

# A Park for the People By the People

The Save San Bruno Mountain Committee was formed in 1971 by locals from the mountain's surrounding towns. Their collective desire for the mountain as public parkland had been gravely threatened by recently unveiled development proposals. So, they gathered in grassroots opposition.

The Committee organized hikes and marches on the mountain and delivered speeches and theatrical protests at public hearings. They also drafted letters and opinion pieces and gathered over 22,000 signatures in opposition to the development plans. The Committee wrote a "Citizens' Environmental Impact Report" and influenced elections, from propositions to elected positions, that were relevant to their goal of making San Bruno Mountain a park for the people, by the people.

**WE THE PEOPLE**

It would be insane to cover up our only remaining open space. Once it's gone, we'll never get it back.

**The City Builders.** We desperately need a regional park. San Bruno Mountain's 5600 acres offer plenty of room for everyone. We need a usable park, not the endless hillsides that the developer wants to pave off or use to give up a wilderness area within minutes of our homes.

**The Developers.** We don't need another luxury development that will drive even more high-income people from the city, ending our tax base and leading to New York-style bankruptcy. We don't need bigger traffic jams on the Bayshore and I-205.

**The Homeowners.** We don't want to see our neighborhoods destroyed for the sake of a luxury development.

For years they've been promising us a regional park, now they want to give us a small and virtually useless city park across the street from a Supercenter-style shopping center.

**It's time to call a halt.** Our highways are jammed. Our taxes keep rising. Our schools need help. We need open space.

And now, large corporations looking for a tax break are coming in with a project that will put thousands more cars on our highways, increase our tax burden to an intolerable level, overcrowd our schools and jam 25,000 more people into our only remaining breathing space.

It's time to call a halt. It's time for our county Supervisors to listen to us, the people. It's time to stop Manhattanization in St. Bruno, unless we're prepared to suffer Manhattan's fate.

San Bruno Mountain is the place to begin. Instead of developers, our children can see what God has made without the help of Man. Instead of parking lots and shopping centers and condominiums, we can have a natural treasure, a place to get away from it all, a place to live and breathe.

**ITS UP TO US TO SAVE SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN!**



"It is vital to note that from the onset, it hasn't been professional environmentalists, but 'back-of-the-fence-folk' in the forefront of the struggle to Save the Mountain."  
-David Schooley, 1978



"...when the cry to Save San Bruno Mountain was first heard...it came from the working people."  
-Bette Higgins and Mimi Whitney, 1974

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## An Open Letter

TO CITY, COUNTY, STATE, & FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS, AGENCIES, AND COMMISSIONERS

WE THE PEOPLE ARE PETITIONING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL DUE AND VIGOROUS ACTION TO PRESERVE THE WHOLE OF SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN AS A RESOURCE/RECREATION PARK AND OPEN SPACE FOR THE PUBLIC USE, IN EQUAL STATUS WITH MT. TAMALPAIS.

A SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN PARK AND OPEN SPACE RESERVE DESIGNED TO MEET OUR REGIONAL NEEDS WILL PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF THE BAY AREA WITH VITAL OPEN LAND FOR RECREATION CLOSE TO HOME, RELIEF FROM THE GEOMETRICALLY INCREASING URBANIZATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA, AND WILL PRESERVE OUR LAST LARGE OPEN SPACE SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A REGION-WIDE PARK.