving anyway so we can be a healthier city with less carbon and traffic

Thank you
Deborah Beck
Cole Valley
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Item 8 _ HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension. - A. Cerrante
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:46:01 AM

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From: SF Parc <sfparc@earthlink.net>

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:19 PM

To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>, "Matsuda, Diane (CPC)" <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <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>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>

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Thank you!

Alyse Cerrante

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Alyse Cerrante

Name - sign

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Item 8 _ HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - A. Panijok
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:45:52 AM

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Thank you!

Alesia Penipe

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Alesia Penipe

Name - sign

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to wheel staying in GGPark
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:45:37 AM

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From: Lindsey Crittenden <lindseycrittenden@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 4:23 PM

To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>, "Matsuda, Diane (CPC)" <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <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>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>, "joel.koppel@sfgov.org" <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>, Theresa Imperial <theresa.imperial@sfgov.org>, "Tanner, Rachael (CPC)" <rachael.tanner@sfgov.org>

Subject: Opposition to wheel staying in GGPark

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Dear Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because of the Park's primary use as a place of retreat and relaxation in relatively protected nature. The Wheel adds a carnival atmosphere - not to mention additional cars and people - that detract from our wonderful GGPark as a sanctuary.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Lindsey Crittenden

1414 Jackson Street

San Francisco, CA 94109

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: ferris wheel oposition
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:43:22 AM

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From: MARLENE KRAMER <marlenekramer@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 11:34 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: ferris wheel oposition

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Dear Commissioner (or Supervisor),

I am absolutely opposed to the giant temporary ferris wheel remaining in Golden Gate Park. It is a for-profit eyesore. It is an unacceptable source of light, noise and air pollution. The gas powered generator spews fumes with irritating sounds echoing throughout the rhododendron dell and music concourse. The park has always been a peaceful oasis in an otherwise urban city. It has been intended for family gatherings, baseball and picnics and an occasional Shakespeare's performance and other temporary free events. Meandering through natural environments where buffalo roam

and birds and other fowl find refuge is much appreciated. It was never intended to become an amusement park.

One more year would be a compromise provided the ferris wheel lights and horrid generator be disengaged at sunset.

It was billed as a temporary installation and we should not be cajoled into a bait-and-switch. Like a circus tent, total removal is necessary at the conclusion of its stay.

Regards, Marlene Kramer, long time SF
Resident 2238-35th Avenue, San
Francisco, 94116

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:32:49 AM

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From: T Gump <gumptt@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 5:33 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>
Subject: SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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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 husband and I, along with our two sons, aged 11 and 13, live in the Lake District, and we love and use Golden Gate Park. I believe extending SkyStar will provide a boost to the City at the time when such a boost is very much needed. Our boys love looking at the lit SkyStar whenever we drive by at night. However, due to the pandemic, they have not had the opportunity to enjoy it personally. Extending SkyStar will provide meaningful opportunities for us, as well as other adults and children throughout San Francisco and the broader Bay Area, to experience new joy and further appreciate the wonders of GGP.

I urge you to extend this contract and the opportunity for all San Franciscans and visitors to enjoy this experience, and to extend the celebration of the rich 150-year history of Golden Gate Park into the future. Please vote in favor of fun!

Best regards,

Trish Gump
Mom to Kyle and Dylan

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:32:41 AM

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From: Daniel Scali <daniel.s.scali@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:36 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park. I am a lover of birds and everything nature, and dedicated to supporting San Francisco as it tackles the climate/social and environmental justice crisis. Many bird species migrate at night and studies show that they are attracted to bright lights and will expend much energy getting thrown off course, likely leading to some mortality. Other animals are also affected. Then there is the issue of who this wheel serves. The outrageous price is the 1st thing that always came up when I discussed the coming wheel in early 2020 with friends and coworkers. This attraction does not serve our underserved communities at 20 something dollars per ride. It's for tourists and wealthy locals, many of whom will take ridesharing cars to the park, adding to, not averting, the climate crisis. Keep the park dark so that SF youth can enjoy nature in San Francisco parks as much as I have while birding in them for the last decade.

Sincerely,
Daniel Scali
580 25th Ave

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 4:20:11 PM
Attachments: [Oppose the Ferris wheel four-year extension.msg](#)
[Oppose Ferris wheel contract.msg](#)

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From: Howard Epstein <hepstein@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 4:03 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear HPC Commission Secretary and Office of Supervisor Chan,

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

I am a retired small business owner, active in a few civic organizations and a San Francisco native living in the Inner Richmond District (D1.)

Not only is the SkyStar Observation Wheel a beacon of light and positivity, giving many residents and families an experience to look forward to during what has been a dark time for most, but it also plays an important role in rebuilding San Francisco's tourism industry and the surrounding small business community. The Wheel adds to the sense that Golden Gate Park is truly everybody's park.

I'm 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. SkyStar has provided free rides to underserved families seeking a source of light-hearted fun and connection during this difficult time, and they will continue to do so as this has been their promise to the

community. This is one of the many reasons I support the extension.

Best regards,

Howard Epstein
Office/Home Phone (415)386-2573
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hepstein@sbcglobal.net

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: ALERT: Public comment opposing the four-year extension of the Ferris wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 4:19:20 PM

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Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:15 PM
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Subject: ALERT: Public comment opposing the four-year extension of the Ferris wheel

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Re: Item 8, 2019-022126COA-04 Golden Gate Park Music Concourse – Observation Wheel Certificate of Appropriateness

Dear Commissioners:

The Yerba Buena Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is pleased to submit the following comments as input into the Observation Wheel time extension.

We are a non-profit organization with over 600 members in San Francisco and Northern San Mateo County, and over 10,000 statewide. Our vision includes a future where Californians can experience thriving biological diversity, even in human-altered landscapes.

We're **opposed** to extending the Observation Wheel to four years 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^[1]. 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^[2]. It has long been known that artificial night lighting affects wildlife through attraction and disorientation^[3], and recent research has documented the extent of the adverse consequences of artificial night lighting to include, for example, plant phenology^[4], predator-prey relations^[5], circadian rhythms^[6] and nocturnal rest and recovery^[7]. Importantly, light attraction and disorientation results in direct mortality of many groups of insects^[8], birds^[9], including seabirds^[10], contributing to species decline^[11].

Insects form the basis of food webs that feed everything from fish on up to grizzly bears. Birds, in particular, depend on them. According to University of Delaware entomologist [Doug Tallamy](#), 96 percent of terrestrial birds rear their young on insects, even species that can survive on seeds and berries other times of the year.

When you decide on the fate of the Wheel we ask that you let science guide

your decision.

Our parks should be a place where biodiversity flourishes, not perishes. Please don't extend the Wheel's insect-killing capacity to four years. A one year extension is acceptable, as long as the lights are out at sunset and the diesel generator is removed.

Sincerely,

California Native Plant Society, Yerba Buena Chapter board members:

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Elliot Goliger, Horticulture

[1] <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/light-pollution-contributes-insect-apocalypse-180973642/>

[2] <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/light-pollution-contributes-insect-apocalypse-180973642/>

[3] Allen, 1880

[4] Somers-Yeates et al., 2016

[5] Minnaar, Boyles, Minnaar, Sole, & McKechnie, 2015

[6] Dominoni, 2015

[7] Gaston, Bennie, Davies, & Hopkins, 2013

[8] Eisenbeis & Hänel, 2009

[9] Longcore et al., 2012

[10] Rodríguez et al., 2017b

[11] Fox, 2013; Wilson et al., 2018

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel at GGP
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:58:55 PM

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From: Laura Stern <sternbird@att.net>
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3:56 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris Wheel at GGP

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Dear Commissioner,

I am opposed to the Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Park .

I want us to protect the birds, wildlife, and the natural and historical parts of the park. We know that lights at night negatively affect birds especially when they are migrating

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Laura Stern

2530 Scenic Ave

Oakland, Ca 94602

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to The Wheel in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:33:28 PM

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On 3/1/21, 3:08 PM, "Libby Ingalls" <libbyingalls@igc.org> wrote:

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Dear Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in the Park for environmental and quality of life reasons. But I well understand the arguments of the people who want to extend its run, especially after this past year.

So my compromise is to say yes for one more year - and that's all, no more extensions. As you well know The Wheel is detrimental to native wildlife, especially insects and bats, and has no place in the peaceful refuge of Golden Gate Park. Ferris wheels are for amusement parks, not for open spaces that prioritize biodiversity and offer the opportunity to be in and enjoy nature.

If it is extended for a year, please get rid of the night lights and polluting diesel generator. But better yet, permanently remove it from the Park.

Thank you,

Libby Ingalls
2565 Washington St
San Francisco, CA 94115

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris wheel in GG Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:33:08 PM

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From: Katherine Nielsen <k.maida.nielsen@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 3:15 PM

To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>, "Matsuda, Diane (CPC)" <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <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>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>

Subject: Ferris wheel in GG Park

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my opposition to an extension of the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park.

I love Golden Gate Park and spend much time there – at my boys’ cross country meets or baseball games, walking to the beach, biking the length of the park, and enjoying the flora at the Botanical Gardens. To me, the Wheel does fit in Golden Gate Park. It is an eyesore and it is a menace to birds and other wildlife with its bright nighttime lights. We have so few natural areas in SF – please let’s not keep this Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Please, one more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you.

Katherine Nielsen

130 Los Pamos Drive
SF

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please extend the Skystar's Permit
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 3:32:30 PM

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On 3/1/21, 3:25 PM, "Emily Sellers" <essellers77@icloud.com> wrote:

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Dear Commissioner,

I am a resident of the Richmond District in San Francisco and enjoy the park on a daily basis, walking, birding, visiting museums and gardens. I'm a naturalist at heart and a member of Golden Gate Audubon, but I disagree with the group's position on the ferris wheel. Golden Gate Park is not a pristine wilderness and there is more noise and light coming from other parts of the city than this ferris wheel creates. Since it has been in place over the last year I have continued to observe birds and wildlife of all kinds carry on without regard for the noise from the generator. My observation is that street traffic noise from Fulton, Lincoln, and Crossover Drive permeate more of the park than the ferris wheel's generator. I do know that light pollution is a serious problem for birds, particularly during migration, but I don't see that this ferris wheel adds much to our local nightscape. I think events like the Outside Lands concerts do far more damage to the parks ecosystem and wildlife than this ferris wheel does. Given that the wheel has been up for a year, and much of the time the generator was running even when it wasn't being operated, I'm fairly certain the local wildlife has adjusted to its presence by now. Therefore taking it down right away really serves no purpose.

I hope that a compromise can be reached with the operators of the Skystar so that they can stay long enough to avoid the financial losses they've incurred due to this extended shutdown.

Sincerely,

Emily Sellers
14th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94118

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment Opposing the Ferris Wheel 4-year extension
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 2:52:00 PM

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From: Robert Hall <bilgepump100@sbcglobal.net>

Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 2:47 PM

To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>, "Matsuda, Diane (CPC)" <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <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>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>

Subject: Public Comment Opposing the Ferris Wheel 4-year extension

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Mar 1, 2021

San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission
c/o San Francisco Planning Department
49 South Van Ness Ave, Suite 1400,
San Francisco, CA 94103
commissions.secretary@sfgov.org

Dear Commissioners,

Golden Gate Park is one my favorite places in San Francisco. It's the place where I saw my very first Townsend warbler over 20 years ago. It's also where I encountered my first yellow tiger swallowtail butterfly and the first place I went to seek solace after my mother died on April 7, 2020.

For me, it truly is the urban pastoral retreat that William Hammond Hall and John McLaren strived to build. That's why a diesel-gulping Ferris wheel looks and feels so out of place. But the reason **I'm opposed** to this carnival attraction goes beyond its flashy appearance or San Francisco Climate Action Plan violations. It's because Recreation and Park didn't even consider the impact on insects or migrating bats and birds, even though they're supposed to uphold San Francisco's biodiversity policy. Nor did they consider how strobe lights affect nesting birds like the great horned owls and great blue herons that nest nearby at Strawberry Hill and Stow Lake, respectively. Were you aware that there is a strobe light on the market that bills itself as the most effective deterrent for keeping owls away? I would imagine a 150-foot strobe light would be even more effective.

Please, **reject the four-year extension** of the Observation Wheel contract. If your intention is to help San Francisco Parks Alliance and SkyStar make some money, please limit the contract to one year, require a switch from diesel to electric and insist on a lights-out after sunset provision.

Regards,

Bob Hall

1946 Grove St. Apt. 6

San Francisco, CA 9417

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: SkyStar/Note of Support
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 1:30:05 PM
Attachments: [image9f858b.PNG](#)
[image9afad7.PNG](#)

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From: Gump, Thomas K. <thomas.gump@pillsburylaw.com>
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 1:17 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: SkyStar/Note of Support

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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 family lives in the Middle Richmond, we are avid users and supporters of Golden Gate Park. Extending SkyStar will provide a boost to the City at the time when such a boost is very much needed. My boys (Kyle, 13, and Dylan, 11) are enthralled with SkyStar whenever we drive by at night; due to the pandemic, they have not yet had a chance to enjoy it personally. Extending SkyStar will provide meaningful opportunities for adults and children throughout San Francisco and the broader Bay Area to experience new joy.

On a less emotional level, I love how Skystar helps activate our City's great public spaces in new ways. Like the Entwined installation just down the road, Skystar will bring new people into the park, often during times that the park is currently underutilized (i.e., evenings). The Wheel is a temporary installation well-suited to Music Concourse where it complements the

nearby museums, parking garage, tours, and other visitor attractions. Extension of SkyStar is completely consistent with a diversity of uses of Golden Gate Park that in the public interest.

I 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.

Regards,

Thomas Klaus Gump

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From: [Jonin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciana, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Storyboard - In Opposition to Observation Wheel Storyboard
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 1:28:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Team Update of Concourse - BNE.pdf](#)

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From: Steph Wiseman <swiseman900@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 12:42 PM
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Subject: Storyboard - In Opposition to Observation Wheel Storyboard

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Please see how in 1894 John McLaren's and deeds opposed a very similar lighted structure in the Music Concourse. And please "Keep the GG Park dark enough for resident owls".

The Observation Wheel functions as a giant strobe light. Please turn it off at sunset if it remains one more year as a part of a compromise.


NOTE: Motion activated strobe lights are sold in pet stores to keep owls away at night in your backyard. It is well documented that Strobe Lights produce shadows that are intolerable to birds.

Thank you,
Stephanie Wiseman

Please print PDF


*** In 2/17/2021 HPC testimony Phil Ginsburg stated, "The concourse was always designed to function like a downtown part of the park"**


JOHN McLAREN'S HISTORIC WORDS AND DEEDS CLEARLY REFUTE MR GINSBURG'S TESTIMONY AND THE SITUATIONS OF 1894 AND 2021 COULD NOT BE MORE SIMILAR



JOHN McLAREN, friend of JOHN MUIR and 53 Year Superintendent of GG Park & Baby Owls born in GG Park

John had a Sylvan Vision (wooded, natural) for the park, to provide a haven from downtown city life and stress









John McLaren fought against holding the 1894 exposition* in the park claiming, "the damage to the natural setting would take decades to reverse" (*see official photo below)

John was left to remove many of the structures. A public sentiment grew to keep the Music Concourse with its 266' tall 3000 light Eiffel inspired Observation Tower.

After two years, in his impatience John had his crew place dynamite at two of the tower's legs, and after it fell had it cut up and sold for junk



1894 Midwinters Fair - The Theme was **Illumination**
Photograph by official fair photographer Isaiah W. Taber

Observation Wheel's Strobe Light Function

Bandshell with 26 robotically controlled Strobe lights, speakers and floor lighting

← New LED uper bright bandshell security lighting

Note: The concourse lampposts have been retrofit with LEDs bright enough to be seen in daylight

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New downtown uses many strobe lights. The shadows they create are proven to be intolerable to all birds including resident Great Horned Owls

Illuminating the Concourse is in direct opposition to the McLaren's Lifework & the DISTRICT'S 150 Year HISTORY

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:38:27 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the park

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Dear Commissioner (or Supervisor),

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park because it is an unacceptable source of light, noise and air pollution. The gas powered generator is very loud and can be heard throughout the rhododendron dell and the music concourse. The park is a refuge and place to be in nature, especially during the pandemic.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Ottaway
1849 Hayes Street

San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please, Keep the Park Dark
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:38:14 PM

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Subject: Please, Keep the 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 to me. These urban wild spaces connect us to our humanity and give us an incredible quality of life -- Our urban wild spaces is one of the reasons I've chosen to make San Francisco my home.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park. As a city resident, I oppose the Observation Wheel extension and urge you to Keep The Park Dark.

Thank you,
Rachel Styer

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to GGP Ferris Wheel
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Subject: Opposition to GGP Ferris Wheel

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I write to urge you to not approve any extension that would allow the Ferris Wheel to remain in Golden Gate Park (GGP). Instead, I urge that the Wheel be removed permanently from the Music Concourse and GGP.

The Wheel does not add to the natural beauty of the park, or its existing structures; rather, it detracts. There are a few places in the City where you can go without all the light pollution and noise of the city.

I am in favor of keeping GGP as a place of nature, a refuge for people to detach from city noises, lights and hard surfaces, and to facilitate physical movement and exercise. Sitting in a seat as the Ferris Wheel goes around is inconsistent and facilitates none of the "GGP experience."

For those who want some kind of carnival in the city, we already have our historic carousel. And surely, there is somewhere else that would be more fitting for a full blown carnival (with a Ferris Wheel and motorized rides) or just the Ferris Wheel such as on one of the piers. Other cities with Ferris Wheels have them within already light-polluting and noisy city environs such as those in London, Seattle, Singapore etc.

If there really is such great support for the Wheel, let us move it somewhere more appropriate, so we can preserve the "GGP experience" as a place of nature, refuge and exercise.

Sincerely,

Karen Peteros, SF voter, parks user, homeowner & taxpayer @ 194 Lippard Ave 94131

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:37:19 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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Dear Commissioners and Supervisors,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because as much as I love the Wheel it is not healthy for the wildlife of the park. It is detrimental to many of the creatures great and small to be living with the lights that on all night. It is our responsibility to protect the natural landscape of the park and all the fauna that live there. They have no other advocates.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the

park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must be shut off at sunset.
Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Sincerely,

Donna Sharee

San Francisco

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please Oppose the Extension of the Observation Wheel - L. Loani
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:37:10 PM

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Subject: Please Oppose the Extension of the Observation Wheel - L. Loani

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Thank you!

Louise McTernan Loane

Name - print

Louise McTernan Loane

Name - sign

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Item 8 _ HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - C.Gurung
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:37:00 PM

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Thank you!

Chera Gurung

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Name - sign

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: No Wheel in GGP
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:36:38 PM

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Subject: No Wheel in GGP

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Dear Commissioner,

I am deeply opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because Golden Gate Park is a place of quiet and refuge in the midst of our city. We need a place to go where the air is good, the sounds of traffic and urban life are muted, and where we can recover ourselves from the intensity of our daily lives. The Wheel is the very antithesis of what we need in our Park. It must be removed.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you.

Nancy Arbuckle

2111 Hyde Street, #306
San Francisco 94109

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC - Please OPPOSE Extension for the Observation Wheel - K. Cortez
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Thank you!

