

To: Bay Conservation Development Commission  
Re: Reoccupation of Union Point Park in Oakland  
Date: September 26, 2023  
From: Embarcadero Neighborhood Association

Over two years ago the City of Oakland was threatened with fines of \$8000 a day for not complying with the agreement between the City of Oakland and BCDC to keep Union Point Park clear of encampments and available for use by residents and visitors. An expensive cleanup took place and the park, the Bay Trail and the surrounding streets were cleared of encampments and remain so today with the exception of three occupants that have moved into the park in the past week.



Two of these tents are located under the “bridge” in the park and one is located just a few steps from the playground. Both present deterrents to children using the park from the nearby Method School and since two of these are visible from the Embarcadero roadway they will attract additional occupants. The park and the Bay Trail have remained clear for over a year and our associations private nightly patrols keep the two parking lots cleared. Signs are posted in the park that say “No Encampments Permitted”. To allow an encampment to remain in the park is a dereliction of duty by those responsible for protecting our parks and public spaces. We ask the BCDC Enforcement Committee to contact City leadership, the Parks Department, the Encampment Management Team, Oakland Police Department, Public Works and any other departments and notify them of an \$8000 a day fine if they do not comply with the terms of the agreement with BCDC to keep the park and Bay Trail clear.

Thank you,  
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