

C-Pages – BOS Meeting 11/2/10

Petitions and Communications received from October 19, 2010, through October 25, 2010, for reference by the President to Committee considering related matters, or to be ordered filed by the Clerk on November 2, 2010.

From concerned citizens, submitting letters of support for Tim Benetti as Entertainment Commissioner. 2 letters (1)

From Department of the Environment, submitting findings on the Urban Forestry Council's review of a Landmark Tree Nomination. (2)

From concerned citizens, submitting letters of support for petitions for City parcels to form the proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District. File No. 101201, 3 letters (3)

From concerned citizens, submitting letters in opposition of City parcels to form the proposed the Community Benefit District proposal. File No. 101201, Copy: Mayor and Ethics Commission, 3 letters (4)

From Office of the Sheriff, submitting the Annual Report of Inmate Welfare Fund expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010. (5)

From concerned citizens, submitting letters of support for Shell Thomas as Entertainment Commissioner. 4 letters (6)

From Edna Hill Middle School, Seventh Grade, submitting letters as part of a persuasive writing assignment on the potential banning of toys from McDonald's Happy Meal. File No. 101096, 64 letters (7)

From San Francisco International Airport, submitting a waiver request to the Human Rights Commission. (8)

From Department of Public Works, submitting a report on the Micro-LBE Set-Aside Program for contracts of the Department of Public Works. Copy: Human Rights Commission. (9)

From Ivan Pratt, submitting a letter on the general legalization of California's marijuana laws for leisurely usage. (10)

From Aaron Goodman, submitting a memo on Parkmerced and Fortress Investments. (11)

From concern citizens, submitting letters in support of Safe Drug Disposal. File No. 100455, 3 letters (12)

From Controller's Office, submitting the First Quarter General Fund Budget Status Report for FY2010-2011. (13)

From Robert Morales, Secretary - Treasurer, Sanitary Truck Drivers and Helpers, Local No. 350, submitting a reply declining the request by Recology San Francisco, that Local 350 withdraw its letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the City's proposed Landfill and Facilitation Agreement with Recology San Francisco. File No. 101225, Copy: Board of Supervisors. (14)

From Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, submitting information on the City's participation rate in the 2010 Census. (15)

From Francisco Da Costa, submitting an article, The Old Schlage Lock Company and Dubious Activities. (16)

From Office of the District Attorney, submitting the Annual Real Estate Fraud Report for FY2009-2010. (17)

From Department of the Environment, submitting a survey that shows green cleaning product prices are equivalent to conventional products. (18)

From James Corrigan, submitting a statement concerning the pensions of Police and Fire. (19)

From Lee Goodin, submitting a letter of opposition regarding marking the North Beach Library a landmark. (20)

From Kimo Crossman, submitting an article about plans to require online posting of data. File No. 101155 (21)

From Department of the Environment, submitting a Regulation of cell phone retailers duty to post specific absorption rate information. (22)



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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Subject: Entertainment Commissioner Appointment

From: Michael Winger <michael.winger@gmail.com>
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Date: 10/18/2010 02:16 PM
Subject: Entertainment Commissioner Appointment

Honorable supervisors,

I will not be able to attend the Oct 21 meeting regarding the Entertainment Commission appointment but I want to voice my support for Tim Benetti as the next entertainment commissioner.

Tim has both deep experience with law and regulations as well as a deep understanding of what it takes to operate a well-run venue.

He has shown excellent skill in working with his neighborhood, is a supporter of the local working musicians that make up our community and demonstrates great leadership in the music community.

I have the pleasure of working with Tim over the past few years and I can say without hesitation, that he would make an excellent commissioner.

Please consider Tim Benetti for this important position.

Thank you

Michael Winger

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Linda Wong/BOS/SFGOV, ✓
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Subject: support for Timothy Benetti for Entertainment Commissioner

From: Leigh Anne Lewis <tralalaagency@gmail.com>
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Date: 10/21/2010 10:22 AM
Subject: support for Timothy Benetti for Entertainment Commissioner

Dear Board of Supervisors -- I've been a resident of San Francisco since 1996. As a professional talent manager and producer of live events, I wholly support the nomination of Tim Benetti to the Entertainment Commission. I'm writing this from the overflow room down the hall in case I am not able to comment in person. Tim will be a fair and just representative of our entertainment and small business community.

Sincerely, Leigh Anne Lewis

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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 Subject: Landmark Tree Nomination: 4441 20th Street

Date: 10/18/2010 02:19 PM
 Subject: Fw: Landmark Tree Nomination: 4441 20th Street

The Urban Forestry Council recently reviewed a Landmark Tree Nomination; as the UFC program staff support personnel, I'm writing to you to report on their findings. Please provide this information to the Supervisors.

As per Article 16, Section 810 of the PWC, after a landmark tree nomination is made, the Urban Forestry Council is charged with reviewing trees for Landmark tree status and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

Their hearings can have one of three outcomes:

- 1) The UFC supports the nomination and passes a resolution requesting that the BOS pass an ordinance designating the tree a Landmark
- 2) The UFC does not support the nomination and passes a resolution whereby the nomination process ends. The tree can be nominated again in three years.
- 3) The UFC does not reach a decision on whether or not the tree should be landmarked. The tree nomination process does not officially end and the BOS can continue the nomination and hearing process by considering an ordinance landmarking the tree.

On September 24, 2010, the Urban Forestry Council held a hearing on a Monterrey Cypress located at 4441 20th Street. The UFC did not reach a decision on whether or not to support the nominated tree for landmark status, with a vote of 3 in favor and 5 not in favor. (AYES: Members Cohen, Milne and Hillson; NOES: Chair D'Agostino, Vice-Chair Buck, Members Costello, Hillan, and Vargas; Absent; Members Rodgers and Sherk)

Please see attached files for more information on their hearings and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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 Subject: Support the Civic Center CBD!

File 101201

From: "Karin Eklund" <KEklund@mjmimg.com>
 To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>
 Date: 10/19/2010 10:20 AM
 Subject: Support the Civic Center CBD!

Dear Honorable members of the Board of Supervisors:

Today you will be asked to support a measure to allow City parcels to vote "YES" on the petitions for the City owned properties in the proposed Civic Center CBD. We, the members of the Steering Committee and stakeholders in the district strongly encourage you to support this measure so that the proposed Civic Center CBD can move forward to a ballot vote.

Our Civic Center CBD Steering Committee represents both members of the public and private sectors. We have been meeting for eighteen months to draft a Management Plan to make the Civic Center District safer, cleaner and more vibrant. We have gathered signatures from the private sector and two City Enterprise Departments so far – the Asian Art Museum and the War Memorial Buildings that together represent 29.1% of all the assessments that would be paid. The total budget is approximately \$740,000.

This CBD is unique in that much of the property especially in the core of the district is owned by the City of San Francisco and under your jurisdiction – approximately 25 %. To date, there is strong support from the private sector and from the cultural and performing arts institutions in the district. For the district to be formed and above all to succeed, however, we are asking the City to partner with us. While some commissions have already supported the Civic Center CBD including the San Francisco Library Commission, the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Hall Historic Preservation Commission it is you the Board of Supervisors who has the authority to support this district for the City owned parcels.

We encourage you to support our plan so that the public and private sectors in Civic Center can come together to improve the safety, cleanliness and vibrancy of the entire district for all visitors, workers and residents in the area.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Karin Flood Eklund
 MJM Management Group
 for The Civic Center CBD Steering Committee

Civic Center CBD Steering Committee:

Karen Ames	Symphony/Opera/Ballet Consultant
Nicole Avril	San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Jason Blackwell	San Francisco Ballet

Alexander Brose	San Francisco Conservatory of Music
Jim Chappell	MJM Management Group
Andrew Dubowski	San Francisco Symphony
James Haas	Civic Center Stakeholder Group
David Harrison	Patson Companies
Lev Kushner	San Francisco Recreation and Park Department
Tracy Letchworth	Broadreach/Transwestern (Fox Plaza)
Roberto Lombardi	San Francisco Public Library
Pauline Fong Martinez	Asian Art Museum
James McCrea	California Judicial Courts
Mary McCue	MJM Management Group
Mark McLoughlin	Asian Art Museum
Corrine Mehigan	Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
John Noguchi	Bill Graham Civic Auditorium
Jen Norris	San Francisco War Memorial & Performing Arts Center
Lisa Pagan	Office of Economic and Workforce Development
Ian Paget	Patson Companies
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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Victor Young/BOS/SFGOV,
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Subject: File 101201: San Francisco Honda request to support Civic Center Community District

From: John Boas <john@sfhonda.com>
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Cc: Jim Chappell <chappell_jim@att.net>
Date: 10/19/2010 03:01 PM
Subject: San Francisco Honda request to support Civic Center Community District
Sent by: johnboas@gmail.com

Dear Supervisors,

San Francisco Honda letter in support of Civic Center Community District attached and below in it's entirety.

Thank you.
John

on letterhead:
October 19, 2010

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors:

My family and I are the owners of San Francisco Honda located in the proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District, and have signed the Petition to institute the district. We strongly support the formation of this district. The District will make the neighborhood cleaner and safer for our customers, employees and public at large, and will be generate an economic benefit to the City.

Please vote to sign the Petition for the proposed Civic Center Community Benefit District.

Sincerely,

John Boas
President



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File 101201



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Victor Young/BOS/SFGOV,
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Subject: File 101201: CBD's and SEIU

From: Debra Niemann <debranemo@gmail.com>
To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>
Date: 10/19/2010 11:38 AM
Subject: CBD's and SEIU

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you in support of a petition for the Community Benefits Districts (CBD) for the Civic Center area and to clarify the work of CBD's .

CBD's primarily clean sidewalks and green public space where the city of SF does not do so, nor does it have to do so as sidewalks are the responsibility of private property owners. Private property owners have agreed to pay into a local CBD to have that particular CBD clean their sidewalks because they do not want to do so. CBDs clean the sidewalks in front of City owned property, such as parks and parking lots, but do not clean inside of these areas as that would interfere with union workers. We only clean outside of these areas, which were not previously cleaned by the City of SF. To say that CBD's take away Union jobs or that the CBD fees paid by the City of SF could be better used in other public endeavors is an absurd argument. Simply put, if the CBD's were not there to clean the sidewalk, the sidewalk would not be cleaned. Little or no greening would take place. The creation of improved public space which creates a stronger community would not happen.

I believe the City of SF pays CBD fees of less than 2% of the funds collected citywide by CBD's. That is a very small amount of money when you factor in the public good CBD's do for neighborhoods.

I urge you to support the petition phase of the Civic Center CBD and continue to support the excellent work done by CBD's which make San Francisco a cleaner and greener City for all.

Sincerely youths,

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, Victor Young/BOS/SFGOV,
Cc: *File* *10/201*
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Subject: File ~~10001~~: A Stranglehold on City Hall, in San Francisco

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Date: 10/19/2010 09:57 AM
Subject: A Stranglehold on City Hall, in San Francisco

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Kirwan
10-19-10

To: The Board of Supervisors
For: the City of San Francisco

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors are voting today on one of the most callous proposals to steal the public's tax money ever contrived. It's called the: CBD Proposal (Community Benefit District), but it is seeking funds from the city, to be taken from the City of San Francisco's Budget by the owners of business properties inside the Civic Center that want to tax themselves in order to "improve" the area—in the name of improving their own businesses. The price for this is to be borne by the city's taxpayers, wherever the city is the landlord; inside civic center. However the Board of Supervisor's not the public, will be voting on this issue today!

This matter should have been on the ballot, as it is an outrage and an attempt to divert badly needed city funds that would go directly into the pockets of some of the wealthiest land-lords in this city.

These properties inside civic center use city services from sidewalks to water and power for the city offices that control civil rights in this city—yet these

land-owners want the citizens to pay them additional funds, in the hundreds of millions, to keep up their private properties from which they derive their private-profits. This scheme has been used in a number of other locations around San Francisco but this involves hundreds of thousands of government dollars in kick-backs to the property owners to do what they have failed to do to date. Here's a page from their literature.

"The Civic Center itself is an Historic District, the most extensive and complete Beaux Arts ensemble in North America and the most magnificent complex of buildings in San Francisco, but the setting does not live up to the architecture. While the public buildings and their grounds are generally well maintained in terms of cleanliness, even this central portion of the district is somewhat barren in appearance. There is little to do of interest in the Civic Center Plaza, one of the largest open spaces in central San Francisco and consequently, it can feel unsafe and barren, especially when the day time worker population is gone."

This is a bare-knuckles attempt to employ sadly unprofessional landscape designers and 'artists' to clutter up the existing terrain with unneeded and unwarranted intrusions into the cities' spacious public spaces, and to take away the public's input into yet another remake of this classic and beautiful place – by those with too much time on their hands because they have too much unearned money and no taste. (Kirwan)

"While the district is relatively safe, it does not feel safe, particularly on the long walks from the BART and Muni Metro stations to the institutions in the central part of the district. As one reaches the edges of the district, closer to Franklin and Market Street on the south and west, and adjoining the Tenderloin on the north and east, a feeling of pedestrian comfort and safety is lacking along the sidewalks.

The Civic Center requires more attention as the ceremonial and functional center of San Francisco's City Government as well as a regional center for state and federal governmental agencies and a major center for employment. Its role as the premiere regional performing arts district for the entire San Francisco Bay Area merits a high level of management and coordination. Civic Center Plaza itself is a site of both planned and unplanned activities that need to be coordinated with the institutions around it. The district's growing residential population has special needs that must be coordinated

with the other needs of the district.”

The civic center of San Francisco does not need to have its civil rights “managed, coordinated” or co-opted by this group of vulture capitalists, by whatever name they chose to call themselves now. What we need is to have this item tabled and sent directly to the ballot box next year. (Kirwan)

“In 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted and the Mayor signed, a new law making it easier to establish special assessment districts in San Francisco, known as Community Benefit Districts. The first step in the formation of a CBD is to determine whether neighborhood proper and business owners support assessing themselves to fund services and improvements that benefit the properties in the district over and above those provided by the City.”

This time however the assessments mentioned involve city-owned properties. This is the back-door to obtain city-funds to support this entirely private venture and needs to seen for what it is. (Kirwan)

“In May 2009, the Friends of the Library [The library is one of the properties in civic center – that has crossed this line before (1)] funded by a grant from the Office of Workforce and Economic Development (OWED) contracted with MJM Management Group to investigate the possible creation of a CBD in the Civic Center neighborhood. Even earlier in 2009, property owners and others interested in forming a CBD formed the Civic Center CBD Steering Committee. Since that time, the 25 member Steering Committee, with the assistance of MJM and OWED, conducted extensive outreach to the community and property owners, including property owner meetings, community meetings, and one-on-one meetings. The Steering Committee mailed two surveys to property owners, and held nine meetings with property owners ~”

Here is a letter to the Board of Supervisors from James Chaffee, a long-time city activist who opposes this outrage for the following reasons.

“CBD Proposal – A “Craven Business Domain” in Civic Center?

First, you should be aware that they don’t actually call it that. It’s technical name is a “Community Benefit District.”

Yes, there is a proposal to create a Civic Center CBD. Because they were assured of its appropriateness, the organizers of this CBD made a presentation to the Library Commission in order to solicit the Commission's support. Because of the nature of the audience, namely the crass and privatized Library Commission, the presentation was the full-on pro-Fascist appeal. It was a promotion that would make the hair stand on end for anyone who respects the role of public space in an American-style democracy. The primary selling point of this CBD, according to its promoters, is a roving band of employees without legal credentials or accountability to be called "ambassadors" who would be charged with clearing out the socially undesirable individuals from the designated area. These "ambassadors" would use methods that were unknown and their only responsibility would be to the "board of directors" of the CBD, who it was clear, would not question the means and only wanted results.

But of course, this is unclear on the concept with respect to the "Civic Center." If the "Civic Center" means anything it is the public communal space in which all members of the society can participate. The essence of the appeal for a CBD is that they can get rid of people who the police are powerless to get rid of. What does that mean exactly? That the CBD can get rid of people who have rights in a democracy, are not doing anything wrong, and have the right to be there under the law?

So that means everyone who is not a friend of the CBD or whose presence does not represent a benefit to the CBD. Of course, they mean not only you and me, but any number of people who are not "connected." It is clear that selfishness in our society has reached such a pass that even the Board of Supervisors think that it doesn't matter if they aren't doing it to "me." But the fact is, they haven't done it to you, yet.

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James Chaffee”

This fashionable “idea” of the CBD goes deeply against the grain of anyone that understands the full thrust of citizen-controlled government. And while this might be workable as a plan for private land-owners dealing with privately held properties elsewhere in the city – it will not work in this area that is filled with city-owned properties—nor should it ever be entertained.

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1) High Tech Barbarians at the Gates

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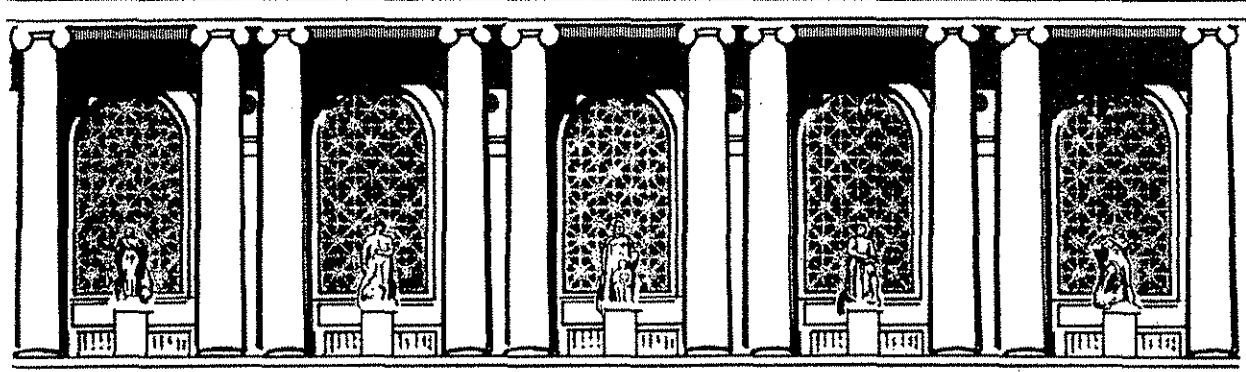
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The Original Library Movement
October 18, 2010
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Member, Board of Supervisors
City Hall
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Re: "Craven Business Domain" in Civic Center, File No. 101201

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Very truly yours,



James Chaffee

cc: Mayor Newsom, Ethics Commission,
Interested Citizens and Media



To: Victor Young/BOS/SFGOV,
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Subject: File 101201: Opposing CBD in Civic Center -- today's agenda

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Sophie.Maxwell@sfgov.org
Date: 10/19/2010 02:10 PM
Subject: Opposing CBD in Civic Center -- today's agenda

Dear Supervisors:

Library Users Association opposes the creation of a CBD in Civic Center, which the Board has on today's agenda and to which the library proposes to contribute more than \$21,000 in the first year.