Kevise Cortez

Name - print

Kevise Cortez

Name - sign

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Monday, March 1, 2021

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

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SAN FRANCISCO APPOINTS NEW CITY ENGINEER

Albert Ko, a native San Franciscan who grew up in Chinatown, will be responsible for a variety of City infrastructure projects essential to the resiliency, safety, and livability of San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Acting Public Works Director Alaric Degrafinried today announced the appointment of Albert Ko as City Engineer and Deputy Director for the Infrastructure Design and Construction Division of San Francisco Public Works.

A San Francisco native who was raised in Chinatown, Albert Ko joined Public Works in 1995 as a junior engineer. He progressed through the ranks, working on major capital projects, among them the San Francisco International Airport expansion, public safety buildings and recreation and park facilities. Since 2011, he served as manager of the Bureau of Construction Management in the Building Design and Construction Division. He starts in the new role on March 8, 2021.

“Throughout this pandemic, San Francisco has continued to invest in our infrastructure so that we wouldn’t lose ground. We need to continue this progress over the coming years to help drive our economic recovery, create new jobs, and make San Francisco an even better place to live,” said Mayor Breed. “I’m glad many of these efforts are going to be led by a native San Franciscan, and I’m confident that Albert Ko will help lead us forward in the coming years.”

Ko graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in civil engineering and a minor in city and

regional planning. He began his engineering career at Caltrans before moving to Public Works. He is a licensed Professional Engineer.

In his new role, Ko will oversee specialized engineering and support teams that design sewers, streets, curb ramps, bridges and electrical systems; devise fixes to stabilize hillsides and control flooding; and work on a variety of other projects essential to the resiliency, safety and livability of a 21st-century urban environment. The infrastructure division also includes the permits bureau, street inspections, and mapping.

“Albert brings to his new role a deep well of experience delivering capital projects; an enduring passion to bring out the best in our employees; and an unyielding determination to bring positive change to San Francisco,” said Acting Public Works Director Alaric Degrafinried. “He has demonstrable success on all three fronts that will continue to benefit the department and the City as we navigate budget challenges, recover from the COVID-19 health crisis, and rebuild public trust in our department in the wake of a corruption scandal.”

Ko has held leadership positions over the years with his union, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21. Outside of work, Ko volunteers as a volleyball and basketball coach with the Catholic Youth Organization and the San Francisco Unified School District. Raising four children with his wife, he also participates in the Girl Scouts and represents San Francisco in the California State PTA.

“The opportunity to serve the city where I was born and raised in this new leadership role at Public Works is a true honor,” said Albert Ko. “I will work with resolve and a force of positive energy every day to make San Francisco a better place for our diverse communities to live, work and play.”

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MARCH 1, 2021

[Bay Area Cities Want to End Single-Family Home Zoning, But Will It Create More Housing?](#)

SF Chronicle

The national movement to eliminate exclusionary single-family zoning is picking up steam in the Bay Area as cities explore the benefits of getting rid of a land use policy designed to keep people of color and working class families out of certain neighborhoods.

Last week, the city councils in Berkeley and South San Francisco took steps to end single-family zoning, with Berkeley promising to get rid of it within a year and South City initiating a study as part of its general plan update. After the Berkeley vote, Council Member Terry Taplin, one of the authors of the resolution, called it a “historical moment for us in Berkeley.”

But while the movement to allow multifamily buildings in zones previously limited to single-family homes is being embraced as a correction of past discriminatory policies — Sacramento, Oregon and Minneapolis have passed such laws — the question of whether it will actually increase housing production is a lot more complicated, according to builders and architects.

In particular, building “fourplexes” — the four-unit building type that has been promoted as a more democratic, sustainable and affordable alternative to the single-family homes — is challenging in fully built out urban centers such as San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley, where vacant land is scarce and expensive, construction costs high and lots are small.

In San Francisco, Supervisor Rafael Mandelman has proposed looking at allowing fourplexes in single-family zoned neighborhoods on corner lots and near transit stations. But builders say the city is home to a combination of factors that make fourplexes a tricky proposition. San Francisco has the third smallest lot sizes in the United States — averaging 2,700 square feet — which doesn’t allow much room to shoehorn four units. And vacant lots are rare, as are “tear downs,” small and outdated homes that don’t have much value.

Sean Kieghran, president of San Francisco’s Residential Builders Association, said he supports getting rid of single-family only zoning but doesn’t think it will result in many new units. Kieghran said that building fourplexes requires either two staircases or a staircase and an elevator, which takes up too much of the site.

And, unless the city streamlined the process of building a fourplex on a single-family lot, builders would run into too many bureaucratic obstacles, Kieghran said. “With how long it takes to get through planning and fire and DPW and all the other red tape it’s not likely we are going to see anybody building fourplexes anytime soon,” he said.

Opinion by Jay Barmann: San Francisco Needs to Follow Berkeley's Lead and Get Rid of Single-Family Zoning

SFist

The largely racist legacy of single-family zoning took a blow this week when Berkeley's city council voted unanimously to make moves to change its general plan and eradicate such zoning — a little over 100 years after the city became the first in the country to establish a single-family-zoned neighborhood reserved for whites.

For Berkeley, this is a necessary step to undo one of the last vestiges of racist planning practices — which were once more explicitly designed with segregation as a goal, with racially restrictive covenants and so-called "red-lined" maps. But single-family zoning was something Berkeley pioneered in the Elmwood neighborhood in 1916, and the effects are still being felt today, city councilmembers said, as the city's Black population has continued to be pushed out.

"It's certainly not going to happen overnight, and I don't think I've indicated otherwise," said Councilmember Lori Droste at Tuesday night's council meeting, per *Berkeleyside*. "But [the resolution] is symbolic in stating that we want to address systemic racism. We can't address racial and economic segregation unless we address zoning reform, that's definitely true."

The council expects to complete the lengthy and complicated general plan change process in two years — and similar changes that up-zone neighborhoods for greater density and more affordability are taking place across Oregon and in the city of Sacramento. A task force in San Jose has also recommended studying the idea, but a statewide bill that would have made building duplexes and multi-unit buildings on single-family lots much easier failed in the state Senate last year.

Housing advocates have long said that such zoning changes are no quick fix toward housing affordability, without broader efforts to protect renters and support mixed-income housing.

In housing-starved San Francisco, we are decades late in facing the fact that we live in a city that was developed half as a suburb. As the map below illustrates, from an October 2020 study by UC Berkeley's Othering and Belonging Institute, much of San Francisco's western and southern quadrants are dominated by single-family neighborhoods — some of which are well served by mass transit and some of which are not. While there isn't much room left in the city for the kinds of mega-developments like the one still in the works in Parkmerced, there is a ton of opportunity to allow more multi-unit buildings in ersatz-suburban neighborhoods like the Sunset, West Portal, and Glen Park.

South San Francisco May Upzone Single-Family Neighborhoods

The Daily Journal

With an unprecedented decision, South San Francisco is the first city in San Mateo County to explore ending single-family zoning.

The South San Francisco City Council narrowly agreed with a 3-2 vote to look into allowing construction of duplexes, triplexes and other moderately dense development in neighborhoods traditionally reserved solely for single-family homes.

The decision Wednesday, Feb. 24, puts South City on the path of other communities such as Berkeley and San Jose where officials may terminate exclusionary zoning policies in hopes of addressing affordability and equity concerns.

"If we are able to provide more affordable housing and also look at modern housing for the

missing middle, I think we need to explore all options,” said Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, who supported the proposal with his colleagues James Coleman and Eddie Flores. Mayor Mark Addiego and Councilwoman Flor Nicolas voted against the proposal.

Under the decision, officials will consider amending residential zoning codes through the forthcoming general plan update. The proposal will be brought to an advisory committee formed to guide the update, and community outreach will be sought before any formal policy amendments are considered by councilmembers.

Consultants hired to facilitate the general plan update anticipated discussions around the issue will cost about \$100,000 and delay the process by about four months.

The Upzoning Wave Finally Catches Up to California

CityLab

It was a small step, with huge symbolic significance: On Tuesday night, the city council of Berkeley, California, unanimously approved a resolution calling for the end of exclusionary zoning by 2022, kicking off a lengthy process to reform the city’s general plan with the aim to eliminate widespread bans on apartments and multi-unit residences.

The goal is to reduce housing costs as well as to address the racist roots of laws that restrict development to single-family homes, said Lori Droste, the city council member who authored the resolution, which is a statement of intent, not a policy change. “It would have been really surprising if people voted against an attempt to end a vestige of past discrimination,” she said, pointing to the history of redlining and racially exclusionary covenants that underpin zoning codes to this day.

Berkeley plays a prominent role in that history: Its Elmwood neighborhood was among the first parts of the U.S. to enact a single-family zoning code in 1916, according to the resolution. Today, such codes cover some 82% of residential land in the Bay Area, according to UC Berkeley’s Othering and Belonging Institute, and 49% in Berkeley.

The resolution comes amid a flurry of similar actions by other cities in Northern California. Last month, the Sacramento city council passed a unanimous decision to allow up to four units on virtually every residential lot. A San Jose task force voted last summer for the city to consider a similar upzoning, and South San Francisco’s city council approved a plan to study the same type of change earlier this week.

That’s particularly true in Berkeley. The ultra-liberal home to the University of California’s crown jewel campus was the subject of a 2018 New York Times article that highlighted how entrenched support for single detached units in some of the country’s costliest neighborhoods make failing proposals for duplexes, triplexes, and other “missing middle” housing a foregone conclusion. David Garcia, the policy director at UC Berkeley’s Turner Center, called these cities’ steps towards legalizing modest increases in density “important.”

“The amount of land dedicated to single-family zoning in pretty much every city is overwhelming,” he said. “We have artificially constrained what we can build, so by allowing up to four units, you’ve created a lot of new places where housing can be built.”

Local governments across the U.S. have recently turned to upzoning to tackle acute housing shortages, bucking America’s 20th-century template for picket-fence neighborhoods in favor of greater density. Minneapolis made history in 2018 with its citywide upzoning plan that sought to redress a history of racial covenants and redlining: “More cities are taking on the racist history of zoning & the narrative has shifted,” tweeted Lisa Bender, the Minneapolis city

council president who spearheaded that plan, in reaction to Berkeley's news. In 2019, Oregon passed a state law ending exclusionary zoning in most cities, and Portland went further the following year. Seattle recently upzoned 27 neighborhoods, and Charlotte and Philadelphia have explored similar ideas.

Upzoning has been a harder sell in California, but a confluence of factors is spurring change, observers say. One is the persistent effort by state legislators to override local laws that impede new housing, in particular State Senator Scott Wiener's SB 50, a proposal to eliminate exclusionary zoning codes in transit- and job-rich single-family home neighborhoods. Though SB 50 failed to become law in 2020, it and its predecessor, SB 827, drew national attention and energized housing leaders and activists across the state as housing shortages and homelessness worsened.

Florida Street Parking Lot Will Become 168 Units of Housing

Mission Local

The San Francisco Planning Commission approved a 168-unit residential building Thursday that will go up on an existing parking lot.

The proposed project at 321 Florida St. near 16th Street, is a nine-story building sponsored by DM Development and Urban Land Development, with Urban Land Capital as the capital partner.

The project would include 64 studios, 37 one-bedroom units, 67 two-bedroom units and an approximately 1,500-square-foot retail space on the ground floor that will be given, free of cost, to Community Arts Stabilization Trust, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that acquires land for use by artists or art organizations.

Of the 168 units in the building, 23 (13.6 percent) will be below market rate, 14 of which are intended for residents making between 50 and 55 percent of the area median income. In 2020, 55 percent of area median income was \$56,400 for a family of two and \$70,450 for a family of four.

Project sponsors will pay an approximately \$3.8 million density bonus affordable housing fee. California's State Density Bonus Program allows builders to exceed height limits in exchange for more affordable housing, and city legislation places a fee on developments that take the optional bonus.

"In addition, we have signed a [memorandum of agreement] with United to Save the Mission to make a contribution of \$2 million dollars for the acquisition of 2675 Folsom St. to develop up to 125 units of 100 percent affordable housing," Mark Macdonald, the CEO of DM Development.

Mission Housing Development Corporation will reportedly be responsible for the development on Folsom Street.

High-ish Rise in the Excelsior Slated for Approval

Socketsite

As we first revealed back in 2019, plans for a seven-story infill building to rise up to 74 feet and six inches in height upon the shuttered Club Tapatío site at 4742 Mission Street were in the works and Planning was encouraging the project team to add another floor to the Excelsior District development as envisioned.

But as we outlined at the time, buildings with occupied floors that are 75 feet or higher are required to meet more stringent, and costly, high-rise building code requirements.

And with that in mind, while an eighth floor has been added to the building, and the density of the

proposed development has been increased to yield 46 dwelling units, versus 36 as originally proposed, the height of the proposed building remains at 74-feet and six inches, as newly rendered below.

SF Restaurant Owner Fears Closure Over Neighbor's Complaint

KRON 4

It's been a lifeline for struggling restaurants throughout San Francisco. Outdoor dining parklets have allowed these businesses to take their customers outside as indoor dining remains off limits.

But now one restaurant in Lower Pac Heights is at risk of shutting down because neighbors want their parklet to close.

The owner of the building says Harry Bar which is next door is preventing them from selling this closed down space because the parklet blocks it.

The city has informed the owners of the bar they have to remove it within the next few weeks, but Harry's is concerned without an extension to keep this space open they may be forced to close their business down.

A big chunk of this outdoor dining parklet in front of Harry's Bar on Fillmore Street is at risk of being removed.

The bar has invested \$30,000 in putting this up and it has helped them to stay in business.

But now this portion may have to go.

"We're kind of walking a little bit of a tightrope right now financially," Charles Johnson said.

Harry's general manager Charles Johnson says they opened up this space last summer.

The former business owner in the building next door was apparently fine with it.

But that business owner may have given this spot away without the proper consent.

The building's owner is now demanding the parklet be removed after the store front failed because of the pandemic.

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Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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Dear Commissioner (or Supervisor),

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because we need to provide birds and other wildlife as much safety and respite away from increasingly intrusive human noise

and disturbances as we possibly can.

Once a tourist magnet becomes normalized, such as by extending the wheel's presence by another 4 years, there's little chance of going back. And with that will come additional pressures to expand it to a full amusement park. Then more problems with noise pollution, light pollution, crime, and increased parking/traffic conflicts in the surrounding neighborhoods. And so on.

Therefore one more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Julie Buckner
1027 Bosworth Street, SF, CA 94131

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel Staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 9:12:44 AM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel Staying in the Park

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Dear Commissioners and Supervisors,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying Golden Gate Park because I don't think a carnival-type attraction belongs in this park. It is not an amusement park but a beautiful natural preserve that provides a nearby escape from urban influences, treasured and enjoyed by people and wildlife alike. The monstrous Wheel disrupts the rhythms of the park, and its continued presence benefits only a few

people at a great and unrecoverable cost to birds and other animals whose home is Golden Gate Park, whether temporarily or year-round. Golden Gate Park is not an appropriate home for the Wheel.

One more year - with no further extensions - is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Deborah Trotter
Moraga, CA

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The Wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:56:16 AM

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To the Historic Preservation Commission members

In my life in San Francisco, I have never expected and certainly not desired to see Coney Island replicated in a nature preserve of the stature and integrity of Golden Gate Park. What one would tolerate on the Las Vegas strip, is abominable in our sanctuary of green, quiet, aesthetic, blessedly dark at night, urban oasis.

There is a myriad of lumens-level detail, decibel readings facts, and the garrish contrast of our museums and statuary groves that cement the multi-modal ugliness of this "attraction". As a

business "barker" mechanism for aggrieved local merchants, it panders to exactly the opposite customer base. A virtual 7 - 11 magnet for predators and opportunist malcontents, it alienates and repulses the people who support the gardening, the plethora of events, and the quiet enjoyment of the lush, beautiful urban escape from ugliness, stadium-like lighting and diesel noise attending this Wheel.

Please exile this thing to its proper venue outside Golden Gate Park... how about Candlestick Park?
Or any of the piers?

Thank you for any action you take to remove that wheel from our park!

James Parke
The Sunset

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Item 8 - Oppose Observation Wheel - B Petrin
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Thank you!

Brandon Petrin

Name - print

Brandon Petrin

Name - sign

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

2/12/21

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose: Observation Wheel. - Calavan
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:55:04 AM

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Thank you!

Anne Calavan

Name - print

Anne Calavan

Name - sign

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From: [Ruth Gravanis \(FC\)](#)
To: [Paulo Miyoshi \(FC\)](#)
Cc: [Eduardo Sison \(FC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please remove the wheel as soon as possible.
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:52:30 AM

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On 2/27/21, 9:11 AM, "Ruth Gravanis" <rgravanis@sonic.net> wrote:

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Honorable Members of the Historic Preservation Commission:

The City made a mistake. Are we responsible enough to admit it, make a correction and move on? We were wise enough to remove the Embarcadero Freeway, in large part in appreciation of our waterfront; we can remove the out-of-place, disingenuously sold "Observation Wheel" out of respect for our premier park and its historical significance and the people and critters who benefit from it.

Proponents of the ironically named "SkyStar" (that mars the sky and obliterates the stars) claim that it's here to celebrate the park's birthday. Do we really pay homage to the park by dishonoring its founders? Did the project's sponsors consider how it insults the vision of William Hammond Hall and John McLaren?

A re-read of the eloquent tribute by Phil Ginsburg and Drew Beshler clearly illustrates how egregiously the wheel violates the park's purpose:

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The writers capture beautifully the park's role as a refuge, sanctuary, pastoral oasis, a place to find equilibrium and as a resource for the enjoyment of nature, art, music, horticulture and stewardship. No, this amusement park ride does not celebrate the park's anniversary.

So maybe its real purpose is observation. The SkyStar's website boasts of "unparalleled views from downtown to the Pacific Ocean." The wheel is 150 feet tall. The de Young Museum's tower is 144 feet tall. That means that only a short portion of each eighteen-dollar, nine-to-twelve-minute ride will provide views that are any more expansive than those that can be leisurely enjoyed for free from the de Young. The "Observation Wheel" is not about observation.

It's past time to turn off that obnoxiously loud, energy-wasting generator and to tell the "traveling observation wheel" that it is time to travel on.

Sincerely,

Ruth Gravanis,
San Francisco resident, taxpayer and park fan

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Observation Wheel - A. Jones
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:51:19 AM

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Thank you!

Amelia Jones

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Subject: FW: Historic Preservation Commission - Please Oppose Observation Wheel (D Keeney)
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Subject: Historic Preservation Commission - Please Oppose Observation Wheel (D Keeney)

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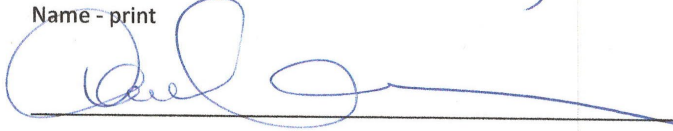
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Thank you!

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Dawn Keeney

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cc: BOS, Planning Commission

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: For HPC, March 3 2021 -- No more than 1 year extension of CofA for Wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:50:37 AM

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Subject: For HPC, March 3 2021 -- No more than 1 year extension of CofA for Wheel

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Re: Observation Wheel in Music Concourse
Please -- no more than a 1 year CofA extension for the Observation Wheel

Historic Preservation Commissioners:

Extending the Certificate of Appropriateness for the observation wheel in the Music

Concourse in Golden Gate Park for 4 more years would be wrong for so many reasons.

