

# Excelsior District Improvement Association

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DATE: July 28, 2008

TO: Mayor Gavin Newsom,  
City Hall, Room 200,  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Proposal for Garbage Handling Facility at 1980 Sunnydale Avenue

The Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA) would like to go on record as opposed to the proposed project to construct and operate a garbage handling facility on the edge of McLaren Park, at 1980 Sunnydale Avenue. We join with the majority of McLaren Park neighbors in rejecting this inappropriate use of park land.

We also object to the lack of public notice during the period when the Exemption from Environmental Review was being considered.

A park is a park. It's not meant to be anything else. It should not be allocated to any other use – if an area neglected it should be improved rather than designated for waste processing. Our park space is precious. A City park is not an appropriate location for activities which are not related to recreation.

We are not persuaded that this use for the site would be temporary; rather, we believe that once the site is developed for this use, the garbage-handling facility would continue in use for many years.

Besides being located within a park, and next to recreational and educational facilities, the site is at the entrance to McLaren Park where the focus should be on developing an attractive and inviting portal, to enhance both the Park and the surrounding neighborhood.

We also note that a recycling handling facility would attract both legal and illegal recycling handlers, with trucks and hand carts. Experience shows that this would develop into an "attractive nuisance" for indigents and homeless, dumping shopping carts and other unsightly and unmanaged paraphernalia. This should certainly qualify as a "significant environmental effect" under the CEQA guidelines, as well as an enforcement headache for the SFPD.

We believe there are other, more appropriate sites in the area that can be developed for this use.

We strongly object to this project.

Sincerely,

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