The chief purpose appears to be to sweep homeless people, and perhaps other "undesirables," out of the district through the use of low-paid "ambassadors." You should know that the library workers union expressed itself as opposed at last week's Library Commission meeting, as did one of the library commissioners who is an attorney. Library Users and other members of the public also opposed this during Public Comment on the item.

It was clear from the presentation by Mr. Chappel (spelling?), who gave a presentation, that sweeping a person from sleeping on the street -- something he said she had been doing for year, without any apparent legal or other bad consequence -- was his big example of success for another CBD.

There was not even a suggestion, when Mr. Chappel told the story, that any information or assistance was offered to the homeless person. Yet in subsequent discussion, with leading questions asked by City Librarian, Mr. Chapel "agreed" that help was provided as a routine part of the CBD's activities.

This program is an ugly thing for a library that is supposed to welcome everybody, and the city, to take part in -- and if there are legal or social problems the city should be able to handle them with existing services.

The library's contribution for the first year represents TWO YEARS of the adult book budget several years ago at a medium-sized branch -- and would pay for a trailer to be parked in front of a closed branch library for more than two years, allowing full-time interim service to be provided for two of six neighborhood communities currently being given just 5-8 hours per week of bookmobile service while their branches are closed for renovation/rebuilding.

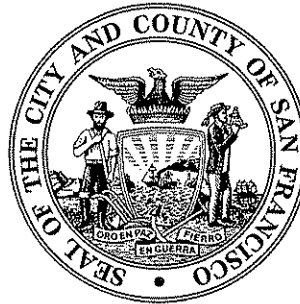
Please oppose this ugly, poorly defined, costly program.

Thank you.

Peter Warfield
Executive Director
Library Users Association

City and County of San Francisco

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Michael Hennessey
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(415) 554-7225

October 19, 2010
Reference: CFO 2010-019

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Inmate Welfare Fund Annual Report

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4025, enclosed please find the annual report of inmate welfare fund expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 554-4316.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen Gannon".

Maureen Gannon
Chief Financial Officer

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**City County of San Francisco Sheriff's Department
Inmate Welfare Fund
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**

REVENUES

Confiscated / Contraband Money from Inmates	45
Aramark - Commissionary	642,744
PCS - Inmate Collect Calls	614,688
Fund Balance	67,483

TOTAL REVENUES: 1,324,960

EXPENDITURES

Permanent Salaries & Fringe (Prisoner Legal Services & Jail Program Staff)	356,621
Other Events (Job Fair for Clients)	1,026
Professional Services (Law universities work study)	5,085
Transportation (Greyhound & Muni fare)	2,208
Other Current Expenses (Check printing, Postage, Subscriptions, Satellite TV - CJ#5)	72,610
License Fees	3,850
City Grant Program (Jail Programs Provided by Community Based Organizations)	492,151
Materials & Supplies (Office Supplies, TVs, Recreation Supplies, Printed Materials, Books, & Other)	23,611
Indigent Packets for Prisoners	43,762
Medical Supplies for Prisoners	29,808
Equipment Purchases (Microwaves)	14,742

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: 1,045,474

Revenue Surplus/(Deficit): 279,486

Support for Shell Thomas' bid for a seat on the Entertainment Commission

Jamie Brown

to:

Michela.Aloito-Pier, David.Campos, Eric.Mar

10/19/2010 03:58 AM

Cc:

board.of.supervisors, Carmen.Chiu, John.Avalos, Chris.Daly, David.Chiu, Sean.Elsbernd,

Sophie.Maxwell, Ross.Markarimi, Bevan.Dufty

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Dear San Francisco Rules Committee and members of the Board of Supervisors,

I would like to show my support for and offer my endorsement of Shell Thomas for the currently vacant seat on the SF Entertainment Commission.

I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Mr. Thomas over the past few months in his efforts to rejuvenate the Clement street business corridor, both through the Clement Street Merchants Association and privately. His knowledge of and experience with the bar and restaurant industry and small business environment of our fair City is impressive to say the least, and has opened my mind to ideas and opportunities that I would not have thought of otherwise. As you well know, these are difficult times to own and maintain a bar in San Francisco - with his influence and support I am more galvanized and excited about it than I have been in some time.

I believe that with his experience, organization, personality (I know that sounds trite, but believe me, it's important), passion, and OBVIOUS dedication and commitment to the SF entertainment industry, including a little neighborhood bar like mine, he would be a most welcome addition to the commission.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jamie Brown



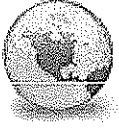
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Entertainment Commission AppointmentC

Steve Black to: Michela.Aloito-Pier, David.Campos, Eric.Mar

10/19/2010 09:42 AM

Cc: board.of.supervisors, Carmen.Chiu, John.Avalos, Chris.Daly,
David.Chiu, Sean.Elsbernd, Sophie.Maxwell, "Ross.", Bevan.Dufty

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Commission and Board members,

I have owned and operated the Lush Lounge for the last 11 years and worked originally with the SFPD in obtaining an Entertainment License. I strongly urge

you to consider Mr. Shell Thomas for the seat that is currently open on the Entertainment Commission. As some of you well may well know, lower Polk Street has been a major player in nightlife and since Shell has come aboard as Business

Corridor Manager his presence has already had a major influence on keeping the 8

bars within a block and a half radius in line. Currently he is helping in organizing a summit for all bar owners to address noise, recycling, entertainment and basic quality of life issues.

Thank you,

Steve Black
chairperson Lower Polk Neighbors



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
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Subject: Shell Thomas/Entertainment Commission

From: Michael ORourke <michaeld7@gmail.com>
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Date: 10/19/2010 08:05 PM
Subject: Shell Thomas/Entertainment Commission

Letter of Support for Shell Thomas for Entertainment Commission 10/19/10

My name is Michael O'Rourke, I am an independent director/producer of film and video, working in the industry and in the city for over twenty years. I also am the co-founder and Producer of the How Weird St Faire Street. I am writing to provide support and ask for your consideration on behalf of Shell Thomas for a seat on the Entertainment Commission. I believe Shell understands not only the policy issues facing the Entertainment Commission but also possesses a wealth of operational experience managing nightclubs/entertainment venues and events that make him an ideal candidate.

Regards

Michael O'Rourke
Producer
150 Folsom St.
San Francisco, CA 94105
415 425-7385

I am writing to recommend Shell Thomas for the Entertainment Commission
Lauren Mills
to:
board.of.supervisors
10/20/2010 02:19 PM
Please respond to lmills
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BOS-11
Rules Clerk

Dear San Francisco Rules Committee and members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to show my support for and offer my endorsement of Shell Thomas for the currently vacant seat on the SF Entertainment Commission.

Over the past few years, I have come to know Shell through his spearheading of projects supporting local San Francisco businesses. His extensive knowledge and experience he has of the bar and restaurant industry, and his perceptiveness to the diverse needs of the local SF economy is apparent in every aspect of his work, as is his enthusiasm for working in the entertainment industry.

I work as an energy analyst and educator with the Food Service Technology Center. The Food Service Technology Center has been promoting energy & water efficiency and the advancement of technology in commercial foodservices for over 20 years. We serve as a national educational resource and a free support program for those located in PG&E service territory. On many notable projects I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work with Shell to serve the entertainment industry of San Francisco. Using our services Shell has assisted numerous bars, clubs, and restaurants to lower their operating costs through energy and water efficiency and institute more sustainable policies and practices. Mr. Thomas has hosted and coordinated FSTC-led trainings and workshops in the City (most notably for SF Small Business Week) focusing on greening your restaurant, as well as numerous site surveys, individual customer support, and utility rebate assistance. Mr. Thomas' dedication to this industry is evident to me as he has gone above and beyond to serve these operators, even personally attending every site survey.

Mr. Thomas is a pleasure to work with and his enthusiasm for his work is both inspirational and refreshing. *I cannot recommend Mr. Thomas highly enough as a candidate who can juggle the daunting tasks of serving the merchants most fundamental economic needs while balancing the larger goal of creating a greener entertainment and hospitality industry in San Francisco.* Given current economic times, I find these credentials highly impressive. I strongly believe with his extensive experience, skills, personality, and obvious commitment to the SF entertainment industry, Shell Thomas would make an exemplary addition to the commission.

Thank you for your consideration,

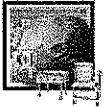


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Dept 27-HRC 12B request
Cynthia Avakian to: Board of Supervisors

10/19/2010 10:15 AM

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Clerk of the Board,

Attached is a waiver request being submitted to the Human Rights Commission.

Please let me know if you have further questions. Thanks,

Cynthia Avakian
Contracts Administration Unit
San Francisco International Airport
P. O. Box 8097, San Francisco, CA 94128
E-mail: cynthia.avakian@flysfso.com
Phone: (650) 821-2014, Fax: (650) 821-2011



HRC Form 201-Chevron USA with signed letter.pdf



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

S.F. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTERS 12B and 14B

WAIVER REQUEST FORM

(HRC Form 201)

FOR HRC USE ONLY
Request Number: _____

► Section 1. Department Information

Department Head Signature: _____ *[Signature]*

Name of Department: Airport Commission / Auto Shop

Department Address: Building 682, McDonnell Road, SFO

Contact Person: Derek Fliess

Phone Number: 650-821-5411 Fax Number: 650-821-2011

► Section 2. Contractor Information

Contractor Name: Chevron USA, Inc. Contact Person: _____

Contractor Address: P.O. Box 9560 Concord, Calif. 94524

Vendor Number (if known): 04877 Contact Phone No.: _____

► Section 3. Transaction Information

Date Waiver Request Submitted: October 7, 2010 Type of Contract: Blanket

Contract Start Date: November 1, 2010 End Date: November 1, 2011 Dollar Amount of Contract: \$1,000.00

► Section 4. Administrative Code Chapter to be Waived (please check all that apply)

- Chapter 12B
- Chapter 14B *Note: Employment and LBE subcontracting requirements may still be in force even when a 14B waiver (type A or B) is granted.*

► Section 5. Waiver Type (Letter of Justification *must* be attached, see Check List on back of page.)

- A. Sole Source
- B. Emergency (pursuant to Administrative Code §6.60 or 21.15)
- C. Public Entity
- D. No Potential Contractors Comply – Copy of waiver request sent to Board of Supervisors on:
- E. Government Bulk Purchasing Arrangement – Copy of waiver request sent to Board of Supervisors on:
- F. Sham/Shell Entity – Copy of waiver request sent to Board of Supervisors on:
- G. Local Business Enterprise (LBE) (for contracts in excess of \$5 million; see Admin. Code §14B.7.1.3)
- H. Subcontracting Goals

HRC ACTION	
12B Waiver Granted: _____	14B Waiver Granted: _____
12B Waiver Denied: _____	14B Waiver Denied: _____
Reason for Action: _____	
HRC Staff: _____	Date: _____
HRC Staff: _____	Date: _____
HRC Director: _____	Date: _____

DEPARTMENT ACTION – This section must be completed and returned to HRC for waiver types D, E & F.	
Date Waiver Granted: _____	Contract Dollar Amount: _____



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October 7, 2010

Ms. Theresa Sparks
Executive Director
Human Rights Commission
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94102-6033

AIRPORT
COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY
OF SAN FRANCISCO

Subject: Waiver of S.F. Administrative Code, Chapter 12B for a Chevron USA Credit Card for Emergency Roadside Repairs, Not to Exceed \$1000.00, Annually

GAVIN NEWSOM
MAYOR

Dear Ms. Sparks:

LARRY MAZZOLA
PRESIDENT

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval of a waiver of S.F. Administrative Code, Chapter 12B for a Chevron USA credit card. The Auto Shop at the San Francisco International Airport uses a Chevron USA credit card for emergency roadside repairs and for fueling City owned vehicles that have traveled out of the area on City business. According to the Airport purchaser, at this time Chevron USA is the only vendor that supplies this service to the City. Having this credit card available for the Auto Shop to use in emergencies is vital to the Auto Shop.

LINDA S. CRAYTON
VICE PRESIDENT

CARYL ITO

ELEANOR JOHNS

RICHARD J. GUGGENHIME

The request is for a term of one (1) year in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,000.

JOHN L. MARTIN
AIRPORT DIRECTOR

Enclosed is the Human Rights Commission (HRC) waiver request form (201). If you have any questions, please contact Derek Fliess, at (650) 821-5411.

Very truly yours,

John L. Martin
Airport Director

Attachment

Airport Commission
San Francisco International Airport
City and County of San Francisco

Inter-Office Memorandum

To: John L. Martin
Airport Director

Date: October 7, 2010

Thru: Jackson Wong
Acting Deputy Airport Director, Facilities

From: Derek Fliess
Airport Fleet Manager

Subject: Chevron USA Waiver Request

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Having this credit card available for the Auto Shop to use in emergencies is vital to the Auto Shop.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Thank You,



Derek Fliess
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Attachment



Gavin Newsom, Mayor
Edward D. Reiskin, Director

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4645

October 19, 2010

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Chapter 14B Micro-LBE Set Aside Program Quarterly Report

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Pursuant to Administrative Code Sec. 14B.7(K)(2), please find a report on the Micro-LBE Set-Aside Program for contracts of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

As amended earlier this year, the Code requires contract awarding departments to disclose the following information to the Board of Supervisors each quarter in 2010: (1) the number of contracts and the amount of each contract awarded under the Micro-LBE set-aside program; and (2) all public work/construction contracts equaling \$400,000 or less not awarded under this program, and all other contracts equaling \$100,000 or less not awarded under this program, accompanied by an explanation as to why the contract was not set-aside for award under this program, or if set-aside, whether it was subsequently not awarded or awarded under any other procedure.

The table below lists eligible construction contracts that have been awarded by DPW from July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

Eligible Contracts				
Award Date	Job Title	Contractor	Award Amount	Explanation of Award
9/29/2010	General Construction Job Order Contract	Nicole's Work, Inc.	\$1,000,000	JOC Micro-LBE Set-Aside

DPW did make one award for construction work under \$400,000 during this period, but that work was federally funded (ARRA stimulus funds) and therefore the Chapter 14B requirements did not apply. However, the work, a \$350,000 curb ramp contract, was awarded to a minority-owned small-LBE firm.

DPW has not awarded any professional services contracts under the \$100,000 threshold; and DPW has awarded 11.49% (187) of eligible commodities and general services contracts to Micro-LBE firms, which

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Chapter 14B Micro-LBE Set-Aside Program Quarterly Report
October 19, 2010
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accounted for 8.05% (\$166,975.49) of the total dollar amount of contracts under \$100,000 awarded under Administrative Code Chapter 21.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward D. Reiskin".

Edward D. Reiskin
Director

cc: Theresa Sparks, Human Rights Commission



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
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Subject: IVAN'S OPINION OF PROPOSITION 19

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IVAN'S REMARK ON THE GENERAL LEGALIZATION OF CALIFORNIA'S MARIJUANA LAWS FOR LEISURELY USAGE October 19 2010

Recently, on October 19, 2010, I passed a message around concerning the Federal Government's acceptance of California's State Rights to Legalize Marijuana for general usage on Proposition 19. When I thought about sending this message around to different Email internet constituencies I should have clarified my own opinion and consideration on this matter of Legalized Marijuana in the State of California.

Personally, and this remark is not carved in adamant granite, never to be edited or reflected upon in some reasonably intellectual manner for further considerations for the future (a somehow failing reasonability in our failing democracy in the United States). And certainly no one that I know can be correct in everything they do or say, as a matter of fact, when we discover the quality and nature of our own personal ignorance concerning anything in life, this is an indication that we can look forward to learning new perspectives that make up the contexts of our individual personal lives - which could be very exciting, if we give ourselves half the chance to approach these new horizons in our personal lives - as most of us know, most people will not allow themselves the privilege of such a personal matriculated experience of enlightenment - and then later on blame everyone but themselves for their unhappy lives, and in truth, most people are sycophants to whatever the existing establishment is in truth all about in existing policy now and in the future - rather an opportunistic pigeons existence - pigeons also eat where they defecate as well, and some people are truly guilty of such a life, if you want to call that living. But in a democratic society, or what is supposed to be a democratic society, if people want to live like pigeons, these people are entitled to do just that, live like pigeons, hence democracy.

For pigeon, such a life is understandable, it is part of this animals evolutionary experience as a bird species, but when people start living and thinking like pigeons, there is something to be concerned about. Which brings me finally to my true opinion of Proposition 19, California's Legalization of Marijuana for the general populace in the state of California. I am disturbed by something that no one seems to bring up in these entrepreneurial enterprises of taxed marijuana business in California (as usual, people have got they're noses open for the immediate financial profit, and don't think in the long term - Wall Streets big problem to overcome in relation to sustainable systems environmental ecology as a profitable business commodity).

Since we have declared, by way of legislation and observation, that Marijuana should be used for medical problems, in particular the people who suffer from the radical pains and discomforts of HIV/AIDS that marijuana should be used to relieve these said patients from health discomforts, that if marijuana is legalized in California, that people living with the pain and discomforts of medical problems, should be able, by way of they're medical marijuana cards receive at least a twenty-five percent discount on each of they're marijuana purchases? Of course President Barrack O'Bama has already said that if he sends federal marshal law to discipline and enforce federal law against marijuana, that these dispensaries distributing marijuana to medically qualified patients would be exempt from federal investigation, due to an invasion of California's potentially elected legalization of Marijuana in the State of California (can people, for example, living with the discomforts of HIV/AIDS believe President Barrack O'bama's mercy with medical marijuana clubs dispensaries?).

I feel like the meat in a sandwich on this subject of voting for Proposition 19, Legalization of California's Laws on Marijuana Usage for the general publics entertainment. One part of me says yes, learn the lesson the Dutch in Europe have learned and emulate they're laws in controlling the general usage of marijuana, and then the other side of my consciousness says, "well, I thought we where legalizing marijuana for those poor folk, in which I am one, who suffer from the medical problems and complications of HIV/AIDS". Where I am concerned, in truth, I think that California should be a testing grounds for some of the Copenhagen Dutch laws in place concerning the general use of Marijuana, which couldn't be any worse then the drinking laws in place if you are caught intoxicated while driving a motor vehicle - and this is just for starters in the making of California's new laws concerning general usage of marijuana as a legalized practice.

As a person I believe very much in experimentation, in this way by experimenting, you can gather observed and verifiable facts in comparisons, due to the process of experimentation which demands making comparisons to be presented on the think-tank table - in this way we can avoid some moralistic and religious values that are largely hypothetical, unproven, and mostly segregated hegemonic hearsay that only favors favoritism of pure assumption and a metaphorical ideology (in otherwords, is the moon made out of cheese? Well since the 1960's moon flights we know the moon officially is not made of cheese - a very comfortable feeling in my opinion). And in truth, do we truly know whether marijuana will project that much California Tax revenue? (This brings to mind the California Lottery which was suppose to project a comfortable finances for California's Public School system, which it has failed in doing so) How should we find out unless we seriously set up some sought of comparative experiments that are susceptible to on going editing as part of the process of comparisons

- hypothetical assumption based in hearsay, and ideological morality is not a very reliable source for decision making on Proposition 19, The Legalization of Marijuana in the State of California.

