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January 19, 2016

The Honorable London Breed
President, Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re. Jan. 26 Appeal of the permanent commuter shuttle program – support appeal

Dear President Breed and fellow supervisors;

On behalf of San Francisco Tomorrow (SFT), I am writing to urge your support for the appeal of the Permanent Commuter Shuttle Program being heard at your January 26 meeting. We strongly feel that an environmental impact report is needed to determine the impact of this decision on San Francisco's urban environment. The experiences of neighbors around the city indicate that the program impacts transit access, blocks local streets, creates significant air quality concerns, and drives up housing prices and associated evictions.

Unlike the City's tour bus program, where many streets in the City are off-limits to tour buses because of concerns about size, pollution, neighborhood character and traffic, this program is being operated with few limitations. While we appreciate the effort to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled through this program, the impact of a commuter bus is no different than that of a tour bus in terms of noise and air pollution, damage to our transportation infrastructure and impact on local neighborhoods. Unfortunately, the return to San Francisco in terms of local revenue is much less, and the volume of traffic in our neighborhoods is many times that of the tour bus industry.

We urge the Supervisors to require this significant project to undergo environmental review.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Clary
President

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