The original project -- installing and operating the wheel for one year as part of an event -- should never have been given a categorical exemption. The OPERATION of the wheel, not just its installation, should have been subject to proper environmental review. Extending the project for 4 more years without remedying this error would only compound it. Many thanks to those who questioned the cat. ex. declaration. (For more, see 1 below.)

There is also the risk of setting a very bad historic review precedent. When checking whether the project meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, staff stated that if the wheel were permanent, it would NOT be an appropriate addition to the historic design of the landmarked Music Concourse -- before saying but since the wheel is temporary, it's OK. If "Temporary" can mean "1 year, for a specific event" but also mean "5 years even though the event has ended", what else can "temporary" mean?

About the claim that the wheel will be important for economic recovery: this is now supported by a statement that park vendors report an uptick in business during the time when the wheel was allowed to operate last fall. But what evidence is there that the reported uptick came from wheel riders, rather than from visitors to all the other attractions that had also opened in or near the Music Concourse -- especially considering that the wheel operator sells drinks and snacks? Correlation is not causation.

About the idea that anyone opposed to the wheel's presence in the Music Concourse must be opposed to "joy" and "fun": it's the LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION of the wheel that is the problem. Besides, there is plenty of "joy" and "fun" to be had in our park from enjoying nature, appreciating art, exploring science, and engaging in exercise and play.

The wheel, which should never have been installed in the Music Concourse, should be gone, as originally scheduled, by the end of this month.

But if the choice **must** be made between a 4 year extension as proposed by RPD and a compromise 1 year ONLY extension proposed by Supervisors, I urge you to vote for the latter, with conditions about lighting, noise, and power sources.

Please help protect the nature in, as well as the nature of, the historic landscape that is part of our park.

And thank you for taking your job seriously.

Linda Shaffer
PROSAC member, 2008-2016. representing D10 and the environmental
community
Current Outer Richmond Resident

1 Citing the EIR done for the Beach Chalet soccer fields project to justify statements that there would be no significant effect of the wheel's lighting on biological resources just doesn't cut it. How on earth can a (flawed) study of the effects of the fixed lighting used for a sports venue located very near the often foggy coast be applied to the analysis of the effects of bright multicolored flashing strobe lighting on a moving machine located in a different city climate zone?

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: OPPOSE: Item 8 - Observation Wheel - C. Aronson
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:50:28 AM

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Thank you!

Clare Aronson

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To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Item 8 _ HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension. - A. Powar
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:50:20 AM

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Thank you!

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Subject: FW: Item 8 _ HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - D.Sardeneta
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Thank you!

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Subject: FW: Item 8 _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - HPC - E Grady
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:50:05 AM

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Subject: FW: Item 8 _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - HPC. J. Porto
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JAN PORTO

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To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: March 3 HPC meeting - Request to Remove Observation Wheel by June 2022
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Subject: March 3 HPC meeting - Request to Remove Observation Wheel by June 2022

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Dear Commissioners:

I am requesting that you vote to remove the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park no later than June 2022. The Historic Preservation Commission - by definition - is charged with PRESERVING our city's historic

structures and landscapes. You initially approved a year's presence of this structure. With the extension of one more year to this permission out to June 2022, you have been very generous to allow this non-conforming structure to remain in the city's premier park.

The responsibility of your commission is NOT the financial balance sheet of any city department, any outside entity, or any nearby commercial district. We have multiple city departments and a Mayor that carefully look after the city's finances to fund the delivery of services and raise revenue . This is not your job to add extraneous **economic considerations** to determining the extension of the appropriateness of the wheel in GGP. If you do not limit HPC approval to just this generous one year extension to end June 2022, then you are forever more compromising your primary reason for being.

Sincerely,
Nancy Wuerfel

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Remove the Wheel and Protect the GG Park against a "Downtown"
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:49:39 AM

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From: John Musser <jemusser@yahoo.com>

Reply-To: John Musser <jemusser@yahoo.com>

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 11:38 AM

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Subject: Remove the Wheel and Protect the GG Park against a 'Downtown'

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Dear Commissioner (or Supervisor),

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because the mechanical noise and bright lights disrupt the silence and darkness of the nighttime in the park – which is a part

of what was intended to be preserved in the park when it was built. The noise and lights have incredibly negative impacts on the wildlife in the area (i.e., all species rely on darkness and silence to survive - including humans).

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Furthermore, I have been told by a friend that “the historic vision for GG Park is being undone by making the Music Concourse into a ‘downtown’.” This is unacceptable. This is antithetical to the original intention of the park. Nighttime aerial photographs of the GG Park show the stark contrast between the bright, densely packed urban area surrounding it with the pitch black, open, undeveloped area that preserves nature. Beautiful treasures such as the Japanese Tea Garden, the Conservatory of Flowers, the area surrounding the Palace of Fine Arts, and the Botanical Garden depend on us to be good stewards and ensure that no light pollution or noise pollution can wreak havoc. I am strongly opposed to the idea of creating a “downtown” in the park or any kind of a thoroughfare that brings more lights or more constructions.

Although I do not live in the city proper, I have enjoyed the beauty of the park and even the various recreational events that it hosts yearly for over 30 years (e.g., music concerts, BBQs, Comedy events, Bike and Beer festival, Hardly Strictly, Outside Lands, and many others.) The park is meant to be enjoyed by people, but we must do so thoughtfully and respectfully for the nature that it is originally intended to protect for all generations (especially those to come in the future).

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely and respectfully,
John Musser
Educator,
Sunnyvale, CA

"Intelligence plus character – that is the true goal of education."
-Martin Luther King Jr

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Permanent Removal of the Wheel from Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:49:29 AM

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Reply-To: Diane Rivera <dianariver@aol.com>

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 1:37 PM

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Subject: Permanent Removal of the Wheel from Golden Gate Park

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Honorable Mayor London Breed
Honorable Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
SF Historic Preservation Commission
Members of the Recpark Commission

Dear Honorable Members,

I am in **full support for the permanent removal** of the Wheel from Golden Gate Park by June 2022.

" Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can also find a refuge. Wildlife needs darkness and quiet. The increased artificial lighting from the wheel can have a negative impact on birds – both resident and migrating — bats, insects, amphibians, and other wildlife. People are also adversely affected by artificial light pollution at night and noise pollution. The fumes from the diesel generator that powers the wheel add an additional stressor to the environment and raise questions about the city's commitment to clean air." 7Hills Feb. 28, 2021

Thank you all for your diligent thought and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane Rivera
Carlsbad, CA
KG6QLX

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY:

If you don't turn your life into a story, you just become a part of someone else's story. -Terry Pratchett, novelist (28 Apr 1948-2015)

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - L. Kwona
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:48:56 AM

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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 3:54 PM

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Thank you!

Lisa Kwong

Name - print



Name - sign

San Francisco

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension. - M. Ekas
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:48:47 AM

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Thank you!

Michelle Ekas

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Michelle Ekas

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To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - M. Mulholland
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:48:37 AM

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Thank you!

MAEVE MULHOLLAND

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - N. Akers
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:48:18 AM

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Thank you!

Nancy Akers

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC _ OPPOSE Observation Wheel Extension - J.S. Valentine
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:48:07 AM

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Thank you!

J Sue Valentine

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to four year extension of observation wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:47:52 AM

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Subject: Opposition to four year extension of observation wheel

Dear Commissioners,

I favor immediate removal of the observation wheel or its relocation to a more suitable

city site; but should a compromise be considered as suggested by my supervisor Connie Chan, a proposed removal date of June 22, 2022 seems more than generous considering the following.

A SF Recreation and Parks representative testified at a 1/15/20 hearing before the San Francisco Historic Preservation Committee that the wheel was intended for one year to encourage excitement over the park's 150th anniversary and they had no interest in extending it beyond one year. Now they offer two reasons for a four year extension.

One is that it will support the City's economic recovery. The extent to which local businesses may profit is purely speculative. Certainly the restaurants on 9th Avenue are unlikely to reap huge profits since SkyStar Partners operates a concession stand selling food and drink which already competes with local in-Park vendors.

Their second reason is to allow the out-of-state operator to accrue the \$1 million it expected to make. As you know the time of operation stipulated in the Conditions of Approval was just 10 months starting April 4, 2020 and that the project site was to be fully restored to existing conditions by the end of March 2021. Considering the fact that a full environmental impact assessment of this project was never done, a four year extension is excessive and potentially damaging to park habitat, which should be of greater concern than the profits of an out-of-state vendor.

Finally it is disturbing that the SF Parks Alliance is the recipient of the "City's share" of the Observation Wheel given that it is now being investigated as part of a larger FBI citywide corruption scandal.

I respectfully request that should you decide that a compromise date be appropriate please require that the Wheel be completely removed by June 22, 2022.

Sincerely yours,
Cira Marie Curri

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:47:24 AM

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From: Wendy Leyden <walera@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:36 PM
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Subject: Opposition to the Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioners and Supervisors,

Although I don't live in the city, I am a long-term East Bay resident and I frequently chose to spend much of my free time in San Francisco, with Golden Gate Park being one of the main draws for me to come in to the city.

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because it will have an adverse effect on the birds and other wildlife that live in, migrate through and stopover. The lights are very disorienting and hazardous to birds.

I'm also opposed to the wheel being in the park because it creates a carnival atmosphere at night that is totally inappropriate and against what the park was designed to be - a peaceful natural refuge. Fisherman's Wharf or the Embarcadero would be a much more appropriate place for a Ferris wheel.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Wendy Leyden
75 Vicente Rd, Berkeley

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Voicing My Opposition to Ferris Wheel staying in GGP
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:47:12 AM

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From: Win Mixer <action@winmixter.com>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:40 PM
Subject: Voicing My Opposition to Ferris Wheel staying in GGP

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Dear Commissioner (or Supervisor),

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park because I am concerned about birds and other wildlife being negatively affected by its bright lights, noise, and overall presence. Golden Gate Park is one of the most ecologically diverse places in the city, and this type of heavy machinery is both noisy and bright at night—two things that wild animals hate and that could drive them away.

I agree with many local conservation organizations that one more year—with no further extensions—is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. I understand that the company that installed it for the sesquicentennial celebration has undoubtedly lost money on the project, but I don't believe that it should become a long-standing attraction.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.
Thank you,
Win Mixer

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Win Mixer | (he/him/his)
www.surjsf.org
www.prideisaprotest.com

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:46:58 AM

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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:57 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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Dear Commissioner/Supervisor,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because

Golden park is a nature oasis in our beautiful city, it's the place where we, San Franciscans, and visitors alike can be closer to nature and find such a needed retreat from our busy work routines. We

already lack green spaces in the city. Instead of adding more park spaces there is a tendency to adding neon-lit billboards and towers.

Extending Ferris wheel for another 4 years will undermine the significance of the Golden Gate park as a landscape park and will turn it into an amusement hotspot. Residents of San Francisco value the sight of wildlife more than brightly-lit Ferris Wheel. Instead, please, organize docent tours and family events that allow to bring residents and visitors closer to nature.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please then remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Oksana Protsukha
San Francisco resident

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:46:46 AM

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From: Liam Murphy <liammsf@gmail.com>

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:57 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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Dear Commissioners and Supervisors,

As a San Franciscan, nature lover, and avid birder, I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park. The Park is one of the only dark areas remaining in SF County that can serve as a nighttime refuge for diurnal wildlife, particularly our native birds. It's well documented that bright nighttime lights can disorient birds, lure them off migration routes, and lead to collisions with structures. The

presence of a huge, bright wheel presents just such a threat. Golden Gate Park is not an amusement park; it is a natural haven for wildlife and those who appreciate it within the urban setting of San Francisco. We are blessed to have such a Park in our City when many other urban centers lack easily accessible opportunities for appreciation of nature. Let's keep it that way! Surely if the Wheel is of value to the City as a tourism boost or as an opportunity for residents to recreate safely outdoors in the time of COVID, a compromise can be reached by moving the Wheel to another City-owned site closer to the existing urban centers where the disruption to wildlife will be mitigated.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Liam Murphy
Resident, 94110

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:46:35 AM

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From: Pam Hemphill <pam.hemphill@gmail.com>

Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 6:58 PM

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Subject: Opposed to the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioner:

I am writing in opposition to the Ferris wheel that has been placed in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. It is wrong in so many ways.

The RPC already voted to approve a four year extension although your commission has not even voted on it. They allow for no disagreement with their activities, no checks and balances. Please stand up to RPD and the RPC and support the **compromise one year limited extension** to end this fiasco.

The Ferris wheel is an amusement park fixture that was insensitively placed into the Music Concourse formal landscape, between the de Young Museum and the Academy of Sciences. Extra lighting was also added to the Temple of Music, magnifying the amusement park feel of it. I understand that you approved it under the pressure of the 150th celebration, and thinking that it was to be there for only one year.

For me, the Music Concourse has been a place where I would sit for a while after going to the de Young Museum, or to the Academy, to absorb what I had seen. Or, I might meet a friend there. The Music Concourse feels like the heart of Golden Gate Park to me.

From a purely economic standpoint for SF, RPD crafted a bad business deal. We keep voting for bond money for RPD, but this certainly makes me question doing that. SkyStar LLC, a St Louis based business, would have grossed about 7 million dollars if there had been 500,000 riders over the original one year agreement. The “non-profit arm” of RPD would have earned around \$400,000. Additionally, the St Louis Corporation gets to sell food and drink and merchandise, while claiming that the wheel is benefiting local businesses. The Ferris wheel is a used “portable” one that was in Cincinnati, Ohio, before SkyStar moved it to San Francisco.

San Francisco residents, by paying their dollars to SkyStar, are only helping the SkyStar LLC investors recover economically, not helping San Francisco itself. SkyStar also received Paycheck Protection Money from the government to maintain their employees. The dollars of San Francisco residents could be going to small businesses locally to help our city recover instead of into SkyStar’s pockets. We do not even know who the SkyStar LLC investors are.

From an environmental perspective, the Ferris wheel is a disaster, as has been discussed at length. The bright strobe lighting can be seen from far away and is

damaging to wildlife. Bringing people into the park at night also disrupts animal life. The wheel did not have an environmental impact report. Climate change is here and San Francisco can no longer ignore nature.

I can support a limited one year extension for the wheel, with the lighting going off at dusk. This allows for any riders who still want to ride the wheel to do so, and hopefully settles the conflict. At the end of that extension, the wheel is to be permanently removed.

Thanks for your attention.

Pam Hemphill MD
SF

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Ferris Wheel in GG Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:46:14 AM

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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 7:15 PM
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Subject: Opposition to the Ferris Wheel in GG Park

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Dear Commissioners,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because

I now live in Oakland but grew up loving the wildness of the park in the urban landscape of SF. I'm an avid birder and do not feel the carnival thrill of a Ferris Wheel is worth harming and killing birds. At the least, please confine the Wheels operation to the daylight hours.

So, one more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and

Golden Gate Park.

Claudia Wornum

[11780 Crawford Way, Oakland](#)

Sent from my iPad

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:46:04 AM

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On 2/28/21, 7:21 PM, "Dorothy Gregor" <dgregor@mcn.org> wrote:

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to implore you not to the presence of the ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. It seems quite out of place in the natural space of the park and has negative impacts on wildlife trying so hard to survive in an urban environment. Additionally it poses a threat to birds in migration as bright lights cause confusion for birds migrating at night. The Park is a wonderful refuge; please help it remain that way by ending the presence of the ferris wheel.

Thank you for your attention,

Dorothy Gregor

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#); [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Against the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:45:51 AM

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On 2/28/21, 8:22 PM, "Samantha Miller" <sraquelmiller@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Commissioner,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park because my priority is the natural park and wildlife. Protecting nature in the park is so much more important than a Ferris wheel. Please remove the Wheel from the park as soon as possible, and in the meantime it's crucial that the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Samantha Miller
2301 Harrison St. #202
San Francisco 94110

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: That ecologically and aesthetically offensive wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:45:34 AM

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Subject: That ecologically and aesthetically offensive wheel in Golden Gate Park

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TO THE SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

Dear Commissioners-

Please act to preserve our beautiful and historic Golden Gate Park.

That offensive and tasteless wheel, which moreover jeopardizes wildlife, does not belong there.

Please get rid of it **permanently**.

With many thanks,

Marilyn Kohn

Concerned citizen

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:45:04 AM

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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 9:47 PM

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Subject: Opposition to the Wheel staying in the Park

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I came to San Francisco from the home of the first Ferris Wheel - Chicago (worlds fair Columbian Exposition 1893). I love Ferris wheels however I love birds and nature much more. And the two don't mix. Golden Gate Park like other city parks are suppose to be places where people can find a retreat away from all of man's cleverness. Enough ! find another place for Ferris's wheel because at present it is awkwardly out of place.

Sincerely

Kenneth W. Weidner

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW:
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:44:43 AM

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From: Nancy Burrill <nmburrill@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:00 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: <no subject>

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Dear Commissioner, I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because it turns the park into a playground which is entirely contrary to the purpose and history of Golden Gate Park. One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park. Thank you.

Nancy M. Burrill
119 26th Avenue
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel extension
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:44:25 AM

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From: Michele Liapes <maliapes@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:07 PM
To: "Hyland, Aaron (CPC)" <aaron.hyland@sfgov.org>, "Matsuda, Diane (CPC)" <diane.matsuda@sfgov.org>, "kate.black@sfgov.org" <kate.black@sfgov.org>, Chris Foley <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>, "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Cc: "Peskin, Aaron (BOS)" <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris Wheel extension

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To the Historic Preservation Commission:

I am writing again to urge that you oppose the proposal to extend the presence of the Ferris Wheel for four more years. I agree that the wheel, brought in to commemorate the now-past 150th anniversary of Golden Gate Park, should be retained for ONE YEAR so that people who wish to will be able to experience the ride that they might have been deprived of because of the Covid 19 closures.

However, a one-year extension is ample. Apart from the potential harm to migrating birds, resident owls, and other wildlife, the wheel itself is an eyesore not in keeping with the original historic look and ambience of that part of the park. And, if you do approve the four-year extension, Rec Park's next step will be to make the wheel permanent. I'll bet my mother's house on that one.

PLEASE keep this unfortunate thing's stay at a reasonable limit.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this objection.

Sincerely,

Michele Liapes
1345 Taylor St.. #26
San Francisco, CA 94108

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to ferris wheel in the Park
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:42:56 AM

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On 3/1/21, 8:14 AM, "Nancy Hanson" <nandearna@comcast.net> wrote:

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Dear Commissioner ,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because I do not want to see it become a gaudy amusement park. It is a place of gardens, a place to reconnect with nature and a home for wildlife. It is an oasis of peaceful green in a busy city where children can connect with the natural world. We need more green and less machine. We need to be focusing on saving our planet, not wasting energy on machinery.

One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset. This will protect the birds at night.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Thank you,

Nancy Hanson, 5 Crescent Drive, Woodacre, Marin County, CA 94973

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for the extension of the SkyStar Wheel contract
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:39:20 AM
Attachments: [Support for the SkyStar Wheel.msg](#)
[Support of a four year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Oppose Observation Wheel. - Calavan.msg](#)
[Support for extension of the SkyStar contract.msg](#)
[March 3 2021 SF Rec Parks Commission - Item F Regular Calendar 8- Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel - No Extension.msg](#)

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From: Kelly Nice <kellynice@niceandcompany.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 4:00 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>
Subject: Support for the extension of the SkyStar Wheel contract

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of a four-year extension of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park. I'm a resident of District 2 and run a business in District 1.