Sciences Directly Appropriate for Environmental Studies/Social Advocation:

IVAN EDGAR PRATT, "XERISCAPE / BUDDHA, INC." IEP55@juno.com, Internet direct quote and paraphrase transcription "President O'Bama's On California Marijuana Election October 19, 2010" information, Sustainable Systems Environmental Ecology, WebPage: http://www.brookscoble.com/cgi-brookscoble/course_products_bc.pl?fid=M20b&product_isbn_issn=0534376975&discipline_number=22

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution, John Rahaim/CTYPLN/SFGOV,
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Subject: Parkmerced - protecting rental housing stock from predatory equity lending +
development/developers.....

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To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Cc: linda.avery@sfgov.org
Date: 10/19/2010 08:58 PM
Subject: Parkmerced - protecting rental housing stock from predatory equity lending +
development/developers.....

sharks eating bigger sharks...

(see attached memo on Parkmerced and Fortress Investments, making a new location/office in SF)...

what about the people & the place at risk of this endeavor and effects, and the issue of the eir which lacked ar

now SFSU-CSU is scheduled to start work on Oct. 21st, this is prior to the HRE and any Parkmerced projects
and the development push for entitlements is all about the greed....it seems everyone is betting on the approve

what about the people, the place, and what it was built for originally?

it was **TO HOUSE PEOPLE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE HOUSING COSTS IN SF....**

now its a milking cow for profiteers and the SFSU-CSU foundation....

it would be nice for a change to see politicians and the SF planning department focused on what essential need
rental housing stock essential to working families seniors, students and disabled residents....

Please forward cc: SF Planning Commission / SF Board of Supervisors....

Thank you

Sincerely

Aaron Goodman
amgodman@yahoo.com



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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
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Subject: San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance (File #100455)

From: Eve Meyer <evem@sfsuicide.org>
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Cc: gail.johnson@sfgov.org, Jeremy.Pollock@sfgov.org
Date: 10/19/2010 03:55 PM
Subject: San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance (File #100455)

To the Board of Supervisors:

The following is a transcript of my testimony regarding the San Francisco Safe Drug Drug Disposal Ordinance on 10/18/2010.

My name is Eve Meyer. I am with San Francisco Suicide Prevention.

San Francisco has 120 suicides every year, as opposed to 80 homicides. There are also 6000 suicide attempts each year, or one every hour and half. Most of these 6,000 attempts take place with pharmaceuticals or over-the-counter drugs.

We would like to speak out in favor of this measure. According to an article in the Journal of American Medical Association in 2006, one of the most salient preventive measures that can be taken against suicide is the removal of lethal means from the immediate surrounding of a person in crisis. Especially a young person.

This applies to adolescents that make impulsive attempts, especially if they have access to means in their homes.

We can protect both our children and our environment. I urge that we take this into account as we consider this measure.

Thank you.

Eve R. Meyer, Executive Director
San Francisco Suicide Prevention
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San Francisco, CA 94119-1350
Business Line: 415/984-1900
Crisis Line: 415/781-0500
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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: File 100455: Support the SF Safe Drug Disposal ordinance (file #100455)

----- Forwarded by Board of Supervisors/BOS/SFGOV on 10/25/2010 11:09 AM -----

From: Barbara Blong <barbara@sfsan.org>
To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Mayor Gavin Newsom <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>, Gail Johnson <gail.johnson@sfgov.org>
Date: 10/22/2010 11:25 PM
Subject: Support the SF Safe Drug Disposal ordinance (file #100455)

Please make sure every Supervisor receives this attached letter.
Thank you!

Barbara Blong
Executive Director
Senior Action Network
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San Francisco, CA 94103
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barbara@sfsan.org



Safe Drug Disposal letter Oct. 22, 10.doc

SENIOR ACTION NETWORK



965 Mission Street, Suite 705 * San Francisco, CA 94103
Phone 546-1333 * Fax 546-1344 * www.sfsan.org

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
CC: Mayor Gavin Newsom <gavin.newsom@sfgov.org>; Gail Johnson
<gail.johnson@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support the SF Safe Drug Disposal ordinance (file #100455)

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to ask you to support the San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal ordinance.

Safe disposal of expired drugs is a serious concern of seniors in San Francisco. Having large collections of expired drugs in the home can cause confusion and lead to medication usage mistakes. Expired prescription medications are also frequent targets of theft. This ordinance will make San Francisco seniors safer.

Requiring pharmaceutical companies to fund the disposal of their products is the fair thing to do—especially when considering how the massive increase in pharmaceutical advertising in recent years has driven additional demand for their products.

Extended Producer Responsibility is a growing movement to require manufacturers to cover the disposal costs of the dangerous and hazardous products. In the past two years, California passed manufacturer-funded EPR programs for carpet, paint, and mercury thermostats.

Unfortunately, the pharmaceutical industry has successfully opposed attempts to create mandatory drug disposal programs in the U.S. But this is a well established model that is already in place in a number of countries, including Spain, France, Portugal, Australia, and parts of Canada.

The British Columbia program proves that drug disposal programs can be run smoothly and efficiently. A single nonprofit administers the program. At a cost of \$315,000 Canadian dollars that is divided among the pharmaceutical manufacturers, they operate a program for a province with a population of 4.4 million.

It is time to stand up to the pharmaceutical lobby and require that drug manufacturers fund the proper disposal of their products. Please support the San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal ordinance.

Sincerely,

Barbara Blong
Senior Action Network



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Sierra Club supports San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance (file #100455)

From: BeckyE <rebecae@earthlink.net>
To: Ross Mirkarimi <Ross.Mirkarimi@SFGOV.org>, board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org, Mayor Newsom <Gavin.Newsom@SFGOV.org>, gail.johnson@sfgov.org
Cc: Jeremy Pollock <jeremy.pollock@sfgov.org>
Date: 10/22/2010 04:01 PM
Subject: Sierra Club supports San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance (file #100455)

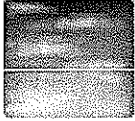
The Sierra Club supports the San Francisco Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance (file #100455); please see the attached document.

Thank you,

Rebecca Evans
Chair



San Francisco Group Sierra Club DrugDisposal.doc



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Controller's Office Report: FY 2010-11 First Quarter Budget Status Report

From: Controller Reports/CON/SFGOV
To: Angela Calvillo, BOS-Supervisors/BOS/SFGOV, BOS-Legislative Aides/BOS/SFGOV, Steve Kawa, Greg Wagner/MAYOR/SFGOV@SFGOV, Tony Winnicker/MAYOR/SFGOV@SFGOV, Starr Terrell/MAYOR/SFGOV@SFGOV, Severin Campbell/BudgetAnalyst/SFGOV@SFGOV, Debra Newman/BudgetAnalyst/SFGOV@SFGOV, Harvey Rose, sfdocs@sfpl.info, gmetcalf@spur.org, Ben Rosenfield, monique.zmuda@sfgov.org, Maura Lane, CON-Media Contact/CON/SFGOV, CON-EVERYONE/CON/SFGOV, CON-CCSF Dept Heads/CON/SFGOV@SFGOV, CON-Finance Officers/CON/SFGOV
Date: 10/20/2010 01:36 PM
Subject: Controller's Office Report: FY 2010-11 First Quarter Budget Status Report
Sent by: Debbie Toy

The City and County of San Francisco Controller's Office Fiscal Year 2010-11 First Quarter General Fund Budget Status Report projects that the General Fund will end the fiscal year with a \$21.5 million surplus, assuming \$30.1 million in uncertain revenues are received. The FY 2010-11 State budget reduced the City's General Fund revenue by an estimated \$7.0 million, which is less than the City's \$30 million budgeted allowance for State revenue shortfalls. Additionally, the City is projected to end the year with a balance of \$25.0 million in the General Reserve and \$33.4 million in the Rainy Day Reserve.

The report is available online at <http://sfcontroller.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1323>

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ROBERT MORALES
Secretary-Treasurer

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: 10-20-, 2010

TO: A. F. Board of Supervisors FAX NO.: 415-554-5163

FROM: Robert Morales

SUBJECT Please, give to all Supervisors and
David Chiu - Board President

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 3

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Letter to John A. Legnitto
October 19, 2010
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While we understand Recology's position that no drivers will be laid off as a result of the replacement of truck hauling with rail, (1) as noted in my letter to the Board of Supervisors, many of the long haul drivers are physically unable to return to commercial or residential waste/recycling trucks and will not be physically able to work as drivers despite Recology's no layoff commitment; and (2) the Agreement shrinks the number of the San Francisco-based jobs by eliminating an entire classification during an economic recession when skilled jobs are in great demand and sorely needed by San Francisco residents.

It is our concern over *San Francisco based jobs* that was the basis for my October 4 letter's reference to sorters, helpers and related classifications. As we understand the Agreement, because sorting will be performed at the rail hub or at the new landfills, sorters, helpers, machine operators now *performing their work in San Francisco* will find their jobs outsourced to employees in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The fact that these employees outside San Francisco are Union-represented or subject to San Francisco employment ordinances entirely misses the point: Local 350 opposes the Agreement because it permanently eliminates jobs long performed in San Francisco and outsources that work to other counties.

In light of these ongoing concerns Local 350 rejects Recology's contention that the Agreement is in the interest of its members or the City and County of San Francisco and declines your request that we withdraw our letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully yours,



Robert Morales
Secretary-Treasurer

Cc: San Francisco board of Supervisors

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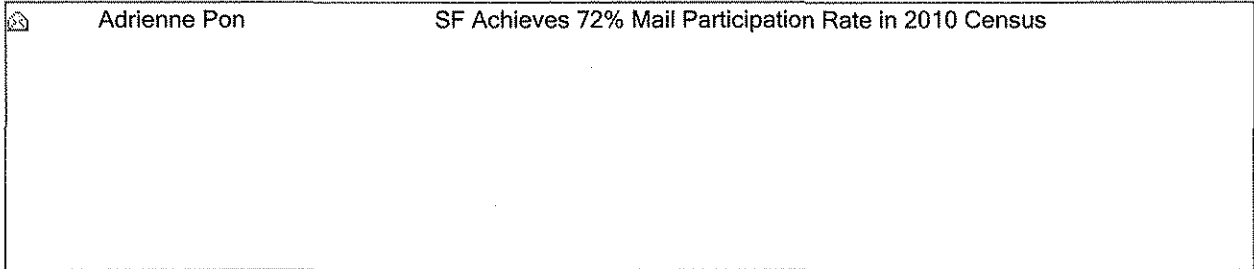
SF Achieves 72% Mail Participation Rate in 2010 Census

Adrienne Pon to:

10/21/2010 10:46 AM

Bcc: Board of Supervisors

This message is digitally signed.



Dear Supervisors,

Good news. The U.S. Census Bureau just released the final results for 2010 Census Mail Participation Rates.

Here's the short story:

1- San Francisco's rate is 72%, a 4% overall increase over 2000 and one of the highest rates of improvement in California.

2- Mail-in participation rates are just one indicator of success for the census. San Francisco's outreach efforts were focused on increasing participation in eight historically hard-to-count areas of the city, for example Bayview/Hunters Point which achieved a nine percent improvement over the 2000 Census, and Chinatown, which achieved the highest overall participation rate.

3- Part of the credit goes to the SF Complete Count Committee and the extraordinary efforts of our community partners and grantees who worked closely with the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs and City Departments to improve participation rates in all eight of San Francisco's hardest-to-count neighborhoods (Bayview, Chinatown, Excelsior, Mission, South of Market, Tenderloin, Visitation Valley and Western Addition). This and significant support from the Mayor's Office and Board of Supervisors is what put us over the top.

Thank you so much for your leadership and inspiration.

Cheers,

Adrienne

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To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
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Subject: The old Schlage Lock Company and dubious activities.

From: Francisco Da Costa <fdc1947@gmail.com>
To: Francisco Da Costa <fdc1947@gmail.com>
Date: 10/21/2010 09:03 AM
Subject: The old Schlage Lock Company and dubious activities.

The old Schlage Lock Company and dubious activities:

<http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/10/21/18661896.php>

Francisco Da Costa

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October 20, 2010

Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
Attn: Clerk Angela Calvillo
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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BY

Re: Real Estate Fraud Annual Report pursuant to Government Code §27388(d)

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Please find enclosed the San Francisco District Attorney's Office Real Estate Fraud Annual Report for fiscal year 2009-2010. This is the second year where District Attorney's Offices statewide are required to submit this report to their local Board of Supervisors and to the California Legislative Analyst's office each year, pursuant to California Government Code §27388(d). Copies of this report have also been submitted to David Chiu, President of the Board of Supervisors, and to Ms. Russia Chavis at the state Legislative Analyst's Office.

Should you have any questions about this report, please feel free to contact me at 415-551-9552, or at suzy.loftus@sfgov.org.

Very truly yours,

KAMALA D. HARRIS
District Attorney

SUZY LOFTUS
Assistant District Attorney

- C. FY 2009-2010 expenditures were: \$109,797
- D. Non Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund monies used to fund activities in FY 2009-2010: 0
- E. Ending balance in Real Estate Fraud Prosecution Trust Fund 2009-2010: \$4,692
- F. Uses to which funds were put: investigation & prosecution
- G. Was Real Estate Prosecution Trust Fund money distributed to a law enforcement agency other than the district attorney's office in FY 2009-2010?
Yes; SF Police Department

III. Contact Person

- A. Suzy Loftus / Assistant District Attorney
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- C. 415-551-9552
- D. Suzy.Loftus@sfgov.org



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
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Subject: (SF Approved List) Price of Green Cleaning Survey

From: "Chris Geiger & Jessian Choy, SF Dept. of Environment" <chris.geiger@sfgov.org>
To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org
Date: 10/22/2010 05:58 PM
Subject: (SF Approved List) Price of Green Cleaning Survey

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SF Approved List News

• San Francisco Department of the Environment • October 22, 2010

Newest Survey Shows Green Cleaning Product Prices are Equivalent to Conventional Products

It doesn't necessarily take more 'green' to go 'green.' The San Francisco Department of the Environment completed a survey last month showing that - for cleaning products at least - the prices are about the same. Add on the long-term benefits of green cleaning, such as worker health and water savings, and you've got a winning program. You can [view the full study here](#).

The SFE study aimed to gather more objective information on the topic by surveying the prices of 373 cleaning products from 26 manufacturers across 8 product categories. Previous surveys have shown that custodial supervisors believe green cleaning costs a little more than conventional. Our results showed that green product prices were not significantly different from those of equivalent conventional products, with the exception of floor strippers, where conventional products were more expensive. In fact, most green products (except glass cleaners) averaged somewhat cheaper than conventional, which was not at all what we expected to find.

While the prices were adjusted for different concentrations, it is important to note that price variability was high. Also, the survey could not account for differences in product effectiveness, although many third-party green certified products are required to pass a scrub test.

As expected, products sold as aerosols or as ready-to-use (RTU) products were significantly more expensive than the equivalent concentrates; RTU products averaged 15 times more expensive and aerosols averaged 27 times more expensive. So here is an easy win for small businesses who currently use consumer-grade cleaning products: **Switch to institutional grade, third-party certified, green products instead!** You will save money while you improve your environmental profile.

[View the full study here.](#)

Why Use SFApproved.org

SF Approved is a project of the San Francisco Department of the Environment, which is charged with implementing the City's Precautionary Purchasing Ordinance. The Ordinance requires us to work with City departments to develop "approved alternatives lists" of environmentally friendly products. We strive to use the best available science to assess environmental and health impacts, while also facilitating a robust conversation with City users about product performance.

Use the SF Approved List to find:

- Over 1,000 green products & services
- City-approved vendors.
- Citywide term contract awards and cost savings
- Easier compliance with green purchasing laws

› Get on the City's list of green purchasing leaders.

› Reduce worker health & safety complaints, incidences, and sick days.

› Buy less pollution when you shop.

› Be eligible to be the **Green Purchaser of the Year**: It'll look great on your resume. And you'll get to shine in the spotlight at the Annual Green & Blue Awards. Congratulations to Mike Hanson, Real Estate Dept., for receiving this award in 2010!

Questions?

- Get an entertaining consultation on how we can help your staff buy green and reuse, recycle, or dispose of toxic products.
- Tell us what you think of SFApproved.org and green products you try.

Spread the Word

- Forward this email to your team.
- If someone forwarded this email to you, join our email list.

Thank you for protecting our health and environment!

Jessian Choy & Chris Geiger

Green Purchasing, Integrated Pest Management, Toxics Disposal Program for City of SF Depts.

SF Dept. of Environment

Phone: (415) 355-3700

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Subject: Golden Pensions with Gild

From: JAMES CORRIGAN <marylouc@mac.com>
To: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org
Date: 10/22/2010 01:55 PM
Subject: Golden Pensions with Gild

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

The size of the pensions in this fixed link? website is unsustainable and should be addressed.

Our City's future is threatened by the largesse of Police & Fire Pensions.

fixed link?

James J. Corrigan

North Beach Library

lgoodin1

to:

Eric.L.Mar, Cassandra.Costello, Lin-Shao.Chin, Michela.Alioto-Pier, Bill.Barnes, Cathrine.Stefani, David.Chiu, Judson.True, Catherine.Rauschuber, Carmen.Chu, Katy.Tang, Cammy.Blackstone, Ross.Mirkarimi, Rick.Galbreat, Vallie.Brown, Jeremy.Pollock, Chris.Daly, Tom.Jackson, April.Veneracion, Sean.Elsbernd, Olivia.Scanlon, Alexander.Volberding, Bevan.Dufty, Boe.Hayward, David.Campos, Sheila.ChungHagen, Hillary.Rone, Sophie.Maxwell, Jon.Lau, Alice.Guidry, John.Avalos, Raquel.Redondiez, Frances.Hsie

10/22/2010 01:50 PM

Cc:

"board.of.supervisors", "cwnevius"

Please respond to lgoodin1

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Supervisors,

John King, Chronicle architectural critic, had it spot on when he called the existing North Beach Library "a dubious landmark." The issue is the construction of a brand new state of the art library for North Beach as opposed to the preservation of a structure that resembles a tractor shed. Mr. King's report brought some perspective to the proposed landmarking of the North Beach Library.

When built circa 1959, the site chosen was a political decision not a construction one. It was a fatally flawed location and design from the beginning. Landmarking would just compound that error. The structure is arguably the worst example of a 1950's style of architecture. The Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation for landmarking was decided on a four to three vote – a pretty close call.

The Master Plan for the development of the Joe DiMaggio Playground/North Beach Pool/North Beach Library complex - a master plan that was developed out of many community meetings and community input - is unanimously supported by both the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Library. It has wide-spread support in North Beach – over 1000 people signed a petition in favor of a new library and demolition of the old.

But the real story is not just about a structure of questionable value. It is about a new, modern library. It is even not just about a library. It is also about a bigger, better playground. And in the final analysis, it is about a neighborhood. A neighborhood of people, of families, of children, and of seniors. A neighborhood that has worked very hard together to bring about a project that will be an enrichment for the residents of North Beach.

Please do NOT landmark the North Beach Library. Please let this project move forward. It's been a long hard slog.

