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Hello,

Attached pertains to item 25 on Board Agenda for October 18, 2022 File No. 220721: [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury Report - Buried Problems and a Buried Process: The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in a Time of Climate Change]

Regards,

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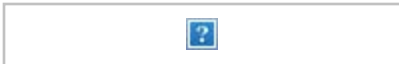
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached letter from San Francisco Baykeeper regarding Item 25 on today's Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda: "Board Response - Civil Grand Jury Report - Buried Problems and a Buried Process: The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in a Time of Climate Change". We kindly ask that a copy of this letter be distributed to all of the Supervisors. Thank you.

Best regards,
Julia

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To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

We'd like to thank Supervisor Walton and the Government Audit and Oversight Committee for organizing the hearing on the Civil Grand Jury's report: "Buried Problems and a Buried Process: The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in a Time of Climate Change."

This report brought to light many serious issues and oversights with the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard clean-up process, especially related to climate change impacts like sea level rise and groundwater rise. We support the Civil Grand Jury's thoughtful recommendations in their report and were disappointed by the Mayor's refusal to implement these recommendations. We are subsequently disappointed with the draft resolution that is being brought to the Board of Supervisors following the hearing. We support the comments from Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice and our allies in the Bayview Hunters Point community. We are particularly concerned with two statements in the resolution and have outlined our concerns below.

1. This resolution gives the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure and the Mayor the sole responsibility to accept or reject parcels of land. However, the Board of Supervisors does have a say in whether or not parcels of land are transferred to the City. It is imperative that the Board of Supervisors use their authority to reject the transfer of any land that is not fully cleaned up to residential standards, while incorporating the latest sea level rise and groundwater rise projections into the remediation strategy.
2. Regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), we do not believe this committee is enough representation for the Bayview Hunters Point community and allies to express their concerns and engage in meaningful dialogue with the Federal Facility Agreement Signatories, namely the U.S. Navy and U.S. EPA. We have attended these meetings in the past and have found that meaningful community participation is not prioritized in this setting. Therefore, we urge the Board of Supervisors to implement the Hunters Point Shipyard Cleanup Oversight Committee, cited in Recommendation 3 of the Civil Grand Jury report. Additionally, we urge the Board to incorporate community participation into this Oversight Committee. We also want to echo the request of our allies to reinstate the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), which was disbanded by the Navy years ago.

In conclusion, the Board of Supervisors has a unique opportunity right now to create change and prioritize the health of San Franciscans and the San Francisco Bay. We urge the Board to use this opportunity to implement all of the Civil Grand Jury's recommendations, prioritize meaningful community involvement in the cleanup process, and incorporate sea level rise and groundwater rise projections into the remediation and comprehensive cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Thank you for your attention to this issue and our comments.

Respectfully,
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