As a park user and avid supporter of Golden Gate Park, I know that the SkyStar Wheel:

- Is a welcome addition to Golden Gate Park as a fun, joyful experience.
- Will bring in much needed revenue as we slowly emerge from the financial and health effects of Covid-19.
- Enhances Golden Gate Park as a world-class destination worthy of a world-class city.

We never got enough time to fully enjoy the SkyStar Wheel and this extension will allow a wonderful opportunity to experience it with grandchildren and other family. The Wheel is a temporary installation well-suited to the Music Concourse where it complements the nearby museums, parking garage, tours, and other visitor attractions.

I 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.

Regards,

William K. Nice
Cow Hollow

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: In Support of the Observation Wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:38:24 AM
Attachments: [The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Be saved!.msg](#)

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill O'Such <bill@elzevir.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 10:24 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: In Support of the Observation Wheel

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Hi

As a taxpaying resident of SF, I'm in full support of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park. It provides joy to adults and children and with some oversight any disturbance can be minimized. I've visited major cities in the world and many of them have equivalent Observation Wheels including the city of Paris. It occupies a small % of Golden Gate park and was a very welcome addition when I saw it. I (and many people I knew) can't wait to ride it and enjoy San Francisco. Please don't eliminate this jewel from the park that can provide so much happiness to people as the pandemic ends. Find that compromise that maximizes the happiness of the majority of residents that you represent.

I know there is a small but vocal group against it but the world is full of compromises and this should be a simple one to add joy and happiness to the vast majority of residents vs catering to the minority.

Best
Bill O'Such
4640 17th Street

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation wheel
Date: Monday, March 01, 2021 8:37:18 AM

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From: Lesley Stansfield <lesleys460@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 1:45 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Environment, ENV (ENV) <environment@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Subject: Observation wheel

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Please stick to your original agreement of having the Wheel for only one year.
The wheel is not for the average San Franciscan at \$25 per person but more importantly, bad for animals with bright lights at night and loud generators. The Wheel would be better placed at Pier 39 or the Embarcadero as GGPark is not an amusement parl but a place for serenity and nature.
Lesley Stansfield
681 27th St
San Francisco, ca 94131

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Remove the Observation Wheel permanently from Golden Gate Park by June 2022
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:56:58 PM
Attachments: [Golden Gate Park Observation Wheel.docx](#)

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Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9:28 AM
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Subject: Remove the Observation Wheel permanently from Golden Gate Park by June 2022

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Historic Preservation Commission
San Francisco, CA

Subject: Remove the Observation Wheel permanently from Golden Gate Park by June 2022

Dear Commission President Hyland,

D4ward is a forward-thinking advocacy group in District 4. We are opposed to the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park; however, in respect of Supervisor Connie Chan's efforts on behalf of Golden Gate Park, we would accept the Wheel staying until June 2022, as long as there are guarantees that it will be removed PERMANENTLY from Golden Gate Park at that time.

We also would like to thank Supervisor Chan for asking for a compromise, and Supervisors Preston and Peskin, as well as Board of Supervisors President Walton, for joining her in supporting our premier park.

We respect science. Climate change is real, and it is caused by thoughtless human activity. We are confused that the Department of Recreation and Park does not understand the impact of artificial light and more structures on park habitat and wildlife. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find refuge at night. 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.

We also believe that Golden Gate Park provides the opportunity for families and children from all income levels to enjoy nature close to home. Most San Franciscans do not have second homes in the country; many cannot even afford to travel outside of San Francisco to experience and learn about nature. Golden Gate Park gives them that opportunity. But if the Park is filled up with artificial attractions, especially those that threaten wildlife, then we are all the poorer for it.

The Wheel must be removed from Golden Gate Park permanently by June 2022.

Respectfully,

D4ward

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

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** STATE-OF-THE-ART TENNIS CENTER TO OPEN IN GOLDEN GATE PARK
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:15:58 PM
Attachments: [02.26.21 Tennis Center Golden Gate Park.pdf](#)

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From: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 12:33 PM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** STATE-OF-THE-ART TENNIS CENTER TO OPEN IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

Media: Photos and video of the new center can be found [here](#).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Friday, February 26, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****
**STATE-OF-THE-ART TENNIS CENTER TO OPEN IN
GOLDEN GATE PARK**

Online court reservations open today for the philanthropy-funded Lisa & Douglas Goldman Tennis Center, which will open its doors March 3

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the new Lisa & Douglas Goldman Tennis Center in Golden Gate Park will open on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The \$27 million renovation has transformed the legendary Golden Gate Park facility into a state-of-the-art public tennis center accessible to first-time players and seasoned athletes alike.

Online court reservations can be made starting today at goldmantenniscenter.com or by calling (415) 581-2540. COVID-19 health precautions require advance reservations to play or visit.

“The Goldman Tennis Center facility honors the incredible history of tennis in Golden Gate Park and provides a place where the next generation of players can learn perseverance, integrity, and fair play,” said Mayor Breed. “This year has shown us just how important it is for all of our residents to have access to open space and opportunities for outdoor recreation. This beautifully designed, accessible space will provide a wonderful place for San Franciscans to get outside, get exercise and have fun safely.”

The Goldman Tennis Center includes 16 USTA-regulation tennis courts, including a sunken

stadium style court. Lighting on the courts will allow users to enjoy an additional 20,000 hours of play annually. Five mini-courts can be used to teach young children the game or for pickleball. Off the court, the 7,800 square foot Taube Family Clubhouse, designed by architectural firm EHDD (with HGA), features a lounge, recreation room, locker room and kitchen. The ADA-accessible site includes new patio spaces and a garden. “Spin,” an outdoor vibrant ceramic tile mural with a kaleidoscopic effect by artist Sanaz Mazinani and engaged through the San Francisco Arts Commission, features images of trailblazers on and off the court: Alice Marble, Arthur Ashe, Billie Jean King and Roger Federer.

The facility also includes a dedicated classroom to expand the Tennis & Learning Center (TLC), an innovative Recreation and Park Department program that provides after school tennis instruction, academic tutoring, and leadership development to youth from underserved San Francisco neighborhoods. TLC, which currently serves elementary school students, will launch its middle school program in the new facility.

Infrastructure projects, like the Tennis Center, create well-paying jobs and will be a critical part of San Francisco’s recovery from COVID-19. The Tennis Center capital project, which broke ground in April 17, 2019, created more than 100 construction jobs.

Since 1894, players of every age and ability have learned, played, and competed in Golden Gate Park, including tennis greats Alice Marble, Billie Jean King, Rosie Casals and Peanut Louie Harper.

“The opening of the Goldman Tennis Center adds another dimension to the diverse recreational options in Golden Gate Park,” said District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston. “It provides a world class facility for San Franciscans to hone their skills and nurture their friendships.”

“For San Francisco’s tennis community, youth athletes, and pickleball players, the Goldman Tennis Center realizes a longtime dream,” said San Francisco Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg. “The storied Golden Gate Park courts have been transformed into the best and most inclusive municipal tennis center in the country, embodying the motto ‘Love All.’”

“As the community partner at the Goldman Tennis Center, we are thrilled to connect, energize, and advocate for San Francisco tennis players,” said Martha Ehrenfeld, Tennis Coalition of San Francisco Co-Chair. “We are excited to see the tennis center in Golden Gate Park revived as the hub of public tennis in the city, inspiring many future generations of players to learn, compete, and create community around the sport of tennis.”

The Goldman Tennis Center will offer affordable rates, including discounts for seniors, youth, and San Francisco residents. Weekday court rentals will be free for San Francisco youth before 6 p.m., while seniors can rent a court starting at \$4 an hour.

Lifetime Activities, which runs municipal tennis centers in Cupertino, Pleasanton, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale and Walnut Creek, will manage day-to-day operations at the Goldman Tennis Center. Throughout its tenure as facility operator, Lifetime will provide all new middle school participants in the TLC program with tennis shoes. HEAD Racquet Sports has donated high performance racquets and tennis balls to the youth players.

“We are excited to offer tennis court rentals, an online and phone-in reservation system,

leagues, socials, tournaments and private or small group learning experiences for the entire San Francisco community,” said Dana Gill, CEO of Lifetime Activities. “Players of all ages and interest levels can purchase tennis balls and pickleballs, racquets, paddles and accessories, enjoy healthy snacks and tasty beverages, and try out our racquet stringing and ball machine services.”

The Goldman Tennis Center was funded through a public-private partnership with leadership gifts from Taube Philanthropies, the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund, the Koret Foundation, Jackie and Joby Pritzker, and the Fisher Family. The San Francisco Parks Alliance served as fiscal sponsor. Approximately \$4.5 million was allocated to this project by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department from the 2012 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond.

“Lisa and I are thrilled that the dream has become a reality for all tennis players to enjoy. This is a gorgeous, world class facility,” said Douglas Goldman, President of the Lisa and Douglas Goldman Fund.

“I have been involved with tennis most of my life and it was natural for me to help with the redevelopment of the Golden Gate Park tennis center. Of particular importance was the opportunity to support tennis programs for kids from lower income communities and to provide a San Francisco venue for national and international competitions,” said Tad Taube, Founder of Taube Philanthropies.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Go!
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 2:08:36 PM

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From: Rio Anderson <riomezey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 26, 2021 1:44 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Go!

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Dear Commissioners:

I do not want the contract for the Skystar Wheel renewed. It has no place in a public park and is an eyesore.

Sincerely,
Rio Anderson

From: [CPC Commission Secretary](#)
Cc: [Eliciano, Josephine \(JPC\); Taylor, Michael \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The Ferris Wheel is great!!!
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 9:58:10 AM

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To: CPC Commission Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: The Ferris Wheel is great!!!

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Dear Commissioners:

I just wanted to say, as a SF resident since 1996, my family and I love the wheel in Golden Gate Park. We have ridden it before and hope it opens again! Don't take it down! Don't listen to the haters! It is a beautiful wheel! Make it permanent!

Thanks for reading.

Jason Thompson
415-412-0876

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please keep the Ferris Wheel
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:14:29 AM

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Subject: Please keep the Ferris Wheel

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Hi All

I know there is a lot of debate on the Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate park. From my viewpoint, it should definitely stay. A couple bullets:

- * I've ridden similar Ferris Wheels in Paris (Jardin de Tuileries) and in Montreal and they were a wonderful way to see the city from a different angle that you can never see otherwise
- * The amount of the park that it interferes with is tiny compared to the vast size of the park so it is not overbearing
- * It is located at nice spot where visitors and residents can benefit from several museums and the Ferris Wheel
- * Change is hard but good. When the lights were put up on the Bay Bridge, I'm sure there were opponents but in the end it created a signature beauty.

We can't wait 'til the pandemic is over to go there.

My only comment is potentially we need a second one along the Embarcadero as there is a ton of beauty to be seen by shared and shared with visitors.

Attached are a few pictures including one showing how small an element to park it is.

Best
Bill O'Such
Cole Valley







From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose - Observation Wheel Extension -
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 8:13:48 AM

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From: SF Parc <sfparc@earthlink.net>

Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 5:32 PM

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Keep the Park Dark

To the Historic Preservation Commission:


Please remove the Ferris wheel **permanently** from Golden Gate Park. It never belonged in the Music Concourse in the first place.

Please approve a **maximum** one-year extension for the wheel, with lighting restrictions to protect wildlife, as a compromise to removing the wheel as originally scheduled, my first choice. This one-year extension allows people to ride if they wish to do so, with protections for wildlife in the park.

Thank you!

Alex Akers

Name - print



Name - sign

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Akers426@gmail.com

Email

cc: BOS, Planning Commission

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2019-022126COA-04 HPC Hearing: Dismantle and remove the Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse.
Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 7:37:45 AM

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From: MM <mm_urizon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:53 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>
Subject: 2019-022126COA-04 HPC Hearing: Dismantle and remove the Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse.

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Commissioners:

Please reject the Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Skystar Wheel.

Creating a midway was not what the real architects of Golden Gate Park had in mind.

This ferris wheel is an environmental nuisance that needs to be abated. Additionally, within the neighborhood context of the Inner Sunset where the creation of a "Gateway to Golden Gate Park" and an industrial tennis complex has been undertaken, this carnival ride reinforces the move to create "destination places" that are a clear precursor to future gentrification efforts.

Further, proceeds from this contract will be handed over to the Parks Alliance, a nonprofit which has been under investigation by the IRS and the FBI. This would reinforce patterns of corruption which are, unfortunately, a hallmark of San Francisco governmental practice. It would also be irresponsible to allow for the continued operation of this ride, under these terms.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Murphy
Volunteer, Outlands Planning Council
San Francisco Green Party County Councilmember

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to the wheel I. The park
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 4:22:50 PM

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From: Margery Knyper <mknyper@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 4:07 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposition to the wheel I. The park

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Dear Commissioner ,

I am opposed to the Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park, because

I live near the park and love the clean air generated by the trees and foliage. The park is not the place for an amusement park ride. It also destroys the serene atmosphere of the whole concourse. The London Eye was supposed to be temporary too and it has become one of London's worst eyesores. One more year – with no further extensions – is the maximum that the Wheel should remain in the park. In addition, the generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset.

Please remove this Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

Margery Knyper

750 Clayton Street

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SPENDING PLAN FOR HISTORIC REINVESTMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 10:43:40 AM
Attachments: [02.25.21 Dream Keeper Initiative.pdf](#)

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To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SPENDING PLAN FOR HISTORIC REINVESTMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Thursday, February 25, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

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

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES SPENDING PLAN FOR HISTORIC REINVESTMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Following months of community engagement and outreach led by the Human Rights Commission, the City has developed a spending plan to direct \$120 million over the next two years to improve outcomes for Black and African-American youth and their families

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton today announced the City's plan for reinvesting \$120 million in San Francisco's African-American community over the next two years, with the creation of a new, citywide initiative: "The Dream Keeper Initiative." This funding follows an extensive community and stakeholder engagement process and is part of Mayor Breed's roadmap for reforming public safety and addressing structural inequities in San Francisco.

The goal of the Dream Keeper Initiative is to improve outcomes for San Francisco's Black and African-American youth and their families, and will provide family-based navigation supports to ensure that the needs of all family members are addressed cohesively and comprehensively. With this coordinated approach, the Dream Keeper Initiative aims to break the cycle of poverty and involvement in the criminal justice system for the families in its City programs and ensure that new investments, including in youth development, economic opportunity, community-led change, arts and culture, workforce, and homeownership, are accessible to San

Francisco's families who are most in need.

“We know that to actually see true, lasting change, we need to focus on helping entire families – from early education for kids, to job training and workforce support for their parents, and serve communities that have been systematically harmed by past policies,” said Mayor London Breed. “To make these decisions, we’ve listened to the African-American community about what’s worked, and what hasn’t, and we are committed to actually delivering on the promises that are made, but all too often, aren’t kept. It’s not enough to say that Black Lives Matter. We must listen to Black voices, commit the resources, and create the programs that will actually right past wrongs and get people resources and services so they can build their futures here in San Francisco and know that their City has their back. I want to thank the Human Rights Commission and Director Sheryl Davis, as well as all the community members who have put in the time to put together something that will help people take care of their families, their parents, and live with dignity.”

In June 2020, following the killing of George Floyd, Mayor Breed and Supervisor Walton announced a plan to prioritize the redirection of resources from law enforcement to support the African-American community. Following that plan, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) led an extensive and collaborative process with the community to identify and prioritize funding needs and developed a report to guide the reinvestment. The community engagement process included more than 60 community meetings, listening sessions, coalition convenings, and surveys with over 700 respondents. As part of the budget process, Mayor Breed redirected \$120 million from law enforcement for investments in the African American community for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

“This initial investment to improve outcomes for the Black community and overturn years of disinvestment and inequitable resource distribution is just the first step in righting the wrongs of history,” said President of the Board of Supervisors Shamann Walton. “We now have to continue to prioritize communities that have never had a chance to build true wealth and this is a first step towards true reparations for the Black community here in San Francisco. We are proud of this work and looking forward to doing more.”

“I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to design and lead the community engagement process. On the heels of a divisive period in history, we were able to convene people with diverse thoughts, experiences and voices to develop strategies for change,” said San Francisco Human Rights Commission Executive Director Sheryl Davis. “Participants in the meetings expressed gratitude to Mayor Breed and President Walton for creating a space that encouraged conversation and creating a plan for resources to improve outcomes, mend broken hearts, heal wounded spirits and begin to fix the systems that caused the damage.”

Decades of disinvestment in the African-American community and racially disparate policies in San Francisco have exacerbated disproportionate harm in Black communities, affecting outcomes from health and wellness to housing insecurity and economic outcomes. In San Francisco, the average income for a Black household is \$31,000, as compared with \$110,000 for white families. As many as 19% of African-American children in San Francisco live in poverty. Black and African-American individuals comprise 35% of the City’s unhoused population, despite making up only 5% of the population as a whole. This inequality perpetuates the systemic social determinants of health. Black communities in San Francisco have higher rates of diabetes, higher rates of maternal mortality, and are more likely to be hospitalized for heart disease than other races.

The Dream Keeper Initiative, inspired by Langston Hughes's line: "What happens to a dream deferred?" seeks to address and remedy those racially disparate policies and make meaningful investments in San Francisco's Black and African-American community. With \$60 million in funding for FY 2020-21, the City will begin to implement programs and allocate funds through existing programs and new Requests for Proposals.

Dream Keeper Initiative – Investments in San Francisco's Black and African-American Community

The initiative recognizes the diversity of San Francisco's Black community and includes investments in a wide range of programs that will support youth, families, seniors, and members of the Black LGBTQ+ community. The Dream Keeper Initiative aims to refocus the City's approach to youth by focusing on the entire family, and providing the support to navigate and connect to existing community and public programs.

The \$60 million in the Dream Keeper Initiative for Fiscal Year 2020-21 will support the following programs, and the numbers below are approximate. Investments will inform the allocations for the second year of reinvestment funding, as well any ongoing funding in future years.

Youth Development and Education: \$3.6 million for youth development and early education programs to support families and address the academic and social emotional learning needs of youth with a cultural and racial equity lens. Programs funded by this investment will be in the areas of family engagement, academic support, and literacy and early education.

Arts and Culture: \$2.1 million to provide art and culture opportunities for low-income and Black communities, will help Black-led and Black-serving arts organizations build organizational capacity to successfully compete for grant funding, and will direct funding toward Black theater companies, artist mini grants, and artist collaboratives.

Accountability and Systems Change: \$6.6 million to ensure accountability mechanisms and enable Black-led organizations to support and track its various outcomes and impacts. This funding will help African-American and Black-led nonprofit organizations with technical assistance and capacity building so they are better-positioned to work with the City in developing and implementing programs that are part of the Dream Keeper Initiative and other City programs. Funding will also go toward a new program that will connect approximately 400 Black/African-American children and their families with a Family Advocate who will provide case management, connection to services, and long-term investments with the mission to make a lasting impact in each families' lives.

City Employment Pipelines: \$4.8 million to increase diversity in City employment and creating employment pipelines and human resources infrastructure that will support increased representation of Black people in City classifications and roles in which they are currently underrepresented.

Workforce Training and Development: \$6 million to workforce training and development programs for youth and adults, and will support initiatives being led by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. This includes stipends for people in training programs, providing financial incentives for students pursuing higher education, and funding

arts workforce opportunities.

