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Mayor Breed and the Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods joins the San Francisco Land Use Coalition in opposing the plans proposed by San Francisco Rec & Park for the remediation of the toxic site at Gashouse Cove. We also join nearly 3000 San Franciscans who signed a petition opposing this plan. And we wish to be added to the letter

As part of the remediation of toxic deposits from the old Manufactured Gas Plants, there is a substantial settlement from PG&E to deal with a specific area in the East Harbor & Gashouse Cove. San Francisco Rec & Park is presently favoring a remediation solution that involves using the majority of these funds to build a new marina in front of the Marina Green.

This project would result in:

1. Building a new harbor in front of the Marina Green in which to relocate boat slips from the existing East Harbor marina, requiring building a very large breakwater at the level of the existing small one, that ends with Wave Organ.
2. Leaving two-thirds of the East Harbor and Gashouse Cove to “silt over” at the location of a former toxic waste dump.
3. **A minimal 15% of toxic remediation of the site.**

San Francisco Rec & Park has been acting without much publicity and transparency in favor of this plan. There has been a notorious lack of residents’ engagement and outreach.

An alternative plan, favored by many San Francisco residents, several San Francisco Supervisors and multiple neighborhood associations involves a greater emphasis on the toxic cleanup (up to 42%) and rebuilding the existing boat slips that are presently in the East Harbor and Gashouse Cove.

This approach offers the following benefits to all San Franciscans as well as visiting tourists:

1. Preservation of the unobstructed public views of the water at the Marina Green. This is a historical legacy that the public has enjoyed for decades.
2. More significant emphasis on the toxic remediation (42% vs 15%).

3. Reconstruction of the boat slips in the East Harbor and Gashouse Cove that are presently in a state of severe disrepair.

4. Maintaining the ideal location of the only fueling station for boats in its present location.

Our alternative solution far outweighs what San Francisco Rec & Park is proposing. We urge you as our elected officials, to reject the Rec & Park's proposal in its current form and instead, put forward a plan as outlined above that is in the public's interest.

Sincerely,

We the undersigned support the letter sent earlier by San Francisco Land Use Coalition, in opposition to the proposal by the Rec & Park.

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