Thank you,

Lee Goodin

lgoodin1@mindspring.com



To: BOS Constituent Mail Distribution,
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: File 101155: Mayor Making Move On Open Data Policy This Thu - Already required under Sunshine

File 101155
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From: Kimo Crossman <kimo@webnetic.net>
To: Theresa Mueller <Theresa.Mueller@sfgov.org>, LaTonia Stokes <LaTonia.Stokes@sfgov.org>, Board of Supervisors <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>
Date: 10/23/2010 06:16 PM
Subject: Mayor Making Move On Open Data Policy This Thu - Already required under Sunshine
Sent by: kimocrossman@gmail.com

BOS Clerk - Please place in the file for the 10/28 GAO hearing item #2 and BOS Communications file
and nothing can be done to weaken Sunshine without voter approval

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From: **Kimo Crossman** <kimo@webnetic.net>
Date: Sat, Oct 23, 2010 at 1:19 PM
Subject: Re: FYI: Mayor Making Move On Open Data Policy This Thu
To: Eric Brooks <brookse32@aim.com>
Cc: Bruce Wolfe <brucewolfe.sf@gmail.com>

hmm - already basically required under Sunshine today. see below

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From: **Kimo Crossman** <kimo@webnetic.net>
Date: Mon, Sep 13, 2010 at 8:58 AM
Subject: 9/13 Newsom rehash: SF Chron story to post SF data online - Already required under SF Sunshine
To: "martin.macintyre@juno.com" <martin.macintyre@juno.com>

That's right Marty. We can add Jay Nath at DT as well for promoting something already required under law.

I wonder, will Herrera's office withdraw their opinion which allows SF Departments to provide data as unsearchable locked PDFs rather than usable spreadsheets and word docs which are also ADA Compliant?

On Mon, Sep 13, 2010 at 8:38 AM, martin.macintyre@juno.com <martin.macintyre@juno.com> wrote:

Another attempt by Da Mayor to take credit where credit isn't due and a reporter being duped or not taking the time to research or just being lazy.

Martin

Re SF Chron story today about Newsom plans to require online posting of SF data
<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/09/12/BAEE1FBV4U.DTL>

There are already many requirements for this under SF Sunshine:

SEC. 67.21-1. POLICY REGARDING USE AND PURCHASE OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS.

(a) It is the policy of the City and County of San Francisco to utilize computer technology **in order to reduce the cost of public records management, including the costs of collecting, maintaining, and disclosing records subject to disclosure to members of the public under this section.** To the extent that it is technologically and economically feasible, departments that use computer systems to collect and store public records shall program and design these systems to ensure convenient, efficient, and economical public access to records **and shall make public records easily accessible over public networks such as the Internet.**

(b) Departments purchasing new computer systems shall attempt to reach the following goals as a means to achieve lower costs to the public in connection with the public disclosure of records:

(1) Implementing a computer system in which exempt information is segregated or filed separately from otherwise disclosable information.

(2) Implementing a system that permits reproduction of electronic copies of records in a format that is generally recognized as an industry standard format.

(3) Implementing a system that permits making records available through the largest non-profit, non-proprietary public computer network, consistent with the requirement for security of information.

SEC. 67.29-2. INTERNET ACCESS/WORLD WIDE WEB MINIMUM STANDARDS.

Each department of the City and County of San Francisco shall maintain on a World Wide Web site, or on a comparable, readily accessible location on the Internet, information that it is required to make publicly available. **Each department is encouraged to make publicly available through its World Wide Web site, as much information and as many documents as possible concerning its activities. At a minimum, within six months after enactment of this provision, each department shall post on its World Wide Web site all meeting notices required under this ordinance, agendas and the minutes of all previous meetings of its policy bodies for the last three years. Notices and agendas shall be posted no later than the time that the department otherwise distributes this information to the public, allowing reasonable time for posting. Minutes of meetings shall be posted as soon as possible, but in any event within 48 hours after they have been approved. Each department shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that its World Wide Web site is regularly reviewed for**

timeliness and updated on at least a weekly basis. The City and County shall also make available on its World Wide Web site, or on a comparable, readily accessible location on the Internet, a current copy of the City Charter and all City Codes. (Added by Proposition G, 11/2/99)

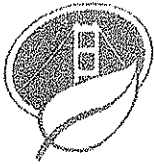
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(l) Inspection and copying of documentary public information stored in electronic form shall be made available to the person requesting the information in any form requested which is available to or easily generated by the department, its officers or employees, including disk, tape, printout or monitor at a charge no greater than the cost of the media on which it is duplicated. Inspection of documentary public information on a computer monitor need not be allowed where the information sought is necessarily and unseparably intertwined with information not subject to disclosure under this ordinance. Nothing in this section shall require a department to program or reprogram a computer to respond to a request for information or to release information where the release of that information would violate a licensing agreement or copyright law. (Added by Ord. 265-93, App. 8/18/93; amended by Ord. 253-96, App. 6/19/96; Proposition G, 11/2/99)

SEC. 67.14. VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING, FILMING AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY.

(c) Every City policy body, agency or department shall audio or video record every noticed regular

meeting, special meeting, or hearing open to the public held in a City Hall hearing room that is equipped with audio or video recording facilities, except to the extent that such facilities may not be available for technical or other reasons. Each such audio or video recording shall be a public record subject to inspection pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.), and shall not be erased or destroyed. **The City shall make such audio or video recording available in digital form at a centralized location on the City's web site (www.sfgov.org) within seventy-two hours of the date of the meeting** or hearing and for a period of at least two years after the date of the meeting or hearing. Inspection of any such recording shall also be provided without charge on an appropriate play back device made available by the City. This subsection (c) shall not be construed to limit or in any way modify the duties created by any other provision of this article, including but not limited to the requirements for recording closed sessions as stated in Section 67.8-1 and for recording meetings of boards and commissions enumerated in the Charter as stated in subsection (b) above. (Added by Ord. 80-08, App. 5/13/08)



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Mayor

MELANIE NUTTER
Director

October 25, 2010

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

SUBJECT: Charter Section 4.104-Rules and Regulations to be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Charter Section 4.104 stating that Rules and Regulations are to be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, enclosed is the Department of the Environment's Regulation No. SFE-10-03-CPO "Cell Phone Retailers Duty to Post Specific Absorption Rate Information, Clarification of SAR Value to be Used, Departmental Factsheet and Associated Materials" effective October 12, 2010 (Ordinance No. 155-10 adopted July 1, 2010). If you have any questions, please contact Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Department of the Environment Program and Policy Coordinator, Toxics Reduction Program, at (415) 355-3756.

Sincerely,

Monica Fish
Commission Secretary to the Environment

Attachments: Regulation No. SFE 10-03-CPO

Cc: Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Program and Policy Coordinator
Debbie Raphael, Toxics Reduction Manager

San Francisco Department of the Environment Regulations SFE 10-03-CPO
Requirement for Cell Phone Retailers to Post SAR Values, Clarification of SAR Value to be
Used, and Departmental Factsheet
Cell Phones; Retailers' Duty to Disclose Specific Absorption Rate Values
Ordinance No. 155-10, Adopted July 1, 2010

Regulation Effective Date: October 12, 2010

A. Authorization

San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 11:

SEC. 1103. REQUIREMENT FOR CELL PHONE RETAILERS.

(a) If a cell phone retailer posts display materials in connection with sample phones or phones on display, the display materials must include these three elements:

(1) The SAR value of that phone and the maximum allowable SAR value for cell phones set by the FCC;

(2) A statement explaining what a SAR value is; and,

(3) A statement that additional educational materials regarding SAR values and cell phone use are available from the cell phone retailer.

The Department of the Environment shall adopt regulations specifying the content and format for the elements required by this subsection (a), and shall develop a template for those elements. The elements shall be printed in a space no smaller than 1 inch by 2.625 inches. The SAR values and header text shall be printed in type no smaller than the size and readability equivalent of "Arial" 11 point, and the copy text shall be printed in type no smaller than the size and readability equivalent of "Arial" 8 point.

Formula cell phone retailers must comply with the requirements of this subsection (a) beginning February 1, 2011. All other cell phone retailers must comply by February 1, 2012.

(b) If a cell phone retailer does not post display materials in connection with sample phones or phones on display, the retailer must display, in a prominent location within the retail location visible to the public, a poster that includes these three elements:

(1) The SAR value of each make and model of cell phone offered for sale or lease at that retail location and the maximum allowable SAR value for cell phones set by the FCC;

(2) A statement explaining what a SAR value is; and,

(3) A statement that additional educational materials regarding SAR values and cell phone use are available from the cell phone retailer.

The Department of the Environment shall adopt regulations specifying the content and format for the elements required by this subsection (b), and shall develop a template for those elements. The store poster shall be no smaller than 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

Formula cell phone retailers must comply with the requirements of this subsection (b) beginning February 1, 2011. All other cell phone retailers must comply by February 1, 2012.

SEC. 1104. DEPARTMENTAL FACTSHEETS; ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLIANCE.

(a) Following a public hearing, the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall develop a supplemental factsheet regarding SAR values and the use of cell phones, as well as templates for display materials and store posters required by this Chapter. The Department of the Environment shall hold the initial public hearing by September 1, 2010, and complete the supplemental factsheet by November 1, 2010. The supplemental factsheet shall be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

(b) By November 1, 2010, the Department of the Environment shall issue regulations specifying the contents and format for the elements required by Section 1103, subsections (a) and (b), for display materials and store posters, respectively. By that date, the Department of the Environment shall also adopt templates for display materials and store posters.

(c) The Department shall develop content for all of these materials that is based on and consistent with the relevant information provided by the FCC or other federal agencies having jurisdiction over cell phones, explaining the significance of the SAR value and potential effects of exposure to cell phone radiation. The materials shall also inform customers of actions that can be taken by cell phone users to minimize exposure to radiation, such as turning off cell phones when not in use, using a headset and speaker phone, or texting.

B. Policy or Findings.

1. Government agencies and scientific bodies in the European Union (EU) and Israel have recognized the potential harm of long-term exposure to radiation emitted from cell phones and, as a result, have issued warnings about their use, especially their use by children.
2. The United States Federal Communications Commission ("the FCC") has established a maximum allowable Specific Absorption Rate ("SAR") rating for portable wireless devices (cell phones) sold in the United States. The SAR is a value that corresponds to the relative amount of radiofrequency energy absorbed in the head or body of a user of a wireless handset. At the time of adoption of these regulations, the FCC limit for public exposure from cellular telephones is an SAR level of 1.6 watts per kilogram (1.6 W/kg) for spatial peak (local) SAR, such as SAR in the user's head, as averaged over any 1 gram of tissue.
3. The SAR values for different makes and models of cell phones differ widely, but consumers are not able to make informed purchasing decisions because there is no requirement that the retailer provide the applicable SAR values to the consumer at the point when the consumer is deciding between various makes and models.
4. Cell phones are an important communication tool, especially during emergencies, and radiation exposure from cell phones can be reduced by using a speakerphone or a headset, or by sending text messages.

C. Applicability.

This regulation applies to all San Francisco cell phone retailers and formula cell phone retailers, defined by the San Francisco Environment Code Chapter 11, Section 1101 as:

(b) "Cell phone retailer" means any person or entity within the City which sells or leases cell phones to the public or which offers cell phones for sale or lease. "Cell phone retailer" shall include a "formula cell phone retailer." "Cell phone retailer" shall not include anyone selling or leasing cell phones over the phone, by mail, or over the internet. "Cell phone retailer" shall also not include anyone selling or leasing cell phones directly to the public at a convention, trade show, or conference, or otherwise selling or leasing cell phones directly to the public within the City for fewer than 10 days in a year.

(f) "Formula cell phone retailer" means a cell phone retailer which sells or leases cell phones to the public, or which offers cell phones for sale or lease, through a retail sales establishment located in the City which, along with eleven or more other retail sales establishments located in the United States, maintains two or more of the following features: a standardized array of merchandise; a standardized facade; a standardized decor and color scheme; a uniform apparel; standardized signage; or, a trademark or service mark.

D. Requirements.]

1. SEC. 1103(a): SAR values and information on display materials. See attached label template.

The attached sticker template is formatted to fit on Avery standard 5160-address labels. A cell phone retailer may use any method to include this information with cell phone display materials, as long as the content, font size and space requirements remain the same. Specifically, the retailer shall print the text in a space no smaller than 1 ix 2.63 inches. The retailer shall print the SAR values and header text in type no smaller than the size and readability equivalent of "Arial" 11 point, and the copy text in type no smaller than the size and readability equivalent of "Arial" 8 point.

The Department shall make the sticker template available in PDF or Microsoft Word format for printing by cell phone retailers.

2. SEC. 1103(b): SAR values and information on poster. See attached poster templates.

The attached poster templates are formatted to fit standard paper sizes, 8.5 x 11 inches, and 11 x 17 inches. The cell phone retailer shall use content and format for the poster, including graphics, identical to the template. Specifically, the poster shall be no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches in size. The cell phone retailer shall print the phone make and model, and SAR value in type no smaller than the size and readability equivalent of "Arial" 14 point, bold. The retailer shall use the size and font of all other text preset in the template.

The Department shall make the poster template available in PDF or Microsoft Word format for printing by cell phone retailers.

3. SEC. 1103(a)(1) and (b)(1): Clarification of SAR value to be used with display materials and poster.

For the purposes of SEC. 1103(a)(1) display materials and SEC. 1103(b)(1) posters, the cell phone retailer shall use as the SAR value the maximum SAR measured at the head or body, whichever is higher, for each particular make and model of cell phone as registered with the Federal Communications Commission.

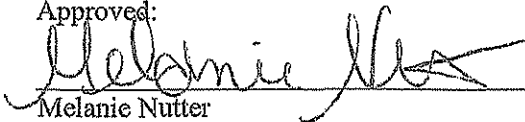
4. SEC. 1104(a): Department factsheet. See attached factsheet template.

The attached supplemental factsheet template is formatted to fit standard paper size 8.5 x 11 inches, with two factsheets per sheet. The cell phone retailer shall use content and format for supplemental factsheets, including color and graphics, identical to the template.

The Department shall make the factsheet template available in PDF or Microsoft Word format for printing by cell phone retailers.

The Director of the Department of the Environment hereby adopts these regulations as of the date specified below.

Approved:


Melanie Nutter

Director, Department of the Environment

10/12/10

Date

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Marci Parish
Edna Hill Middle School
140 Birch Street
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October 15, 2010

City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for agreeing to receive the letters written by my seventh grade students.

Students wrote letters expressing their opinions on the potential banning of toys with McDonald's Happy Meals as a part of a persuasive writing assignment. According to the California Language Arts Standards for Writing Applications, students were expected to take a position on an issue, write a persuasive piece using solid evidence and support for their position, and address potential counter arguments.

While writing these letters students were motivated by the opportunity to participate in something real instead of a constructed reality which is necessary with so many of our writing activities.

Again we thank you for allowing us to share our opinions. We all hope that the process of deciding on this issue goes smoothly.

Sincerely,



Marci Parish
Edna Hill Middle School
7th grade LA / SS

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kyle I am in 7th grade at Enda Hill Middle School. I agree with the ban on the happy meal toys for these reasons:

The first thing bad about the happy meal is the toy quality. The toy that they give do not work, so it is not that bad if you take it away. Also parents at home do not give their kids toys at home when they eat. Parents can just go buy them a toy if the kids really want one. They don't have McDonalds.

The food at McDonalds is so bad for you to eat. The food there is fatening and makes kids obese. So this is why you should take away the happy meal toy. If there was no toy the kids will not want to eat there. So this is why I think you should just ban the toy or serve health food.

The next reason is about the restaurant owners. The owners should take away the toy all over just not two places. Then more kids will not eat any McDonalds. Also the owner should just change the food because there is no health food at McDonalds and give a toy with health food.

Another thing you should do instead of a toy is add nutritional facts. Then the parents would see what is in McDonalds food and not let their kids eat McDonalds anymore. The parents would not take the kids there because now they know what is In the McDonalds food. I think you should pass the law on the ban of the toy in the happy meal, so now the kids would eat healthier.

Sincerely,

Kyle

Wya
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Wya and I am writing to you today to support the ban of the 101096 proposal.

Banning toys in unhealthy kids meals is a good idea because the meal in McDonald's kid's meal is unhealthy. The toy allures the child into eating an unhealthy meal. As a result, the child can become obese.

Another Reason the ban is good is because the quality of the toy is bad. The toys are made cheap and the buyer will get a rip off. The child only plays with the toy for a short time until they come back for another unhealthy meal with a toy.

You may think that you should put good foods like vegetables to make the unhealthy meals healthier. But, there is no guarantee that the child will eat their vegetables. Also, another solution instead of a toy, would be to include a nutritional information sheet in the meal so the child and parent can see what they're eating. This can educate the parents on the child's diet and what they're eating instead of getting a cheap toy, which will probably in time, eventually break apart.

Putting a toy in a child's kid's meal isn't a good idea because it allures the child into eating poorly. So you should ban the proposal to make this country with less obese people. And instead of a toy, put a nutritional information sheet in it so the child and parent can see and understand the types of foods they're eating. This is why I think you should pass this law supporting the ban of the 101096 proposal.

Sincerely,



Wya

Josue
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Dear San Francisco board of superiors:

I am Josue _____ and I go to Edna Hill middle school. My choice is to ban the toy.

I think you should ban the toy. You should ban fast food restaurants from selling the toy. Even if you ban MacDonalD's toys the other restaurants will not stop selling the toys. If you ban the toy from the other restaurants the kids will not order as many Happy Meals.

The restaurants should start putting fruits and vegetables in the Happy Meals. The kids are gaining a lot of weight. If they put fruits in instead of the unhealthy foods, the kids won't gain so much weight.

The kids like to play with the toy, but the toy doesn't do much and you don't need to buy the meal for the toy. The toy that you buy in the store may cost more then the Happy Meal toy, but that toy can do much more then the toy from the Happy Meal.

This is why you should ban the toy because the kids are eating too much salt and fat from the food. That toy doesn't do very much.

The food has too many calories for the kids and that's why the kids gain so much weight.

Sincerely Josué -

Joey
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi, my name is Joey [redacted] and I am with the banning of toys in McDonald's Happy Meals.

Having toys in Happy Meals is a cheap marketing tool! It allures kids into eating McDonald's Happy Meals. It's also a marketing tool that makes kids desire unhealthy food and to eat poorly.

Rewarding kids for eating poorly?? Having toys in Happy Meals is almost like me getting a skateboard after eating dinner! Kids will just to come back for more McDonald's Happy Meals if they feel that they are being rewarded for eating it.

Some parents say that toys are "convenient" and are fun for their children to play with. I on the other do not agree with this statement because the toys that are being made for these Happy Meals are cheap, plastic, boring and a waste of money! Instead of toys, they should put nutritional sheets in the Happy Meals to let the kids know how badly and unhealthy they are eating! So this is why I think you should pass this law!

Sincerely,



Joey



Jacob

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Jacob and I am a 7th grade student at Edna Hill Middle School. I agree with the ban on not having toys in Happy Meals.