Guaranteed Income: \$7 million to create a guaranteed income program, which will complement other programs in the Initiative.

Culturally Affirming Spaces: \$2 million to promote culturally affirming spaces, such as investments in commercial corridors in historically African-American neighborhoods, incubation hubs for small businesses and community groups, and funding for African-American cultural events.

Business and Entrepreneur Support: \$3 million to provide support for Black-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs, including Trans-owned businesses, ranging from business development and technical assistance and anti-displacement services to support for new business storefronts and business start-up grants.

Health and Wellbeing: \$14.9 million to promote community health and wellbeing, including through restorative justice programs, food security, and culturally-competent mental health services.

Housing and Homeownership: \$10 million to provide housing support and stabilization and promote homeownership for San Francisco's Black and African-American community.

The above programs and initiatives involve multiple City departments, including the Human Rights Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Health, Department of Human Resources, Office of Early Care and Education, Arts Commission, Department of Child Support Services, HOPE SF, and the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:43:54 AM

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From: jcd888 <jcd888@sonic.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:29 AM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris Wheel

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RE: Ferris Wheel

I have lived most of my adult life in San Francisco, and Golden Gate Park has been a cherished sanctuary from the surrounding urban environment for me. An amusement park concession in the form of this huge ferris wheel has no place in the park — especially in the music concourse. No extension to the initial one year contract should be approved.

Jim Diehl

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Remove the ferris wheel from GG Park
Date: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:28:00 AM

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On 2/24/21, 9:33 PM, "Margo Bors" <mcbors@comcast.net> wrote:

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Dear Commissioners,

Golden Gate Park is a beautifully planned natural refuge and a peaceful escape from city life.

The ferris wheel does not belong there or any place in San Francisco where it negatively affects the natural world, especially bird and butterfly migrations. Many of our visitors from all over the world are naturalists, especially birders, who like to visit during migration seasons. The ferris wheel would leave them with a very negative impression. It's light and noise need to be greatly curtailed and it's stay in the park should be absolutely limited to less than a year.

Sincerely,
Margo Bors
(SF resident for over 50 years)

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$500 STIMULUS FOR LOWER-WAGE WORKERS AND FAMILIES
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:47:52 PM
Attachments: [02.24.21 Free Tax Assistance and Working Families Credit.pdf](#)

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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 12:03 PM
To: "Press Office, Mayor (MYR)" <mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org>
Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$500 STIMULUS FOR LOWER-WAGE WORKERS AND FAMILIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

***** PRESS RELEASE *****
MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$500 STIMULUS FOR LOWER-WAGE WORKERS AND FAMILIES

New financial support initiatives offer up to \$500 local tax credit and cash stimulus to households eligible for the San Francisco Working Families Credit

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed and the San Francisco Human Services Agency (SFHSA) today announced \$1.9 million in financial support initiatives that will provide up to \$500 cash assistance this tax filing season to San Francisco working families struggling to make ends meet as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, free tax assistance centers are now open at dozens of San Francisco neighborhood locations to answer questions and help filers get more money back when they apply for local, state, and federal tax credits.

The 2021 San Francisco Working Families Credit (WFC) offers low- and moderate-income households with children a local tax credit of up to \$250 to help cover day-to-day expenses such as utilities, rent, food, and child care. In addition to the opportunity to apply for the WFC this year, 4,000 households who were recipients of the WFC in 2020 will receive an additional rapid cash stimulus payment of \$250.

New this year, the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) and the WFC are available to taxpayers filing with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), providing expanded assistance to San Francisco's undocumented and mixed-status immigrant

households who pay taxes but who do not have a social security number.

“With the economic hardships so many people are facing due to COVID-19, and with more people likely qualifying for benefits than in years past, these immediate payments are critical right now,” said Mayor Breed. “We want to make sure people have the help they need to file, so that it’s as easy as possible and we can get financial resources into the hands of people who need it most.”

“With unprecedented numbers of families still recovering from a sudden loss of earnings last year, San Francisco’s free tax assistance centers are here to help people get back every dollar of tax credits they are eligible to receive,” said Trent Rhorer, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Services Agency. “Our City is unique in offering a Working Families Credit so we can provide additional financial support on top of the state and federal tax credits. Extending this local stimulus to more families provides emergency relief for those struggling to make ends meet at a critical moment in the pandemic economic slowdown.”

Working Families Credit - \$250 per family

The WFC offers low- and moderate-income working families with children up to \$250 in cash back. When combined with state and federal tax credits, the WFC can help families receive up to \$9,600 in tax credits. San Francisco created the WFC in 2005 and is one of a few cities in the country to offer a local tax credit.

With more than 300,000 unemployment insurance benefits claims filed in San Francisco since the onset of COVID-19 and the expansion of the CalEITC to filers with an ITIN, new households are anticipated to be eligible for the WFC this year. Expanding the CalEITC and WFC is a vital support for working immigrant households hit hard by the economic slowdown and excluded from financial relief programs like federal stimulus payments and unemployment insurance.

To qualify for the WFC, households must have a 2020 income of no more than \$56,844, claim the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and submit an application to SFHSA. All eligible families are encouraged to apply. The WFC application is now available to complete online: [SFHSA.org/applyWFC](https://sfhsa.org/applywfc)

“Given the pandemic’s economic toll on low-income Latinos in San Francisco, many community members cannot pay rent or even put food on the table tonight,” said MEDA Associate Director of Asset Building Programs Jackie Marcelos. “We are pleased that the City and state are affording ITIN filers the opportunity to receive the CalEITC and Working Families Credit, as our undocumented neighbors have been especially hard hit given that these contributors to our society were left out of federal stimulus programs.”

In September 2020, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1876, expanding access to the CalEITC to ensure all California tax filers, specifically undocumented ITIN filers who are otherwise eligible, may qualify for the CalEITC and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC). State officials estimate the expansion of CalEITC to ITIN tax filers will benefit more than [600,000](#) Californians.

Rapid Cash Stimulus - \$250 per family

The City will provide a supplemental rapid cash payment of \$250 to nearly 4,000 low-income families who already received the WFC in 2020. No application is required for \$250 the rapid

cash stimulus. Households who received the WFC last year will be contacted by SFHSA to verify their address and banking information, followed by automatic payments anticipated to arrive before the end of March.

For many San Franciscans who earned low wages before the pandemic, the COVID-19 economic downturn and job losses are only worsening the economic disparities they experience every day. This stimulus will help provide immediate relief to the unprecedented financial challenges working families continue to face as the state experiences the most intense surge of the virus.

Free Tax Assistance – Online Tools, Drop-off, and Select In-Person Assistance

On average, American [taxpayers spend nearly \\$200](#) to have a tax professional file their return. San Francisco's free tax assistance centers allow filers to maximize their refunds through tax credits and avoid preparation fees.

Free tax preparation is available to people who cannot afford professional services from a paid tax preparer and to older adults, those with limited English proficiency, and people with disabilities who require assistance. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) certified tax experts prepare tax returns, answer questions, and determine if filers qualify for tax credits such as the EITC and WFC.

San Francisco's free tax assistance is provided by SFHSA through a partnership with the United Way Bay Area, which includes the Mission Economic Development Association and Arriba Juntos, among other local non-profit partners. IRS-certified providers make it easy to safely and securely file taxes using online tools, drop-off, or in-person assistance at select locations.

Filers with a combined household income of \$66,000 or less in 2020 are eligible for free tax assistance services. To have their taxes prepared, residents should present income documents from all jobs worked and unemployment income statements throughout 2020, as well as their social security number or ITIN, bank account numbers, a valid photo ID, and reportable expenses such as child care. In addition to free tax help, SFHSA can connect filers to no-fee bank accounts, credit repair services, and financial education coaching. The deadline to file is April 15, 2021.

The IRS estimates that nearly one out of five eligible people miss out on the EITC because they do not know that they qualify, or do not know where to find free tax filing assistance. Last year, more than 8,000 returns were filed at San Francisco's free tax assistance centers.

To apply for the Working Families Credit and find free community tax assistance filing options, visit [FreeTaxHelpSF.org](https://www.freetaxhelpsf.org), or call 2-1-1 to find free tax centers and schedule appointments.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Important Notice -- Annual Form 700s are Due 4/1/2021
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:44:29 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

April 1st is fast approaching.

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Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 3:27 PM
Subject: Important Notice -- Annual Form 700s are Due 4/1/2021

Greetings, Department Heads and Assigned Filing Officers –

This e-mail announces the start of the period for filing the Annual [Statements of Economic Interests \(Form 700\)](#). Every elected official and public employee who makes or influences governmental decisions is required to file a Form 700. This year it is due on **Thursday, April 1, 2021**.

You play an important role in helping to ensure that the provisions of the Political Reform Act (“Act”) are effectively and efficiently administered. To achieve this goal, you are required to perform specified duties under the Act pertaining to the collection of disclosure statements. Below are links to resources that will help you through the 2021 annual filing deadline and beyond.

No Extension of April 1, 2021 Deadline

- There is no expected change in the deadline. (Last year was an exception, as the due date coincided with the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdowns.)
- If the filer is not filing electronically, they must submit a their Form 700 statement with a wet-signature. A postmark by 4/1/2021 is sufficient. Please retain the envelope with the statement for the record.

Guidance

- [Filing Officer Duties](#)
How to distribute filing instructions to filers, track/collect the filings, and relevant deadlines
- [How to File a Form 700](#)
- [2021 SEI Information Sessions](#)
Be sure to update your [Contact Information](#) in order to receive an invitation to sessions, which will be conducted remotely via WebEx.

Search Filed Statements (NetFile Only)

- [Statement of Economic Interests – City Officer Disclosure](#)
- [Ethics and Sunshine Training – City Officer Disclosures](#)

Search by name, department or date:

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Include Non-Filers in search?

YES

To include those who have **not** filed:

Include Non-Filers in search?

YES

Key Reminders

- There is no provision in the law for extending filing deadlines.
- Form 700s filed late are subject to late fees of \$10 per day, up to a maximum of \$100, for each filing required.
- **Per San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code [Section 3.1-102.5\(c\)](#), members of City boards or commissions who have failed to file Form 700 and/or the Ethics and Sunshine Ordinance Training Declaration Form by the applicable filing deadline are disqualified from participating in or voting on matters listed on their boards' and commissions' meeting agendas until the filing requirements are met.**
- The Ethics Commission and the Fair Political Practices Commission have authority to initiate administrative enforcement action against any filer whose Form 700 filing is more than 30 days late, with potential fines of up to \$5,000 per violation. Willful failure to file may be pursued as a misdemeanor.
- Non-filers may be subject to disciplinary action by his or her appointing authority, including removal from office or termination of employment.

Thank you for sharing this information and for your support of this year's filing process. We look forward to providing useful information to all filers and welcome your attendance at one of the upcoming information sessions.

For further assistance, we request that you schedule an appointment with our Engagement and Compliance division at ethics.commission@sfgov.org or (415) 252-3100.

Best,
Pat

[Patricia Petersen](#)

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:07:54 AM

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From: Lucy Kenyon <lucyk@sonic.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:50 AM
To: ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; MelgarStaff (BOS) <melgarstaff@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; sfparc@sfgov.org
Subject: Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Please take the Wheel out of Golden Gate Park by June 2022. Until then, turn down the lights at night and silence the diesel-spewing generator.

Thank you,

Lucy Kenyon

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** CITY LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO ANNOUNCE TWO NEW INITIATIVES TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM AND GUN VIOLENCE
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 10:20:59 AM
Attachments: [02.24.21 Public Safety.pdf](#)

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Subject: *** PRESS RELEASE *** CITY LEADERS JOIN TOGETHER TO ANNOUNCE TWO NEW INITIATIVES TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM AND GUN VIOLENCE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, mayorspressoffice@sfgov.org

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NEW INITIATIVES TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM AND GUN
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Law enforcement agencies are joining together to implement a coordinated response throughout the criminal justice system to prevent repeat offenses

San Francisco, CA — Today, San Francisco Mayor London N. Breed, District Attorney Chesa Boudin, Police Chief Bill Scott, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto, and Adult Probation Chief Karen Fletcher announced two initiatives to prevent repeat offenses and gun violence in San Francisco. The first is an agreement among the justice partners to implement coordinated efforts to prevent individuals from committing repeat offenses in San Francisco. The second is an initiative aimed at preventing gun violence as part of an effort with the San Francisco Police Department and San Francisco's Street Violence Intervention Program.

“To confront the public safety challenges we face in San Francisco, we all need to acknowledge where we are falling short and where we can work together to do more,” said Mayor Breed. “Whether it’s dealing with the challenges around people committing repeat offenses and ending up back on our streets, or the struggles we are having with gun violence in many parts of our City, we need creative and collaborative solutions. I appreciate the leaders of our public safety departments coming together to focus on keeping our City and our residents safe.”

Coordinating Responses to Prevent Repeat Offenses

The first initiative, which is a partnership between Sheriff Miyamoto, Police Chief Scott, District Attorney Boudin, and Adult Probation Chief Fletcher, will coordinate efforts to prevent individuals from committing repeat offenses in San Francisco. As each of these agencies plays a critical role in public safety in the City, each agency has committed to improved communication to support swift and coordinated responses designed to promote public safety.

Included in this coordinated effort are plans to:

- Develop communication tools across agencies to inform one another of identified persons who have committed repeated, recent offenses in the same category of crime;
- Ensure that when persons are booked into jail, their probation, parole, and/or federal probation status as well as the existence of any warrants will be immediately confirmed and communicated to justice partners;
- Ensure that every booking notification is reviewed and evaluated;
- Establish verification processes to ensure that holds are placed each and every time someone is arrested while on probation or parole;
- Communicate across agencies regarding any contextual information or specific issues that may warrant consideration for detention;
- Provide updated information to the Court regarding any previous noncompliance with court orders regarding conditions of release, including any failures to comply with electronic monitoring; and
- Establish communication procedures both to and from justice partners regarding any decisions to refer a case to another agency and any updates as to actions taken by that agency.

In addition to this effort, Mayor Breed has arranged to provide additional staffing, including two additional prosecutors to ensure enhanced interagency communication and coordination.

“In January, I convened a meeting of justice partners to begin the discussion of how we can better communicate to ensure that we are all coordinating our efforts rather than working in silos,” said District Attorney Boudin. “I am so pleased that we have all come together to commit to this collaborative approach to promoting public safety.”

“These initiatives address immediate concerns on balancing community safety with a fair and equitable justice system,” said Sheriff Miyamoto. “Our collaboration on connecting processes among public safety agencies leverages the collective experience of the City’s public safety leaders. Our deputies will continue to communicate with our criminal justice partners regarding the status of the people in our custody. Ultimately, we all want the community to be safer, and hold offenders accountable by offering opportunities to change behaviors while in the justice system. Holding people who reoffend in jail both protects public safety and provides the people in our custody with supportive programs and tailored treatment, increasing opportunities for a successful reentry.”

Addressing Gun Violence through Targeted Interventions

The second initiative is a gun violence intervention program. San Francisco is receiving a \$1.5 million California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant over the next three years to help reduce shootings, break the cycle of recidivism, and to build trust between the community and the Police Department.

The program will start by identifying individuals who are most at risk of either engaging in gun violence or falling victim to gun violence and will connect them with San Francisco's Street Violence Intervention Program (SVIP) to receive services and support. SVIP is on the ground, in the community, working with at-risk individuals by providing mentorship, guidance, and a path forward that does not involve violence. SVIP engages not only with the individual, but with their family and their support network to get them out of situations that can lead to violence and instead set them on a path to success.

The strategy that will be used in San Francisco draws explicitly from the Oakland Ceasefire strategy, the Boston Reentry Initiative, and the Chicago Project Safe Neighborhoods, all of which have been rigorously evaluated and found to be successful at significantly reducing severe violence and reducing the re-arrest rate among participants as well.

Gun violence by the numbers in San Francisco:

- 85% of those impacted by gun violence are Black and Latino men, even though they comprise less than 10% of the City's total population.
- 29% of all violent firearm crimes in 2019 took place in San Francisco's Bayview, Potrero Hill, and Visitacion Valley neighborhoods, with a quarter of all the City's homicides for the past five years occurring there.
- Those at the highest risk of gun violence in San Francisco are primarily Black and Latino men, ages 18-35, with justice-involvement and social connections to each other.

“Although our criminal justice system comprises multiple agencies with different responsibilities, Mayor Breed's initiatives rightly recognize the shared responsibility we have to forge the best informed, most mutually cooperative partnerships possible to keep our City safe,” said Chief of Police Bill Scott. “We're grateful to Mayor Breed for her leadership to better coordinate San Francisco's approach to break the cycle of recidivism by prolific offenders and stem the tide of gun violence. We're also thankful to District Attorney Chesa Boudin, Sheriff Paul Miyamoto and Chief Karen Fletcher for partnering on these efforts.”

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Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** SAN FRANCISCO MOVES TO PHASE 1B OF COVID-19 VACCINATIONS, EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY TO EDUCATORS, CHILD CARE, EMERGENCY SERVICES, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE WORKERS
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Vaccine supply remains limited, but more San Franciscans and workers are now eligible to make appointments for vaccination as they become available

San Francisco, CA — Today, San Francisco moved into Phase 1B, of the State's COVID-19 vaccination prioritization plan. This move to Phase 1B expands vaccine eligibility to people who live or work in San Francisco in the following sectors: education and childcare, emergency services, and food and agriculture. Despite this expanded eligibility, vaccine doses remain in short supply, and healthcare providers have been advised to prioritize second doses in the coming weeks. As such, appointments for first vaccine doses are limited, and people who are eligible may not be able to get appointments right away.

Phase 1B includes more than 168,000 individuals who live or work in San Francisco, in addition to the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65 and older who are already eligible. People who are eligible to be vaccinated can sign-up for an appointment as they become available at: [SF.gov/getvaccinated](https://sf.gov/getvaccinated).

“Getting people who live and work in San Francisco vaccinated as quickly as possible will

help us keep our entire community safe and save lives,” said Mayor Breed. “We’ve been dealing with this pandemic for a year now, and throughout that time, our workforce has kept the City going. From the grocery store clerks, child care providers and teachers, to emergency workers and restaurant cooks and waiters, these frontline workers have showed up for all of us, and I’m glad we’re able to move forward with expanding vaccine eligibility to include them. While appointments are still very limited due to supply, we’re ready to ramp up our vaccination sites and open up appointments as we get more vaccine doses.”

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. This network of COVID-19 vaccination sites in San Francisco provides the capacity to vaccinate at least 10,000 people per day, pending supply.

The insufficient and inconsistent supply of COVID-19 vaccine continues to be the biggest barrier for vaccinating people quickly in San Francisco. The increase in second dose appointments puts additional strain on San Francisco’s COVID-19 vaccination network. As more people become eligible for their second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and yet supply does not increase significantly, health care providers are unable to offer as many first dose appointments.

Over the last week, an average of 4,000 to 4,500 second and first vaccine doses a day have been administered in San Francisco. Although this rate of vaccinations is lower than what San Francisco is capable of, health care providers and DPH are still making good progress, with 18% of San Franciscans 16 and older having received their first dose, and are ready to ramp up vaccinations as supply increases and becomes more predictable.

