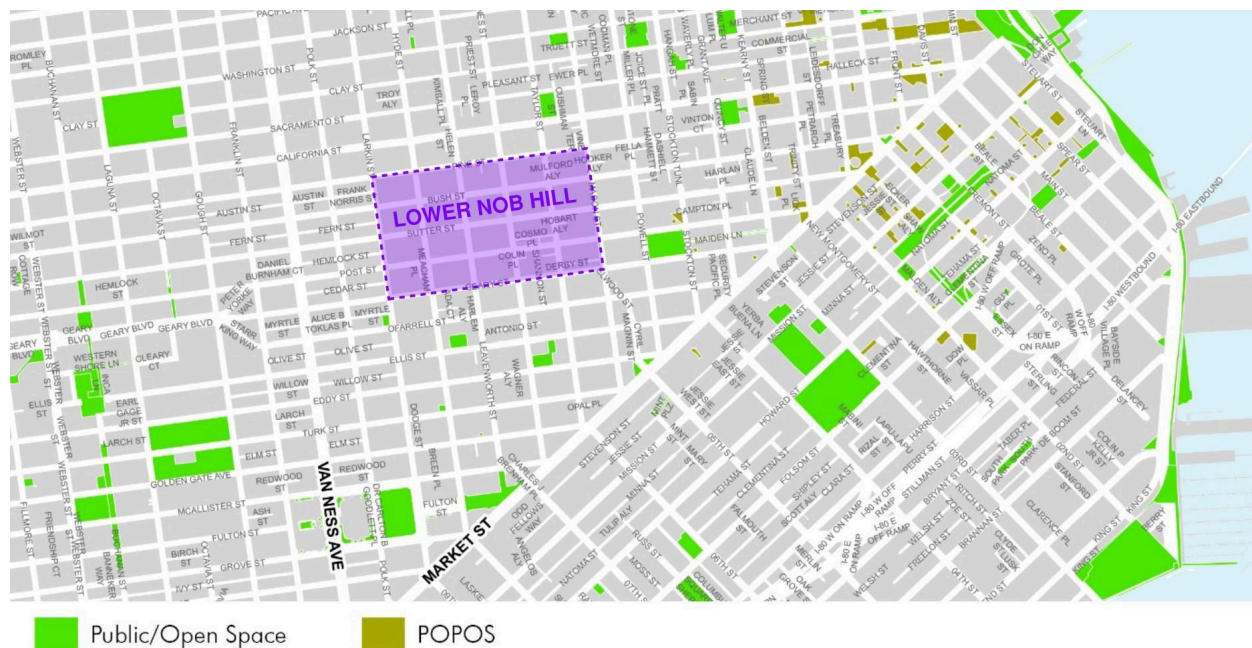


October 20, 2025

Dear Park Commissioners,

On behalf of the Lower Nob Hill Neighborhood Alliance (LNHNA) Board Members and Open Space Working Group, we are eager to connect with you about our efforts to bring equitable open space to our dense, diverse, and historic neighborhood.

Our organization is made up entirely of volunteers who work to give voice to our neighbors, advocate for essential services, and support small businesses. Key to our mission is the creation of open space, which is identified as a priority by our community and is entirely absent in this central part of the city:



Our team has worked diligently to address this challenging issue. While we have found communication with the city to be challenging at times, we continue to explore small sites for a future park and advocate for neighborhood open space. Some examples of our efforts include:

- **50 Cosmo Place.** We supported the [acquisition of this unique parcel as soon as it went on the market](#). The site was visited by Mayor Lurie and Supervisor Sauter, who conveyed his support. The city explored the parcel which is now off the market. Our team, which includes experienced urban planners, believes that the obstacle to acquisition, which we learned about via a Sunshine Request, may have been surmounted had we been included in the process.



- **Larkin and Post.** The parcel has been under consideration for years, championed by the office of former Board President Peskin. Although we understood it to be inactive based on remediation analyses conducted by the Department of Public Health (DPH), Rec and Park staff informed us in July 2025 that we should expect an update about further investigation. We are awaiting a response to our inquiries.
- **Shannon Street between Geary and Post.** There are three lots on this potential site. Our project lead, an architect, submitted preliminary plans and a Site Acquisition Identification application in August 2025. We are awaiting acknowledgement of the submission.

We were assured by staff from the Department of Recreation and Park (SFRPD) that we would have a clear path of communication and an active partnership. In the meantime, we request a meeting with the Commission, collectively or with individual members, so that our team can present the findings of our neighborhood survey, share details about our work, and answer your questions.

We believe that this is an opportune time for the Commission to forge a connection to the neighborhood. Voter-mandated change is underway as the City Streamlining Task Force takes a fresh look at the role of commissions, including the roles they play in independent departmental overview and responsiveness to the community. Leadership at the SFRPD is also in transition.

Finally, we want to highlight [Resolution 230278](#), adopted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors in March 2023, to remedy the lack of open spaces in underserved areas: Lower Nob Hill, Lower Polk, and the Tenderloin. The Board urged the SFRPD and its commission to adopt immediate changes to its strategies that would prioritize the acquisition of urgently needed small-sized open spaces - such as the parcels we noted here. Action on this Resolution would have also helped the department fulfill the voter-mandated equity priorities in its Open Space Acquisition plan.

We are grateful for your collective leadership on behalf of the City's 220 parks, playgrounds, and open spaces. We look forward to hearing from you and working together on behalf of San Francisco's underserved neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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