Offering a toy in a Happy Meal is bad marketing for kids, of course they want a free toy, but the kids don't realize that it is making them eat poorly. It's a bad excuse to get kids to eat unhealthy foods. There are stores where you can go to get toys, like Target.

Toys in Happy Meals may have helped cause a big thing called childhood obesity, childhood obesity is a big problem and it requires a real solution, not a reward for eating poorly. Keeping a toy in the Happy Meal could lead to more childhood obesity. Childhood obesity should not be because of a little toy in a Happy Meal so let's not make it the main reason that you buy this food for your kids.

Parents should be able to tell their own kids what to eat. But, its like parents are giving their kids a psychological reward for eating badly. Maybe kids' parents go to McDonalds to get their kid a Happy Meal just because they want a toy, but really what it is doing is making kids think that wanting unhealthy food is ok.

I am not saying that kids shouldn't have toys. I am saying that it is wrong to lure kids into wanting unhealthy food because of a toy that is being given away. If your kid wants a toy, give them healthier food and if they eat it, then they can go to the store with you and pick out a toy. Doing this will help your kids make better choices in the foods that they eat and then they are healthier adults.

Sincerely,

Jacob

Jacob

Taylin
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Taylin, and I'm a student at Edna Hill Middle School. I'm writing this to you today to inform you why you should ban the toys at McDonalds.

The first reason why I think you should ban the toys from McDonalds is because kids don't need any more toys. First of all, kids already have too many toys. Also, kids get toys and maybe play with them once. However they might get the same toy from McDonalds.

My second reason why I think you should ban the toys is because the kids will pick whatever meal has the toy in it. The meals with the toy are not the healthiest choice. The ones with the toys are just there to drag the kid in for eating unhealthy food. At McDonalds their food is loaded with fat and calories. Here is an Example:

	CAL	FAT
Hamburger 3.5 oz	250	9
Cheeseburger 4 oz	300	12
French Fries 2.5 oz	230	11
Chicken McNuggets 2.3 oz	190	12

I understand that some people feel having toys in happy meals doesn't cause problems. People feel a toy couldn't make children obese and this is true but putting a toy in high caloric, high fat child's meal will cause obesity. So by putting the toy in a happy meal you are contributing to obesity in children whose parents choose to feed them fast food.

Don't you agree that this country has to do something about the rising rate of obesity in children? Unfortunately most children and adults are not informed about good nutrition and healthy choices. Don't you want to be part of the obesity solution and not the cause? This is why I think you should pass the law.

Sincerely,

Taylin

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Taylin

Alexis
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am Alexis, a 7th grader who attends Edna Hill Middle School. I have heard about the toys being banned from McDonald's happy meals, and I am honored to publicly share my opinion. Please take the time to read and consider the following.

First of all, to make things clear, I am disagreeing with the ban. Instead, if I may, I would like to give suggestions and/or ideas to help decrease childhood obesity in a more appropriate manner. So here's an idea: Knowing that Happy Meals are extremely unhealthy and cause obesity if eaten on a day to day basis, maybe, instead of simply banning toys, we can put a little list of all the nutrition facts in a happy meal.. Now obviously the meals are unhealthy, so once the parent and/or child reads how much fat, sugar, and calories are included within the meal, they will start to notice how badly they are eating and will be unsatisfied with McDonald's, therefore causing them to go there less often, if at all after that. McDonald's could put this Nutrition Facts list inside the happy meals, instead of a toy. This not only helps decrease child obesity, but also says a lot more than simply taking away a toy from a Happy Meal.

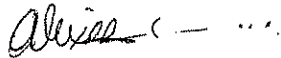
Another thing about banning the toys in Happy meals is that the rule is they wont ban the toys if there is more healthy foods added.. Now here's the thing: what McDonald's does is they don't just serve apples instead of fries in a Happy Meal. They add unhealthy sauce, mix, or creme to it to make it tasty, but certainly not healthy anymore. For example, apples come with caramel, fruit comes with yogurt, strawberries are just mixed with ice cream to make a sundae, so you see McDonald's already has healthy foods, they just turn into unhealthy by adding tasty deserts to it. So, if you don't ban the toy because McDonald's agreed to add fruit, kids are still going to get unhealthy, because all McDonald's will do is put the fruit into an ice cream shake. But you still have to do something about McDonald's..

My point is, banning the toy in a Happy Meal from McDonald's won't do much.. Neither will adding fruit. And also, why just McDonald's? That wont stop kids from eating at other Fast Food joints such as KFC, Jack in The Box, Taco Bell, Burger King, etc. So now there is three reasons why banning a Toy in McDonald's Happy Meals isn't such a great idea, after all.. I say, and my class that follows, we should have not only

McDonald's, but also Burger King, Jack in The box, and all of the other Fats Food .
restaurants that follow, put in a list of Nutrition Facts inside kids' meals instead of toys.
This will help decrease childhood obesity, but also makes it fair and evens out all of the
other fast food restaurants that are loaded with kids. This law might just pass more easily
and adults may agree with this idea more, because it shows more appropriateness and
smartness and fairness that is put into it.

So please think about this my suggestions, ideas, and reasons about the ban in
McDonald's Happy Meals. I know I am just a 7th grader who maybe is wasting your
time, but you never know how much a little idea can go... Please, please, please take the
time to consider this and think about the reasons as to why this is such a great idea. I am
just one in a million kids who have many other reasons why you should not ban toys in
Happy Meals. So, like i said, just banning a toy wont do much effort, and neither will
adding fruit, because they will just mix it into ice cream and all of a sudden its not
healthy anymore, and just banning McDonalds' toys wont stop kids from eating at all of
the other Fast food joints in the world. And so that is why you should not pass this law.

Sincerely,



Alexis ~

Sara
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I'm Sara § 7th grade student at Edna Hill Middle School. I believe that the law of banning toys from Happy Meals at one restaurant chain is point less.

Some research it says that this has to with obesity. Yes, it is a growing problem but you can not blame some toy from a restaurant for it. One summer my mom took me and my little brother to McDonalds a lot because we loved the food and still loved the toy because it was cool but that is beside the point. But, still we are very light in weight I'm 12 and 87lbs. and my little brother is 9 and he is 47-52lbs. People don't just get obesity from eating at McDonalds it has to do with not dieting, exercising, and sitting on the couch, playing on video games, and just staying there for hours eating Lays chips. If people would like a toy and not have fries or a burger you can give them something healthy like fruit and vegetables or even a salad and then have the burger and fries and here is the best part it would make the government, parents, and children all happy. Just because the kids get the meal does not mean they eat it all or even any of it all. Many parents think of it as a reward and it is okay to eat it every once in a while. Just because you take away the toy it does not mean the kids will not stop the kids from eating the food he parents could go to a place like Target and get them a better toy and more expensive for eating the food.

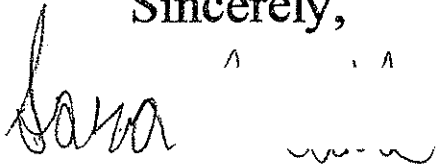
Money parents pay extra for the toy when they can get something for \$3 on the menu for the same meal but bigger drink. Just this one chain of restaurants you can spend a lot of money to pass this law when you also

have lots more restaurants to deal with the toys like Burger King that have more salt in their food when you could have saved time and money it takes to pass this bill. When the government could get some of the money from the toys and McDonalds. But people could be going to more expensive restaurants and not get a toy for their kids and for cheaper. But if the bill is passed might as well take away the whole meal.

Health is important though because people can die from obesity and I would not want any of my family members or other people's family members to die from obesity. In these hard times some parents try to treat their kids to unhealthy food for less as a treat and I do understand a burger is cheaper than a salad. Even children buy the food not knowing how unhealthy it is to eat the burger. The kids try to go for the unhealthy food because it tastes better than healthy food which includes the stuff on the menu at McDonalds. But to avoid this they could exercise, do a sport, or do a program for help to avoid this from happening. There are many different programs to help kids to avoid this and kids that do have obesity and show them support to encourage them to try their best to help their health.

So in this I hope that there is no need for this to happen in the government it is like punishing a kid for eating unhealthy once in a while. I think that this is one law that should not be passed because it affects many people around the country because people come to San Francisco to have fun and have no worries and the kids love the toys. If you were a kid about 5-7 years old would you love a toy in your meal not knowing about how unhealthy the food was and you were in this time if you were you would hate this law if it was passed because kids love getting toys and that is just a part of being a kid. So I don't think the law should be passed for the sake of the kids.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sara". There are some small marks above and below the signature.

Sara

Chad
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I'm Chad _____, a student at Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing to you with the proposal not to ban toys in happy meals.

If you're going to ban toys from happy meals, why are you just banning them from McDonalds? The toys don't contain the calories and they are not edible. The competitors of McDonalds also sell toys, so it's unfair to McDonalds. The toys are said to be the problem when it's the parents who don't know what their kids are eating. If you take out the toy in the happy meal then it would have to be called the sad meal! McDonalds would have to change the little jingle to bada ba ba ba there's no toy in side.

The menu is another big problem! The menu doesn't show the nutritional value. Well, if a child needs to eat healthier they can just get a salad. Maybe some kids go to order off the dessert menu. Other kids may just eat the burger.

The kids may want the toy but the parents don't have to bring their children to McDonalds. The parents also can control how much the kids eat. And parents can also control what the kids eat.

What do you think is the problem, the toys or the parents? There is enough evidence to show it is the parents fault for child obesity.

Sincerely,

Chad _____

Nicholas _____
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Nicholas _____ and I agree with you to ban the toys in Mc. Donalds.

Putting toys in kid meals is a bad marketing to just to lure kids in to buy food. They are just basically attracting kids to get fat. It strengthens the kids' thoughts to eat badly. Also it makes them want to eat badly because they will get a prize.

Another reason why you should ban the toys is child obesity. A toy just encourages kids to eat bad. The bad part is kids don't even know what they're eating. The parents are basically just spending on their kids to get fat.

Some parents say that the meal and the toy is convenient for their kid and I understand that but they are pretty much just buying fat in a box. Plus the toys aren't even that high of quality.

In my opinion I think you should ban the toys but I think you should have a little paper that says some of the nutrition facts about the food that the kids are eating and this is why I think you should not pass a law.

Sincerely,

Nicholas _____

Nicholas

Alondra

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi my name is Alondra I am 12 years old. I think that they should take the happy meal toy out of the happy meal and this law should pass.

The first reason for this is childhood obesity. Mc Donald's is listed as one of the resources for child hood obesity in the mount of September 2010. Yes we all know the food taste good but it is so bad for you it has no protean. The toy is making kids go back and eat more and the food contains a lot of fating and calories.

The second reason is giving out toys with unhealthy food. Every kid loves toys and loves to play with them , what a better way than to get a toy and eat food that taste good but can be killing you. But did you know that Mc Donald's food did not

decomposes. So what are you really eating? Your child could be eating a day two day old cheese burger. Not only that but just a happy meal cheese burger has 12 grams of fat and small fries has 13 grams of fat. Do you really want your child eating that for a toy that is not that great.

I think that if you take away the toy less kids will go eat there unhealthy food witch means less childhood obesity. I know that Mc Donald's will loose business but just think how many kids might stop going and that means they wont be shoving junk in there mouth and hurting themselves. Taking the toy away is a great thing .

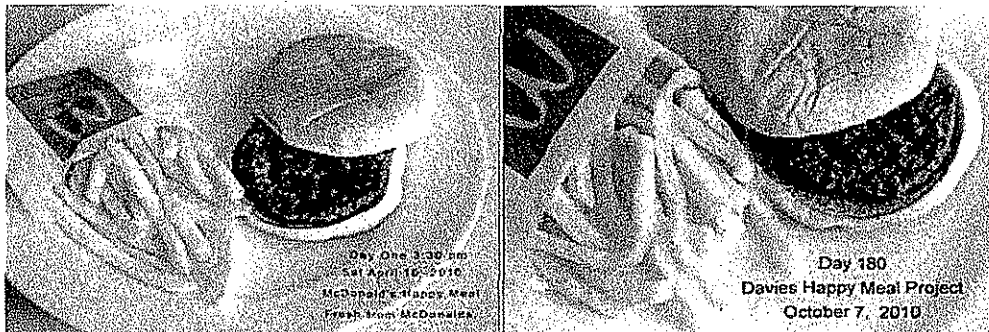
The unhealthy happy meal with a toy is bad even if you put vegetables in and let them get a toy because all what they will do is trough away the vegetables and eat the rest. So I think you should take the toy out for good and pass the law.

Sincerely,

Alondra

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Carlos
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Carlos and I believe that taking a toy out of a happy meal would be a very good idea, and would help kids from buying an unhealthy meal just because it has a toy.

My first reason that states why taking out of a happy meal is that obesity is a problem in all of America. Taking a toy out of a happy meal would make an unhealthy meal more attractive. A meal that is relatively unhealthy or fattening should be served with fruits and vegetables. When kids get a toy in a happy meal they feel that they are being rewarded for eating an unhealthy meal.

My second reason for taking out the toy would be that if a toy was taken out of the happy meal many people wouldn't buy the meal because they would realize that the meal is unhealthy, and wouldn't make them feel the same joy they would with a toy. It seems like every time I go to McDonalds and I see a parent ask their child what they want they usually don't mind because what they are really thinking is what toy they want. For some families getting their child a happy meal is a treat why can't a treat come with vegetables and fruits.

Some people might say that going to McDonalds every once in a while isn't so bad, but really one bad meal can increase your weight. A meal that is high in fat, sodium, and calories, isn't okay even if you only eat it every once in a while. Aside from that argument I also think that it is unfair that they are only discussing about taking toys out of happy meals when other fast food restaurants have kid meals that are just as unhealthy.

I really think that taking a toy out of a happy meal would keep kids from eating a unhealthy meal and feeling rewarded and this is why I believe you should pass the law of having the toys taken out of happy meals. Thank you

Sincerely,

Carlos



Vanessa
140 Birch Street
Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello my name is Vanessa. I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill in Brentwood, CA. I think that you should take the toys out of McDonald's happy meals.

In my opinion I think you should ban toys in happy meals because it's like congratulating kids when they just ate something bad for their body. There's a lot of child obesity going on right now. According to one survey, the number of obese children has doubled during the period of last three decades. Kids just want McDonalds because of the toys in the happy meals.

The toys in happy meals aren't good for kids. The toys may have lead in them which is poisonous to kids. Studies have shown that lead can be exposed by inhaling, swallowed absorbed through the skin. Little kids put the toys in their mouths, Also they could choke on the small pieces.

In my opinion you could use recycled paper and vegetable ink to make puzzles/fun quizzes, and print them in the U.S to put American workers to work. When the toys are made it pollutes the environment, then most of the time people throw the toys away. Then they end up in land fields.

And that is why I think you should ban the toys at McDonalds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanessa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".



John

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Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Attn: Alisa somero

DEAR, San Francisco my name is john I understand the happy meal crisis. MY position is YES I agree that they should ban toys in the happy meals. They are children in china making less then 1cent an hour with bad living conditions to make silly toys.

MY first claim is childhood obesity. They are a bunch of children around the world obese from McDonalds, because of all the sodium and calories. Since kids and adults are addicted to McDonalds they are adapted to the food and becoming more and more obese.

My second claim is safety. One of the many toys McDonalds has is the Shrek 3d glasses. The glasses have lead in them so it is really dangerous for kids to be wearing them. And one of the bolts could get loose and fall in a child's mouth or go down the esophagus.

My counter argument. Parents think that it's their choice but the government has to protect their citizens. My concluding statement is they should ban toys in happy meals

Sincerely, JOHN

Marcos
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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Marcos, I am currently attending Edna hill middle school. I think that you should ban toys from happy meals at McDonalds. I think you should ban the toys from happy meals because childhood obesity is a real problem. A survey from the NHANES states that over 17 percent of children ages 2-19 are obese, the number one reason for this is because of fast food. The toys in happy meals make kids want to eat more, which leads to high cholesterol and type two diabetes.

Rewarding the child for eating unhealthy is wrong. By including a toy in the happy meal, the child is going to think it is alright to eat unhealthy. Why don't you get a toy when you buy a bag of apples or any other fruit or vegetable? You should get a toy for eating fruits or vegetables.

I know that McDonalds might be losing money with other companys that manufacture the toys, but by eliminating the unhealthy food and putting in something healthy the problem would be resolved.

Childhood obesity is a really big problem in our nation. That is why I think you should pass the law to ban toys from happy meals. By simply including the toy with a healthy, creative food you could lower the percentage of child obesity.

Sincerely,



Marcos

Kaylee

... Creek Road Brentwood California, 94513
October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kaylee . . . I am here to say ~~I~~ think we should take the toys out of our Happy meals. My statement for this proposal is about why we should take the toys out of the Happy Meals and replace them with fruits and vegetables.

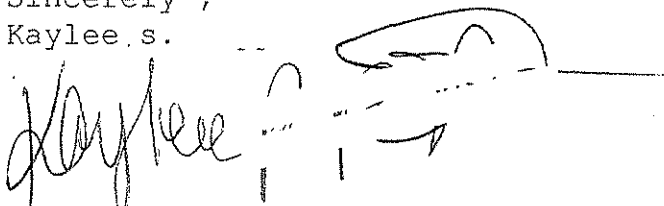
My number one concern is all of the fattening nutrition details. It is bad for people. Fact: 60% of people have come across obesity. In one hamburger there are 250 calories and 9 grams of fat. A small French fries (2.5 oz) there is 230 calories and 11 grams of fat in both the hamburger and the small French fries is a meal, the calories together is a big amount of 480 calories. The fat in both the hamburger and French fries is a amount of 20 grams of fat. The vegetables need to be in there or there should be no McDonalds at all. Vegetables and fruits are a must!

My first reason for switching the toys is because it think it is saying if you it this Non-nutritional food you will get a reward. That is what I think is what the toys are saying. I also say you shouldn't get a reward for eating food that can make you obese.

My second reason is about the fruits and vegetables. I know that McDonalds has the caramel apples. The apples are a good choice but know that they have Carmel in them that take away all the healthiness. McDonalds is a Non-nutritional place for food.

If you think about it can be very bad. Bad for your health. If you think about it McDonalds is good but un-healthy. McDonalds is not the worst of all. You should be talking to Burger King, Jack in the Box, and Carl's Jr. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely ,
Kaylee.s.



The block contains two handwritten signatures. On the left is a cursive signature that reads "Kaylee". To its right is a signature that has been heavily scribbled out with a dark marker, making it illegible. A horizontal line extends from the end of the scribbled signature.

Lauren
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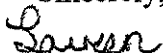
My name is Lauren and I go to Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing this letter not only because my teacher wants me to, but because I am wanting to be apart of this proposal. "The proposal now requires that meals come with a toy contain half a cup of fruit and three-quarters of a cup of vegetables. The vegetable requirement may be eliminated from breakfast offerings. The amount of vegetables may be reduced."

