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As a long time resident of Potrero Hill that will be impacted by the unmitigated effects of the Warriors stadium and event arena's proposed 205 days a year of activities.

I am disappointed that the City is calling traffic, transit and parking issues "significant and unavoidable".

First many of our blocks already have Residential Permits. What is the City going to do to keep people hunting for parking in our residential neighborhoods? We already suffer daily commuter parking problems cause by UCSF, Mission Bay and Caltrain that have not been addressed for years.

Second, transit is promised to be improved as a result of the Warriors Event Center. However plans are very fluid and not well described to the neighborhood. The only minor improvement is the 55 line which is an interim measure until the only reliable bus line (22) is removed from 18th St. The 22 is proposed to
be replaced by the unreliable 33.

The concept of a "lock box" for ticket tax revenue is a good idea. However I am waiting for legislative action to make it a reality. Given that the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan called for improved transit 5 years ago. We have seen little progress on that front.

Finally, traffic caused by on going development of thousands of units has not been addressed. How can I believe that the Warriors & City will follow through with their promises?

Potrero Hill is an island with only two east - west streets on the north slope of the Hill that cross the 101. Most of our intersections are gridlocked twice a day during morning and evening commute. Add a Giants game to the mix and we get a third rush hour gridlock.
I am not optimistic that the City is going to be able to implement an effective traffic management plan. The promised traffic officers will disappear during the next economic downturn, never to return unless the ticket tax money is in a "lock box" in the City budget.

If the City and the Warriors are going to build the Arena, traffic, transit and residential parking impacts can not be "significant and unavoidable". They must be mitigated and addressed before the Arena is built.

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