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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Correspondence Received for AB 1273 (Ting): The Piers 30-32 Revitalization Act
(For Commission information only)

The attached letter regarding AB 1273, Item No. 10 on the Commission's June 20, 2013 Agenda, was received in the Commission's offices from approximately 900 individuals.



Making San Francisco Bay Better

From: Lauren Schiffman <crackmagazine@hotmail.com>
Subject: No Warriors Arena on the Pier
Date: June 17, 2013 12:19:44 AM EDT
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Jun 16, 2013

Ms. Lisa Feldstein
CA

Dear Ms. Feldstein,

I oppose San Francisco's proposed development of a multi-use event center and arena on Piers 30-32 is inconsistent with established policy, which restricts waterfront development to maritime uses and acceptable non-maritime uses. The oversized structures proposed both for the seawall lot and the piers will block views and access to the waterfront, which is a resource for all Bay Area residents.

I am deeply concerned that the proposed development lacks regard for climate change and the rise in sea level. Long-term development needs to take into account the very real threat of sea-level rise. Large-scale infrastructure should be situated away from the shoreline.

For decades, Bay Area residents have worked to protect the Bay's shorelines through ballot measures, long-term planning, and state legislation aimed at protecting the waterfront from inappropriate development. The basic framework of this project depends on assumed entitlements, zoning changes, and an overall project scope which have yet to undergo preliminary environmental review. The California Environmental Quality Act process was fast-tracked without an approved project, and the details keep shifting in unaccountable ways.

The National Basketball Association "requirement" of a 500-car parking structure ensures that the automobile trips generated will overwhelm existing roadway capacity and adversely impact adjacent neighborhoods, putting pedestrians at risk. As commuters know well, transit and traffic in the entire area already suffer severe gridlock on Giants game days. Transit infrastructure along the Embarcadero will need substantial upgrades and funding. This has not yet been part of the conversation.

The \$120 million cost to the City and the Port of San Francisco for rebuilding the piers, combined with the exorbitant 13% guaranteed return on investment, could easily climb to two or three hundred million dollars over the life of the Warrior's lease--monies that the Port simply doesn't have.

Should the Golden State Warriors move to San Francisco, there would be a loss of events at the Oracle Arena, which would also result in lost sales tax revenue and operating funds for the City of Oakland. The employees who work at the Oracle Arena are local residents in historically disenfranchised and minority communities. Losing these local jobs would exacerbate Oakland's already high unemployment rate of 10.8 %. Mayors of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and San Leandro are opposed to the legislation that would enable this project.

Please oppose legislation to enable this development in whatever form it comes before you as a decision maker, and halt this ill-conceived proposal.

Sincerely,

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