I support the ban because it is a good idea, also because the toy is like saying good job to a fat kid when he eats a whole bag of chips. The toy is rewarding the children for eating badly. I believe the ban is a good idea, because the toy in happy meals is part of what's causing childhood obesity. Also, I support this proposal because McDonalds most likely wouldn't get as much business if they didn't ban the toys and put in fruits and vegetables.

I think no matter if you banned it or not it's unfair. It's unfair to the kids if you ban it because then they don't get a toy and sometimes when these kids go it is just for a monthly treat. Also it is unfair to McDonalds if they don't ban it because most kids don't like vegetables or fruit, therefore not as many kids would not go to McDonalds; McDonalds loses business.

I think the proposal should be if McDonalds gets to keep all there toys and the same food in the happy meal then they don't get to advertise. That is fair to all people because then not as much kids would want to go to McDonalds, therefore not as many kids would be obese. This is all why I think this law should be passed.

Sincerely,



Lauren

Patty . . .

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Hi, my name is Patty . . . and I attend Edna Hill Middle School. My position is that kids can get a toy only once they have eaten their fruit or vegetable.

One reason that I think that is because kids will get healthy once they eat something healthy. They won't just eat fast fat food, but they will also get some healthy food. Kids will also loose weight and be in shape. Parents would love if their children were in the healthy zone.

Second reason is that the toys aren't so fun and cool to play with. Kids usually only play with it the same day they got it and then they get rid of it. Sometimes the toys are really weird things or things that you don't like. The toys will brake after a couple of days anyway.

My counter argument is that the toy is just a bribe just to keep the costumers keep on going to the restaurant. But the thing is that the toy isn't fun and sometimes kids and including my cousin which is five years old. Will sometimes be like I don't want this what I'm supposed to do with it. She will end up throwing it away.

I just have one and only one question would you want little kids having diabetes or even your child if you have one? What is your answer. That is why I think that you should pass the law.

Sincerely,



Patty

Madison
Court
Brentwood, CA 94513

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ATTN: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Madison and I am a seventh grader at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood, California. I am writing to you about the issue of toys in kid's fast food meals. I think you should pass the law of having the toys banned from the meals.

I believe that giving toys with kid's fast food meals contributes to childhood obesity. Childhood obesity is a real problem and needs to get fixed. Since McDonald's food is typically high in calories and fat, I feel that if children ate less Happy Meals, childhood obesity would decrease.

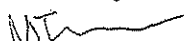
I think that when children get Happy Meals, they are sort of getting a reward for eating unhealthy. I believe that if the toy is banned from Happy Meals, the children will not want a Happy Meal as often because they enjoy getting the toy more than the food. If children learn that they can get a reward for eating unhealthy, I think childhood obesity will increase.

Parents may think it should be their choice whether or not their children eat a Happy Meal, and they may be right. But I think the government needs to protect their citizens from childhood obesity. Many parents will choose to get their children fast food because it is easier and faster than preparing a meal at home and their children enjoy it. This has led to childhood obesity because parents often choose fast food over a healthier meal at home. Many parents may also give in to their children when they whine, complain, and beg for a Happy Meal. Since this often happens, children are eating more and more Happy Meals and, if this does not stop, childhood obesity will continue to increase.

Childhood obesity needs to stop and that is why I think you should pass the law of no toys in fast food meals. I urge you, for the sake of the children, to pass this law.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,


Madison

Troy
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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello, my name is Troy and I'm a student at Edna Hill Middle School. I wrote this letter to support the idea of banning the toy in a happy meal.

My first claim is that the toys McDonalds sells are for a limited time only so then kids will keep coming back to get the toys they want. This will eventually lead to obesity, waste of food, and/or sickness. The kids might just throw the food away because they are sick of McDonalds but they will still want to come back for more toys. They could also get sick from eating too much of McDonald's food.

My second claim is McDonald's toys have so much "use". McDonalds toys my look appealing on television but once the children get the desirable toy they find that it is not so appealing. They will play with it once then it's off to the toy box and it will just sit there. What a waste of plastic, and some have small pieces that could be a choking hazard to small children.

Some people may say if you are going to take the toys away from McDonalds than why not take the toys away from the other restaurants. The reason the toys are only being taken away from McDonalds is because McDonalds is very unhealthy. McDonalds puts lots of preservatives on their burgers and therefore takes at least six months to decompose.

These are some of the many reasons why to ban the toy in a happy meal.

Sincerely,

Troy

Michelle
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Brentwood, CA 94513

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Michelle I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood. I think McDonald's happy meals should only come with a toy if it includes fruits and vegetables.

My first reason is childhood obesity. If kids eat a McDonald's happy meal and take in more calories than they burn they will eventually get bigger. Obesity can be prevented with healthier foods with less fat and calories.

My second reason is that the toys are practically used as rewards for eating unhealthy. The toys are also a draw for kids to come back to McDonald's. If the meal had fruits and vegetables, they could get the toy because they would be eating healthy.

Some people might think that childhood obesity couldn't be blamed because of a toy. Well there is a lot of calories and fat in the choices of a happy meal.

I agree with banning the toy if there are not any fruits and vegetables included.

Sincerely,


Michelle

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kaylee . Im in the 7th grade and going to Edna Hill Middle School. I would like to take this oppertunity to inform you my personal view on wether or not McDonalds should ban toy giveaways in Happy Meals. My view is this : Kids that eat junk food is bad ,but getting a toy for it is even worse. This problem will worsen the obesity problem in our society. This is why I believe that banning the toys is a superb idea.

Banning the toys is a good idea. First as you know 60% of our population is obese. The more the kids eat junk the more people will become obese. If you want to help our population than banning the toys is a great start. The other risk is getting diabetes. Diabetes is a life -threatning disease that can kill you. Eating fatty foods have extreem risks.

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Banning toys is a good idea, but instead of getting rid of toys why not make the meals healthy. Making meals with healthy food and a toy will encourage kids to eat better and if they eat right there will be less obese people. If kids start eating healthy everywhere they go then healthy food won't seem so bad.

You might be thinking that you might lose money by taking out the toys but if parents see that McDonalds got healthy they will want their child to eat there.

Just think about how much you could do if you made the meals healthier for everyone. You could change the 60% to 20% or even lower if you wanted to.

Eating right is very important and if you pass this law it will make it easier to eat right. And this is why I think you should pass the law.

Sincerely,

Kaylee [Signature]

Student's Name (typed)

Wanted: 23 People to Work Part-time
\$34/hr Part-time Processing Orders and Typing from Home

Must have computer & home internet!

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Jeremy I am a student from Edna Hill Middle School and I say yes to the banning of the toy in McDonalds happy meals.

The first reason to why I say yes to the ban is because the happy meals have too much fat in them. For example: The 4 piece chicken McNuggets has 12g of fat, the same amount of fat in a cheeseburger. Also the small fries has 11g of fat, but what makes the meal unhealthy is not only because there's too much fat, but because the meal is very small and has all the fat in it. What relates this reason to the problem is because most of the children that eat the food really want the toy that comes with it.

My second reason to ban the toy is because there are too many restaurants and ads. Since there are so many restaurants the kids that pass by them would really want to eat there because the windows have ads for the toys. Also, some ads point to low prices so the kids will persuade their parents to buy them. The commercial ads do the same thing because all they show is the toy and the low prices that persuade kids and sometimes parents to eat there.

You would probably say there's no need to ban the toy because McDonalds also serves apple cuts and vegetables along with the meal, but even if they do give those with the meal, more than half of the kids that eat happy meals would throw those away. Also the apple cuts don't even equal a full apple, and it comes with caramel, so it cancels out the healthy apple with sugar.

I do have more reasons to ban the toy, but overall I think these are a few of the best reasons to why you should go with the ban.

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Brennan Russell
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Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Brennan and I am in the 7th grade. I am for banning McDonald's toys in Happy meals.

My first reason is that the food the toys come with are too unhealthy. Ordinance number 101096 and article 8 of the San Francisco Health Code will set nutritional standards for food sold by restaurants with toys. I personally don't think that a toy should come with small french fries, which comes with a Happy Meal, because the fries have 230 calories, 11 grams of fat, and 1.5 grams of saturated fat. At the high end, their Strawberry Triple Thick Shake has 1110 calories, 26 grams of fat, and 16 grams of saturated fat.

My second reason is that some kids go there way too often. Some people say "if you can't control a three-year-old over a toy, who knows how they will act when they are teenagers." Some kids go almost every day to get the toys, their parents make them eat the unhealthy food, and the kids gradually get more and more obese.

Some of you think that McDonalds is not that bad for kids, but a simple Happy Meal with chicken McNuggets, small french fries, and milk has 520 calories, 25 grams of fat, and 5 grams of saturated fat. But if you get a Cheeseburger, Small French Fries, and Chocolate Milk, that has 700 calories, 27 grams of fat, and 9 grams of saturated fat.

In conclusion, I think you should ban toys because if your child goes to McDonalds only for the toy and their parents make them eat the food, depending on how much you go to McDonalds, your child could become obese like the more than 50% of Americans that are obese.

Sincerely,



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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Dawson and I'm in the 7th grade at Edna Hill Middle School. I'm writing to you about the ban of McDonalds toy. I'm with the ban of the McDonalds toy and I would like to share with you the reasons why.


First off here is why I'm against the ban. Most children only go for the toy and they have no idea what they might be eating! Some parents think that their children are actually eating the food when in fact they are not. Children ask their parents to buy the food and they really don't even like it they just want the "collection" of toys that you offer. Making this a waste of the parents money.

Second why is it that McDonalds has to offer "The Toy" with the meal to attract the young when there are many other fast food places that don't add a toy to the meal. Kentucky Fried Chicken does not offer a toy with their "Kids Meals". They put in apple slices, or apple sauce to make the meal for kids.

The reason they shouldn't ban the toy, is by adding the toy the kids will want to come for the toys and this brings the whole family in and this brings revenue for McDonalds. They should ban it because why should kids get a toy for eating unhealthy food. Kentucky Fried Chicken does not add a toy for eating their greasy chicken but are continuing to get good business and at least adding some healthy things to the meal.

These are the reasons that I'm with the ban of the McDonalds "Toy". These are just a few of the reasons I believe that you should consider when adding a toy to your kids meal. This is why I think you should ban the law of kids meal toys!

Sincerely,



Brentwood, CA 94513

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is [redacted] and I am in 7th grade at Edna Hill Middle School. I am with the ban of toys in happy meals.

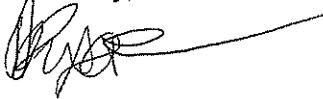
It shouldn't be a prize to have a toy in a meal. For example children shouldn't be rewarded for eating badly. They will want more junk food because of the toy. It maybe a cool toy but its making children obese.

The children will only want to play with the toy if there are vegetables in the meal. They'll put aside the food and play with the toy. If there is healthy food, most kids won't eat it.

On the other hand, if you kept the toys, you can make the meals healthier. This can be done by putting fruits and vegetables in place of French fries. Another idea would be to make the food with healthier ingredients.

How many meals would it take to lead to childhood obesity? Think about it. This is why you should pass the law on banning toys in happy meals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alisa Somera', written over a horizontal line.

Callie

Brentwood CA 94513

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am Callie and I am in 7th grade at Edna Hill Middle School. I am against the idea of the happy meal toys being banned.

I believe they shouldn't be banned because kids go there for the food not the toy so why should the toy be banned? The toy has nothing to do with the food being bad for you.

My second reason is my younger sister loves the food and the toy. It is a fun surprise for my sister when she gets a toy. She plays with the toy and runs around outside playing with it.

My final reason is that it's the parents choice if they want their child eating the food and getting a toy. If the toy is banned from McDonalds parents can take their kids to another fast food place and get a toy.

In conclusion I believe the happy meal toy should not be banned. I think you shouldn't pass this law because the toy makes kids happy and it's a fun surprise for kids, they really enjoy it. So that's why I believe the happy meal toy at McDonalds should not be banned.

Sincerely,

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Attn. Alisa Somero

Dear San Francisco board of supervisors:

My name is Josiah Williams and I don't really think banning toys in happy meals is necessary. So therefore I Josiah Williams is against the ban.

Same as in my introduction banning toys in happy meals is unnecessary. So let's make a few adjustments, like adding nutritional food instead of this fatty food. Like add some fruits. You can also tell them to take out a lot of the sodium they have in the food. Final example you can tell them to add some vegetables too.

Second reason I don't think you should ban the toys, is because you can just tell the school to add more exercise time for kids on a daily bases. I have examples for you on this one, one is you could have longer P.E periods. Second is you should have more sports for the kids to play. Finally, I think you should have longer recesses for the kids. You know you can also make school longer because of that longer recess.

So if you say "well that doesn't explain all the sodium" I can say yes it does, like I said already more exercise time or more nutritional food. Also, not to offend you, you should let the parent decide what the child eats; it's their child right?

These reasons I have provided should show this is why I think you should pass this law of toys in happy meals.

Sincerely, Josiah Williams

Nadine
140 Birch Street
Ms. Parish
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Nadine I go to Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing this because I disagree on banning toys from happy meals. Toys in happy meals are to make kids happy.

Parents want toys to be in happy meals. Children are happy and excited to get a prize. Kids have been getting toys for along time and now people are deciding to stop giving kids toys.

Taking toys out of happy meals makes me sad because I still like to see what kind of toys they have. Parents can choose what the kids eat they can pay \$1 or \$2 for the toy. I like getting happy meals with toys still. I don't think McDonalds should get rid of the toys.

I think McDonalds should keep toys on happy meals. I don't think you should take out the toys because people in the government should also have a say in it. I have a little sister and she likes getting the toys in happy meals and she just can't wait to open the toys.

These are my reasons you should not ban toys from happy meals.

Happy meals make kids happy isn't that why they're called happy meals and this is why I think you should not pass a law on banning toys.

Sincerely,

Nadine

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Antioch CA 94509

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Attn Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Hello, My name is Nakia is. I'm a seventh grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I feel that you guys are picking on McDonalds.

They are not the only ones who have toys. Just because they have toys doesn't mean all their food isn't really healthy. Also other fast food places have toys or prizes. Not every fast food place is healthy, hints that's what you get when your on the go not really on the healthy side. In all actuality your just picking on McDonalds.

The toys aren't the problem. Just because they have toys doesn't mean that's the only reason they came to McDonalds. Toys are are Disney's use of advertisement because normally when you get a happy meal you see a Disney character for a new up coming movie.

Some people might say the toys are just an excuse to draw people in, but really who ever so often gets a Happy Meal. I'm just saying, also if you make them add vegetables or fruit there's no guarantee their going to eat it.

Toys are not the problem or maybe you're just picking on McDonalds.

Ms.

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors ,

Hi I'm Adrianna ... I'm a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School .

I'm writing this letter because I am against you guys taking away Mc. Donald's happy meal toys . Kids like the toy's because sometimes it can be a reward for eating all your food . Like most kids that are lit tle don't like to eat as much they love to play outside or just play . So they have the toys so they can get it after they eat their food . The happy meal toys are based on Tv shows usually on Disney Channel . If

you take this toy away Disney Channel might not be as popular and wont be watched as much . Did you no in Canada happy meals with toys were called " Treat of the week ?." Every week something new from sometimes Disney Channel or new movies would be in a kids happy meal . Everyone has been saying it is unhealthy or they just go for the toy . No It may be unhealthy but that is how Mc. Donald's is & the toys are like Mc. Donald's signature . Think about it when you were younger didn't you always like the toys ? don't say you didn't because everyone does I know I did . And think of how your going to effect the kids who enjoy getting them . Who knows kids might collect them . Also , when people complain about to much sugar in the food or don't like it then why do they keep eating it ? Why don't they go to a different fast food place ? Why does Mc. Donald's always get picked on ? How come burger king cant get picked on I mean they give out crowns & toys too . I mean my brother is 2 years old and he loves the toy's . Say if you add carrot's or fruit in the happy meal instead what makes you think kids are going to eat that ?

Happy meal toys are like a gift you get them and l ove them . Also , your kid will be quiet on the ride home too . Why add fruit ? Kids arent going to eat they are going to be upset you banned their toy's . there is so many bad things kids eat . If you ban this you mine as well ban everything else.

I think we should keep these toy's because its something a kid likes and lots of kids eat their for the delicious food . I really don't think its fair to take away happy mean toys but not burger king or any other place . If people have a problem with it then STOP eating at Mc. Donald's . Please don't ban the toy's many kids love them and do collect them . Mc. Donald's is how it is you cant change how they make their food or add toys . That's just like me telling you to change something you really don't want to . So please don't change Mc. Donald's at all ! Its also

very stupid to tell people what they can and cant
eat !

Sincerely ,

Adrianna

Adrianna

Natalie
140 Birch Street
Brentwood CA 94513

October 15, 2010

City and County of San Francisco
City Council
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Natalie and I am a seventh grade student at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood. I know that you are deciding on whether or not you should ban the toys in the Happy Meals. There has been a growing conflict of childhood obesity, but getting rid of the toy isn't going to solve it.

Even though McDonald's is a big fast food chain, every kid fighting obesity in California doesn't eat at McDonald's everyday. In fact, kids eat the most at their home than anywhere else. Other than just McDonald's, there are many other ways for children to become obese, and making it a law that toys should not be in Happy Meals will barely make a dent in this problem. I know of many kids who don't go to McDonald's for the toy, but the meal. If you get rid of the toy, then that doesn't mean that kids will just start to magically eat healthier.

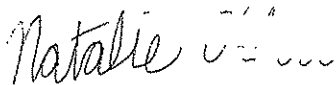
The toys aren't the problem in this situation, the parents are. If you think about it, the parents are the ones giving the food to their child. Now don't just assume that every parent is too lazy to make a homemade meal every once in awhile, but the kids will eat whatever is given to them granted the fact that it tastes good and they are hungry enough. If the parents really are that concerned for their child, then they won't take them there as often, the toy isn't dragging them in by their ankles. I know that many parents, including my own, think that fast-food restaurants are cheap and convenient. Don't get me wrong though, many adults make homemade meals, but its their choice on whether they want to or not.

You may be saying that McDonald's is known as the Golden Arches, so when the kids who go there get the toy, they feel rewarded. This is true, and I agree that McDonald's has some really bad junk-filled food, but they also have better, healthier choices, and it really is the kid's decision

of what they want to eat. Apple Fries, or French Fries, Fat-Free Milk, or Soda. If you were a kid, what would you choose?

Even though childhood obesity is a big problem, and I agree that we need to find some way to solve it, I don't think that we are going down the smartest road. I know that there is a better way to attack this issue. I absolutely agree that we need to solve this problem, and knowing the people in San Francisco, we will. Though, that being said, I still stand behind my reasoning on why you shouldn't ban the toys. I hope that you take all of this in and put it toward your decision. Please give this a lot of thought, and thank you for taking the time to hear my opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie".

Natalie

Deyanira
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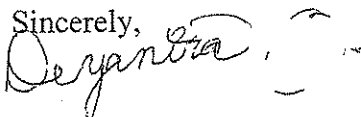
Hi my name is Deyanira and I am writing to you to talk about the law of no toys in happy meals.

I think you should not take away the toy because it is not making a happy meal even more unhealthy than what it already is. The food at McDonalds is already full of tons of fat, calories and chemicals. Have you ever thought that McDonalds is just advertising a show or movie?

