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JOHN AVALOS

March 9, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in support of the McLaren Bike Park project proposed by SF Urban Riders, in cooperation with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. I've met with key members of SF Urban Riders on a number of occasions and have heard the details, scope, and programming opportunities this project would create.

McLaren Park is adjacent to numerous public schools, which makes it a perfect location for a bike park and for a community recreation center for the area's youth to flourish. Creating a bike park within a mile of an abundance of schools would allow for youth programs that would not only expose them to off-road cycling, but also to McLaren Park, natural areas appreciation, and other healthy lifestyle choices.

SF Urban Riders has shown a genuine willingness to work with the community and improve McLaren Park. They've put forth an effort to establish healthy youth recreation opportunities, and have had the courtesy to communicate with neighbors, community groups and other stakeholders.

While bicycle ownership is widespread in the city, San Franciscans do not have a committed facility where they can ride free of cars at any time. A bike park would fill this gap in San Francisco's recreational offerings and provide youth another option for safe physical activity by providing an enclosed, controlled area to ride bicycles off-road under the close watch of friends and family.

I wholeheartedly support SF Urban Riders efforts towards creating the McLaren Bike Park. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Avalos", written over the word "Sincerely,".

John Avalos
District 11 Supervisor
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