



August 15, 2017

Cicely Muldoon  
General Superintendent  
Golden Gate National Recreation Area  
Golden Gate National Parks Building 201  
Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA

General Superintendent Muldoon,

As the top officials for the City and County of San Francisco, our primary responsibility is the safety and well-being of the residents of this city. We are outraged with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's (GGNRA) decision to grant an event permit to Patriot Prayer on August 26 without proper planning and resources, given the public safety concerns.

San Francisco has a long and storied history of championing freedom of expression and First Amendment rights, but as we have witnessed in recent months, these types of rallies can quickly turn hateful and violent with tragic consequences. Events in Charlottesville and Seattle are proof that rallies such as these attract extreme and racist fringe groups who only want to provoke malice and incite brutality.

This permit has been granted without the necessary contingencies to protect the safety of the public and with the expectation that the City and County of San Francisco will expend our resources to diffuse the situation. Furthermore, the permit was granted without adequate time to prepare the multi-agency response that will be required.

The GGNRA must have significant resources and capacity available during this rally to ensure the safety of San Francisco's residents, employees and visitors. We need full assurances that your organization is taking every possible measure to prepare for this rally, including ingress and egress protocols, counter-protest mitigation and contingency plans and chain of command in the event of any violence.

Public safety is our top priority and granting this permit without adequate time and planning puts residents and visitors at risk. We look forward to working with the GGNRA on a productive, respectful solution to this situation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Edwin M. Lee

Board of Supervisors President London Breed

**Office of the Mayor**  
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