The parents are the responsible ones for their kids gaining weight when they take them to McDonalds. If parents want to take them to McDonalds there going to gain weight and some parents just don't care and are too lazy to make food. Other parents may just want to take their kids as a treat and like to spend a nice time with their kids. For some families McDonalds is a place to go out and eat so they like to spend a good time with there family.

McDonalds should try to make their food with less fattening ingredisnts. The food at McDonalds is made with lots of grease knowing people are going to eat that and that it's bad for them! If McDonalds took away fries and added fruit or vegetables it would be much healthier. Making a face of a Disney character that is made out of fruit would seem really cool to kids and it would be healthy.

I think you should really consider this idea and NOT take away the toys from a HAPPY meal, plus its part of being a kid!

Sincerely,


Deyanira

Mikayla
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October 15th, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Mikayla . I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood CA. My reason for writing today is in reference to Proposition 101096. I am against it, and reasons to support my argument follow.

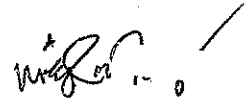
I do not understand why you have chosen solely McDonald's Chain Restaurant to attempt to ban a toy from. Why not go after Burger King? They, as well as Wendy's, Carl's Jr., Jack in the Box, and other chain fast-food places serve the same sodium-loaded food. And McDonald's is not the only drive-thru/ sit-in restaurant that is capable of serving sodium-packed unhealthy meals with a side of obesity to adults and children.

Another reason I find this proposition unreasonable is that the toy is not what is causing obesity; it is the "food". I would like to call attention to the fact that even if the toy were not in the meal, you would not be capable of stopping people from eating at McDonalds. The toy is not unhealthy, it is the meal, which is loaded with sodium, preservatives, carbohydrates, calories, fat, chemicals, and steroids. "I'm lovin' it"? I don't think so.

Now you may be thinking, "Isn't it the government's job to keep their people healthy"? And to an extent, it is. But that is ultimately a parent's job. Deborah Jackson, a mother interviewed for an article concerning Proposition 101096, stated it was ultimately her decision where her family ate, if she had dinner at McDonald's; that was her business. If her child ordered a Happy Meal, that was her child's business. People are not forced to eat there and may choose to feed their child a healthier and more nourishing meal. And some people may enjoy this food and go with their children occasionally, but not every day. Children can also become obese from other food their parents are feeding them, not only McDonald's.

I say you leave it to the parents to be deciding what their children eat and leave the toy out of it. Why not pressure McDonald's and other fast food places in your city about healthier food, since that is what is causing the obesity problem? Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion and suggestions on the matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mikayla', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mikayla'

Connor ..
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October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Connor and I think you shouldn't get rid of the toy in the happy meal

Some parents don't go very often and when the kids get the toy it makes them happy. Just a little toy can go very far for young children.

The vegetables would go to waste because the kids would throw them away. No kid likes vegetables.

I don't like vegetables and neither so a lot of other kids.

Instead of getting rid of the toy or adding veggies you should get rid of the Carmel to dip the apples instead.

Sincerely,

Connor: "

Connor

Casey -----

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Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Casey ----- and I'm a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I will be giving my opinion on the ban of the toys in happy meals. After changing my mind many times, I think McDonalds should keep their toys.

In my opinion, the toys aren't the only things convincing kids to eat at McDonalds. McDonalds pays a lot of money in advertisement, so even if you do ban the toys, children are still exposed to commercials, posters, and of course, the food. In addition to that, Burger King, Wendy's, and many other fast food chains offer toys, just like McDonalds. So if you ban the toys, other fast food chains will step up to the plate. And I doubt kids go around saying, "I want to go to McDonalds! They have toys!"

This brings me to my next reason. Banning the toys would have little or no effect on children eating at McDonalds. Banning the toys would cause some mayhem, but all the kids would probably get over it sooner or later. After all, kids are drawn to toys that you would find at Toys 'R' Us or other stores. And even if you do ban toys, the food will still be the same, fatty food that kids are drawn to, so it won't have a huge effect.

Even though I think they should not ban their toys, I do agree that McDonalds' food could possibly contribute to childhood obesity. But McDonalds' food is not the only factor contributing to obesity. We still have fast food places and kids are drawn to sugary snacks. But since more kids are signing up for school or neighborhood sports, childhood obesity is becoming a smaller problem.

This leads me to my conclusion, which is to let McDonalds keep their toys. If you do decide to ban them, Burger King will be next in line.

Sincerely,


Casey

Tessa
140 Birch Street
Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Tessa, and I am a seventh grade student at Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing about whether or not you should take away the McDonalds happy meal toys. I think that the toy should not be taken away because it is called a happy meal and without a toy it would just be called a fat meal.

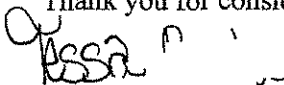
One reason why I think you shouldn't take away the toys is because that I believe the toys aren't the reason why people are coming there to eat. Think of it this way, people who don't order happy meals don't get toys, but they still keep coming back. Toys are only attracting younger kids. But even then parents still get to decide where and what their children eat, so the kids don't always have a say in where they go for food.

My second reason on why not to eliminate happy meal toys is that the toys aren't what are causing obesity. Even if you eliminate the happy meal toys there are still going to be obese children. Remember, the toys aren't the major issue, because they aren't putting fat into your body. I think you should change the food at McDonalds and make it much healthier, thus making a slimmer amount of obese people. I believe this would work better than taking toys away from little children.

I know you are probably thinking that giving kids toys with unhealthy food can give them the wrong idea about what they are eating. You may also believe that by adding a healthy snack to the meal you are helping the children. But what you don't know is if they are even going to eat the snack or throw it away. If you made the food healthier but still have good taste you can be confident about kids eating it, and that they are less possible of becoming obese.

Growing up everyone plays with toys, boys have their action figures and girls have their Barbie dolls. With the economy the way it is now people might not have the money to buy toys for their children, but they have to eat, so they go to McDonalds because it's cheap. When their children open up their happy meals and see a toy it is like Christmas morning to them because they might not have many toys. Why take the joy away from a child who is unfortunate enough to not even have many toys at all? That is why I think you should keep McDonald's happy meal toys.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,


Tessa

Chandler

Brentwood, CA 94513

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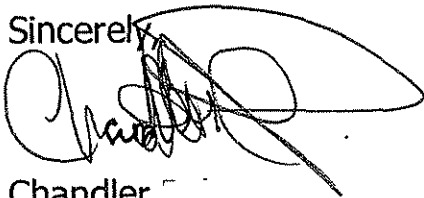
Hi, I'm Chandler, I'm twelve years old and I go to Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood, Ca. I think you shouldn't Ban the toys in Happy Meals.

One reason to not ban the toys is that the government shouldn't tell McDonalds how to run their business. They shouldn't control what restaurants serve. There are other restaurants that include a toy with the kid meals, such as Jack in the Box, Burger King, and Carl's Jr. Why are you only targeting McDonald's? It is not fair to them and people say well, life's not fair, but this isn't about life it's about how much you care about your body. There are healthy things on the menu like salad, yogurt parfait, and apples. The money should be going to other things that are more important to help child obesity. A lot of the bad food habits starts at home with what they buy at the store. Yes, there should be things to help obesity but it should not involve McDonald's. Yes, people eat there and it may not be the healthiest food in the world, but there are more unhealthy things out there that you should be worried about. When they put toys in the meals, there is mainly sponsoring movies such as Disney movies and it's making them lose money and advertisement for the movies and less people will see it. This will not just affect McDonald's business, but also other companies that they work with.

The other reason why you shouldn't ban toys from McDonald's is that what we eat is our choice. It's the peoples fault for making bad choices and for gaining too much weight. People can choose to eat healthy and to exercise, but it's their choice if they do or don't. By banning toys, you are not going to make them healthier. If people already have unhealthy eating habits, they'll find more unhealthy foods somewhere else. You shouldn't worry about what they eat, but more about their eating habits. You should try to do things to promote the message about healthy eating within the schools, homes, and communities.

Instead of getting rid of the toys you should be putting money towards programs and events held at the schools to help stop unhealthy eating habits. I believe that by doing this and telling parents around the world they'll understand and change the eating habits for them and their kids and they will help them pass it on for generations. Because we all remember and use the skills that our parents used on us and then this will help and hopefully change this world forever.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Chandler', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the right of the word 'Sincerely,' and above the printed name 'Chandler'.

Chandler

Tsianna
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October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear broad of Supervisors

Hello my name is Tsianna My position is NO
they shouldn't band the toys from the happy meals.

My first reason for saying no for banding the toy of a happy
meal is because the toy makes the meal a happy meal and
that if there was no toy with the meal it wouldn't be called
a happy meal.

My second reason is for saying no for banding is because
the toy is giving business to many companies such as
McDonald's and a lot of movie makers and it is making a
lot of money for McDonald's and Disney.

My counter argument is that they shouldn't band the toys in
the happy meal. The person that would disagree with me
wouldn't win this argument because McDonald's is making
good business.

How would you think when you had to think of banding something's like from schools such as at liberty high school is thinking of banding the breast cancer bracelets cause who would think 14 or 15 year old would care for breast cancer. And that's why I think you should not pass the law!!!!

Sincerely,
Tsianna
Tsianna



Alayna

140 Birch Street

Brentwood CA 94153

October 15th 2010

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San Francisco CA 94102-4689

Attn. Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Alayna I'm a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I'm writing to talk about the Happy Meal feud. I would like to say that I am not for the banning of Happy Meal toys.

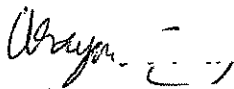
I believe that it's a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children eat a nutritious meal, although some parents let their child eat the food frequently, even though it's fattening. It's McDonalds responsibility to ensure a nutritious Happy Meal that is lower in fat.

Placing fruits and vegetables in the Happy Meals sounds like a good start. The parent then could tell the children that fruits and vegetables are healthy, and when they've tried it then the reward could be the toy. I believe that it's the parents that need to become educated on the nutritional content of the food they're serving their children.

By taking the Happy Meal toy out, kids would be less inclined to eat there. McDonalds would then lose profits and customers. On one hand, by taking the toy out of Happy Meals, kids wouldn't eat as many Happy Meals but I'm not for that.

If you put in fruits and vegetables kids may not eat them, but is it fair to let all the children pay for the parents who let their children become obese. Everything we do in life should be done in moderation, and that's why I think that you shouldn't pass the law.

Sincerely,


Alayna!

Santiago

Brentwood ca 94513

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Altta Alias Somera

Dear San Francisco board of supervisors:

I don't think that you guy should ban your toys.

I think that the parent should choose whether the toy should be banned or not. The parents are the ones who choose the food for their kids to eat. Parents should choose because their kids will show if they like the toys. When my brother goes to McDonalds we see lots of kids eating and sweating from playing in the kid area.

Lots of parents don't have a lot of money. If the kids don't like the fruit and vegetable they would not eat it and the parent will waste their money. Then the fruit and vegetables will become a waste.

The fruit and vegetable can be something more than trash. The parents that do not have money probably just go there once a month because they enjoy it but if the toys go away the kids will not enjoyit and then it a waste of money which parents' will not like that.

The people of the government are not kids. They don't like toys because there not kids. I think some government when they were kids they didn't like vegetables.

Then I think McDonalds will lose money because they will lose costumers.

Sincerely, *Santiago*

Quinn
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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Quinn & I think the toys should stay in the happy meals.

The choice of getting the toy in the meals should be up to the parents buy the food it's their money. The kids and the parents eat the food & it's their LIFE.

They should get a toy & fruit, vegetables plus all the stuff that is in there all ready .Kids would get a toy & fruit, & vegetables it would set a good nutritional value. If the fruit & vegetables were in there the fruit & vegetables were in there the older ones would eat it & the litter ones would also they saw it happen & it would be healthy.

I think you should keep happy meal toys and why is it such a big deal?? Kids are still going to eat the food; kids are still going to play with toys.

In this paper my point was to keep the toys because little kids are excited for what toy they are going to get.

The kids like the toys & if you want some thing healthy add fruit & vegetables, and that's why I think you should vote to keep them.

Sincerely,

QUINN

Aaron
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Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello I am Aaron I think you shouldn't ban toys in McDonald's happy meals.

I think its unfair to ban toys in happy meals .McDonalds is not the only fast food restaurant that gives out free toys. So if the ban the toys are band, the kids wouldn't have nothing to look forward to after finishing their meal.

I also think that happy meals can be more healthier. You can buy a happy meal with a toy, a side order of apple slices, and water to drink instead of soda.

I know what you are thinking , "It is our duty to keep our county healthy" , but are you aware that Burger King's happy meal has more calories than McDonald's happy meal. A cheeseburger with small French fries and a juice box from McDonald's is only 630 calories . The same meal at Burger King is 1110 calories! Are you aware that a daily balance diet consists of consuming 2000 calories a day, so if you are looking for a fast food restaurant with a toy in each kids meal , I think the best choice to pick would be McDonald's.

Please take a consideration of my thought .

Sincerely

Aaron

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Lindsey

Discovery Bay, CA 94505

October 15, 2010

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Attn: Alisha Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

Hi! I am Lindsey and I have heard about the Happy Meal elimination proposal. I feel that you should not take away the toy in the happy meal at McDonalds!

If you take away the happy meal toy at McDonalds many people will lose their jobs and McDonalds will lose a large sum of their profit. The reason people will lose their jobs is, because many people make the toys that go into the happy meal! The reason that McDonalds will lose profit is, because they will have fewer customers. They will have fewer customers, because most kids would prefer a toy to vegetables! If many people lose their jobs and McDonalds loses money how will our economy ever get back into balance!

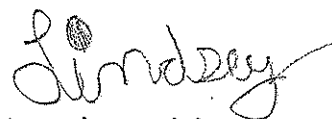
Is there a point to voting and voting if parents can't even be trusted with their kid's health? Some parents feel that they

should watch their own children and they would like it if the government wouldn't intervene at this point in time. If you intervene and many children are still obese you will have the blame on you. But, if you don't make this law and many children turn out obese the blame will be on the parents. So, if you would like the blame on you make the law, but if you don't won't the blame on you don't make the law!

I know what you may be thinking how else do we get ride of obesity in our youth's. Well, there are many solutions to that problem. You could make the meals at McDonalds healthier! It would be the same type of food just healthier. See there are many other ways to solve obesity!

So I believe that you should not pass this law. Just imagine, a little boy or girl at McDonalds they had a rough day and they hear they are getting a happy meal! This makes them oh so happy. When they finally get there meal the look inside to look for their favorite part of the meal the toy, to only find vegetables! Imagine their sad little faces as they realize there's no toy! Do you want that face on the children your taking toys from?

Sincerely,


Lindsey

**Chad
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October 15, 2010

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**Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:
Hi, my name is Chad and I am in the seventh grade. I know that you are trying to make McDonald's kid's meals healthier by putting fruits and vegetables in them. I don't think that's a good idea.**

My first reason is that you have to think about the low-income families. For the parents it is a cheap dinner. Its' also an easy meal doesn't take lots of preparation time. The kids also get a free toy.

My next reason is why is the board just targeting McDonald's? Why aren't you targeting Burger King, Taco Bell, or even Carl's Jr.? They sell toys in their kid's meals just like McDonald's. That just isn't fair!

If you add vegetables or fruit, kids probably won't eat that; they'll just eat the hamburger or chicken nuggets and take the free toy. If the parents start to yell, the other customers will write bad reviews or they might stop eating at McDonald's. If McDonald's gets mad enough, they could possibly sue.

If you put fruit or vegetables in the kid's meals, McDonald's will never be the same.

**Sincerely,
Chad
Chad**

JESSICA
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OCTOBER 15, 2010

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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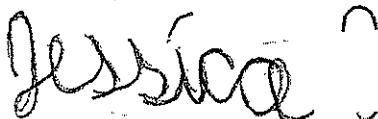
Hi my name is Jessica _____ and I am in 7th grade at Edna Hill Middle School. I think that the Board of Supervisors shouldn't ban the toys in McDonald's Happy Meals and here is why.

First of all I think that they should just change the food at McDonald's. Most of the time the food that is cheaper is healthier for you. All you have to do is maybe change the oil they cook things in and not use as much salt. Most smart families will go to McDonald's more because the food will be healthier and still taste good.

Another thing that McDonald's can do is make the toy optional or separate. This way McDonald's can save money on the toys and food. Some kids don't like the toys anyway so it can save families money on something you don't want to buy. And one really good reason to make the toy optional is because it will save a lot of plastic in our landfills from parents throwing away the toys. This way the planet can be better and greener.

You might think that McDonald's shouldn't have a toy in their Happy Meals at all. But I think that instead of banning the toy just change the food or make the toy optional or separate. This could also work. You might also say that it would save McDonald's and families money if the toy didn't come at all. I think if kids want the toy let them have it, if they don't eat the food, oh well, blame the parents not McDonald's food. And that is why I think you shouldn't pass the law. Thank You for taking my say into consideration.

Sincerely,



Jessica

Madison

Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi my name is Madison, I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I am typing this letter to talk about the McDonalds toy ban issue. I am against this ban.

One reason is the loose of jobs that will occur. Are economy is bad enough. And you want to make it worse. Because with out the toys kids won't want to go there and then McDonald market rate will plummet down. And that will mean that people have to lose their jobs. And that will mean that some people could go homeless also is.

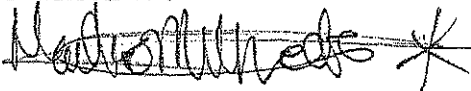
My second reason is why you would cut the toys when all you have to do 1 of 2 things. You could have kids do more exercise in schools to lose weight. Or you could but healthier food in the meals. Like instead of having a hamburger they should have like a sub or salad. So the kids don't go obis.

I know you will say well it's the parents fault for tacking them their. But the kids talk their parent in to talking them there. But it's the parent decision about what the get there so why does it matter about the dumb toy. So why would you take away the toy also its that's like the only toy some families can afford. How insensitive can you people be?

So if you are willing to have people loose their jobs go homeless and not have any toys then fine. But I would not and this is why you should not pass this law.

Sincerely,

Madison

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madison" followed by a stylized asterisk or flourish.

Noah
Brentwood, CA 94513

October 15, 2010

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
Attn: Alisa Somera

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

My name is Noah and I go to Edna Hill Middle School and I've heard about the McDonald's toy ban. I am against the ban and I'm writing this letter to tell you why.

The first reason I'm against the ban is because of job loss. If McDonald's goes out of business because people are taking their kids there, a lot of people would lose their jobs. Do you know what that would do to the economy? Our economy is bad enough already, we don't need more people losing their jobs. If the people lose their jobs they might become poor. To eat they might go to another fast food place and also become obese.

I don't even think it is the kids fault. It's the parents fault for even taking their kids there in the first place. Some parents make their kids eat all of the food before they can even play with the toy. So if you want to blame it on somebody blame it on the parents and not McDonald's.