“By making the COVID vaccine available to the essential workers of Phase 1B, we acknowledge those who have bravely continued to risk their safety to care for our children, patrol our streets, and stock our shelves with food throughout this pandemic,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Public Health. “And as we offer the protection of the vaccine to these individuals, many of whom are low income earners, people of color, and immigrants, we will also be advancing racial and social equity through access to the vaccine.”

In addition to expanding vaccine eligibility to people in Phase 1B, San Francisco health care providers and the Department of Public Health continue to vaccinate people 65 and older. To-date, San Francisco has vaccinated 80% of the approximately 210,000 healthcare workers and people 65 and older who are eligible under Phase 1A. 58% percent of San Franciscans 65 and older have received at least one dose.

San Francisco also remains committed to an equitable vaccination strategy, with a specific focus on reaching populations that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. To that end, the San Francisco Department of Public Health has been focused on reaching communities that have been hard-hit by the pandemic, including the Latino community and neighborhoods in the Southeast of the city. San Francisco has located high volume sites and neighborhood vaccine access sites in areas that have carried the burden of the virus, and is implementing other strategies to reach the most vulnerable populations where they are, including mobile vaccination teams.

San Francisco's COVID-19 Command Center recently published a new vaccine dashboard that shows DPH-controlled vaccine distribution, including by age and race/ethnicity. This data includes vaccinations administered at Laguna Honda Hospital, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco Health Network clinics, as well as neighborhood vaccine access sites operated in partnership with community-based organizations. The [dashboard](#) shows that DPH's focus on racial equity in vaccine distribution has been successful. A higher proportion of the DPH-administered vaccinations have gone to people of color than the total citywide vaccinations. For example, 16.6% of the DPH vaccine allocation has gone to the Latinx population compared with 8.8% of citywide vaccinations.

"Our workforce has been maintaining our critical infrastructure, keeping us safe and providing the vital services our city needs since Mayor Breed's emergency declaration in February 2020," said Carol Isen, Acting Human Resources Director. "Now that we have a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine to help put an end to COVID-19, I am in full support of taking this essential step of vaccinating our emergency services workforce, for their protection and for the safety of the entire San Francisco community. I am thrilled that the employees who are essential to keeping the City's basic life safety systems and activities will now be eligible to get the vaccine."

"San Francisco's emergency service workers, teachers, childcare professionals, and food service workers are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This is an exciting and important milestone in the fight against the virus," said Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management. "I am especially thankful that San Francisco's 911 dispatchers, emergency managers, police officers and the hundreds of disaster service workers at the COVID Command Center or in the field supporting operations can now have access to vaccine. Since January 2020, these dedicated public servants have answered the call of duty to perform lifesaving work in our collective fight against COVID. Starting today they will have the opportunity to be vaccinated, and protected from the virus, so they can continue serving residents and workers of the City and County of San Francisco."

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: Please don't allow extension for Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 9:05:07 AM
Attachments: [Down with the wheel.msg](#)
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From: Alyse _ <honorlabor@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:41 AM
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To the Secretary of Commissions:

The Music Concourse is one of the most peaceful and tranquil places in all of Golden Gate Park. With the soothing sound of its fountains, it is the perfect place to read a book, enjoy a quiet picnic, or simply be. The Concourse is surrounded by trees and greenery that are beautiful to look at, and singing birds that are delightful to hear. There are just enough people around to make it interesting, but not overwhelming.

The Ferris Wheel is in sharp contrast to all of this. It destroys both the aesthetics and serenity of the Concourse. It is glaringly ugly and completely unsuitable for this location. In addition to destroying the peacefulness for those of us who just love to sit there, it will be highly disruptive to the Golden Gate Park Band when they begin their performances again. As it is, people tend to treat them like background music with no consideration for the musicians who give up their Sundays to be there. This will become even worse as crowds gather for rides on the Ferris Wheel.

Please remove this inappropriately placed eyesore. If the city must have a Ferris Wheel, then put it somewhere more fitting like the empty lot that used to be part of Playland or down at the Disneyesque wharf. Ferris Wheels are for amusement parks, not parks like Golden Gate Park which is centered around nature, music and culture.

This city is becoming more and more of a playground. Please don't let that happen to the Music Concourse.

I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Thank you,
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE 4 YEAR EXTENSION OF OBSERVATION WHEEL IN GG PARK
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DATE: 2/23/21

Members of the of the Historic Preservation Commission:

I strongly oppose a four-year extension to the Ferris wheel.

I am a twenty-year member of the Golden Gate Audubon Conservation Committee, and I am associated with Marin County Wildcare and San Francisco Urban Nature. I have worked closely with the excellent Park staff at Stow Lake to install and maintain Wood duck nesting boxes.

You already know about the adverse effect on Wildlife (and people) of bright lighting. You know the many problems caused by a constantly-running diesel engine. So I won't repeat the these arguments.

But I will ask this question:

Why has SF R and P chosen to commercialize our precious Park? What is the legacy they wish to leave for their grandchildren, ours, and yours? We believe a Park like GGP should be an oasis. We believe our City children need a means to escape the relentless racket and frenetic action of video games, the insistent distraction of cell phones, in fact the whole universe of blinking, chattering gadgetry that increasingly threatens to overwhelm immature minds. Kids need a place where *nature* dominates for a change.

Do you agree? Then are you not alarmed that R and P seems hell-bent on transforming the Park into a venue for highly-organized sports and a the same time a lit-up amusement park?

And if you do not agree that the Park should be set aside from the destructive clatter of the techo world, but may be used like a vacant lot into which the modern techno world must be introduced, then you are at peace with the idea that your grandchildren and ours will inherit a permanent carnival between Fulton Street and Lincoln Avenue, a very long one.

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Subject: I OPPOSE 4 YEAR EXTENSION OF OBSERVATION WHEEL IN GG PARK

Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to a four year extension for the Observation Wheel in GG Park.

I am a field ornithologist who has studied the Great Blue Heron colony that nests at Stow Lake for the past 27 years.

The adverse effects of artificial light are well known in the scientific community and the wheel has had their lights turned on 24/7 since it was installed.

As you know, an Environmental Impact Report was never performed on the impact of the Wheel on wildlife in the Park.

I can support ONLY a one year extension but only if the generator and lights are turned off at sunset every day that the wheel operates.

Thank you in advance for protecting the Concourse and our wildlife from harmful artificial light and noise.

Sincerely,

Nancy H.DeStefanis

Field Ornithologist

Executive Director, San Francisco Nature Education-cell 415-205-0776

cc: Board of Supervisors

Pres. SF Planning Commission- Joel Koppel

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: No Ferris wheel lights or noise at night!
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Subject: No Ferris wheel lights or noise at night!

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Dear Historic Preservation Commission:

I'm writing to urge you to limit operations of the Golden Gate Park ferris wheel in order to preserve the natural beauty and wildlife of the park. Flashing lights and generator noises are documented to have a harmful impact on nesting egrets and owls, as well as on migrating birds and bats.

Please do not extend the Ferris wheel for four more years. If the time is extended at all, it must be with no lights or generator after dusk.

Thank you for preserving the nature that makes Golden Gate Park so special,

Evan Weissman
Oakland CA
evan@weissfam.net

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Go!
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:55:16 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Akiyo Yu <akiyoyu0208@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:48 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: The Ferris Wheel in the Music Concourse Needs to Go!

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Dear Commissioners:

I do not want the contract for the Skystar Wheel renewed. It has no place in a public park and is an eyesore.

发自我的iPhone

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: GGP Ferris Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:54:37 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kerrie <kerriemar70@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:40 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: GGP Ferris Wheel

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First, thank you for your hard work during these challenging time!

And, please agree to a
one year only extension
of the GGP Ferris wheel.
An electric generator and lights off at sunset will also greatly help.

You know all of the arguments for limiting the FW time in the park and they do make sense.

Wishing you all health and safety,

Kerrie Marshall
1979 31St Ave

Sent from my iPad

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Save the Ferris Wheel - PLEASE.
Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 7:54:21 AM

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From: Kathleen Lucey <kathmckeon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:19 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: Save the Ferris Wheel - PLEASE.

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Dear Commissioners,

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

As a San Francisco Sunset area resident and the daughter of a former Park and Rec employee,
I delight in seeing the symbol of fun during our visits to 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 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.
I look forward to continuing to celebrate our community as we shelter at home and
then, I hope,
with a ride on the wheel.

Please support this wonderful neighborhood gem.

Kathleen McKeon

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I OPPOSE 4 YEAR EXTENSION OF OBSERVATION WHEEL IN GG PARK
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 4:34:29 PM

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From: Nancy DeStefanis <nancyd@sfnature.org>

Organization: San Francisco Nature Education

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:07 PM

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Subject: I OPPOSE 4 YEAR EXTENSION OF OBSERVATION WHEEL IN GG PARK

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Dear Members of the Historic Preservation Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to a four year extension for the Observation Wheel in GG Park.

I am a field ornithologist who has studied the Great Blue Heron colony that nests at Stow Lake for the past 27 years.

The adverse effects of artificial light are well known in the scientific community and the wheel has had their lights turned on 24/7 since it was installed.

As you know, an Environmental Impact Report was never performed on the impact of the Wheel on wildlife in the Park.

I can support ONLY a one year extension but only if the generator and lights are turned off at sunset every day that the wheel operates.

Thank you in advance for protecting the Concourse and our wildlife from harmful artificial light and noise.

Sincerely,

Nancy H.DeStefanis

Field Ornithologist

Executive Director, San Francisco Nature Education-cell 415-205-0776

cc: Board of Supervisors

Pres. SF Planning Commission- Joel Koppel

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 11:05:53 AM
Attachments: [kiosk permit - no alteration of the right of way.bmp](#)

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From: Scott Bravmann <het.pakhuis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:33 AM
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Cc: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Ionin, Jonas (CPC) <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Gordon-Jonckheer, Elizabeth (CPC) <elizabeth.gordon-jonckheer@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in regard to the Ferris wheel that is currently in Golden Gate Park. I understand this commission must approve any plans for its continued presence.

Because this is also a Recreation and Parks Department matter, I would like to bring to your attention to that department's failure to abide by the applicable rules.

About a year ago, I contacted Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer in the Planning Department about the mysterious installation of a fence in Civic Center Plaza. The fence in question is a requirement made by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the issuance of a permit to sell alcohol at the Bi-Rite kiosk directly adjacent to one of the two Helen Diller Playgrounds on the Plaza.

When I contacted Ms. Gordon-Jonckheer I was concerned about two specific issues: the decision to sell alcohol next to a playground, and the installation of a fence that effectively privatized approximately 5,000 square feet of the Plaza. At the time, I was unable to locate a permit on file with the Department of Building Inspection that showed the scope of the work and the approval of the finished project by that department. What I did find, however, is that the original permit for the construction of the (temporary) kiosk. That permit (attached) states that “no alteration or reconstruction of City Right-of-Way” is granted or permitted. The fence clearly alters the right-of-way.

In addition to installing the fence in violation of the terms of the original permit for the kiosk, the parties responsible for that installation failed to bring the issue up with the Historic Preservation Commission. In other words, this commission did not approve that installation. Ms. Gordon-Jonckheer told me that because it was not approved (nor, based on design, would it have been), the fence must be removed. I realize the city has had a lot of other things on its mind since shortly after that conversation, but I want to bring the matter to your attention to ensure that it will be removed. Additionally, I would like to use this to point out that Rec and Park regularly flouts convention, policy, and law when they decide to go ahead with a project. I will provide two examples, related by their proximity to each other.

The construction of the kiosk itself violates the City Charter provision that requires construction of buildings on park land to be approved by plebiscite. Rec and Park Department staff have told me they do not have to abide by the City Charter. They did not indicate how they came to that conclusion nor why that might makes sense.

The fences around the two Diller Playgrounds violate state law. California Health and Safety Code, Section 115725, requires playgrounds to be fenced in such a way as to prevent children from climbing a fence, squeezing through openings (in it or under it) and running away from a play area and into a street or nearby body of water. The law is based on ASTM standards: “To prevent children from passing through the fence, the vertical members of the fence should be spaced 4" apart or less.” The diamond-shaped openings in the current fences measure approximately 18” by 42” on the diagonals and, thus, vastly exceed that standard. On three occasions Rec and Park Director Phil Ginsburg told me and the Recreation and Park Commission that state law does not apply to those two playgrounds. Because of the nature of public comment, it was impossible for me to ask why that would or should be the case. The certified playground inspector who approved the final playground told me on the phone that he has in the past agreed to accept non-compliant fences because parents did not like how they look. Correspondence between the Trust for Public Land and me reveals that the Trust was solely interested in esthetics and not the safety of children. Staff at both the National Recreation and Park Association and the California Parks and Recreation Society indicated the matter should be taken up by the District Attorney. I did not contact that office, but via email I did remind a deputy city attorney who had been included in some email exchanges that the city will have a significant liability when a child is lost, traumatize or injured because of the non-conforming fences.

The Department of Recreation and Parks is secretive and duplicitous in much of its decision making regarding the use of public lands and often does not operate with the public good in mind. The presence of the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park is one more example of the department’s poor decision making and irresponsible stewardship.

Because they have expressed concerns about the Ferris wheel I am CC-ing Supervisors

Preston and Chan. Also, I am cc-ing Ms. Gordon-Jonckheer since she was involved in the discussions last year.

Sincerely,

Scott Bravmann
1305 Buchanan St

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:11:30 AM

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Subject: Oppose SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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We appreciate the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approving the San Francisco biodiversity resolution in 2018. Biodiversity is key to human and ecosystem health according to the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) Making Nature's City: A Science-based Framework for Building Urban Biodiversity report. Biodiversity is key to ecosystem resilience and to mitigating climate change. <https://www.sfei.org/news/building-cities-better-support-biodiversity>
<https://www.sfei.org/projects/making-natures-city>

We oppose the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park because the lights negatively impact biodiversity: the lights are bad for the flying insects, migrating birds and bats, nesting owls and great blue herons (which attract people to the Golden Gate Park). This SkyStar Wheel conflicts with the healthy ecosystems and biodiversity goals of the San Francisco Climate Action Plan.

The SkyStar Wheel conflicts with the Historical Character of the Music Concourse, an official San Francisco landmark. The SkyStar Wheel is completely out of scale with the French formal design of the Music Concourse.

Please remove this SkyStar Wheel permanently from the Music Concourse and Golden Gate Park.

The diesel generator and all the lights must shut off at sunset for the duration of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Please deny an extension of the time of the SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park.

Susan and Michael Karasoff
1859 Powell St San Francisco CA 94133
San Francisco District 3 residents and voters

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel Extension
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:38:33 AM

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From: Sheila Brown <smbrown57@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 6:03 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Golden Gate Park Ferris Wheel Extension

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Dear Commissioners,

As one of your constituents, I want to express my SUPPORT for the extension of time for the Ferris Wheel in the park. It has been a fun and whimsical addition to our park during a particularly dark time. Unfortunately, not many people have been able to enjoy it.

I have lived next to this park for over 30 years and raised my children taking advantage of all that it has to offer. What makes it a great city park is the broad range of recreational activities it offers...from playgrounds and playing fields to hiking trails, climbing trees, boat rides and museums. The location of this ferris wheel in the museum concourse is not taking anything away from the acres of natural open space available. There are hiking trails, open fields and blue sky all the way to the ocean. This park needs to continue its legacy of offering something for everyone.

Sincerely,

Sheila Brown

Inner Sunset neighbor

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request to oppose 4 year extension on SkyStar Wheel
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 5:24:54 PM

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From: Victor <vintik@gmail.com>
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:24 PM
Subject: Request to oppose 4 year extension on SkyStar Wheel

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Open letter, addressed to SF Board of Supervisors, SF Historic Preservation Commission, SF Planning Commission, general public:

Dear Supervisor, Commissioner, or other reader,

The SkyStar Wheel in Golden Gate Park is overall a net negative to our communities. I oppose any extended period of operation for the ferris wheel, especially a four year extension or any long-term running of the lights. Due to its location, one of the major issues with the ferris wheel is the light and noise pollution to the surrounding areas. It is an ecological disturbance to the wildlife in the area which our communities value so greatly.

We have so much wildlife diversity in SF. We have birds, bats, bugs, and babies. As with many others looking for respite during a pandemic, I've spent most of my free time in Golden Gate Park this last year. The appreciation the local community has for our park areas is simply astounding. This is largely thanks to the biological and cultural diversities that our city prides itself upon so often.

The ferris wheel threatens our values and diversity. The light pollution contributes to the disappearance of the bottom of the food chain. The chain starts to break apart without our small insects, birds, and bats. Plants rely on them to spread out and flower. Butterflies which make the news so often as disappearing depend on the plants. Some of the millions of birds that flyover every year will get lost by the light, or have less food at their rest area. Besides the animals passing through, many make this their home and nest here. Turns out nobody likes a giant bright light shining through their window.

There are many negative cascading effects, but one of them is also that the happiness of

our park visitors may suffer. One of my favorite spots within close visual and audible range of the Skystar Wheel is Stow Lake. This is a very popular spot to go for a leisurely stroll and one of the many areas that are affected by the wheel. I have been there ~50 times in the last year.

During my visits, the first thing I observe is the joy on everyone's faces. This is a safe and soothing environment for people to spend time alone or with their loved ones. People of all backgrounds and ages walk the lake at all hours of the day. It's a place where we can get away from the intensities and tensions of city life.

One thing everyone notices is all the life, the lake is a loop infused with a beautiful biodiversity of both native and exotic plants and animals. It's a bubble that we can all be a part of without fear or consequence.

If you go out there today, you can see herons flying all around and gathering material to build and repair their nests for the new spring season. Above them on Strawberry Hill, bats and smaller singing birds fly around eating all the bugs they can find. This is an already dwindling food source. Below the herons, luminescent swallows do the same, zipping and zapping for food in impressive displays as pedestrians rest on nearby benches. As we relax, we are immersed in dazzling and aromatic flowers and plants. This isn't just sensory candy for us, this helps build habitat for the ducks we all love to break rules for and feed.

Year round, I see people point out wonders along the lake, learn more about the world near them, and ask questions. Let's keep this bubble and ecosystem that we love healthy and alive. Let's continue to have an amazing and accessible area for all to come and enjoy. Isn't it worth it to protect it from the noise and light pollution of the wheel?

Thank you for your time and actions,

Victor Brouk, a Richmond district resident

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Removing the wheel from Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:12:13 PM

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On 2/22/21, 12:30 PM, "V Oliva" <1veronicaoliva@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Members of our Historic Preservation Committee,

I am 100% opposed to the presence of the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park. It should be removed. Now. There is no justification for a one-year extension compromise.

Golden Gate Park is a refuge for everyone, no matter economic status, because of the tranquility and the wildlife it supports.

The wheel destroys that tranquility and the natural habitat that supports wildlife. It pollutes, with its noise and lights and its gross scale and has NO PLACE in our park.

I oppose Rec & Parks Department's setting of this precedent— of permitting and promoting the use of this world class REFUGE as amusement park.

Please ensure Golden Gate Park remains true to its original purposes and do all you can to ensure the wheel is removed with no one-year extension.

Sincerely,

Veronica Oliva
304 Lily Street
San Francisco CA 94102

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose GGP Ferris Wheel Extension
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:48:25 AM

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From: Julie Newbold <julieanewbold@gmail.com>

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 11:25 AM

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Subject: Oppose GGP Ferris Wheel Extension

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Observation Wheel in GGPark. I urge the city NOT to extend the permit and to remove it from it's current location at Concourse Drive.

