

**GOLDEN GATE PARK RECREATIONAL FIELDS RENOVATION ACT**

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

**SECTION 1. Title**

This measure shall be known and may be cited as the "Golden Gate Park Recreational Fields Renovation Act"

**SECTION 2. Findings and Declarations**

The People of the City and County of San Francisco declare their findings and purposes in enacting this Initiative to be as follows:

Whereas, San Francisco maintains an extensive system of parks for the benefit of all the People of San Francisco;

Whereas, Golden Gate Park is the centerpiece of San Francisco's world-renowned park system;

Whereas, the Golden Gate Master Plan states that Golden Gate Park is naturalistic in character, "designed and managed to afford opportunities for all to experience beauty, tranquility, recreation, and relief from urban pressures";

Whereas, the mission of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department includes maintaining safe recreational playing fields which also preserve the natural environment for the well-being of San Francisco's diverse community;

Whereas, there is a large body of scientific evidence that artificial turf fields such as those proposed for Golden Gate Park pose an environmental and health threat;

Whereas, light pollution produced by nighttime sports field lighting negatively impacts human health, wildlife activity, and the surrounding environment;

Therefore, the people of the City and County of San Francisco declare that:

All athletic fields in Golden Gate Park in the area west of Crossover Drive shall be maintained as natural grass. The City shall not permit nighttime sports field lighting in these areas.

**SECTION 3. Golden Gate Park Recreational Fields Renovation Act Requirement**

Appendix 103 is added to the San Francisco Administrative Code as follows: All athletic fields in Golden Gate Park in the area west of Crossover Drive shall be maintained as natural grass. The City shall not permit nighttime sports field lighting in these areas.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date**

In accordance with the provisions of California Elections Code section 9217, if a majority of the voters vote in favor of the Initiative, the Initiative shall go into effect 10 days after the vote is declared by the Board of Supervisors.

**SECTION 5. Severability**

If any provision of this Initiative or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any provision or application of this Initiative that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To this end, the provisions of this Initiative are severable.

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