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San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission
City and County of San Francisco
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park
501 Stanyan Street
San Francisco, CA 94117-1898

Re: Change in Park Closure Hours of Buena Vista Park

To San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission,

With this letter the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association supports changing the closure hours of Buena Vista Park from the current 12:00am – 5:00am, to the proposed 10:00pm – 6:00am. Park closure hours of 10:00pm – 6:00am is the most followed alternative closure hours used by San Francisco parks, with approximately 55 parks currently following this schedule.

Ongoing disturbances and camping in Buena Vista Park cause safety and quality of life issues in and near the park. San Francisco Police Park Station Captain Una Bailey supports increasing the park closure hours as it would help support the police with their efforts to manage public safety and quality of life in the neighborhoods surrounding Buena Vista Park. San Francisco Park Ranger Chief Mike Celeste also supports increasing the park closure hours.

The proposed change was discussed amongst community members at two Buena Vista community meetings. The first meeting was held on March 26, 2018, with Supervisor London Breed, Police Captain Una Bailey, and Park Ranger Lieutenant Marcus Santiago participating. The second meeting was held on April 18, 2018, at the Randall Museum, with Supervisor Jeff Sheehy and Police Captain Una Bailey, participating.

At both meetings, a strong community consensus was communicated on the importance of improving public safety and quality of life in the neighborhoods near Buena Vista Park, particularly around the northwest corner of Buena Vista Park, and supporting a change in park closure hours to support this. Supervisors London Breed and Jeff Sheehy both communicated their support in increasing the park closure hours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Burke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David R. Burke
Acting President, Buena Vista Neighborhood Association (BVNA)