

PARK, NOT PARKING GARAGE!

**Don't MALL Golden Gate Park!
Parks for people, not cars!
Museums for art, not traffic!**

NO On Prop. A
On Prop. J

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Vote NO on Proposition J

Proposition J will allow \$45 million in private funds from wealthy donors to build a 800-1,000 space parking facility under the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. This facility would also require the creation of several tunnels and underpasses, the cutting down of hundreds of trees, and years of construction noise and disruption.

• Expensive

This "philanthropic gift" garage will cost the taxpayers of San Francisco millions for maintenance, landscaping, gardening, security, traffic control and other associated expenses. More importantly, the private money raised for the garage could be used to reduce the cost of rebuilding the de Young, to restore the Conservatory of Flowers, to renovate the park's restrooms, or to plant new trees. Instead of pouring money into a garage Golden Gate Park doesn't need, use it to enhance the park and ease the burden on taxpayers. There's no free lunch, and there's no free garage.

• Unnecessary

The UCSF parking facility, located within a mile of the Music Concourse, contains more than 2,000 empty spaces on weekends. An effective, well-marketed shuttle system could easily take advantage of this unused capacity without disrupting and damaging Golden Gate Park.

• Poor Public Policy

Proposition J is being rushed to the June ballot with the explicit goal of avoiding public scrutiny, motivated by funding promises made by wealthy special interests. It supersedes the Golden Gate Park Master Plan, developed with years of public input. City government should be responsive to all of us, not just the people with loaded wallets.

• Dangerous Privatization

Proposition J creates a new "public benefit corporation," with broad powers over the entire park and little public oversight. The Zoo is an example of how such "public private partnerships" mean less public control, a less appealing attraction, financial mismanagement and greater public expense. This shouldn't happen to Golden Gate Park.

• Precedent

Article 4, Section 113 of the City Charter allows the Board of Supervisors to locate parking garages under any city park. To date, the board has - thankfully - not aggressively pursued such facilities. A parking garage in Golden Gate Park would give the green light for garages in other neighborhoods, meaning more traffic, accidents, noise, crime and pollution.

Vote No on Proposition A

Proposition A will demolish the present M.H. de Young Memorial Museum and rebuild a new facility three times the size of the existing building. The \$90 million bond measure (\$154 million with interest) will increase property taxes by \$40 or more a year for the average San Francisco homeowner. **Landlords will be able to pass bond costs on to tenants through a deal arranged by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.**

The administrators of the de Young have clearly tied the success of the museum to continued and expanded automobile access to Golden Gate Park. They have consistently resisted any further restrictions on car traffic in the park, including Saturday closure of a 1.5 mile portion of JFK Drive. Instead of making it convenient for their visitors to use MUNI or shuttles, the de Young's administrators are relying on increased automobile traffic and a parking garage.

San Francisco deserves nothing less than a world-class fine arts museum. However, if such an institution is located in Golden Gate Park, it must be sensitive to the needs of the park and its visitors. Not only should such a museum abide by the city's "Transit First" charter, it should be a leading force in promoting sustainable forms of transportation. Unfortunately, such a museum is not proposed by Proposition A. Voting NO on Proposition A will *not* mean the closure of the de Young. Voting no *will* send the administrators of the de Young back the drawing board to come up with a museum proposal all San Franciscans can support.

Vote NO on Proposition A and Proposition J on June 2