

Episode 10:

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I'd like to start this episode by wishing all of my listeners a happy Thanksgiving, though at this time of night I expect most of you are fast asleep from the overload of food, drink and family talk.

In honor of Thanksgiving, I think it's only fitting to share with you, some of the things I'm thankful for...and there are many. Naturally, at the top of my list are my spouse, reasonable health, fabulous family and friends, a job that pays the bills, a good roof over my head and a well-stocked refrigerator.

But there are other things...San Francisco things...for which I am grateful, and I'd like to share that list with you now on this Thanksgiving Day.

1. I am thankful I don't like avocados so that I am never tempted to spend \$30 on avocado toast at some overpriced, trendy, attitude-laden restaurant in the city that's 4 ½-star rated on Yelp, because people are impressed by the "vibe of the place."
2. I am thankful for the abundance of parking meters that are broken in San Francisco, because clearly, the city doesn't really need revenue and as such, allows them to just not work. Meanwhile, I can't drop a quarter as I run in to grab something at my local market so, rather than risk a \$75+ ticket, I leave the city to do my shopping.
3. I am thankful for the healthy trees in my neighborhood, all 2 of them. I promise, I'll do a "why doesn't San Francisco have many trees" episode soon.
4. I am thankful for bike lanes that appear in all sorts of crazy configurations and require me to be super attentive while driving. Thank you, San Francisco, for always keeping me on my toes.
5. I am thankful for roundabouts in the city, because they remind me how inferior to London SF really is.
6. I am thankful for the "Better Market Street" project, because it has inspired the next episode of this podcast...be sure to tune in for that.
7. I am thankful for inept permitting, engineering and construction in San Francisco that gave us the Millennium Tower, because leaning buildings remind me of Amsterdam, truly a world-class city.
8. I am thankful for the neat LED snowflake lights that just went up in Golden Gate Park because not only are they festive, they serve as a reminder that City Hall spends money



on nonsense like that, all the while tents are popping up everywhere and no one has the vision or the courage to do anything about it.

9. Finally, I am thankful for the rain that fell this week...washing San Francisco's streets of urine, and worse, and freshening the air downtown.

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