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February 7, 1980

Honorable John Molinari, President
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall - Room 235
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Supervisor Molinari:

I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in sponsoring a resolution before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for the closure of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge for a few off-hours.

The closure will be fore two different dates (April 13th and June 1st, 1980), sponsoring two independent charitable events designed to encourage the public to use alternatives to the automobile.

I firmly believe that it is our civic responsibility during this tense international--crisis period, to encourage Bay Area residents to turn away from high-energy consumption forms of recreation, thereby helping to reduce our national dependence on foreign oil producing countries.

The policy of bridge closure has had past precedent with various other charitable non-profit groups.

On April 13, 1980, the American Hiking Society is sponsoring a cross-country "HIKE-A-NATION" from Golden Gate Park to the Washington Monument in Washington, DC.

On that day, approximately 15,000-20,000 participants will be amassing for this first stage of the hike, mostly all of whom are Bay Area residents.

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The purpose of the hike is to dramatize and publicize the need for additional hiking trails and footpaths in the United States, as well as highlighting walking and hiking as simple alternatives to energy wasting forms of single, group and family activities.

Logistically, the hiking route proposes to close one lane of the Bay Bridge (with one buffer-lane from vehicle traffic) on that Sunday morning, between the hours of 6-9 a.m.

My office has already begun working with the State Department of Transportation (CAL-TRANS) in planning this hike, while at the same time guaranteeing that it will not significantly detract from the safe operation of the highway or bridge.

CAL-TRANS' staff has reassured me that this will not unreasonably delay or inconvenience the traveling public, nor will not expose participants to unusual hazards.

The second event is scheduled for Sunday, June 1st and will be a Bay Area Bicycle Action Awareness Day, sponsored by the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition and the California Association of Bicycling Organizations.

Bay Area bicycling organizations are planning a bicycle rally and media campaign to encourage the use of bicycles and improve the public image of bicycling as an everyday mode of transportation. This project is supported by approximately 70 energy organizations. Bay Area high school and college students will be encouraged to participate through their school environmental programs.

It is my understanding that since bicycle project funds are available through CAL-TRANS, the department is considering financing this event which should cost about \$15,000. This cost includes CAL-TRANS bridge operation expenses, a required \$4 million bond, a \$12.5 million insurance policy, staging and sound equipment and advertising.

The American Hiking Society has to my knowledge secured private funding to cover their \$10 million indemnity bond and to pay the required bridge toll.

It is also my understanding that both organizations plan their events as charitable fundraisers for Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and similar non-profit causes.

CAL-TRANS policy on bridge closures specifically cites:

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"Strong state and local interest and support for the activity is evident. State interest and support shall be evidenced by a resolution of the State Legislature. Similarly, local support shall be evidenced by a resolution from the local governments directly impacted."

Given this departmental mandate, I shall shortly be introducing before the State Assembly, an Assembly Concurrent Resolution with co-authorship of the majority of Bay Area State Legislators.

I have also written to Supervisor Valerie Raymond, President of the Alameda Board of Supervisors, requesting her assistance in sponsoring a similar resolution for the East Bay.

I am enclosing some relevant past correspondence with each organization that may be of additional assistance in drafting a local resolution.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or my Administrative Assistant, Mr. Eric Schockman at 557-2253.

Sincerely,
Original signed by
ASSEMBLYMAN ART AGNOS
ART AGNOS

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Enclosures

bcc: Mr. Mike McReynolds
c/o Skinner & Company

Note: The petition was also sent to these other Assemblymen:

Gerald Felando
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Bill Ivers
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Louis Papan
Curtis Tucker
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The Honorable Walt Ingalls
Assemblyman
Chairman, Assembly Transportation Committee
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assemblyman Ingalls:

We, the undersigned, request your support in the passage of Assembly Concurrent Resolution 109, introduced by Assemblyman Art Agnos, asking for the temporary closure of two lanes of the top deck of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Sunday, April 13, 1980. The American Hiking Society and the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior are co-sponsoring a transcontinental hike called the HikaNation. This 14 month-long event is designed to show walking and hiking to be non-energy consuming activities for the entire family, and to show the need for additional trails and footpaths in both urban and rural settings. The early Sunday morning closure of the Bay Bridge is an essential part of the Opening Weekend events. Large numbers of hikers and walkers from all over California are expected to take part in this historically unique event. As friends of the HikaNation, we ask your support.

