Title and Summary Request for A Special Election to Establish a “Hospital Good Neighbor Commission” to Ensure Noise and Traffic Compliance by Owners/Operators of Major Event Centers Near San Francisco Hospitals including the Warriors (Chase Center) Arena, Planned to be Built Directly Across from UCSF Children’s, Women and Cancer Hospitals and Medical Center at Mission Bay

Establishment of a “Hospital Good Neighbor Commission” (so named to ensure conformity with elements of the City’s “Good Neighbor Policy”) to evaluate and have the authority to impose conditions on all matters of noise and traffic of any ‘Event Center’ with a greater than 5,000-person capacity that is located within .5 miles (2,640 feet) of any hospital in San Francisco. The Commission will help ensure patient and caregiver safety, ensure timely access to care, and provide for a healing/healthful environment for patients.

This is a proactive approach toward minimizing noise and traffic levels that may result from major event centers being built near San Francisco hospitals (such as the 18,000-seat Warriors - Chase Center - arena planned for Mission Bay, across from care facilities). It is imperative with development near hospitals and major care facilities, that we not hope for peace, but ensure peace - especially when 225 event dates per year are envisioned by the owners of the planned new arena.

Following City Charter rules on diversity, or cross section of the City, the first Commission shall be established by the petitioner, for a period of four years with no pay. Other commissioners will be offered $350 per month for their time.

This Commission will include at minimum 9 representatives, including one representative from: the California Nurses Association, a Patient organization, the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Fire Dept/Emergency Response Team Member, Mission Bay District 6 resident, an appointment by the Mayor, an appointment by the Board of Supervisors, one at-large seat, and the Petitioner, who shall initially serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

The Commission shall submit a report to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors analyzing its effectiveness and setting goals for the future within one year of the date of its initial meeting and at minimum once every three years following.

- The Commission, to conduct monitoring and enforcement will assess a .15 cent, per ticket, per event, fee to cover the cost of independent noise and traffic monitoring and enforcement.

- At the end of each calendar year, the fund balance will be donated to public Health Care Services in San Francisco.
The Commission will convene its first meeting and begin enforcement within 60 days after this measure is approved by the voters in a Special Election. After the first 4-year term (at the next general election) voters in San Francisco will elect the Hospital Good Neighbor Commissioner to serve as the Chairperson of the Commission. Once the Hospital Good Neighbor Commissioner has been elected, that person will fill the seat on the Commission formerly held by Petitioner on the Hospital Good Neighbor Commission. The representative interests listed above shall continue to serve on the Commission.

Currently in San Francisco there are multiple agencies that monitor and enforce laws pertaining to noise and traffic including: Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works, Building Department, Entertainment Commission, San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, but not unified monitoring or enforcement to promote a quiet, accessible, environment near hospitals.

The “Hospital Good Neighbor Commission” will ensure that San Francisco’s noise policies and the elements of the Warriors Transportation Management Plan (TMP) that are intended to minimize disruptions to health care services, and TMP’s for any similar event centers, are fulfilled and are not ignored.

**The elements of the Warriors Transportation Management Plan (TMP) include:**

10.1 **PURPOSE**

The monitoring and refinement of the TMP will be conducted to accomplish the following objectives.

1. **Weekday Event Auto Mode Share:** Targeted average auto mode share should be no greater than 53 percent for weekday peak event arrivals (6:00 PM – 8:00PM).

2. **Weekend Event Auto Mode Share:** Targeted average auto mode share should be no greater than 59 percent for weekend peak event arrivals (6:00 PM – 8:00PM).

3. **Vehicle Queuing on City Streets:** Traffic entering the parking garage from eastbound 16th Street does not spill back to 16th Street or into the Third Street intersection due to garage ingress.

4. **Vehicle Queueing on City Streets:** Event traffic does not block access to the UCSF emergency room entrance for emergency vehicles or patients on Mariposa Street between I-280 and Third Street.

5. **Pedestrian Flows:** Pedestrians do not spill out of sidewalks onto streets with moving vehicles, or out of crosswalks when crossing the street.

6. **Bicycle Parking:** Signage is clearly visible to direct bicyclists to event valet and other bicycle parking, and ensure that adequate bicycle parking supply is provided to accommodate a typical peak event.
7. Transit Mode Share: All Muni light rail and special event shuttle passengers are able to board their transit vehicle within 45 minutes following an event.

8. Good Neighbor: Mission Bay TMA shuttles continue to run and maintain capacity for simultaneous neighborhood use.

The current Warriors TMP specifies that transit surveys and noise monitoring will be carried out by an Event Center Coordinator (a person working for the Warriors Event Center) and does not include mandatory oversight from concerned groups or individuals. There are few specifics and few, if any, meaningful commitments by the owner/operator in this plan that will ensure continuous access to the medical facilities.

TMP page 54:
The Warriors shall work with the City to pursue and implement commercially reasonable strategies to reduce transportation impacts related to project implementation. In addition, the City shall pursue additional strategies to be implemented by the City or other public agency (e.g., Caltrans).

TMP page 126
"In the event that ongoing monitoring shows at any time that the performance standards outlined above are not being met, the Warriors will explore additional travel demand strategies, operational efforts, or minor redesigns to meet the goals of this TMP"

Initially the Good Neighbor Commission will be responsible for:

   a) Monitoring and enforcing compliance with noise and traffic regulations in areas where major event centers and hospitals are 'co-located'
   b) Ensuring that vehicles carrying patients to an emergency room within .5 miles of a major event center, have street access to the hospital's Emergency facilities
   c) Ensuring that patients attending appointments for clinical care have access to their care providers.

If an emergency vehicle is delayed arriving to an Emergency Room or if medical care for a child/patient traveling in a private vehicle is delayed within 1.5 hours prior and/or 1.5 hours post Event Center events, if the Good Neighbor noise standards are exceeded, or if the terms of this measure are otherwise violated, the Commission shall apply and enforce penalties it deems appropriate.

The financial penalties imposed by the Commission are intended to be fair and reasonable but stiff, in particular with regard to vehicle delays that could cause harm to patients. The penalties could include, but are not limited to, revocation of event permits for repeated non-compliance.

I and others believe that without oversight, the arena project in Mission Bay (along with any other major event centers near hospitals) could unreasonably contribute to noise and traffic congestion that will be at cross purposes with critical health care facilities. This initiative will enforce the promise made by Event Center Owners/Operators that they will follow the “Good Neighbor Policy” and the applicable Traffic Management Plans.
References

“Good Neighbor Policy”

Warriors’ Arena Transportation Management Plan

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