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PETITION

Stop the Wasteful Destruction of Forests and Habitats by San Francisco Natural Areas Program (NAP)

To: San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee, the Board of Supervisors, and the Recreation and Park Commission and Department

NAP was originally intended to protect and nourish a sampling of San Francisco's plant heritage where it existed. That is worthwhile.

Yet today the program has morphed into an empire that is claiming control of one-fourth of city parkland to create native gardens that cannot be naturally sustained. It will drastically alter our parks in a program that:

- Cuts down 18,500 healthy trees, simply because they are considered non-native.
- Uses toxic pesticides repeatedly.
- Closes nearly 10 miles of popular hiking and jogging trails.
- Destroys impenetrable thickets and trees that provide shelter and protection for wildlife.
- Replaces existing vibrant green landscapes with dry, brown grassland and piles of brush.

Please do not let NAP destroy our parks in a misguided attempt to turn back the evolutionary clock and re-create an idealized "better" environment from a time before European settlers arrived, a time when San Francisco was mostly sand dunes and rocks, with few trees. Our city faces strict prioritization of scarce resources that when allocated to parks should be to keep them safe and accessible, not create fenced-off gardens in the process destroying what we already have. This so-called "wholesale habitat conversion" would require tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer funding and unprecedented broad-scale volunteer hours for modest gains, if any.

We, the undersigned, do not want our parks returned to the native barren landscape that existed here several centuries ago. We ask that you stop NAP from destroying trees, spraying dangerous herbicides, disrupting a healthy ecosystem that supports hundreds of species, and restricting access to our city parks.

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