While it was an interesting addition to the 150th birthday celebration of the park, it is inappropriate to put such a carnival-like eye in the middle of the park permanently.

Thank you for documenting my objection to the Observation Wheel and working to remove it.

With regards,
-Julie Newbold

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415.810.5653

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris Wheel in GG Park
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:18:27 AM

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On 2/22/21, 11:17 AM, "Pam Gill" <gilladmin@me.com> wrote:

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I am urging you to support a move for this Ferris Wheel away from GGPark. The park is not an “amusement park.” Maybe Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk could find a place for it. I have no idea who paid for the thing, but it is much too commercial for the already over stressed park.

Thanks, Pam Gill

4072 25th street, SF 94114

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES \$2.5 MILLION EXPANSION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUND
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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Philanthropic support from Aneel Bhusri and the San Francisco Foundation will increase the number of small businesses assisted by the fund to an estimated 150, and brings the total funding for the African American Small Business Revolving Loan Fund to \$6.3 million

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD), Main Street Launch, and the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce today announced a third significant investment of \$2.5 million in the City's African American Small Business Revolving Loan Fund (AARLF). The historic fund was established by Mayor Breed to address the perilous position of many Black-owned and Black-serving San Francisco businesses resulting from disproportionate impacts of the pandemic.

This latest expansion of the AARLF is made possible through the continued support of the San Francisco Foundation and the generosity of Aneel Bhusri, Chief Executive Officer of Workday. The additional investment brings the total secured funding to \$6.3 million and will enable the Fund to support an estimated 150 businesses.

“This has been such a difficult year for small businesses across San Francisco, and sadly,

Black-owned businesses across the country have been especially hard hit and many have had to close their doors for good,” said Mayor Breed. “Small businesses are going to be such a critical part of our city’s recovery. As we look to the future of San Francisco, it’s critical that our City programs keep focusing on equity and serving those communities that have been historically disadvantaged. I’m proud that with the help of our partners, the generous contributions of Aneel Bhusri, and Joaquín Torres’s leadership at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, we’ve been able to expand this fund and give businesses the resources that can help them survive this pandemic and come back even stronger.”

“The San Francisco Foundation and our donors are committed to supporting Black businesses that have been systemically excluded from accessing capital,” said Fred Blackwell, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation. “This fund will help Black residents build their wealth, and when Black, Indigenous, and people-of-color communities thrive, we all thrive.”

The AARLF was created in June 2020 in partnership with the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce and community lending partner Main Street Launch as part of the City’s comprehensive COVID-19 response for small businesses. The purpose of the Fund is to help stabilize San Francisco’s Black-owned and Black-serving small businesses by meeting urgent capital needs brought on by sudden revenue loss from business disruption resulting from COVID-19. The program offers zero interest loans of up to \$50,000 for qualifying businesses, and no loan payments are due until 2022.

Since the pandemic, San Francisco has directed over \$24 million in grants and loans to support more than 1,200 small businesses, and recently announced a new \$62 million plan to provide ongoing relief and recovery support to small businesses. The investments reflect the City’s commitment to ensuring a more equitable recovery and inclusive future economy.

The African American Small Business Revolving Loan Fund complements San Francisco’s citywide COVID-19 financial relief package of grants and loans to support micro-enterprises and small businesses historically underserved by private banks and other traditional sources of financing. The City created its first zero interest loan program, the San Francisco Hardship Emergency Loan Program (SF HELP), in April 2020. SF HELP has now funded more than \$12 million in loans and programming for businesses citywide. The AARLF followed this program design, and San Francisco has now successfully delivered over \$4 million in grants and loans to Asian-Pacific Islander (API) businesses citywide and created the Latino Small Business Fund focused on providing similar support to Latino-serving small businesses.

“Stabilizing San Francisco’s Black-owned and Black-serving businesses is essential to our City’s ongoing cultural and economic vitality. These restaurants, hair salons, fitness studios, bike shops, and other businesses support and anchor our Black communities as important social and economic hubs,” said Assessor Joaquín Torres, who is a member of the City’s Economic Recovery Task Force. “The further expansion of the African American Revolving Loan Fund honors Black History Month by recognizing the racial inequities and adversities that have faced and sadly continue to face Black businesses here while at the same time lifting them up and valuing their contributions by investing in their futures.”

Nationally, one in five Black businesses have been impacted or closed due to the pandemic according to a May 2020 Working Paper published by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research studying the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses. The Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) awarded less than one quarter of one

percent (0.25%) of the \$3.2 billion in forgivable PPP loans issued in San Francisco to Black-owned businesses. Only 33 self-identified Black-owned businesses reported receiving PPP awards.

AARLF funds have been prioritized for long-standing San Francisco Black-owned and Black-serving businesses, especially those businesses most impacted by COVID-19 including those whose operations have been severely limited since the Stay at Home Order was issued in March such as hair salons, barber shops and other personal services, gyms and personal fitness. Funds can be used to pay for rent, payroll, equipment and machinery, inventory, furniture and fixtures, tenant improvements, and COVID-19 related expenses including marketing and improving online presence and reopening costs.

“Being a black business owner, the loan came through at the right time and in the right amount. It couldn’t have come any better, I can’t even describe it, it meant a lot to me, it was a blessing,” said Lloyd Lacy, owner of Lacy’s Barber Shop in the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside neighborhood. “I was able to pay all my outstanding debts including my backed up rent and was able to put in the floor tiles that I had been sitting on for two years. I added new chairs, sinks, mirrors and repainted my cabinets. If I hadn’t received the loan I would be at risk of losing my business.”

Approximately \$1.3 million from the \$2.5 million in new funding will be used to leverage additional private sector funding to offer upwards of an additional 30 businesses zero interest loans. This increases the estimated total businesses that will benefit to 150, supporting an estimated 490 jobs. The remaining balance of \$1.2 million will be used to provide full debt relief ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for an estimated 30 longstanding businesses who have benefited from the fund. These debt relief payments will then allow for immediate recirculation, enabling additional loans to Black owned or serving small businesses.

The AARLF received 391 applications during a two-week application period, totaling approximately \$16 million in funding sought. An initial round of 40 eligible businesses were selected for awards and have now been awarded more than \$1 million dollars. Fifty-six percent of recipients are women-owned businesses, far exceeding the approximately 34% of businesses in San Francisco that are women-owned.

“One of the most precious gifts we can give each other is the gift of being seen. Mayor Breed’s implementation of the historic African American Small Business Revolving Loan Relief Fund is a result of her seeing first hand the devastating effects COVID-19 and gentrification have had on Black owned small businesses in San Francisco,” said Nikki Cooper, owner of Two Jack’s Nik’s Place in the Western Addition. “Having access to capital from the AARLF has given me the very real support I need to continue operating my business during these challenging and uncertain times.”

Additional funds were added to the AARLF in August 2020 and a second round of 40 businesses was subsequently selected and moved forward in the loan process. These businesses have received approximately \$500,000 in loan funding so far, and another \$650,000 in loan requests has proceeded to the underwriting stage of the process. Currently, applicants with loans pending, approved, and funded now total over \$2 million. A third round of approximately 50 additional businesses is now moving forward in conjunction with this latest investment in the fund. Funding will continue to be disbursed to eligible businesses by Main Street Launch.

For more information about the City's financial relief and assistance efforts to date, please visit [owd.org/impact](https://www.owd.org/impact).

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I definitely do not want the Ferris wheel in GG Park. It should never have been allowed to set up there.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Regarding The Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:44:53 AM

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Subject: Regarding The Ferris Wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Hi:

Please enforce the original agreement and remove the Wheel from the historic music concourse at the end of the original one year time period in March 2021.

Thank you.

-Diane Carrara

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: support ferris wheel extension
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:44:35 AM

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Subject: support ferris wheel extension

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Not sure if too late to the party, just want to add my vote FOR extending the Ferris Wheel presence in GG Park. I live in the Parkside, I haven't gone on it, but it's a welcome cheery addition to our covid-muted city, and I'm fine with an extension (but not permanent installation).

—Jenny Kuo, 182 Forest View Dr, San Francisco

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: GG Park Observation Wheel
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:41:13 AM

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Subject: GG Park Observation Wheel

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Dear Historic Preservation Commissioners, Rec/Park staff, and other interested San Franciscans,

Our family would like to state that we support the extension for the Observation Wheel in Golden Gate Park, as we understand you will be discussing this on March 3. The Wheel is a nice addition to that area of the park. It is a nice people- and family-friendly activity. We understand that some people object to this, but we do not. We support it and we know many other people who feel the same way.

We do understand concerns about lights and noise. We fully respect nature and some portions of the park where this would not be appropriate. However, the concourse area there supports over one half million square feet of museums, music and performances at the bandshell, 800 or more parking places, food trucks, etc. Nearby are the lovely Entwined exhibit and the newly-renovated tennis courts which will be

operated with lights, as well. The Wheel is complementary.

Please support this well-designed effort.

Tim Seufert, Yolanda Molette and family
D5 Residents and park lovers

"We can treat each other with respect" - President Joe Biden, January 20, 2021

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Love it :Starsky ferris wheel in GG Park
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:25:15 AM

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Please keep it. I live 5 blocks from the concourse, and love to see the lights

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I am opposed to the Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:24:19 AM

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Subject: I am opposed to the Ferris Wheel staying in Golden Gate Park

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Dear Commissioner -

Please do **NOT** extend the Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park. While walking on the oak Woodlands trail the other day, I saw a sign that clearly states William Hammond Hall landscaped Golden Gate park to be ‘...an urban pastoral retreat, a semblance of nature.’ A huge wheel that is lit up at night and has noisy and smelly generators is the opposite of “an urban pastoral retreat, a semblance of nature.” More importantly, there is wildlife like bats and owls that rely on the dark skies for survival to hunt and other birds that rely on night skies for migration. At the very least, the generator and lights should be shut off at sunset so the wildlife can have some peace and quiet. (Haven’t we done enough damage to our natural world already?!)

Because the Ferris wheel was not able to operate through most of 2020 due to the pandemic, I can understand why a request to extend it for a year would be considered (but still not desired). But to ask for a 4 year extension seems to be going way beyond a fair compromise when so many are opposed to having it stay at all. A year extension is the most that should be even considered - but again, not a given.

We are in desperate need for more natural peace and quiet in an increasingly crowded and noisy

city. One of the reasons San Francisco (and the Bay Area) is so desirable is because we have protected natural areas that could have easily been paved over and monetized. Please don't do that to our city gem, Golden Gate park.

Janis Rodda
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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: In support of no more than a one year extension for the SkyStar Wheel
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 8:24:02 AM

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Subject: In support of no more than a one year extension for the SkyStar Wheel

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Dear Supervisor Chan:

Thank you for your principled stand in questioning the need for a four year extension for the Wheel. I am a senior and I go to GGP every week to practice Tai Chi and find some needed peace and quiet in nature. It is an important part of my life and health. As a 30 year resident of the outer Richmond, I would like to share some of my concerns.

1. The buildings, facilities, roads, parking lots, golf course, Polo Field, and many other activities (soccer fields, dog run, lawn bowls, tennis courts, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, etc.) leave very little space to just be in a park. There are probably only a few hundred acres left of actual parkland for people to experience. Every additional electric light and foot of concrete poured diminish and degrade what little parkland we have left.
2. Regarding the free tickets made available to underprivileged communities as a reason to keep the Wheel in place: "The most vulnerable and disadvantaged families" as one caller to the Rec and Park Commission described them, need computers, access to education, good nutrition, healthcare, clothing and shelter if they're homeless, sports venues and parks in their neighborhood more than

they need a Ferris Wheel in GGP. It is shameful that some would exploit underprivileged children by using them in a public relations campaign for Rec and Park and SkyStar.

3. 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 SkyStar Wheel is an intrusive structure that can be seen above the treeline from miles away and is inappropriate for this historic setting. We should not be sending a message that carnival attractions are more important than our beautiful Park.**

4. Our parks are not an inexhaustible resource and they are already stressed. Golden Gate Park is one of the few places in San Francisco where wildlife can find a refuge. Wildlife needs darkness at night. The health of our environment and the future of planet Earth depend on mitigating the impact of human activity on the natural environment. The increased artificial lighting from the Wheel has a negative impact on birds and other wildlife. Humans are also adversely affected by artificial light pollution.

Please do not support an extension for the Wheel to stay for more than one year. Thank you for devoting time to this important issue.

David Romano
San Francisco, CA

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

I love the wheel! You can see it as you enter the park from the top (east end), see it from the rollerskating rink, and it brings everything together. It makes the music concourse area feel safe and popular -- it used to be nothing worth stopping by for, but now everyone does a loop in the area when passing by.

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.

Best regards,
George Francis

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES FREE TRANSPORTATION ON MUNI TO AND FROM COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES
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VACCINATION SITES**

Starting Tuesday, February 23, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will offer free Muni trips and expanded Essential Trip Card credit for customers traveling to and from COVID-19 vaccination sites in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) will offer free, roundtrip transportation for people traveling to receive their COVID-19 vaccine. This program is part of the City's efforts to make it as convenient as possible for people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and complements the City's strategy to deliver vaccines equitably and locate vaccination sites in areas that are accessible by public transportation.

“We’ve created a network of COVID-19 vaccination sites in San Francisco with the capacity to vaccinate at least 10,000 people a day and we’re working to bring vaccines to those communities that have been most impacted. In addition to reaching our most vulnerable people with a combination of mobile vaccination teams, neighborhood sites, and community clinics, we want to make it as convenient as possible for people throughout San Francisco to get to our high-volume vaccination sites,” said Mayor Breed. “Thanks to the SFMTA, we’re making roundtrip travel to vaccination appointments free and further reducing the barriers that might keep someone from getting vaccinated. The easier we make it for people to get vaccinated, the quicker we can put an end to this pandemic and get on the road to recovery.”

Starting on Tuesday, February 23, anyone traveling to receive their vaccination will be able to ride Muni to and from their appointment for free, regardless of which site they go to. This includes the City’s high-volume vaccination sites, neighborhood vaccine access sites, Department of Public Health clinics, pharmacies offering vaccinations, as well as vaccination sites outside of San Francisco.

Customers on Muni traveling to and from a COVID-19 vaccination site will need to show their appointment confirmation or vaccine card as “proof of payment.” Electronic appointment confirmations, such as an email or photo will be accepted.

“Getting San Franciscans vaccinated is the City’s highest priority at the moment, and we’re doing our part to support saving lives and saving jobs,” said Jeffrey Tumlin, SFMTA Director of Transportation. “By allowing free Muni access to and from all vaccination sites, we are eliminating transportation and cost barriers from receiving this life-changing vaccine.”

In addition to making Muni free for travel to and from vaccination sites, starting on Tuesday, February 23, SFMTA will increase the amount of service available to [Essential Trip Card](#) (ETC) participants by \$60. The ETC is a discount program to help seniors and people with disabilities make essential trips in taxis during the COVID-19 pandemic. ETC participants will receive an email and/or phone call with instructions on how to load the additional credit to their card. Older adults or persons with disabilities may apply for the ETC program by calling 311 and mentioning the program.

Paratransit rides will also be free to and from vaccination sites within SF Paratransit’s service area.

Health care providers in San Francisco and the Department of Public Health are currently vaccinating people 65 and older and health care workers. 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). 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).

More information about transportation to vaccination sites is available online at sfmta.com/COVID.

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** PRESS RELEASE *** MAYOR LONDON BREED AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR CARMEN CHU APPOINT VALLIE BROWN AS DIRECTOR OF GRANTS FOR THE ARTS
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:50:05 PM
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**MAYOR LONDON BREED AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CARMEN CHU APPOINT VALLIE BROWN AS DIRECTOR OF
GRANTS FOR THE ARTS**

Brown brings years of experience in community organizing and local government, as well as a commitment to equity and supporting arts and culture organizations, to San Francisco's Grants for the Arts

San Francisco, CA — Today Mayor London N. Breed and City Administrator Carmen Chu appointed Vallie Brown as the new Director for San Francisco's Grants for the Arts. Brown most recently served the City and County of San Francisco as Supervisor of District 5.

Grants for the Arts (GFTA), a division of the City and County of San Francisco's City Administrator's Office, strives to be a stable, dependable resource for nonprofit arts and culture organizations who successfully meet funding criteria, and is committed to supporting the full spectrum of art and culture in San Francisco. GFTA's investments enhance the City's attractiveness to visitors and provide employment and enrichment to residents, which will be especially important for San Francisco's recovery from COVID-19. GFTA's total general operating support grant amount for Fiscal Year 2020 was \$12.9 million, and increased funding for small- and medium-sized organizations by 28% over the previous year.

"Vallie Brown is a dedicated public servant, with a passion for community and the arts in San Francisco," said Mayor Breed. "She came to San Francisco as an artist more than 30 years

ago, and built a community through the Arts which ultimately led her on a path to community organizing and public service. She and I met when I was still executive director at the African American Arts & Culture Complex. We worked closely together there and later when I became Supervisor, to achieve more equitable funding across large and small arts organizations. Her extensive experience and steady hand will serve San Francisco's arts community well as we navigate the challenges created by COVID-19 and work to recover as a city."

Brown served as District 5 Supervisor from July 2018 until December 2019. Prior to her appointment to the Board of Supervisors, she worked for the San Francisco Office of Economic and Workforce Development and was a legislative aide to former District 5 supervisors Ross Mirkarimi and London Breed. As an aide during the 2008 economic crisis, she worked closely with community and arts organizations to preserve vital arts programs for diverse communities. Later, in 2013, she worked closely with then Supervisor Breed to promote greater equity at Grants for the Arts, helping restructure the department's support of small arts organizations, programs and artists.

"I came to San Francisco as an artist and the arts have always been at the center of my love for this city, along with its diverse communities," said Vallie Brown. "Grants for the Arts blends my love of and experience with communities, culture and the arts, all of which set San Francisco apart from other cities across the country. As we seek to recover, arts and culture are going to be a vital ingredient and I'm eager to do everything I can to support them during these incredibly trying times."

The mission of GFTA is to promote the City by supporting the arts through six grant programs, with general operating support grants making up the vast majority of its total grantmaking. Today, GFTA's principal value is equity, entailing a commitment to ensuring GFTA's grants and resources are accessible to all, understanding that certain communities have been historically overserved due to systemic advantages and access. Recognizing that arts organizations have not received equitable resources due to race, geography, and other marginalizing factors, GFTA endeavors to bolster culturally diverse and geographically dispersed organizations by eliminating obstacles and shortfalls in grantmaking that have prevented the full participation, success, and stability of applicants and grantees.

"I am excited to work with Vallie in this new role. As an artist who came to San Francisco over 30 years ago, Vallie understands firsthand the importance of arts and culture in our City's vitality and economic recovery," said City Administrator Carmen Chu and Co-chair of the Economic Recovery Task Force. "She's also passionate about serving our City and has a clear vision about how we advance and align our City's vision of equity and diversity with our work."

As a legislative aide and appointed Supervisor, Brown worked hard to promote culture and equity, including through her steadfast leadership and support for establishment of an American Indian Cultural Center in San Francisco, and her co-authorship of legislation establishing San Francisco's Office of Racial Equity.

