

ROSELYNE CHROMAN SWIG

November 28, 2023

RE: India Basin Waterfront Park – Grants and Waivers

Dear Chairwoman Chan and Supervisors Safai and Mandelman,

I am a co-chair of the Bayview Alliance, which was formed 12 years ago to bring together heads of agencies, organizations, heads of educational groups, etc. and to listen to them, their concerns, the issues concerning the community. We meet monthly both in person and on zoom.....The Bayview Alliance is not a fundraising group, it is an embracing, sharing ideas, listening group all dedicated to improving the Bayview Area...in schooling, commerce and fellowship...and strengthening the connection with the rest of the San Francisco community... The India Basin is such an important, vital, beautiful and caring project and will do so, so much for the people of the Bayview Neighborhood as well as the greater San Francisco population... As one of the co-chairs of the India Basin Fundraising Campaign, I am encouraging you to recognize the very important role that the Park will play and is already playing.

Great cities build great parks in every neighborhood, so it is wonderful that the Recreation and Park Department and its non-profit partners are committed to bringing the best quality open space and recreational facilities to the Bayview. Accepting this second round of private funding for the Initiative is especially important at this moment of economic uncertainty because it allows the city to turn \$125 million in public funding into a \$200 million investment in community infrastructure, services and programming.

The waiver is important because raising \$75 million in private funding is hard and there are potential funders who may personally or through their companies have relations with the city. The waivers will allow Department staff and the Mayor to discuss the project with such funders and the agreements hold the entire Initiative to a very high level of donor transparency.

Please support the agreements and the waiver initiative that has been presented to you and move our city forward...

I thank you and thank you again,



Roselyne Chroman Swig

*with so much great funders /  
for your commitment /  
to our city*

**From:** [Maya Rodgers](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for India Basin Project  
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Greetings Supervisors, I am writing to express my support for all the India Basin Waterfront park items on the agenda today. The India Basin Waterfront Park project has been a beacon to our Bayview Hunters Point neighbors.

The authorization to expend funds will ensure our ability to continue prioritizing implementation from workforce development to executing the cultural and youth programming that the community outlined in the Equitable Development Plan.

The work we intend to mitigate harm to this community has only begun and we are looking forward to maximizing the impact of this plan and piloting programming for the overall project.

Thank you,

Maya Rodgers

Associate Director of Special Projects, SF Parks Alliance





**Board of Supervisors – Budget and Finance Committee**

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**Subject:** India Basin Waterfront Park – Grants and Waivers

Dear Chairwoman Chan and Supervisors Safai and Mandelman,

I am writing to express our support for the package of agreements and waivers regarding the India Basin Waterfront Park Project that is before you on Wednesday, November 29, 2023.

Founded in 1948, the San Francisco Foundation is a public charity dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Bay Area. We mobilize private and public resources, and act as a catalyst for change to build strong communities, foster civic leadership and promote philanthropy. In collaboration with the community, we aim to advance racial equity and economic inclusion so that everyone in our region can thrive.

The India Basin Waterfront Park Project is an important opportunity for the City --and those of us in supporting roles-- to address social, economic and environmental justice issues for the significant and long-underserved neighborhood of Bayview-Hunters Point.

The San Francisco Foundation is proud to join forces with the Recreation and Park Department and serve as a resource for philanthropic aspects of this initiative. To that end, we are committed to the conscientious stewardship of the charitable funds that will be entrusted to us on behalf of this project. ***We hope you will agree to accept these grants and to allow the waivers so this crucial and exciting development effort can reach completion and fulfill its promise to the Bayview-Hunters Point community.***

Sincerely,  
Pamela Doherty  
Senior Director of Gift Planning

Cc: Fred Blackwell, CEO

## **Board of Supervisors – Budget and Finance Committee**

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**December 5, 2023**

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**Subject:** India Basin Waterfront Park – Grants and Waivers

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors,

I am writing today on behalf of the Bayview Alliance to support the package of agreements and the waiver regarding the India Basin Waterfront Park Initiative that are before you today.

Together with Roselyne Swig, I have co-convened the Bayview Alliance (BVA) on a monthly basis for over a dozen years. The BVA is composed of Bayview residents and other stakeholders who are committed to the community. The mission of the BVA is to support the positive evolution of the Bayview Hunters Point Community in recognition of its history and imperative that the social, economic, environmental, health, recreational and cultural assets be strengthened in the face of development and change. Mrs. Swig, Eric McDonnell and I are the co-chairs of the India Basin Waterfront Park capital campaign.

Great cities build great parks in every neighborhood, so it is wonderful that the Recreation and Park Department and its non-profit partners are committed to bringing the best quality open space and recreational facilities to the Bayview. Accepting this second round of private funding for the Initiative is especially important at this moment of economic uncertainty because it allows the city to turn \$125 million in public funding into a \$200 million investment in community infrastructure, services and programming.

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I hope you will agree to accept these grants and to allow the waivers so the city continue to work with the community to successfully deliver this amazing Initiative.

Best regards,

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