Dear community member,

Thank you for taking the time to help us address this important issue.

Maybe you care about this because you have noticed how little greenspace the Tenderloin has compared to other neighborhoods in the city.

Maybe you’re concerned about traffic safety in a highly pedestrianized neighborhood.

Maybe you recognize the health benefits that nature and fresh air offer.

Whatever your reason for supporting this, we’d love for you to send an email Mayor London Breed, District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney, Fire Chief Jeanne Nicholson, and SFMTA Director Jeff Tumlin. You’re welcome to draft something in your own words, or use one of the templates we have provided below.

 Copy us too (together@goldengategreenway.org), if you’d like!

With gratitude,

Golden Gate Greenway

**Option 1**

To: mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org; Dean.Preston@sfgov.org; Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com; jeanine.nicholson@sfgov.org

CC: together@goldengategreenway.org

Subject: Equity in Greenspace

Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Preston, Director Tumlin, and Chief Nicholson,

I am writing to express my support of [Golden Gate Greenway](https://www.goldengategreenway.org/), the proposed permanent block closure in the Tenderloin. As a San Francisco resident, I am grateful for all of the beautiful parks this city has to offer, but I recognize that those parks are not equitably distributed. The Tenderloin has over 30,000 residents (including 3,500 children), but it has less than 1% of the city’s almost 6,000 acres of parks.

I think that Golden Gate Greenway is an amazing initiative that can help to improve the standard of living for this neighborhood by providing space for kids to play, a public venue to host community events, places for adults to sit and rest, much-needed greenery and shade to benefit physical and mental health, and so much more!

For me, the 100 block of Golden Gate Avenue has always been a destination, not just a thoroughfare to some other place. I am hopeful that the city can recognize the value of exactly this kind of community initiative.

With gratitude,

[Your name]

**Option 2**

To: mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org; Dean.Preston@sfgov.org; Jeffrey.Tumlin@sfmta.com; jeanine.nicholson@sfgov.org

CC: together@goldengategreenway.org

Subject: Traffic Safety in the Tenderloin

Dear Mayor Breed, Supervisor Preston, Director Tumlin, and Chief Nicholson,

I am writing to express my support of [Golden Gate Greenway](https://www.goldengategreenway.org/), the proposed permanent block closure in the Tenderloin. As a San Francisco resident, I am grateful for the work that so many city departments have done to realize Vision Zero. I know we have a long way to go, and I think that community-based initiatives like Golden Gate Greenway are part of the solution.

The Tenderloin has long been a part of the city’s High Injury Network. It is a densely populated neighborhood with a high percentage of residents who are seniors, children, or people with disabilities. It’s also a neighborhood with low car ownership; so many of the accidents that afflict pedestrians in this neighborhood are caused by drivers from other neighborhoods.

I think that Golden Gate Greenway is an amazing initiative that can help to change how the Tenderloin is perceived. Instead of being a neighborhood people speed through on the way to somewhere else, it can be a place where trees grow, children play, and neighbors sit down in the sunshine for a game of chess. I am hopeful that the city can recognize the value of exactly this kind of community initiative and ensure its success!

With gratitude,

[Your name]