

Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)

From: Pinata de Tigre <kuyatheone@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2023 9:04 PM
To: Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)
Subject: Small Business Commission meeting on Monday at 430 pm.

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To: Kerry Birnbach, Commission Secretary, kerry.birnbach@sfgov.org

Subject: Small Business Commission meeting on Monday at 430 pm.

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Preserve what we have left please.

Thank you, Paul Dohrmann

San Francisco, resident since early 1960's

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Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)

From: Elaine Chen <elainechen8@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 11:31 PM
To: SBC (ECN)
Subject: Comments to SFMTA Extend Parking Meter Hours

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STRONG OBJECTION!!!!

From: [Sean Kim](#)
To: [SBC \(ECN\)](#)
Subject: Geary Merchants Association opposes to the SFMTA's plan to extend parking meter hours
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023 10:58:28 PM

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Dear Small Business Commissioners,

We, the Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners Association, write to express our opposition to the proposal to extend parking meter hours.

As a merchant association, we believe that extending parking meter hours will have a detrimental impact on local businesses. It will discourage out-of-town visitors and impose financial strain on local residents who are already feeling the effects of an impending recession.

One of the key factors driving San Franciscans and tourists to visit neighborhood business districts in the evenings is the opportunity to relax, unwind, and enjoy a meal with their loved ones. The extension of parking meter hours will impose an additional cost on potential customers, particularly impacting seniors, the disabled, and families, thereby detracting from their overall enjoyment and discouraging such activities.

Furthermore, the proposed meter hours until 10pm will significantly burden restaurant and retail workers who will have to spend 2 to 3 times more on parking and allocate more of their hard-earned income towards feeding the meters. It's important to note that many service employees live outside San Francisco, and public transportation is often not a feasible option for them.

Additionally, we must consider that until transit infrastructure is reliable and safe, many residents prefer to rely on their cars. Unintentionally or not, removing existing parking spaces and raising parking fees becomes "a burden on economically disadvantaged people." This disproportionately affects those who cannot afford alternative modes of transportation and adds to their financial hardships.

In order to stimulate our local economy and revitalize restaurants and tourist areas, we believe it is crucial to incentivize evening and Sunday customers, while also taking into consideration the well-being of workers. Adding additional costs at a time when rents, food prices, and other necessary expenses are already high will only exacerbate the challenges faced by businesses and residents.

We urge you to carefully consider the needs of our local businesses and residents, as well as the overall interests of San Francisco. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

Sean Kim, Vice President & David Heller, President
The Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners Association

Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)

From: Iris Chen <irischenr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:14 PM
To: SBC (ECN)
Subject: Meter extension

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Hi Sirs,

Highly recommend to reconsider about extend the hours of SF meter paring. Nowadays, people are more willing to spend time and money outside of San Francisco due to the security issue in SF. Also people are more likely to go somewhere has free parking, like Stonestown and Serramonte. Regarding on these reasons, extend the SF meter hours will not help the SF financial issues, only will causing SF to become more deadly. Even since meter hours extension news released, people started to complain about everything in SF is getting more expensive, so hard to afford to live in the City anymore.

Please reconsider this decision.

Appreciated,
Iris

HENRY KARNILOWICZ

President Emeritus
San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

May 22, 2023

Executive Director Katy Tang
Office of Small Business
49 South Van Ness Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re:
May 23, 2023 Small Business Commission Meeting

Dear Executive Director Katy Tang,

I am a small business owner in D6 and am an advocate for small business.

I am writing in support of President Aaron Peskin's resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to delay implementing meter hour extension until the completion of an independent economic impact report that specifically analyzes the projected impact to San Francisco small businesses, City revenues, and the City's overall economic recovery and said report is reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and the SFMTA Board and until our small businesses have more time to recover from the economic devastation of the pandemic closures.

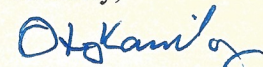
The SFMTA has announced a plan to extend parking meters until 10 pm Monday through Saturday, and on Sundays from 12 pm to 6 pm. I strongly oppose this plan as I feel there is a high risk that this change could negatively affect customers' willingness to drive into San Francisco, and it will add costs for our restaurant, bar, and retail workers who need to drive to work and park. Additionally - I have been informed that while these rates vary, it is not unusual that busy neighborhood corridors with restaurants/shops could see rates around \$6 - \$7 dollars per hour!!! I was at the ballgame on Saturday and parking at a meter for 5 hours cost \$45.00 (**\$9.00 per hour!**) This could mean that for an employee to park for 4 hours near their place of work that it would cost them \$24 to \$36 dollars!

I understand the significant financial challenges that SFMTA is facing and strongly support the need for a robust public transportation system in the city, but we need to look to the state and federal government to help with the scale of funding needed for our transportation systems, not look to small business and workers for funds. What I cannot wrap my head around is that parking is being removed on Geary Boulevard, Taraval Street, Geneva Avenue and other parts of the city and SFMTA is seeking more revenue from parking meters?

This planned change will have a cost and negative financial impact on employees. Many take public transportation, some have to drive, due to late hours or challenges around scheduling. They will now have to pay for parking and disrupt their work to move their cars. They cannot apply for residential parking permits for their work. This may cause them not to want to take jobs in the city.

I am also against the 18 month extended rollout across the city, which will cause both inequity and confusion, for business and consumers and am worried that this will discourage customers from the communities around San Francisco who want to drive into the city to dine and shop, at a time when we need them more than ever. Businesses are still trying to recover from Covid closures and disruptions and additional challenges could have devastating consequences.

Sincerely,


Henry Karnilowicz

"Think big, Shop Small"

Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)

From: zrants <zrants@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2023 8:28 PM
To: Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)
Subject: re: Extending Parking meter hours - Monday at 430 pm

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May 21, 2023

Kerry Birnbach, Small Business Commission Secretary, please share with all the commissioners.

re: Extending Parking meter hours program at the Small Business Commission meeting on Monday at 430 pm.

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Please oppose the parking meter extended hours. Support the Supervisors' Resolution #230587 item 41 on the May 23, 2023 agenda.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza

Concerned SF Citizen

Birnbach, Kerry (ECN)

From: Ilc volar <sakesansf@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:22 PM
To: SBC (ECN)
Subject: Meter til 10pm on Clement street

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To whom it may concern,

There are already big changes in the Richmond area. Tons of car breaks in, more and more homeless on the street, residents are moving out, harder to business due to economy inflation. If employees and residents have to pay for meter til 10pm. Basically is telling residents move out and employees will look for another job somewhere else. Both are putting our small business to close down. Hope you guys will not have this law passed.

Barry
Sakesan
626 Clement Street

From: [Joanne Bloomfield](#)
To: [Birnbach, Kerry \(ECN\)](#)
Subject: Sunday parking meters
Date: Sunday, May 21, 2023 9:34:24 PM

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Thank you very much,

-Joanne Bloomfield

San Francisco resident since 1988