

SAVE THE BAY

November 5, 2021

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94104

Re: Supporting File 210807 – Planning Code – Repealing Article 12 Regarding Oil and Gas Facilities

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

Save The Bay is the largest regional organization dedicated to the protection of the San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife. As recent spills this year have shown, the processing of oil and gas remains a significant threat to the Bay, and refinery operations themselves contribute to water quality contamination. Oil and gas manufacturing also harms the health of neighboring communities who suffer from air pollution and contributes to climate change which threatens all Bay Area residents due to sea level rise and flooding, increased urban heat, worsening drought, and erratic weather.

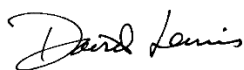
For these reasons, Save The Bay supports Supervisor Connie Chan's ordinance repealing the Planning Code's Article 12. This ordinance would prohibit any oil and gas exploration, development, extraction, and processing on land owned by the City and County of San Francisco. The ordinance also amends Planning Code Section 102 to prevent production or manufacturing of fuel sources to further protect vulnerable communities located near heavy manufacturing zones.

While San Francisco has only limited areas that could be developed for oil and gas production, much of that land is located in Bayview Hunters Point, an area which has historically suffered from extreme environmental injustice. Removing the potential for additional heavy polluting industry in this area is one step toward better protecting the health and safety of San Francisco's environmentally vulnerable residents.

San Francisco has taken many bold actions to demonstrate its commitment to reducing carbon emissions and reliance on oil and gas. This ordinance to permanently end the city's participation in the fossil fuel business further advances San Francisco's vision of a carbon free future.

We urge your support and passage of this ordinance.

Sincerely,



David Lewis
Executive Director