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Greetings Public Works Commission and DPW Directors Office,

Thank you for making space for me to speak in the Friday, Oct 6 meeting about the non-ADA compliant, anti-homeless barricades in the way of large planters being put up around the Mission and other parts of the City. See attached photo as an example.

I would appreciate ongoing engagement to ensure rights of our disabled population, and everyone's rights to our public space as laid out in DPW guidelines are upheld by DPW. These planter barricades are not a solution to homelessness, and diminishing our public space.

Points of follow-up:

1. I spoke with Rachel Gordon after the meeting and Rachel said she would follow-up with BSM work to improve this situation at 250 South Van Ness between 13th and 14th. I had created a 311 case on Sep 24 and closed on Oct 3 without resolution (case #17338965). I created a new case 17400893 today.
2. There are more than 300 similar planters which are not allowed according DPW Order 179,231: Guidelines for Placement of Landscape Containers due to their permanence (needing special equipment to move 1000+ pounds), that they are taking up more than 25% of many sidewalks, and are more than 36" in width. The owners and implementers (sfplanters.com) of these planters should be given notice to remove all of these planters within 30 days, and if they aren't removed, DPW should remove them and bill the owners and implementers.

Thank you for listening. Please contact me anytime to work on this issue together.

Taylor Ahlgren (they/he)



