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Open letter from a long term resident of San Francisco-  
I hope this will help all of you look at this situation from a different perspective.  
Thank you in advance for reading.

DEAR SAN FRANCISCANS- Before we vote for the opening/closing of the Great Highway and Mayoral race, ask yourself one question- Where will you go in case of major catastrophe?? Since we live in Earthquake country and we've had major quakes in the past, wouldn't it be prudent to contemplate the various scenarios? Such as another major Earthquake along one or more of our active Bay Area faults. If both the Golden Gate and Bay bridges are either damaged or collapsed we will not be able to go North or East. Also since we live on a peninsula, we would basically have one way to go for immediate help. All current Southern Evacuation routes should not only be preserved but expanded and reinforced immediately. This would include Sloat to Skyline South. Infrastructure protection for West side sewage pump station- properly engineered and placed Southern Sea Wall. There is enough land left if properly engineered to not only keep our Southern evacuation route but also protect the West Side Sewage pump Station. Remember 101 and 280 Freeways will most likely have damage or overpasses collapses. Other city overpasses would also be susceptible. Such as Sloat and Sunset Blvd, Lincoln Way and Sunset blvd. We just don't know how bad it would be in various scenarios unfortunately. I hope this provides another perspective. Another major problem is of course traffic through our residential neighborhoods. Keep in mind when the Great Highway is closed, traffic is rerouted through residential neighborhoods causing excessive speeding and an overall lack of obeying traffic laws. Running stop signs etc.... My own personal experience in front of my house since this has started has been 3 accidents on my block alone. I see drivers blow through 4 way stops, not stop for pedestrians etc... remember 4 lanes of traffic have been rerouted through a residential neighborhood. Don't believe me please look into the traffic statistics since the closing of it. My family has lived in this city since before the 1900s. I'm a 4th generation San Franciscan. My parents bought our house in 1964. I came along in 1968. My Father worked for the San Francisco Water dept for more then 20 years. He helped in the design and construction of the West Side Sewage Treatment pump station. Years ago before construction a handful of engineers recommended the station should be located back further or at least put in a Southern Sea Wall to prevent erosion. The cost factor was the main sticking point. Also it would have had to be located on Zoo property which would have been another hurdle. So the city went ahead and built it anyway. Sound Familiar? So please ask yourselves where will you go? Unfortunately for me I have already decided that if this measure goes through I will either sell my house or rent it out. Simply because a up an coming supervisor is trying to make a name for himself (D4) or beholden to special interests groups. He lied to his constituents during his campaign and now will be recalled. I would really like to ask the Mayoral candidates their positions but to date none of them have answered my emails. It's important for them to inform us. I wonder where they will go? Open Great Highway and Sloat to Skyline 24/7 to cars. Thank you for taking the time to read.

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Born, Raised and for now residing in the Sunset District