Steps to Advocate for Your Neighborhood Park

1. **Sign a petition and write letters.** Go to the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (SFRPD) website: [http://sfrecpark.org/](http://sfrecpark.org/) Click on the “Support” page at the top of the home page. Click on the “Advocate” tab. Sign a petition that is provided by the SFRPD.

2. **Volunteer.** The San Francisco park related websites present a multitude of great opportunities for volunteering including chances to drop-in and for groups. The links provided under the “Volunteer” tab (within the “Support” page) within the SFRPD website reveal an organized method for viewing volunteer events and signing up.

3. **Attend Park Commission Meetings.** The “Calendar” for the Commission meeting schedule in the SFRPD website [http://sfrecpark.org/events/](http://sfrecpark.org/events/) is easy to read; please also see [http://sfrecpark.org/about/community-meetings/](http://sfrecpark.org/about/community-meetings/). Participation in community outreach conversations is a key action to take in supporting your neighborhood park. Be present and pay attention.

4. **Stay informed.** The sites www.sfrecpark.org and www.sfparkshalliance.org both have e-newsletters you can sign up to receive, so that you can be kept up-to-date regarding advances and delays in park improvements occurring in your area. **Local BVHP Park Groups (see below)** also hold meetings periodically throughout the year. Sign up on their list servers for meeting updates.

5. **Stay plugged in to social media.** Social media is another free and easy way to stay aware of happenings and to communicate with these departments and organizations. Additionally, use social media to organize activation days and beyond to nourish your park.

6. **Go to your park.** Learn about its successful and failing areas.

7. **Organize and educate neighbors.** Use this knowledge you gained by studying your park to educate your neighbors in an impassioned way, so that they can become motivated to speak up and demand fair distribution of attention and funds for their neighborhood maintenance and enhancement.

8. **Donate.** The parks system has many ways that you can contribute monetarily. You can even take steps to “adopt a park.”

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**Bayview Hunters Point Parks**

- **Adam Rogers Playground** **Address:** Ingalls Street and Oakdale Avenue
- **Bay View Park** **Address:** Le Conte Avenue
- **Bay View Playground** **Address:** 3rd Street and Armstrong Avenue
- **Candlestick Point State Recreation Area** **Address:** 1150 Carroll Avenue
The EcoCenter at Heron’s Head Park **Address:** 32 Jennings Street

Gilman Playground **Address:** Gilman Avenue and Griffith Street

Hilltop Park **Address:** La Salle and Whitney Young Circle

India Basin Shoreline Park **Address:** Hunters Point Blvd and Hawes Street

Joseph Lee Recreation Center **Address:** 1395 Mendell Street

Martin Luther King Jr. Pool **Address:** 5701 3rd Street

Palou Phelps Mini Park **Address:** Palou Ave at Phelps Street

Silver Terrace Playground **Address:** Thornton Avenue and Bayshore Blvd

Youngblood Coleman Playground **Address:** 1398 Hudson Avenue

### Bayview Hunters Point Park Groups

**Parks 94124** – Maya Rodgers / D10 Park Prosac / parks94124@gmail.com

**Friends of Youngblood Coleman Park**

**Friends of Bayview/MLK Park**

**Friends of Palou Phelps Mini-Park**

### Resources and Additional Organizations

**San Francisco Recreation and Park Department**

http://sfrecpark.org/support-your-parks/advocate/

http://sfrecpark.org/support-your-parks/volunteer-program/

http://sfrecpark.org/events/

**San Francisco Recreation and Park Department District 10 Volunteer Insider Newsletter**

http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=0013ay8ttmh6C6SjObo1CzBww%3D%3D

**San Francisco Parks Alliance**

http://www.sfparksalliance.org/our-parks

http://www.sfparksalliance.org/support/volunteer

**Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy**

http://www.parksconservancy.org/

**Presidio Trust**

http://www.presidio.gov/about/Pages/about-presidio-trust.aspx