

## San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

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February 26, 2018

San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you on behalf of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations to express our support for the Mission Rock, Giants development.

The project includes 8 acres of new parks and open space, approximately 1,500 new rental homes, 40% affordable to low and middle income individuals and families, sea level rise resiliency and adaptation features, the Historic rehabilitation of Pier 48 and public waterfront access improvements along Blue Greenway trail.

Not only will jobs be created during construction but also after construction for landscapers, maintenance workers and the many small businesses.

What is truly being created is a village where both residents and visitors alike will have access to the many amenities. I visualize a variety of shops such as a hairdresser, gift shop, book shop, jewelry shop, hardware store, mini market with fresh fruit, vegetables cheeses and sundries, a courtyard food court and maybe even a pub! A truly wonderful opportunity for small business entrepreneurs!

I urge you to approve all the items on the agenda concerning the Mission Rock Development at the February 27, meeting.

Sincerely,

Henry Karnilowicz President

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The Honorable Mark E. Farrell - Mayor of San Francisco

## February 13, 2018

Honorable London Breed, President
Honorable Malia Cohen
Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer
Honorable Jane Kim
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RE: February 13, 2018 Board Agenda Items 32-43

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

Today is a day to make history.

I write to urge your Yes vote on Board Calendar Items 32-43 relating to Mission Bay South, the Port of San Francisco and Development, Lease and Financing of Seawall Lot 337 and Pier 48. Your Yes vote will complete more than a decade of effort led by the Port, supported by numerous State and Local agencies and community advisory, business and hospitality groups and endorsed by the City electorate.

In 2006, the Port was the first City department to adopt a 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Publication of this Plan marked the first time that the Port identified the extreme state of financial and infrastructure need required simply to maintain the Port's piers in their "As Is" condition. Today that figure stands at roughly \$1.62 billion. Sadly, this amount does not include bringing the facilities up to current code, including seismic, environmental and ADA; nor does it include stabilizing the Port's most significant asset, the Seawall.

As part of the 2006 10 Year Capital Plan, the Port identified Seawall Lot 337 (the primary subject of the legislation before you today) as integral to the Port's, and the City's, ability to (1) stem blight along the City waterfront, (2) enhance the edge between City commercial and residential neighborhoods and the waterfront and (3) create a significant source of annuity income for the Port to address the profound costs of facility maintenance. In the intervening years, the Port has continued to update its 10 Year Capital Plan and related Plan of Finance while simultaneously pursuing redevelopment of Seawall Lot 337, both of which have been approved repeatedly by the Board of Supervisors. Year after year, through numerous actions ranging from adoption of the Port's budget to approval of the Seawall Lot 337 Term Sheet, to certification of the Measure D (Nov 2015) election results, the Board of Supervisors have supported the Port in this noble pursuit.

Today, the time has come. Seize this moment to restore this portion of the waterfront to its rightful place as one of the City's most important assets for its residents, workers and visitors. Your Yes vote will be yet another milestone in a journey of hard and careful work, amid myriads of partners, to beautify and enliven and make economically viable a critical public asset. This is the work of ordinary people coming together to make an extraordinary impact. Join the people and vote Yes.

Sincerely,

Monique Moyer

Former Director (2004-2016), Port of San Francisco



February 13, 2017

San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl #244 San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Mission Rock Approval

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the final approval of the Mission Rock development project. Mission Rock will create a special place for San Francisco residents, workers and visitors on a site of citywide importance that is currently underutilized.

The Giants have worked closely with the neighborhood, various stakeholders and even the broader city because of 2015's Prop. D. As a result, the project includes numerous community benefits that address affordability, livability and quality of life for those who will live, work and play here as well as for the broader community. Those include:

- 40% affordable housing for a variety of people with a range of incomes
- 8 acres of parks and open space, including improved public access to the waterfront and connections to the Bay Trail/Blue Greenway
- a renovated historic Pier 48
- neighborhood serving retail, and below-market space for nonprofits and artists

This infill project is also doing the right things on the environmental front: it is located on major transit, the team is planning ahead for sea level rise, and the project has bold environmental targets, including zero water waste and 100% energy use from renewable sources.

And this project will generate revenue for the Port and the City and County of San Francisco.

This project is a transformational mixed-use and mixed-income development that has gone through a decade of community planning process. SPUR urges you to approve the Mission Rock project. We look forward to the completed development and all the opportunities it will bring.

Sincerely,

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Kristy Wang SPUR Community Planning Policy Director



February 9, 2018

The Honorable London Breed, President San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Mission Rock Project - SUPPORT

Dear Madam President and Supervisors:

I write to express Save The Bay's support for the Mission Rock Project, and to encourage your approval of the several administrative and financing items to facilitate the project that are scheduled for consideration by the Board of Supervisors on February 13, 2018.

Save The Bay is the largest regional organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife. We have campaigned since 1961 to increase public access to San Francisco Bay, and to improve the Bay for future generations in the face of pollution, climate change and other threats.

The Mission Rock Project has benefitted from extensive public input, and from review by many public agencies, including the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. We appreciate the efforts by those agencies, the San Francisco Giants and other project partners to incorporate project elements that are responsive to public concerns. We note with approval that the project's conceptual design includes significant public amenities that can enhance public access to and enjoyment of San Francisco Bay and its waterfront, especially:

- Improvement and expansion of China Basin Park to include public access and recreational enhancements, paved multi-use Bay Trail segment, stormwater treatment gardens to reduce polluted runoff to the Bay, and transition zone plantings to provide ecological benefit and flood resilience.
- Redesign of Terry A. Francois Boulevard as a waterfront shared public way that incorporates bicycle and pedestrian access, with Bay Trail connections to China Basin Park and enhancements to promote use. Internal streets would also incorporate Bay viewsheds.
- 3. Connections and views along key corridors to the Bay from the public space at Mission Rock Square, including along Channel Lane, and a stormwater treatment garden to reduce polluted runoff to San Francisco Bay.

The Mission Rock development plan also addresses resilience and adaptation to rising seas with varying approaches throughout the site, consistent with a scenario of up to 66 inches of sea level rise in the next several decades. Features include raising the grade of China Basin Park and portions of the park promenade and San Francisco Bay Trail, and allowing for planned inundation of low-lying areas within the park during extreme storm events anticipated toward the end of the current century.

Because the Bay Area's population is projected to grow 30% from 2010 to 2040, it is crucial that housing, transit, and other new development and redevelopment throughout the region be designed to enhance San Francisco Bay and public health, not damage it. Creating more "Bay Smart" Communities that benefit the Bay and benefit from it requires development that

- incorporates green infrastructure to reduce pollution flowing to the Bay, use water efficiently, and boost resilience to rising seas and other climate change impacts;
- reduces emission of greenhouse gases and particulates through strong links to transit and energy efficient designs; and
- promotes equity and enhanced access to the Bay for people who currently lack it.

The Mission Rock Project represents progress toward many of these Bay Smart standards, including by establishing more affordable housing near transit and jobs. Through productive negotiations with community representatives, 40 percent of the project's housing units will be available at below market rates, making them more accessible to low- and moderate-income families San Francisco needs to retain and attract.

For all of these reasons, the Mission Rock Project deserves support from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Thank you very much for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

David Lewis

**Executive Director** 

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