

Policy Position

8 Washington St. Project

The San Francisco Parks Alliance is neutral on Propositions B and C on the November 2013 ballot. We believe an increase in public open space is critical to ensuring the long-term livability and neighborhood vitality of this portion of the waterfront, and we are pleased to see any proposal that recognizes and accommodates the need for significant park space associated with new development. However, because we believe any design and planning process should build in authentic community engagement early on, we believe vetting by the Planning Commission, Port and Board of Supervisors should have been sufficient to hear and address community concerns about this project, avoiding dueling “ballot box planning” measures.

As San Francisco continues to grow and its population density increases, we see an ongoing need for public open spaces -- urban dwellers need parks and open spaces for recreation, relaxation and community benefit. San Francisco’s parks system is widely considered to be among the best in the country. That is why we will continue to advocate for a planning and design process that is smart, inclusive and aims to build consensus rather than dividing communities.

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