You may think McDonald's food is fattening, but Burger King's food is worse (see nutrition charts). Why you guys are just picking on McDonald's I don't know. You guys should ban the toys in Burger King instead. Just look at the nutrition charts and you will see what I mean.

Do you think this is fair to the kids?

Sincerely,

Noah

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kyle and I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I disagree to the proposition of getting rid of toys at McDonalds.

I disagree first of all because you are only targeting one fast food place. People will just decide to go to Burger King and get a toy there. BK is also pretty unhealthy so it wouldn't make a big difference.

I secondly disagree because of economics. If people start going to Burger King Then some McDonalds might go out of business leaving more unemployed people.

You might think that you can just put some fruit or veggies in the happy meal and it is all okay. Well as a kid you should know probably over half of kids will just throw it away.

I think you should just have people know the nutritional facts of these fast food places and just keep it the way it is.

Sincerely,
Kyle

Kaylee
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello, my name is Kaylee and I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill middle school in Brentwood, Ca. I am writing in regards to the proposal to ban toys in kid's meals. I am against the ban of removing toys from the kid's meals.

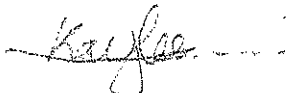
I think it's not fair to just target McDonald's. There are other fast food restaurants that put toys in their kid's meals that also serve unhealthy food. All of these fast food places have unhealthy food and also give toys in the kid's meals. So to just have McDonald's be targeted is unfair. But I also think taking the toys out of the meals would not change the way they eat.

I know my Mom would still take us to McDonald's to eat even if they took away the toy. But it's a nice surprise to see what toy you get. When we get a happy meal, we usually get a hamburger, apples, or sometimes fries and a drink. When you add up the calories, it's really not that bad for a meal. Just don't over eat or get more or use the sauces.

By taking away the toys and using them as rewards only when you eat healthier is ok, but it would be better as a reward when you are at home eating. When you are at McDonald's they only offer so much to a kid's meal, but when you go home you might have a lot more bad foods available to you. Then you could use a toy as a reward. When you go to a fast food place you would get a kid's meal and a toy, not really a reward for eating, more like something extra in the meal. Taking away the toy from the kid's meal won't change people from going to McDonald's.

I don't really think it's a good idea to take away a toy from a kid's meal just to make a kid eat healthier. It won't change the parent's minds about going to a fast food place and ordering a kid's meal for their kids either. It's something fun for kids to get when they go out to eat. I think the concern for obesity in kids is not when they go out to eat, but what they eat when they are at home. Families with obese kids should have to take a nutrition class and learn ways to have their kids eat healthier and reward them at home when they do. Maybe the reward could be going to McDonald's?

Sincerely,



Kaylee

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

This is Matthew, a seventh grade student here at Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing this letter in reference to the proposal about McDonald's toy ban. My position in this argument is to not ban the toys.

Toys should not be banned at McDonald's. Toys shouldn't be banned because McDonald's could just put the toys in healthier meals like salads or other healthy meals. McDonald's could also make these healthy meals a little bit pricier to avoid people buying the healthy meal, and then buying a Happy Meal just for the toys. Putting fruit in the food doesn't help because kids can just not eat the fruit or vegetables at all.

My second idea is to just make unhealthy meals healthier. The McDonald's chain could only offer grilled hamburgers instead of deep fried ones. French fries could be baked and seasoned instead of fried in oil, or they could sneak a couple of vegetables in the food.

I know you might say that the kids could just still make their parents buy the food and still only get the toy, however the choice is up to the parents. The government can't do much about the parent's choice to waste money or to not.

This is why you shouldn't ban the toys at McDonald's. The parents are the ones deciding what the children are allowed to eat. The government can't make the parents not buy a Happy Meal. This is why you should not ban the food.

Sincerely,



Matthew

Ty :
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Ty . I go to Edna Hill middle school and I am against the ban on happy meal toys.

First off, you are only targeting Mcdonalds when there are plenty of other fast food restaurants just as fattening as Mcdonalds. For example, Burger kings whopper has like 2000 calories.

Second of all, if you got rid of happy meal toys Mcdonalds might lose a bunch of customers which might cause some employees to lose their jobs, Which would bring down the economy and cause some families to lose their homes.

Finally, it would affect a lot of low income families because they depend on getting a low price meal with a toy for their kids to play with because they don't have the money to buy their kids toys.

That is where I stand on the happy meal toy ban, and that is why I think you should let Mcdonalds keep selling happy meal toys.

Sincerely,



Ty

Beau
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Beau _____ from Edna Hill Middle School. I am against the proposal for taking toys out of Happy meals.

No toys in Happy meals means less people at McDonalds. With less people at McDonalds they could run low of out of money and go out of business. If McDonalds goes out of business I know "Yay!" no more obesity right wrong! This would case a ripple effect causing many business' to fall. This would cause a huge economic downfall. If McDonalds went out of business many thousands would go be unemployed or poor.

The ripple effect of falling McDonalds means more falling businesses. Like if McDonald falls then Soda and meat companies fall. The fall of other companies means more unemployed or poor people. Then because of this a bigger economic drop than the McDonalds economic drops.

Now you might say so a few companies fall at least we get ride of childhood obesity right wrong! More than McDonalds cause childhood obesity Burger King does and even homemade foods cause childhood obesity. Banning the toy will do nothing to help childhood obesity only the parents have the choice of what their kids eat.

I know childhood obesity is a big thing because I've seen overweight toddlers but banning a toy won't solve the problem. If you want to stop childhood obesity than make fast food companies make the food healthier and make them get ride of all the preservatives. It the parents fault if their child is obese because the control what goes in their child's body not the government.

Sincerely,

Beau _____

Beau

Elizabeth

Brentwood, CA 94513

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello my name is Elizabeth _____, I go to Edna Hill Middle School and I am in 7th grade. I have heard that you have been planning to ban the McDonald's happy meal toy's . I am very sorry but I disapprove with banning of toys in Happy Meals.

My reason to not ban to ban toys what goes in the child's mouth in my opinion should be up to the parents. Usually the parent will not allow his or her child to waste the food because that would be wasting money. Not every day does one have to eat at McDonald's so this can also be a treat to go to once a month est.

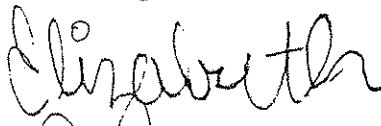
Instead of having to much of the food (which is a lot of calories) the can use a healthier oil such as vegetable. Wipe off the grease off the food for less fat. To not use as much salt. Also to make even more healthy to put more fresh fruit.

These ideas can make children happier and healthier and I think you should not pass a law to ban the happy meal toys.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth

Student's Signature



Connor
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello I'm Connor go to Edna Hill Middle School located in Brentwood, California. I'm aware of the matter at hand with Happy Meals. I think the toy shouldn't be banned.

McDonalds is just trying to give little kids a meal and entertainment. It's the parent's choice to give the little kid the food. McDonalds has been making Happy Meals since 1979 (said by 'Time') and the childhood obesity percentage was about 20% a year after the meal was created. The toy is not the reason for childhood obesity today. The reason is bad choices and to little exercise.

If this law passed it would decrease pay to the fast food chain. The people that make the toys will be laid off if you pass the law. If that happens the companies that make the toy might go out of business (which is bad for our **horrible** economy).

The toy is to suck in little kids. Last week I went to McDonalds and I saw about five kids playing with the toy and their meals were untouched.

You might say the food is too fatty to be put with a toy. Immediately you think the kids eat bad food to get a toy but really it's okay in moderation, like desserts. Granted the meal could be healthier, on the other hand though, McDonalds always encourages exercise with the play place, so if a kid eats and plays they can get exercise that's needed. The Board of Supervisors are acting like McDonalds is the only bad influence, Burger King, Jack in the Box and General Mills give away toys.

I suggest instead of banning the toys put nutritional value in big bold on the box. You shouldn't pass the law because the toy **is not** the reason for childhood obesity. It is bad decisions not a small piece of plastic that's causing childhood obesity.

Sincerely,


Connor

Madelyn
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi, my name is Madelyn ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I am against the banning of McDonalds toys.


The little kids won't have toys anymore if you do ban them. When I was little, I was happy when they got new toys so I could have one. Now I have a little brother who also enjoys them very much. If you get rid of them, the smaller kids will not be able to have them like we did. If you do ban them try to think about the kids that won't have toys anymore.

Parent's choice is very important also. The parents are the ones that decide to go or not. If the parents want to get them a treat once and awhile, that's fine but twice a week then that's their choice. They have control on whether to eat healthy or not. The parents will always decide.

If you think just giving kids toys if they get fruit or vegetables then listen to this. Most of the kids will not eat them, just the hamburger or McNuggets. So you are not helping them anyways.

I believe you should not ban the toys. You should think of the kids and what they want. That is what I think, and is why I think you should not ban the toys.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madelyn". To the right of the signature, there are several small, faint scribbles or marks.

Madelyn

Mr. Sean
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Sean and I am a seventh grade student at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood. I hear that you are trying to ban toys in the McDonald's Happy Meal. I am against the ban.


If you ban the toys in McDonald's Happy Meals it might cause a huge job loss. The economy is bad enough already. People buy Happy Meals because the toys make their kids happy. They may not buy them without toys and McDonald's profits will go down and many people may lose their jobs.

Taking the toys away will hurt the kids. It isn't the kid's fault if their parents let them eat "unhealthy" food. The age range for these meals is up to 8 years old. At that age they don't even know what calories are. They will be disappointed if they open their meal and find there's no toy in it. This law will make a Happy Meal an Unhappy Meal.

If you put vegetables in the meal and still keep the toy it won't solve the problem. Kids won't eat the vegetables, but will eat the chicken or burger. The vegetables will get thrown away and wasted. What's the point of forcing kids to order a food they don't want and won't eat? It doesn't solve any problems.

Just think of the outcome. Parents may not buy Happy Meals resulting in job losses, and forcing kids to eat vegetables won't work either. Kids don't like vegetables. Trust me, I know. I don't think you should pass this law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean". To the right of the signature, there are several small, faint scribbles and marks.

Sean

Katy
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi, my name is Katy -- and I am 12 years old. I am in the 7th grade and I go to Edna Hill Middle School. I feel that the ban of McDonald's Happy Meal Toys isn't necessary.

I feel that the ban isn't necessary because I think that it is the parent's decision what their child eats and it's not a problem that the government should be worrying about when there is much more important things that they need to do. Parents also control what goes into their child's mouth and what they are in taking into their bodies. It's their decision to let them eat the food that they do and if some children get obese it is the parents problems that they will need to deal with.

I feel that it's not okay for you just to be targeting McDonald's. Many other fast food restaurants include toys into their un healthy meals just like McDonald's does. For example, Burger King has toys in their kid's meals and they are not healthy either. If you ban the toys it will just make kids want to go to other fast food restaurants to get their toys that are pretty much the same. This will just have McDonald's make less money from the younger children because they will all just be going to Burger King and other fast food restaurants.

You may say that all the toys do is make children obese because it seems that they are getting rewarded for eating badly. My argument with that is if they do get the toy when they get fruits and vegetables they may just throw the fruit and vegetables out and eat the un healthy food and still get to play with the toy. Also it will just make the children want go to other fast food restaurants to eat the bad food and still get the toy.

I would just like you to think about this one thing: is it really our business what parents want their children to eat or is it the parents. I feel that it's the parents and we shouldn't be in all of their business. I think you should not pass this because it will not help the children because they will just end up going to go to other fast food places instead of McDonald's.

Sincerely,

Katy

Katy

Allyson .

Brentwood, CA 94513

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hello my name is Allyson. I am a student at Edna Hill Middle School in Brentwood. I am against the ban of toys.

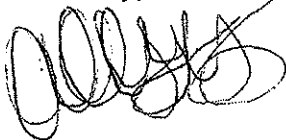
I am against this ban of toys at McDonalds. It's not the government's job to tell the kids what to eat it is their parent's choice on what they let their kids eat. If you were going to get rid of the toys there will be fewer costumers for you. Most little kids enjoy the food but they don't take it as being rewarded.

I also am against the ban because it's not the toy that makes the kids want the toy, it's the food. Maybe if the McDonalds food was made out of better ingredients for example the small fries are 380 calories but if you made them fresh the calories might go down. If you were to make that calories in the food go down maybe instead of losing costumers you would gain costumers because the food is healthier.

However, I can see the point why McDonalds would think want to ban toys because they probably think that having toys will promote kids to want to eat unhealthy to get a toy. But, McDonald's food is not unhealthy if you don't eat it all the time. Sometimes parents find it convenient to go through a drive thru because their kids have just finished a sporting event and don't have time to cook dinner. Also, if you eat fast food in moderation it doesn't make you fat and is not unhealthy. Besides McDonalds is offering other healthy alternatives, such as apple slices or yogurt instead of French fries. Parents can also order milk instead of drinking soda. So, a toy does not necessarily mean that a kid will eat unhealthy.

This is why you should not pass a law to stop giving McDonald toys in happy meals.

Sincerely,



Allyson .

Hannah ...

Brentwood CA 94513

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Hannah ... and I am a 7th grader at Edna Hill Middle School. I am writing to you because I am not for the ban.

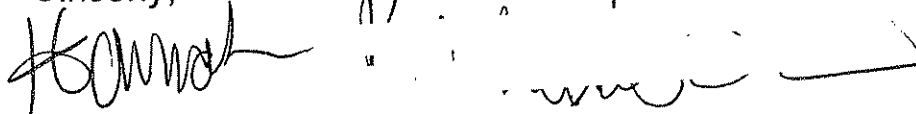
I am not for the ban because I believe that one decision can make a lot of things go wrong. If you lose the toys, you lose the business, and you lose the employees. A solution could be make McDonalds put some healthier things into their food, that way people could eat the food and not have to worry that they could get obese if they eat to much.

If you look at people from other countries you do not see a lot of people that are obese. People also need to take charge and start to care about their health. McDonalds in other countries put healthy items into their meals and this is why we have 50% obese people. Poeples do not realize that a vanilla shake is 1110 calories.

I do not understand why there is a need to ban the toys. I think that if you want to ban the toys then people will just go to a different fast food place and get a toy there. I also do not understand why you are targeting on just McDonalds. A McDonalds french fries is 350 calories but a burger king french fries are 480 calories. You need to look at all the fast food places and see their nutritional values and compare it.

I think that you should not pass the law of banning toys because I feel that even if you do ban them then it will make no difference because they will just go to another fast food place or they will just order something different that probaly has more calories and fat and is more fattening for them. This has just been my opinion but I do hope that you guys make the right choice. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Hannah

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Hi, my name is Madison . . . I am a seventh grader, and I go to Edna Hill Middle School. I have a five year old brother, who loves the toys at McDonald's. So, I am against the ban.

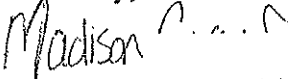
I am not just against it for my brother but, for lots of other people as well. If you ban the toys, people will stop coming and McDonald's will lose money and employees. When you lose the toys that also put the company that makes the toys in danger. You also shouldn't ban it because that is a way for low income families to give their children a meal and a toy.

This really isn't just McDonald's. If you ban the toys, people will just go to Burger King instead. Most parents don't even go once a week. When we go, it's a treat. Plus, it may be a good thing to keep them, because parents can buy the toys separately and the children can have something healthier.

I know that people may think that the food is unhealthy, and yes, I agree, so have them change the menu options. You may think that people will then just buy a side of fries. That's the parent's choice, though. If you're that concerned then change the whole menu, but that is irrational. If it's that big of a deal, tell kids why they should have a better meal. They are smart. The world isn't made of gumdrops.

With my ideas, I hope you will consider my vote. On both sides, we are trying to help people, but taking away kid's imaginations does not have to happen. We can compromise. That's why I believe we should not pass the law. Thank you for your time when reading this.

Sincerely,


Madison

Andrew Richards
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Andrew . I am against the ban of McDonalds happy meals.

If San Francisco got rid of happy meals McDonalds might go out of business. Lots of people would lose their job. The economy would go down if McDonalds went out of business. People would get angry if there were no more McDonalds.

You are only attacking McDonalds, not all the other restaurants. The other restaurant's food is just as bad as McDonalds food. Burger King's food is even worse than McDonalds food. If your attacking one restaurant you might as well attack them all.

It is not McDonalds' fault that the kids are eating the food, it's the parents fault. The parents are the ones that control what goes in their child's mouth, not McDonalds. The parents have to pay for it. The kids don't have enough money. They don't have to take their kid to McDonalds every day or more than once every two weeks.

That would just be wrong to ban the toys for the children. They wouldn't eat McDonalds any more. The kids hardly even eat the food they will just play with the toys. When I was a little kid I just had the food for the toy. That's why you should not pass the law of banning happy meals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Richards", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew

Ebony
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Dear San Francisco board of Supervision:

My name is Ebony and I go to Edna Hill Middle School. I am in the seventh grade, and my class and I read about your proposal, and speaking for only me, I am against it. Saying this, yes I do think that you should keep Mc Donald's Happy Meals the way that they are.

Some reasons I would say this is because for one, the money that gets spent for the happy meals goes to charity for kids. It helps them with clothes, food, and also toys. So even though the food is not healthy, the money goes to a good cause to help the kids. So, by banning the toys people may not buy, which means that they won't be able to help other kids.

Another reason why you should not ban the toy is a major reason because it only makes the economy worse. The people who make the toys will get put out of business. This means that you would get the blame (not in a mean way) for the increase in unemployment. People need government assistance (food stamps).

Parents will make the choice for their kids to eat at McDonalds and to have a Happy Meal no matter if there's a toy or not.

So with this being said I would say that the toy has nothing to do with the bad influences of kids who eat unhealthy.

Sincerely, Ebony
Ebony

Kara

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kara I am in 7th grade at Edna Hill Middle School. My proposal to you is that you should not pass the law to ban toys in kids meals based on fat or calorie content.

I think that the food at Mc Donald's does not cause childhood obesity. Mc Donald's food is very tasty and the restaurant offers many healthy options for children. Some of the healthy options are, apples and caramel, milk, fruit and nut salad, and fruit parfait, to name a few. There are unhealthy options at Mc Donald's, however, it should be the parent's choice on what they feed their children, not the government's decision.

My younger brother and I go to McDonald's and we love the toys. Last time we went to McDonald's, my brother got the Star Wars skateboard and he loved it! He played with it even before he started eating and it was a treat for him. I remember being a little girl and getting a Strawberry Shortcake doll in my Happy Meal. I played with it a lot and actually still have it. The McDonalds toys bring good memories and should not be removed from future Happy Meals.

You might be concerned about childhood obesity, but please consider the effect this law would have on our economy. If restaurants stop giving out toys, they may lose business. The economy right now does not need any more jobless people. If Mc Donald's lays off some of their employees, they may not be able to pay their bills or house payments. The government should not make a law that would cause people to lose their jobs.

In the USA, we the people should make our own decisions on what we eat. If people want to eat unhealthy foods, they will do it whether it is at a restaurant or at home. This is why I do not think you should pass the law to take away toys from kids meals based on fat or calorie content.

Sincerely,



Kara

