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Dear Forest and Tracy,

We wish to thank you for your presentation about Blue Zones in San Francisco for our disabled population. It was gratifying to learn firsthand of your many efforts to provide easier parking for those who need extra services because of a disability.

We are interested in updates regarding the percentage of blue zones available on metered streets in San Francisco. Currently, according to your presentation, there are 2.13% blue zones of metered parking places on SF streets. This is below your projected goal of 4%. Please let us know how we can help you attain that 4% blue zone parking.

Also, we have a concern about the removal of blue zone parking. In the event of a blue zone or zones needing to be removed, we would like to see a replacement blue zone(s) nearby sited first before the original location is eliminated, with adequate signage informing drivers where the new blue zones are located. Then those who rely on blue zone parking would still be able to park safely.

We understand that city parking lots also have blue zone parking. Is this parking free, similar to metered street parking? If it is not free, is there any possibility that city lots could offer a disabled driver with a placard a discount? Please clarify that for us. Thank you.

During our discussion, one MDC member asked about the blue zone map being incomplete on the north end of the Lower Great Highway. Since our meeting, the missing blue zone at Judah and Lower Great Highway has been placed on the map, along with two new blue zone diagonal parking spaces between Lincoln and Irving. Thank you for that. However, the blue zone just south of the restroom at Judah and Lower Great Highway has faded a great deal needs repainting. Thank you for updating the map and adding these two new blue zone spaces.

Again, thank you for an interesting and informative presentation. We appreciate your time and efforts and hope to continue our discussions and partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

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