

Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee Resolution

Urging San Francisco Public Works to Connect the Buchanan Mall to the Hayes Valley Playground

WHEREAS, The Market & Octavia Area Plan, states “Local streets like Laguna, Hermann, Octavia north of Hayes, Buchanan, and others should be reconfigured and enhanced where necessary to encourage walking and slow traffic movement”; and

WHEREAS, The Market & Octavia Area Plan, states “Given the legacies of land use decisions, development patterns, and investments from past eras, such as elevated freeways and redevelopment, Planning should carefully consider the needs of these adjacent neighborhoods to advance the goals of sustainability, resiliency, equity, and economic diversity. It is particularly important that historically marginalized communities can benefit from investment and that burdens be avoided or mitigated to ensure more equitable outcomes and access to opportunity and investment”;

WHEREAS, school children must regularly detour to traffic-heavy Webster or Laguna Streets when moving between the Buchanan Mall and the Hayes Valley Playground;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Recreation & Park Department is generally supportive of the idea to create a connection between Buchanan Street Mall and Hayes Valley Playground;

WHEREAS, SFPD does not object to connecting the Buchanan Mall to the Hayes Valley Playground;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Market & Octavia Community Advisory Committee (MOCAC) urges San Francisco Public Works to create a pedestrian-friendly connection between the Buchanan Mall and the Hayes Valley Playground; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the MOCAC encourages San Francisco Public Works to explore creative urban design solutions, such as green pathways, public art installations, and enhanced lighting, to ensure that the connection between the Buchanan Mall and the Hayes Valley Playground not only meets functional needs but also enhances the aesthetic and cultural value of the Market & Octavia area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the MOCAC encourages San Francisco Public Works to explore configurations that preserve the security of the Ammel Park Cooperative Homes and parking lot.