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3711-19TH AVENUE, AKA PARKMERCED
MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Commission Chambers - Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California

JIM COOK: Good evening, Commissioners, again. My name is Jim Cook. And I've called 350 25 Arballo my home at Parkmerced since 1997.

We have all seen the development documents. And I personally have been impressed with the way that Parkmerced has covered the issues for the residents.

Parkmerced has been reaching out to the community and the neighborhood since 2006 with hundreds and hundreds of meetings. And this will be hundreds and hundreds plus one for me. I've attended numerous Planning Commission informational meetings and learned about all the meetings that Parkmerced has held with the City.

Most of the so-called on space that is in the current Parkmerced is located in the middle of busy streets. It's not useful for recreation. It consumes about 55 million gallons of water a year. That's water that we would normally be drinking that's going directly into the ground. And it isn't really green, unless you consider the use of artificial supplements and chemicals to make the landscape green.

The new Parkmerced gives residents over 68 acres of green space in the form of parks, athletic fields, all for community use. I've attended more meetings than I can count, learning and talking and listening about the new Parkmerced. I support the project as a resident. And I urge you to approve the project tonight.

Thank you.