

SAVE GLEN PARK COMMITTEE

POLICY STATEMENT

(Adopted December 1, 1965)

In principle we are opposed to the use of any park land in San Francisco for freeways, park-ways, or other roadways.

In the case of Glen Park, we are unalterably opposed to the use of park land or the cutting of trees, not only in the lower park itself, but also in the upper Glen Park Canyon, because these measures will irreparably destroy the character, use and the charm of this area. At present, Glen Park and Glen Canyon are vital assets to the entire City for the following reasons:

1. Glen Park is not only a neighborhood park, but a regional park as well.
2. It is the home of The Silver Tree Day Camp attended by well over a thousand children, drawn from every section of The City, in a summer program established by the Park and Recreation Department.
3. Numerous private groups use The Day Camp facilities in the off season.
4. Glen Park is the last naturally rustic park in San Francisco.
5. The Glen Park neighborhood has been designated a conservation area.

Further, the destruction of Glen Park is economically unsound. There are many reasons, but the most outstanding are the following:

1. If San Francisco is to remain solvent, it must retain its middle-income families which it is presently losing to the suburbs. The Arthur D. Little Report stressed that San Francisco needs more, not fewer parks and open spaces, if it is to keep its families with children.
2. The Diamond Heights Redevelopment Project is only partially completed; one of its biggest selling points is its proximity to Glen Park. If Glen Park is 'blighted', the success of Diamond Heights is seriously threatened.

In conclusion, The Save Glen Park Committee calls into question the basic reasoning behind the widening of O'Shaughnessy Boulevard. Does the traffic really warrant it? Is the destruction of Glen Park worth the sixty seconds driving time that will be saved in getting an automobile from the bottom to the top of the hill? The demolition crews have now reached the edge of Glen Park at Elk Street. Let them stop there.

Respectfully,

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