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August 18, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia Ming-mei Lee  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco  
400 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report, *The Port of San Francisco: Caught between Public Trust and Private Dollars.***

Dear Judge Lee:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Works, please accept this response to the above referenced Grand Jury report's findings and recommendations.

**FINDINGS:**

**Finding 9:**

The Port does not have an official policy governing the process for proposed development projects. Many projects are moved ahead with minimal community input, often in the form of a quick review by the CAC and Planning Department then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for a final approval.

The Pier 70 Master Plan was developed with significant community outreach to both the general public and affected neighborhood associate. The Plan represents a balance of community and the requirement of the developer to obtain a reasonable return on investment.

**Recommendation 9a:**

The Port should ensure ongoing community input be maintained until an acceptable compromise is reached on the final plans.

**Response: Agree.** *The Department of Public Works agrees with this recommendation especially that community input usually generates comments and ideas that benefit projects and ensures that final plans reflect community needs and concerns. In general, the Department of Public Works follows a similar extensive outreach process for its projects.*



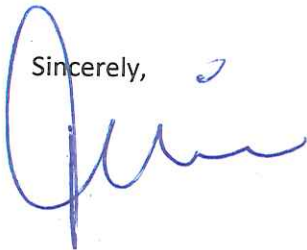
**Recommendation 9b:**

The Jury neither supports nor opposes the development of Pier 70 but we strongly endorse the extensive public outreach and community input as part of the design and development process of the Pier 70 Master Plan. We recommend that the Port follow this model as a template for all major developments on Port lands.

**Response: Agree.** *The Department of Public Works agrees with this recommendation. We work closely with the Port of San Francisco on many small and large projects and we collaborate on public outreach and coordination with all affected agencies. However, while every development opportunity must undergo thorough public review, not every project will require the steps that were conducted for the Pier 70 Preferred Master Plan.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this Civil Grand Jury report.

Sincerely,



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cc. Antonio Guerra, Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance  
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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) RESPONSE MATRIX

CG JURY FINDING	CG JURY RECOMMENDATIONS	DPW RESPONSE	DPW EXPLANATION
<p><b>Pier 70</b></p> <p><b>Finding 9:</b> The Port does not have an official policy governing the process for proposed development projects. Many projects are moved ahead with minimal community input, often in the form of a quick review by the CAC and Planning Department then forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.</p>	<p>• <b>Recommendation 9a:</b> The Port should ensure ongoing community input be maintained until an acceptable compromise is reached on the final plans.</p> <p>• <b>Recommendation 9b:</b> The Jury neither supports nor opposes the development of Pier 70 but we strongly endorse the extensive public outreach and community input as part of the design and development process of the Pier 70 Master Plan. We recommend that the Port follow this model as a template for all major developments on Port lands.</p>	<p><b>Agree</b></p> <p><b>Agree</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendation 9a:</b> The Department of Public Works agrees with this recommendation especially that community input usually generates comments and ideas that benefit projects and ensures that final plans reflect community needs and concerns. In general, the Department of Public Works follows a similar extensive outreach process for its projects.</p> <p><b>Recommendation 9b:</b> The Department of Public Works agrees with this recommendation. We work closely with the Port of San Francisco on many small and large projects and we collaborate on public outreach and coordination with all affected agencies. However, while every development opportunity must undergo thorough public review, not every project will require the steps that were conducted for the Pier 70 Preferred Master Plan.</p>
<p>The Pier 70 Master Plan was developed with significant community outreach to both the general public and affected neighborhood associations. The Plan represents a balance of community needs and the requirement of the developer to obtain a reasonable return on investment.</p>			