

THE

AMERICAN HIKING SOCIETY

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March 25, 1980

Lt. Vince Senatore
San Francisco Police Department
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Hall of Justice
850 Bryant Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Lt. Senatore:

As we discussed this morning in the offices of Peter J. Nardoza, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, the American Hiking Society and the U.S. Department of the Interior are jointly sponsoring a trans-continental hike from San Francisco to Washington, DC. The opening weekend ceremonies of this hike, called the HikaNation, will be the April 12th and 13th here in San Francisco. The weekend will be in two events: The Kickoff Celebration at the Polo Grounds in Golden Gate Park and the insuing hike around the northern coastline of San Francisco to the Ferry Building on the 12th, and the hike across the top deck of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on the 13th. Due to the fact that an event of this nature has never been held before (much less the top deck of the Bay Bridge being opened to hikers), it is difficult to come up with accurate numbers of participants. In order not to be caught unprepared on the days of the events, the organizing committee is planning for extremely large numbers of people although expecting far fewer. The largest estimate of participants hiking from Golden Gate Park to the Ferry Building is 8,000, however realistically we can expect about 2 to 3,000. For the Bridge Crossing at 6:00 a.m., Sunday morning, we are estimating 25,000, however it could realistically be closer to 10,000.

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We will have trained monitors in the form of Explorer Scouts from the Daly City Police Department Explorer Post 817, the San Mateo Sheriffs Office Explorer Post and the National Guard. These scouts will be used strictly for crowd control and not for directing traffic. For that, and for the large numbers of Bridge crossers on Sunday morning gathering in the area of Fremont Street between Folsom and Howard, we would like to have support from the San Francisco Police Department.

The hike from the Polo Grounds to the Ferry Building will for the most part be on Golden Gate National Recreation Area land. We will plan on staying on sidewalks throughout all the other areas. At no time during the Saturday event do we ask for a street to be closed. The main traffic and pedestrian problem on Saturday as we see it will be the crossing of the Great Highway from Golden Gate Park over to Ocean Beach. At that point the group will be fairly compact having just left the Polo Grounds a quarter of a mile away. Some form of traffic control there will be necessary. Further on during the hike, the participants will begin to string out and, if still in groups, should be in groups averaging twenty or so. By the time the hike approaches the Marina Green it is conceivable that the line of hikers will be several miles long. Also, due to the fact of the length of the hike (11 miles), many people will drop out long before Fisherman's Wharf is reached.

The major problems will be on the following day when we expect a far larger number of people to join the event for the first walk ever across the top deck of the Bay Bridge. CalTrans and the individual leasors have given us permission to camp overnight in the parking lots immediately under the Bay Bridge on Fremont Street between Folsom and Howard in the immediate vicinity of the Fremont Street off ramp which we will use as an on ramp to the Bridge. At 6:00 a.m., when the Bridge opens to us, we will move tables onto the ramp blocking off access and allowing only six small one person openings between the tables. This gives us a means of not only controlling the number of people entering the ramp at any given time, but also to take tickets from those moving through the blockades. The parking lots will be used as holding areas for the participants, but even then we may have more people than can fit into these areas. At this point we may have to lead the lines out onto the sidewalk and around the block. We also will have registration booths

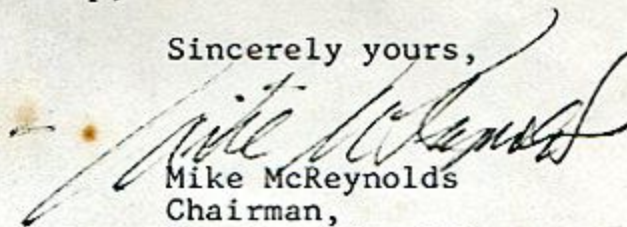
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(simply to accept money and issue tickets) which we feel would be better placed across Fremont Street from our on-ramp. Perhaps, due to the fact of the large numbers of people expected in the area and the early Sunday morning hours involved, consideration should be given to closing off just that single block of Fremont Street between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00.

This, briefly, is a summation of our discussion this morning. I am sure you will have far more questions to ask me as our mutual plans continue to be made. Please contact me at any time at my business phone, 981-0970. I am enclosing a map of San Francisco showing our route outlined in red, and the form you gave me filled out.

Thank you for your help,

Sincerely yours,



Mike McReynolds
Chairman,
Bay Area Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Peter J. Nardoza

PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION
San Francisco Police Department

TIME OF EVENT	DATE OF EVENT		
9:00 a.m.	Apr 12, 80		
TYPE OF EVENT: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (DESCRIBE):			
<input type="checkbox"/> STREET PARADE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIDEWALK MARCH			
SPONSORING ORGANIZATION			
American Hiking Society & U.S. Department of Interior			
PURPOSE OF EVENT		NUMBER OF UNITS	
To show walking & hiking to be non-energy-consuming and non-polluting activities for the whole family		1	
STAGING AREA		NUMBER OF VEHICLES	
Polo Grounds, Golden Gate Park - April 12, 1980 Fremont Street between Folsom & Howard - April 13, 1980		---	
DISPERSAL AREA		NO. OF PERSONS WALKING OR RUNNING	
Ferry Building - April 12, Oakland Army Terminal - April 13		4,000-25,000	
ROUTE			
Polo Grounds to Ocean Beach to Cliff House through Lands End through Sea Cliff (Camino del Mar) to Bakers Beach to Golden Gate Bridge to Ft. Mason to Fisherman's Wharf to Ferry Building			
Fremont Street and onto Bay Bridge the following morning.			
OTHER ACTIVITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARADE			
None			
SOUND EQUIPMENT		A SOUND PERMIT WILL BE OBTAINED	
vSound equipment will be used at the Polo Grounds		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
NAME OF PERSON IN CHARGE		HOME PHONE	
Michael M. McReynolds		824-4813	
ADDRESS		BUSINESS PHONE	
713 De Haro Street, San Francisco, CA 94107		981-0970	
NAME OF OTHER PERSON(S) TO CONTACT		PHONE	
Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory		486-5661	
ADDRESS		PHONE	
University of California		486-5661	
<p align="center"><i>I declare the above information to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the permit is valid for the above date, time, and location only. I have read the below conditions and I understand them. I further understand that any violation of the below conditions or violations of applicable laws or ordinances by the sponsor, organizer, or any participant may cause immediate revocation of this permit and immediate termination of the event.</i></p>			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE OF APPLICATION	
<i>Michael M. McReynolds</i>		March 25, 1980	
CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT)			
<i>Will obey all traffic laws and instructions of police</i>			
FOR POLICE USE ONLY			
COPIES FOR (PATROL HQ) (CSTF) (E&I) INTELL. (A)(B) C,D,E,F(G)H,I, (MUNI) (PARK & REC)			
TRAFFIC DIVISION DETAILS			
ACTION TAKEN BY TRAFFIC DIVISION		LOG NUMBER	
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APPROVED BY		DATE OF APPROVAL	
<i>Robert Marsh</i>		3-28-80	
ROBERT MARSH CAPTAIN OF POLICE STAR NO. 122			