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Public Works Commission,

Plantings on sidewalks can be a great addition. The problem is that many plantings are currently going in that are unpermitted, not compliant with DPW Order 179.231, not ADA compliant, unmovable, not in any way beautiful, and whose only goal is to act as hostile architecture. I ask that you enforce the permitting process for sidewalk plantings, make sure that all regulations are followed, and avoid the inevitable ADA lawsuits (I am disabled myself) that are about to happen.



To show you that things can be done right, here are some photos from my block. These plantings were designed properly to meet all DPW requirements, permits were paid for and obtained, native plants were used, Friends of the Urban Forest provided labor and helped

organize, and the SFPUC provided some funding because removing concrete reduces storm runoff. Every single neighbor loves them and therefore they have been actively maintained for 10 years. It can be done right!





I hope we can work together to improve San Francisco,

Michael Smith