Also, we whole-heartedly support the June 1, 1980, planned closure of the Bay Bridge for Bay Area Bicycle Action Day as showing a further alternative solution for non-energy consuming and non-polluting activities.

Sincerely yours,

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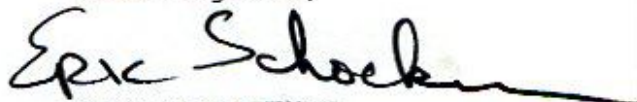
February 22, 1980

Mr. Mike McReynolds
c/o Skinner & Company
110 Sutter Street, Suite 1003
San Francisco, California 94104

Dear Mike:

Enclosed is our Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 109--
hot off the press.

Warm regards,



ERIC SCHOCKMAN
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosure

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 109

Introduced by Assemblyman Agnos
(Principal coauthor: Senator Marks)
(Coauthors: Assemblymen Willie Brown, Bates, Calvo, and Papan)

February 15, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 109—Relative to San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 109, as introduced, Agnos (Trans.). San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge: temporary closure.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation to temporarily close the upper level of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on Sunday, April 13, 1980, for a walk across the bridge as part of the American Hiking Society's HikaNation, a transcontinental hike, and on Sunday, June 1, 1980, for a bicycle ride across the bridge as part of the Bay Area Bicycle Action Day.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, There is an obligation to call the public's
2 attention to low energy forms of recreation and
3 transportation; and

4 WHEREAS, Plans have been made for a
5 transcontinental hike, HikaNation, sponsored by the
6 American Hiking Society, to include a walk across the
7 upper level of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in

1 the morning hours of Sunday, April 13, 1980; and

2 WHEREAS, Plans have been made for a Bay Area
3 Bicycle Action Day, sponsored by the Bay Area Bicycle
4 Action Council to include a bicycle ride over the upper
5 level of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the
6 morning hours of Sunday, June 1, 1980; and

7 WHEREAS, Both these functions are charitable and
8 are supported by various civic, environmental, and youth
9 organizations and leaders; now, therefore, be it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the*
11 *Senate thereof concurring,* That the Department of
12 Transportation is hereby requested to close the upper
13 level of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on
14 Sunday, April 13, 1980, for the period of time necessary to
15 permit its use as part of the course of the HikaNation, a
16 transcontinental hike; and be it further

17 *Resolved,* That the department is hereby requested to
18 close the upper level of the bay bridge on Sunday, June
19 1, 1980, for the period of time necessary to permit its use
20 as part of the course of the Bay Area Bicycle Action Day
21 bicycle ride; and be it further

22 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly
23 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director of
24 Transportation.

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THE
AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY

317 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. 20003



Please reply to 110 Sutter Street, Suite 1003, San Francisco, CA 94104

February 28, 1980

The Honorable John Molinari
President
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
San Francisco, California 94102

Dear Supervisor Molinari:

On behalf of the American Hiking Society and hikers and walkers throughout the entire Bay Area, I would like to thank you for your personal effort which has resulted in last Monday's unanimous passage by the Board of Supervisors of the resolution in support of the HikaNation. Unanimous passage of a similar resolution took place the next morning in Oakland by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors through the efforts of Board President Valerie Raymond.

We hope you will come to the Opening Day celebration at the Polo Grounds in Golden Gate Park on April 12 and say a few words to the thousands of hikers who will be gathered to take part in the event. We also hope to see you on the Bay Bridge the following morning.

With warm regards to you and your fellow Supervisors,

Sincerely yours,

Mike McReynolds
Chairman
Bay Area Committee

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February 28, 1980

The Honorable Valarie Raymond
President
Board of Supervisors
County of Alameda
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, California 94612

Dear Supervisor Raymond:

On behalf of the American Hiking Society and hikers and walkers throughout the entire Bay Area, I would like to thank you for your personal effort which resulted in last Tuesday's unanimous passage by the Board of Supervisors of the resolution in support of the HikaNation. Unanimous passage of a similar resolution took place the previous day in San Francisco by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors through the efforts of Board President John Molinari.

We hope you will come to the Opening Day celebration at the Polo Grounds in Golden Gate Park on April 12 and say a few words to the thousands of hikers who will be gathered to take part in the event. We also hope to see you on the Bay Bridge the following morning.

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