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San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission
City and County of San Francisco
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street
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RE: Buena Vista Park; Change in Park Closure Hours

Dear Commission Members:

I write to strongly urge implementation of a change in park hours at Buena Vista Park, so that the park shall be closed from 10:00 pm to 6 am. I am among many neighbors of the park whose residences surround the periphery of the park. Over the last few years this neighborhood has been substantially overrun by travelers, including many transient people who occupy and camp in the park, often 24/7, together with their vehicles, belongings and their dogs.

From my perspective and my neighbors, all of whom support this change in hours, the primary problem is the northwest corner of the park at the intersection of Haight Street and Buena Vista Park West. However, I know, from conversations with other neighbors, the problems created by these travelers extends all around the park.

On a daily basis we see these visitors taking over and occupying these areas of the park, mere steps from the doorsteps of the surrounding residences. We regularly see violence arise by these campers, use of drugs, trashing of the park, constant, day and night howling and crying of the many dogs these people bring, and very loud and inconsiderate behavior by the campers themselves- at all hours of day and night. We frequently endure yelling and screaming, piercing the night.

For these reasons I write to strongly urge implementation of this change in park hours in an effort to reduce the above-described disruption here and misuse of this beautiful park.

Sincerely,

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