"We trust Vallie, for over a decade she has successfully secured funding for small arts organizations, community events/festivals and individual artists in the black community," said Melonie and Melorra Green, Co-Directors, African American Arts & Cultural Complex. "This is a huge win for the arts community, those who appreciate the power of creativity, and those

who are generally interested in effective change in the arts ecosystem in San Francisco and beyond”

“Several years ago, Grants for the Arts shifted to prioritize equity and to do more to sustain and grow small arts and cultural organizations,” said Rosa De Anda founder of “Day of the Dead Festival of Alters.” “Vallie helped realize that change in City Hall which has been a huge help in keeping the fabric of San Francisco’s arts community strong.”

“Over the years, GFTA support for small arts organizations like mine have been so important,” said Brenda Aoki, co-director of First Voice. “My co-director Mark Izu & I have known Vallie through her years of work in the Japan Town and Fillmore communities. Her work has helped to strengthen the bonds between these communities, and to promote healing. Her style of leadership, informed by her American Indian culture; is exactly what San Francisco needs right now, not just economic recovery, but food for the soul.”

Prior to her work for the City and County of San Francisco, Brown was a working artist for many years, during which time she started a children’s art program in the early 1990s at the Hunters Point Boys & Girls Club. It was through this work that she became an environmental activist fighting to close down the Hunter’s Point power plant and to hold the Hunter’s Point Shipyard accountable for its legacy of toxic pollution in the area.

Brown was raised in Utah by a single mother and grandmother. Her father was Paiute and Shoshone descent; he passed away when she was a child. Brown studied art and communications at the University of Utah, and now lives in Cole Valley.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Add one vote FOR the Ferris Wheel
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Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:18 PM
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Subject: Fw: Add one vote FOR the Ferris Wheel

Michelle Taylor, Senior Preservation Planner

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Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:11 PM

To: PIC, PLN (CPC) <pic@sfgov.org>

Subject: Add one vote FOR the Ferris Wheel

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I read the article in SF Chron that stated most emails were voting against extending the Ferris Wheel. You might get more emails FOR the ferris wheel if you didn't bury email addresses and contact info 6 clicks down into your website (haha). Honestly, please keep this bright, cheery thing in the park. So tired of all the killjoys around here.

Sheila Chatterjee (SF resident)

From: [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
To: [CTYPLN - COMMISSION SECRETARY](#)
Subject: Fw: Yesterday's Public Hearing Agenda Item 7: Request to extend the operation of a temporary observation wheel installed at the Music Concourse
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:30:53 PM

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From: Ellen <callmeellen@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Taylor, Michelle (CPC) <michelle.taylor@sfgov.org>
Subject: Yesterday's Public Hearing Agenda Item 7: Request to extend the operation of a temporary observation wheel installed at the Music Concourse

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Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your work yesterday in facilitating a long and detailed hearing.

I am following up by email on my 45-second statement at the tail end of yesterday afternoon's 3+ hour remote meeting because only one person, Commissioner Kate Black, was present to hear my statement, which had been prepared at the 3-minute limit allowed for each public comment, but was subsequently, nearly 3 hours into the meeting, curtailed to one minute, and then cut off by the chime at 45 seconds.

Please read and forward to the Historic Preservation Commission and relevant SF Planning staff my full statement here below.

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Hello. My name is Ellen Brown. I live at 1274A 8th Avenue, in the Inner Sunset.

I would like to address several points in SF Planning's Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to extend the operation of the temporary observation wheel at the GGP Music Concourse from the initial one year to an additional four years.

Under Compliance with Planning Code, “Applicable Preservation Standards,” your first bullet point states that “the proposed project will occur on a previously ... non-contributing portion of Landmark No 249 [the Music Concourse]. I would like to point out that open urban space which is green and quiet and free of pollution is not “non-contributing,” despite the language of SF Planning’s request.

I would like to ask, how will the Music Concourse resume outdoor music performance, as intended, if it has to compete with the drone of the diesel generator that powers the observation wheel 24/7?

Regarding the neighboring John McLaren Memorial Rhododendron Dell, which is not a part of Landmark No 249 and thus has not received due consideration, the thrum of the generator has shattered the peace of that place.

Also, when I walk Music Concourse Drive along the pedestrian path that parallels the wheel, diesel exhaust from the generator penetrates the double mask that I wear for Covid protection.

Your third bullet point states that “the project will not result in the physical alteration of contributing elements or character defining features of the landmark.”

Generator noise, pollution, flashing lights, and the size of the structure (150 ft. high and 130 ft. in diameter), towering over all other landmarks and visible from more than a mile away, are all “physical alterations,” which can be seen, heard and smelled. They can also impede bats and birds in their nightly and annual feeding and migrations. How are these alterations not physical?

Regarding your third and fourth bullet points referring to matters of “character,” this amusement park attraction and moneymaker for a firm in St Louis was always out of character with its surroundings, which constitute a temple and a sanctuary for trees, plants, wildlife, people, the arts, culture, and sciences. To permit it in one festival year without environmental review is perhaps forgivable. To extend it another four years without environmental review is a travesty.

Finally, under “Public Neighborhood Input,” it would seem SF Planning and the Historic Preservation Commission are devoted to ignoring reasonable public and expert opposition to the extension of this project, seeking to bolster support with lightweight comments regarding “fun in a pandemic” and “increased activity”—not a good in itself—while disregarding the serious and legitimate concerns of thoughtful people, and even making it difficult for the public to speak at the hearing, by putting their issue to the end of the agenda and reducing their statement time with no notice, as I stated above, from 3 minutes to less than one minute.

This sort of behavior is analogous to voter suppression. It is anti-democratic and not at all in keeping with the role of trusted public servants (i.e., city staff and volunteers) such as you and your colleagues. It is not what I would expect of the City of Saint Francis as a community.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to a response from SF Planning and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Sincerely,
Ellen Brown, Ph.D. M.Div.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Skywheel
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:30:23 AM

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Subject: Support for Skywheel

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Hi there!

I would like to state my support for keeping the ferris wheel in the park. I live near it and think is it a wonderful addition. I'd actually love to see it become permanent.

Please let me know who else to contact for my support. I want to be sure my voice of support is heard loud and clear.

Thank you!
Joseph Collins
1777 Oak Street

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: For the HPC hearing Feb 17 2021, Item 7. OPPOSE.
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 10:11:52 AM
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Date: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:41 PM

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Subject: For the HPC hearing Feb 17 2021, Item 7. OPPOSE.

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For HPC hearing, Feb. 17 2021
Agenda Item 7, 2019-022126COA-04, 55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE
OPPOSE

Commissioners:

Thank you for having imposed a one-year limit on the COA granted in Jan. 2020 for the observation wheel in the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

I write to oppose RPD's request for "a four year operational extension of the observation wheel at the Music Concourse", and support termination of the wheel's operation and presence in the park as was originally scheduled. The reasons I oppose the request are many, but I will emphasize only three.

1) In the documents presented to the HPC on Jan 15 2020, Planning Staff state that the project meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. That is unclear.

I call your attention to Standard 1: “A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.”

Planning’s response: *The proposal will retain the historic use as a park and outdoor event space of the Music Concourse. Although permanent installation of the wheel would result in a significant change to the look, feel, and use of the Music Concourse Area, the extension of the temporary installation of the proposed observation wheel will not permanently change the landscape’s distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.*

And to Standard 9, the statement of which includes:

“The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.”

Planning’s response: (underlining mine)

The wheel’s height, large footprint, and illumination are not compatible with the massing, scale, character, spatial organization, or defining features of the Music Concourse. At approximately 150 feet tall, the wheel is not an appropriate addition to the formally designed Music Concourse landscape; however, the proposal to extend the temporary operation of the observation wheel will not result in a permanent alteration of the historic landscape.

Excuse me? If permanent, it wouldn’t meet Standard 1 or Standard 9, but because it’s temporary we’ll just ignore those inconvenient facts? This reasoning could be used to justify installing anything, anywhere, apparently for any length of time, as long as it’s “temporary”.

Besides, without having performed any environmental analysis of possible effects on biological resources, how does one know there would be no “permanent change” or “alteration” of the historic landscape which includes, as all landscapes do, plants and animals?

At most, I would call this appearing to obey the letter of the law. To me, it certainly does not obey the spirit of the law.

2. The Music Concourse is usually described as an “outdoors performance space” or “urban park landscape devoted to public performances and as a setting for public art” [Planning packet, Findings, item 3], not as an “outdoor event space” as in Standard 1.

[What’s the difference?

A performance would be expected to last for at most 4-5 hours (think of the longest Shakespeare play or opera imaginable.) I am told that Luciano Pavarotti and The Grateful Dead** have both performed in the Music Concourse. (**Possibly this

performance lasted even more than 5 hours, if they were on form!)

An event, on the other hand, is something that is expected to go on over a limited number of days at most. Bay to Breakers, the annual Pride Parade, “Hardly Strictly Bluegrass” and “Outside Lands” are events. Even the Exposition held in 1894 for 6 months was an event.

All performances are events but not all events are performances.]

An observation wheel running 12 hours a day (powered by a generator that runs 24/7) over a period of a year (let alone 4 years plus), is neither a performance nor an event.

Once again, the wheel does NOT meet Standard 1.

3. I now call your attention to Step 5 of the CEQA Exemption Determination forms contained in the packet. Items 9 and 10 refer to considerations that apply to a Historic District. From 3. under Findings: “The Music Concourse also contributes to the National-Register listed Golden Gate Park historic district, significant under Criterion 1 (Events) and Criterion 3 (Architecture) in the areas of landscape architecture and social history”. Why is neither box in Step 5 checked?

These points articulate just some of the reasons I contend this “project” should never have been approved in the first place. It should certainly NOT be approved for an extension.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

(Dr.) Linda J. Shaffer, San Francisco Resident
Former representative from D10 on PROSAC

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

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: HPC 2020-011305DES; Lyon-Martin House, 649-651 Duncan Street
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City of San Francisco Planning Department
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Re: [2020-011305DES: 649-651 Duncan Street](#)
[Lyon-Martin House Landmark Designation](#)

Honorable Commissioners:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the designation of the Lyon-Martin House as a City of San Francisco Landmark. I have long supported the goals of the Friends of Lyon-Martin House (FLMH) to preserve the home of pioneering lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon at 649-651 Duncan Street.

I am pleased the City is recognizing the extraordinary significance of this site and will honor the legacy of Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin with this Landmark designation. I commend Planning staff for comprehensively documenting the significance of the site with an excellent nomination.

I ask this Commission to favorably recommend this designation to the Board of Supervisors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Katherine Petrin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a distinct "P".

Katherine Petrin

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MAYOR LONDON BREED LAUNCHES ANNUAL BRIDGE TO EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mayor Breed's Bridge to Excellence Scholarship Program will provide scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors from low-income backgrounds to overcome financial barriers to attending college

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced this year's Bridge to Excellence Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. The Bridge to Excellence program will provide scholarships to highly-motivated graduating high school seniors from low-income and under-resourced communities in order to help overcome financial barriers they face to attend college.

The Bridge to Excellence Scholarship Program will provide students from San Francisco public high schools with \$2,500 each in scholarship awards. This is the third year of Mayor Breed's Bridge to Excellence Scholarship. Last year, the Bridge to Excellence program provided 14 students with scholarships. Funding for the scholarship comes from the generous sponsorship of business and philanthropic partners.

“I understand firsthand the challenges our students face when pursuing a higher education, especially when they are the first in their family to go to college,” said Mayor London Breed. “We know that if we give students the support and resources to succeed, they go on to do great things. Our Bridge to Excellence Program eases the financial burden that comes with going to college and helps students cover some of their expenses so they can focus on their education and realize their own potential.”

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be a San Francisco Unified School District high school senior graduating in spring 2021 with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20. Applicants must demonstrate a significant financial need and be the first in their family to attend a four-year college.

The application window will be open until Wednesday, March 31st, 2021. The Mayor’s Office will review all qualified candidates and notify recipients by the end of April. Interested students can apply at: sfmayor.org/bridgetoexcellence.

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 8:16:02 AM
Attachments: [Against the Wheel at Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive.msg](#)
[Keep the Park Dark.msg](#)
[Re Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park.msg](#)
[The ferris wheel in GGP should go.msg](#)
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From: Pinky Kushner <pinkkushner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:46 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Ferris wheel in Golden Gate Park

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Please distribute to supervisors and to Planning commissioners. Thank you. Pinky

Greetings Commissioners,

I am against the approval of the extension of the Ferris wheel for 4 more years. One year more would be the appropriate time frame to make up for LOST time/revenue. Four years SHOULD kick in a requirement for an environmental impact report on the proposal, given the well established effects of lights and noise on bird life and other animal wildlife in this park.

Thank you for your attention,

Pinky Kushner

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From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee Update
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 3:50:37 PM

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From: "Im, Jacqueline (ART)" <jackie.im@sfgov.org>
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM
To: "Ionin, Jonas (CPC)" <jonas.ionin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee Update

Dear Colleagues and Community Members,

The San Francisco Arts Commission is seeking candidates to participate in the Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee (MMAC), a body that will host hearings with community members and establish the criteria and guidelines by which to determine the future of historic monuments in the City's art collection.

We intend to have 12-15 members on this advisory committee, including the three Co-Chairs (the Director of Cultural Affairs, and leadership from the Human Rights Commission and the Recreation & Park Department, who represent the agencies partnering on this initiative).

[Here's the link to the page on our website.](#) You'll find a Cover Memo detailing the background and overview of the initiative, the scope of work for committee members and a link to the application.

The committee's composition will only be as strong as the recruitment we do, so we ask that you please distribute this to your networks. If you have any questions, please check the FAQ found on that web page. If you still have questions, email ART-info@sfgov.org.

Thanks for your help!
Jackie

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Jackie Im
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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 3:13:59 PM

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

This city needs some fun and positivity after the devastating year and with likely more hardship to come. I'm sure some of the environment impacts could be lessened by turning off the lights at certain times, etc. I know so many people, including my own family, who have been looking forward to go on the Ferris wheel once it reopens.

Please put some smiles on our citizens faces and extend the Ferris wheel!

Regards,

Daphne Alden

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Case No. 2019-022126COA-04: Observatory Wheel time extension. Please Vote NO.
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:14:07 PM

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From: Omar Toral <otoral@dons.usfca.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:45 PM
To: CPC-Commissions Secretary <commissions.secretary@sfgov.org>
Subject: Case No. 2019-022126COA-04: Observatory Wheel time extension. Please Vote NO.

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Good afternoon,

My name is Omar Toral, San Francisco resident in Golden Gate Heights. It is my understanding that there is a hearing today at 12:30 to discuss the extension of time of the Observatory Wheel.

I would like to voice my opinion against the extension for a number of reasons:

1. Environmental impact as stated by the Sierra Club.
2. Negative impact to daily users of the park whether one is running, biking, roller skating or walking. It blocks the path, it takes away from the peace of the park as well as its beauty and goes contrary to what the park represents. The wheel is better suited in Pier 39.
3. Noise pollution negatively impacts the tranquility that visitors long for at the park. Even when the wheel is not operational there is noise coming from what looks like a transformer inside the shipping container at the side of the wheel.
4. The park already suffers from car break-ins/vehicle burglaries, car pollution and too much car traffic. The wheel just exacerbates the situation.
5. The excuse that not all have enjoyed the wheel is a euphemism for greed.

My property tax dollars support Parks and Recreation and its values. The observation wheel brings no value to the enjoyment of the park. Again, it is better suited in Pier 39

or the Marina Green.

Please vote NO to the time extension.

Concerned San Francisco resident,

Omar Toral

PS - I joined the call at 12:20 and it's now 1:40 and the team is still pretty far behind schedule. I need to go, otherwise I would be participating virtually.

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
Cc: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:13:46 PM

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From: Amelia Antrim <amelia.f.antrim@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Commission, Recpark (REC) <recpark.commission@sfgov.org>; 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 current Duboce Triangle and former Inner Sunset resident, runner, and lover of San Francisco's beautiful parks, I was eagerly looking forward to the Golden Gate Park 150th anniversary, as a celebration of my favorite place in the world. The Sky Wheel is a symbol of that celebration, and it makes me happy and proud of the resiliency of this city and San Francisco's emphasis on community and shared celebrations. I smile every time I run, walk, or cycle by.

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.

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,
Amelia Antrim

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Golden Gate Park Sky Wheel
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:12:17 PM

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Cc: 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.

My name is Katie Lewin, and this lovely ferris wheel is the site of one of the best moments of my life so far. Last October my boyfriend Kevin proposed to me on the top of the SkyStar. It's a great story, and the SF Chronicle [told it better than I could](#). So admittedly I'm a little biased, but I also genuinely believe that its stately presence in the park benefits all San Franciscans, not just the more starry-eyed and sentimental among us!

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Ferris wheels are symbols of whimsy and joy. If only for a few minutes, they lift us above and beyond the cares of everyday life. I think we can all agree that in this past year, those cares have multiplied. Everything looks better from above. Our problems don't melt away completely but they certainly get smaller! There's an undeniable magic to perching suspended between ground and sky, particularly when hand in hand with someone you love.

Sincerely,
Katie Lewin

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Observation Wheel approval - current layout not in compliance with the original approval
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:12:11 PM
Attachments: [sky star plan.pdf](#)

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Hello,

I am a resident of the Inner Sunset and am opposed to an extension of the permit to operate this temporary attraction. The wheel is not currently operating in compliance with the original plans that were distributed in 2020 when it was approved for a temporary 10 month installation.

In that packet that was reviewed as part of the CUA the area of work was limited to a fenced area at the east end of the Music Concourse. This included two small generators within the fenced area.

In reality a much larger generator was installed outside of the approved area, in the center of an accessible walkway across the road. This generator is much larger than what was approved and runs twenty four hours a day. I have included a scaled site plan showing the actual location.

Temporary power for a 10 month installation is much different than a five year installation. It is

very low, polluting, and severely detracts from the experience of using the Music Concourse even when the wheel is closed (the generator has never been shut off, as far as I can tell, since being installed) Large trucks unload diesel fuel to refill it on a regular location.

If this historic public space is going to be leased to a private company to run an expensive for profit attraction it should at minimum be in compliance with the approved plans. If this is going to be extended by years, they should be required to tie into grid power within 6 months of the extension being granted.

Regards,
Mark Hogan

From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: I Support COA Item 7 (Ferris Wheel)
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 2:11:59 PM

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Cc: contact@growsf.org
Subject: I Support COA Item 7 (Ferris Wheel)

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To the Historic Preservation Commissioners, and Rec & Park Commissioners,
I am writing in support of the Certificate of Appropriateness on Item 7 of today's agenda. I think the extension of the wheel would be of great benefit to the city and it is appropriate for the historic festive nature of the Music Concourse, which has hosted celebrations and attractions like the Ferris wheel. I support the extension without any conditions.

Thank you,
Mike Chen
San Francisco Resident

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 2:11:47 PM

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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,
Lindsey Liu

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From: [CPC-Commissions Secretary](#)
To: [Feliciano, Josephine \(CPC\)](#); [Taylor, Michelle \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support to Extend Observation Wheel Permit
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 12:10:44 PM
Attachments: [Support Letter for Golden Gate Park.pdf](#)

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Subject: Letter of Support to Extend Observation Wheel Permit

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Goodmorning everyone,

Hope this email finds you well, below I have attached James's letter of support to extend the permit for the Observation Wheel on behalf of Collective Impact/Magic Zone.

Best Regards,

Shayd Bowers

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