

SAVE SF RECREATION INITIATIVE SIGNATURE GATHERING INSTRUCTIONS

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS PRECISELY TO ENSURE VALID SIGNATURES.

STEP 1: BEFORE YOU COLLECT SIGNATURES

- 1) PRINT** a sheet of the badges. **You must wear** one at all time while collecting signatures. They do not need to be in color. Take extras in case you lose one.
- 2) PRINT** at least 2 copies of the petition. Immediately **STAPLE** each copy separately so no pages will get lost. **Do not unstaple them.**
- 3) BRING A CLIPBOARD** and at least 3 black or blue pens.
- 4) PRINT** at least 2 copies of the large print slogan “Help Save Recreation in SF.” Put one on the back of the clipboard. If you wish, attach the other to cardboard to hold up or place on the ground near you.
- 5) PRINT** out “Examples of Losing Recreation.” Have it handy to show to people or paste it to cardboard to share.
- 6) PRINT** out the “Talking Points” to take with you.

STEP 2: APPROACH TO VOTERS

- ❖ **Hold up** the “Save Recreation in SF” sign.
- ❖ **Ask**, “Are you a currently registered San Francisco voter?” then let me explain
- ❖ **Say** “I’m collecting signature for an initiative that would ensure that recreational facilities slated for demolition will be replaced by similar facilities in the same neighborhood.”
“We are not opposed to building, but want to preserve recreation for our families and children. Can you help us?”
- ❖ Always **ask** them to just sign the petition.

STEP 3: WHEN COLLECTING SIGNATURE, FOLLOW THESE RULES

- ❖ **USE ONLY BLUE OR BLACK INK.**
- ❖ **PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES!**
- ❖ **VOTERS’ SIGNATURE SECTION**

Use Pen Only — Please print all information except the signature.

For office use only:

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	Print Name	Residence Address ONLY	
	Sign as registered to vote	City ZIP Code	

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Voters must:

- ❖ **SIGN** their names exactly as they are registered. **ONLY currently registered San Francisco voters can sign the petition**
- ❖ **PRINT** their own name and address completely and **legibly**.
It must be the **same address** as their voter registration.
- ❖ P.O. Boxes are not permitted!

STEP 4: AFTER GATHERING SIGNATURES**FILL OUT AND SIGN THE DECLARATION OF CIRCULATOR SECTION**

After collecting signatures, **FILL OUT ANY BLANK DECLARATION** in the petition package to avoid invalidating the signatures.

Declaration of Circulator
(To be completed after above signatures have been obtained. Dates of circulation, printed name, and residence address must be in circulator's own handwriting.)

I, _____, am 18 years of age or older. My residence address is _____
(print name) *(address, city, state, zip)*

_____. I circulated this section of the petition and witnessed each of the appended signatures being written. Each signature on this petition is, to the best of my information and belief, the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All signatures on this document were obtained between the dates of _____ and _____
(month, day, year) *(month, day, year)*

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, _____, at _____
(month and day) *(year)* *(place of signing)*

(complete signature, indicating full name of circulator)

**START
DATE****END DATE****You must:**

- ❖ **PRINT** your name and address.
- ❖ **FILL IN** the **start** date **before** you begin collecting signatures.
FILL IN the **end** date **as soon as** you have completed gathering signatures.
DO NOT add any signatures after the end date!
- ❖ **PRINT** the date and place of signing and **SIGN** with your complete signature.
- ❖ **IMPORTANT NOTE:** You do not have to have every signature line filled in before handing it in. Blank signature lines are fine. Just make sure you fill out your information.

STEP 5: DELIVER SIGNED PETITIONS TO SFTC

- ❖ **FILL OUT** "Signed Statement for Petition Gatherers" and deliver it **each time** with your signed petitions. **Fill out and sign this every time you deliver petitions.**
- ❖ **DELIVER** petitions to team captains or at the private real estate office located at San Francisco Tennis Club at 5th and Brannan. The office is at the end of the hall past the tennis shop on the third floor. The door has a big M on it. Leave your petitions in the mailbox.
- ❖ **Email** Wayne, wmurakami@ebksystems.com, with your signature count as Count=xx in the body of the email.

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PLACES TO GATHER SIGNATURES

- ❖ Neighbors
- ❖ Work place
- ❖ Golden Gate Park or neighborhood parks
- ❖ Local schools during student drop-off and pick-up times
- ❖ Large public events listed. (See attached page.)
- ❖ Avoid tourist places like Fisherman's Wharf as only San Francisco voters can sign.

