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Dear Supervisors:

Please know I called-in and was in the que to speak just – but apparently the system did not recognize me at the end there.

In lieu, please accept my comments below.

Sincerely,

Hunter Cutting

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee

Hearing on toxic and radioactive contamination at Treasure Island

Statement – Hunter Cutting

8 February 2021

Hello Supervisors, thank you for taking my comment.

I am Hunter Cutting, an elected member of the San Francisco Sierra Club and Coordinator of the Save Clipper Cove Coalition.

I speak today in my personal capacity to relate my experience engaging with the Navy's clean-up oversight Board at Treasure Island - the RAB.

I attended and spoke at the Navy RAB Meeting of March 20, 2018 where the RAB discussed a major clean-up report.

The meeting was, quite frankly, surreal, and left me with little confidence in the Navy's oversight of clean-up at Treasure Island.

As you might remember, that meeting took place just two months after the Chronicle

published a blockbuster story on the draft Navy report documenting massive fraud by Tetra Tech at Hunter's Point.

Yet, at that RAB meeting there was zero questions, comments or discussion about that report.

Worse, Navy staff presented a major round of ground water testing done by Tetra Tech. Four Tetra Tech employees were on hand to support the presentation.

Yet not a single member of the RAB made a comment or asked a question about the integrity of the work done by Tetra Tech.

Further, after the presentation, the RAB tried to limit public comment to about ten minutes.

Then, one RAB member, a white woman, refused to speak when prompted by the RAB Chair, saying that she had intended to make public statement in support of Tetra Tech, but that she wouldn't because – she said - the public audience (almost entirely African-American) was hostile and she did not feel safe speaking publicly.

It was a total Karen moment, and it was reprehensible.

This is all well-documented in the meeting minutes.

The RAB process is clearly deeply flawed. It's clear the RAB is not engaged in good-faith oversight.

And I encourage the Board of Supervisors to be the champion the community deserves.

I also want to applaud Supervisor Peskin suggestion that the Board consider reforming the governance of TIDA. As the Board may recall TIDA completely abdicated its responsibility to resolve the use of Clipper Cove, essentially forcing the community to turn the Board to resolve the issue. TIDA is broken and badly needs reform.

Thank you for your attention.

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