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MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Department

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: October 25, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Safai on October 17, 2023.

File No. 231092

Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department to engage in a transparent process that provides for meaningful community input and the development of alternative plans for the Marina Improvement and Remediation Project.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

cc:
Offices of Chair Melgar and Supervisor Safai
Sarah Madland, Recreation and Parks Department
Beverly Ng, Recreation and Parks Department

1 [Urging the Recreation and Park Department to Develop a Transparent Process for the
2 Marina Improvement and Remediation Project]

3 **Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department to engage in a transparent**
4 **process that provides for meaningful community input and the development of**
5 **alternative plans for the Marina Improvement and Remediation Project.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Marina Improvement and Remediation Project resulted from a 20-year
8 lawsuit by the city against Pacific Gas & Electric Company (“PG&E”) over the discovery of
9 toxic chemical compounds deposited into the East Harbor Marina in San Francisco,
10 commonly known as Gashouse Cove; and

11 WHEREAS, The settlement requires PG&E to pay up to \$190 million (“not to exceed
12 Settlement Amount”) in project costs and provide financial assurances for the project, and for
13 the Recreation and Parks Department to reimburse PG&E up to \$29.4 million solely out of
14 Marina revenues at no interest on a 30-year term beginning three years after project
15 completion for remediation in the East Harbor of the Marina; and

16 WHEREAS, As part of the settlement, PG&E agreed to fund the parties to jointly
17 perform the planning, outreach, design, environmental review, permitting, and construction of
18 a potential project to clean up and reconstruct the East Harbor and the adjoining West Harbor,
19 with the intention of remediating environmental contamination, promoting environmental
20 stewardship, and providing the public with increased recreational opportunities and water
21 access amenities, all in a financially sustainable and holistic manner; and

22 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department has predetermined the final project
23 design selection process, with a vote at the Commission scheduled for October 19, 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, The community has expressed concerns about the Recreation and Parks
2 Departments' failure to include meaningful community input and dismissing concerns about
3 the impacts that this plan will have on neighbors, visitors and the environment; and

4 WHEREAS, Thousands of concerned San Franciscans have voiced their opposition to
5 the plan presented and detailed their frustrations with the Recreation and Parks Department's
6 predetermined community outreach and lack of transparency and furthermore believe the plan
7 is suboptimal for the impacted communities and the stated primary purpose of the settlement;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department and PG&E conducted a feasibility
10 study to evaluate four potential cleanup options (as set forth in Water Board Meeting
11 Presentations), which were not transparently presented to the public as options to weigh in
12 on; and

13 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department, without community input, chose to
14 focus solely on one plan option: "Renovate"; and

15 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department has moved forward with their
16 preferred plan with inadequate community engagement and no transparency; and

17 WHEREAS, The community is calling for the Recreation and Parks Department to have
18 a more transparent and open process that presents all options proposed by the feasibility
19 study to inform the public and make it available for community vote or input; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation & Parks Department
22 to stop all actions that move their currently selected project plan forward until a thorough
23 community process has been facilitated; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation & Parks
2 Department to develop a transparent process for the community to inform a remediation plan
3 that meets the purpose of the settlement and addresses the needs of the public.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

Safaí; Peskin

Subject:

Resolution urging the Recreation & Parks Department to engage in a transparent process that provides for community input and development of alternative plans for the Marina Improvement and Remediation Project plans

The text is listed:

Resolution urging The San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department to engage in a transparent process that provides for meaningful community input and the development of alternative plans for the Marina Improvement and Remediation Project

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: Safaí

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