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Statement of Opposition to the "Great Highway for Everyone Act" — Protecting Sunset Dunes Park and Ocean Beach: No on Prop G

The Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves, and beaches for all people. This includes protecting local beaches for public use and safeguarding them against the impacts of climate change.

On behalf of Surfrider Foundation's San Francisco Chapter and our 1000 chapter members, we are writing to oppose Proposition G, or the "Great Highway for Everyone Act," a measure that will appear on the ballot this November and would reopen the Upper Great Highway between Lincoln Way and Sloat Boulevard to private vehicles on weekdays. If approved, this measure would undo the car-free coastal park San Franciscans voted to create less than two years ago.

In 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition K by a 55%-45% margin, permanently closing this stretch of the Great Highway to cars and creating Sunset Dunes Park. Since opening, the park has drawn more than 1.7 million visits, becoming a beloved gathering place for walking, biking, skating, and simply enjoying the coast. We are proud to stand behind that vote once again and urge San Franciscans to vote "no" on this measure to keep Ocean Beach a place for people, not traffic.

Expanding and Restoring the Dunes of Ocean Beach

Surfrider as an organization is committed to building climate resilience and our chapter is deeply involved in restoring the native dune ecosystem along this stretch of coast. A car-free highway makes that work possible in ways a reopened road never could: it gives the dune system room to expand, function, and adapt as sea levels rise, and along the way it also knits together a continuous wildlife corridor along the coastline that supports native plants and animals. We will continue our dune restoration work regardless of the outcome of this election, but a permanent pedestrian park makes that restoration far easier to carry out and opens the door to more ambitious dune expansion and restoration in the years ahead.

New Ways for All People to Recreate by the Coast

Central to our mission is the protection of coastal access and coastal recreation. A car-free Great Highway means the coast belongs to recreationalists. It opens up continuous space for walking,

running, biking, skating, and community gatherings and it creates room for new amenities that give people fresh ways to enjoy and fall in love with Ocean Beach.

A Space for All San Franciscans

We are a grassroots organization that protects the beach for all people, and we want Sunset Dunes to be a park where every San Franciscan feels they belong and has a real voice in shaping its future. As restoration and park planning continue, Surfrider will keep working to ensure the process reflects the diverse needs of the communities who use this coastline, as well as the native species that depend on it.

The Future of Ocean Beach

Voting "no" on Proposition G, the Great Highway for Everyone Act, relates to our core priorities and keeps us moving toward an Ocean Beach where human and natural systems can coexist — but it's only the beginning. Surfrider will keep working to ensure that the park's future appropriately prioritizes coastal resilience, public access, and the diverse flora and fauna that share this special place.

Surfrider supports coastal access, sea level rise planning, and shoreline recreation, and we view the defeat of this measure as important for a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable future for our coast and community.