LARGE EVENTS TO GET SIGNATURES

- ❖ June 4-5 Union Street Fair
 - 10 am–6 pm, Union Street between Gough and Steiner
- ❖ June 11-12 North Beach Street Fair
 - 10 am–6 pm, Grant Avenue between Columbus and Filbert; Columbus Avenue between Broadway and Green; and Vallejo and Green Streets between Columbus and Grant Avenue
- ❖ June 12 Haight/Ashbury St Fair
 - 11 am–5:20 pm, live music, Haight Street between Masonic and Stanyan
- ❖ June 19 & 26 Stern Grove Sunday Music in the Park
 - Sundays beginning at 2 pm, outdoor amphitheater at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard
- ❖ June 25 & 26 Gay Pride Parade & Festival
 - Saturday, June 25th, Festival at the Civic Center, 12–6pm
 - The Parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 26 at Market & Beale and ends at Market & 8th Street

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TALKING POINTS

Examples of Threatened Recreation

- ❖ The 6-acre Mission Bay Golf facility was replaced by offices and condominiums.
- ❖ The children's playground at Laguna and Oak Streets was replaced by apartments.
- ❖ The City has 27 youth baseball diamonds. According to the National Recreation and Parks Association 2016 standards, there should be 20% more.
- ❖ When Treasure Island is imminently developed, the San Francisco Little League fields, rugby field and the Youth Sailing Program will all be without facilities indefinitely or see their facilities greatly reduced.
- ❖ San Francisco Little League has already lost 1 of 4 of its fields on Treasure Island because the developers needs a place to store dirt for the Yerba Buena Island development.
- ❖ San Francisco Tennis Club (planned to be demolished for office buildings soon) is the only indoor tennis facility in San Francisco.
- ❖ With the planned closure of the SF State University tennis courts and San Francisco Tennis Club, this reduces the number of tennis courts in the city by approximately 22%.
- ❖ High school and college tennis teams use San Francisco Tennis Club as their home and practice facility.
- ❖ Kezar Stadium, long a community recreation hub for schools and residents, has been leased to the Deltas, a part of the North American soccer league, who will host 15-20 weekend games per year. This was strongly opposed by the neighborhood council.
- ❖ 21 tennis courts at Golden Gate Park and many others around the city need renovation, but no funds are budgeted.
- ❖ San Francisco has 9 public swimming pools, but Balboa has been closed for 2 years due to lack of funding
- ❖ The Yerba Buena indoor ice skating rink is so overused that hockey teams practice after midnight on weeknights.

QUALITY OF LIFE—Recreation is a necessary part of quality of life in San Francisco. An April survey said that a third of the city's resident are thinking of moving out because of quality of life problems.

GROWTH IMPACTS—We have a rapidly growing population (>12,000 people each year) but a declining recreational base. San Francisco is consistently ranked the first or second densest city in the country. Increased not reduced recreational facilities are critical to maintaining the quality of life people value.

FAMILIES—Families are fleeing San Francisco in part because of diminishing quality of life. Recreation is part of what makes the City attractive and will help keep families here. An April survey said that a third of the city's resident are thinking of moving out because of quality of life problems.

PRESERVATION—We need to preserve what little recreation we have. 20 million square feet of office space are under construction or in the planning stage. Do you know of any new recreation being built?

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MYTHS & FACTS

MYTH: *"I heard this Initiative only benefits a private tennis club."*

FACT: The initiative would protect threatened recreational facilities—both public and private— throughout San Francisco. Development has taken the Mission Driving Range, Japantown Bowl, and Laguna Street playground from the public. Swimming pools, gyms and tennis courts are threatened in SOMA, the Embarcadero and SF state. Saving recreation is a quality of life issue for everyone in the City. An April citywide poll said that a third of the city's residents are thinking of leaving San Francisco because of quality of life problems.

MYTH: *"There is a public process to take care of these real estate approvals, we don't need a ballot initiative."*

FACT: There is legislation on the books for this circumstance, but it covers only a small part of the city and public process is threatened by new neighborhood plans that favor development. This initiative would assure protection of the entire city rather than piecemeal neighborhoods.

MYTH: *"This initiative takes away private property rights by not allowing property owners to do what they want with their property."*

FACT: This does not stop anyone from selling their property. It puts an obligation on the developer of a new project to account for impacts on the neighborhood, just as they are for traffic impacts."

MYTH: *"This would require replacing properties that are losers. Why force anyone to rebuild something that no one wants?"*

FACT: There are exemptions built in to the initiative that account for that. If the existing recreational facility is a bust, it can be carved out.

MYTH: *"I don't use recreation. Why should I care?"*

FACT: Our society is facing an obesity epidemic. We need more recreational facilities to address the problem not fewer. Places for both children and adults to play, socialize and blow off the steam of our stressed out lives are critical to the quality of life we expect in San Francisco. Recreational are places our youth can go for healthy experiences that keep them off the streets.

MYTH: *"The City already pays for recreation."*

FACT: San Francisco Rec & Park barely maintains the parks and facilities it has now. The Recreation and Parks Budget is a much smaller share of the city budget than it was in 2000—a mere one percent. The Balboa public pool is closed because of a lack of funds to renovate it. The Golden Gate Park tennis courts and others are badly in need of work, but the funds aren't there for the work.