2.24 SUPPORT FOR AND OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED PROJECT

Comments

General Comment: While all of the environmental commentary on the NOP focused on supporting density, there is density and then there is this plan. The project is overly tall, overly dense and dramatically changes the nature of Bay and its view sheds. (Saul Bloom, Arc Ecology) [28.11]

The project includes sustainability features such as green building standards and an intermodal transit hub. It should be supported. (Michael Theriault Note: comment summarized based on notes of public hearing because there was a 10-minute interval with no audio recording, resulting in no transcription.) [TR.1.1a]

The Citizens Advisory Board discussed and resolved many issues including sea level rise, seismic safety, recycling, traffic, ferry service, housing, pedestrians, relocation of existing residents, a museum. The plan maximizes positive environmental benefits. The CAB will submit written comments. (Karen Knowles-Pearce, Chair, Treasure Island Citizens Advisory Board Note: comment summarized based on notes of public hearing because there was a 10-minute interval with no audio recording, resulting in no transcription.) [TR.1.1b]

My opposition to this plan really starts with the contradiction in the Mission Statement, which is, includes to create community and identity, when actually this is going to destroy the community and identity that exists on Yerba Buena Island today. (Ken Masters) [TR.9.1a]

We love this project, and we hope that it will move forward as quickly as possible. We're heartbroken about the current economic conditions that are holding it back. (Tim Colen, San Francisco Housing Action Coalition) [TR.2.3]

Obviously, we are here in full support of the project. I mean, it's a no-brainer. We're excited about it, and we’d like to plant the seed now and get going. We currently -- we’re already out that as it is. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, we have a -- we’re in partners with the Job Corp out there, so we currently have a training facility going out there, and bring us some classes there. So we’ve already landed, we just need -- bring the jobs in and we are currently looking for more women for our program, also. So with that, we will look for your blessing with the project of the Treasure Island. Thank you very much (Manny Flores) [TR.3.1]

We’re very supportive of the redevelopment plan for Treasure Island and are pleased to make some comments today. (Sherry Williams, Treasure Island Homeless Development Initiative) [TR.4.1]

I am speaking on behalf of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission. And I just wanted to draw attention to a letter that was written by our executive director, Will Travis, in support of the project and in support of the work that TIDA has done with us on sea level rise. And also the letter written by the governor in support of the project, as well. (Karen Weiss, Bay Conservation and Development Commission) [TR.8.1]

I have been a resident since 1999, and I am just here to speak on behalf of that. I really appreciate all what you all are doing to fix up the island because when we first came out there I
was pregnant with my son and it wasn’t nothing. And I really want to see something really nice. I want to see the bridge. I want to see other families, like me, because I have been there for a long time, for my son to go places, to go on a ferry.

So I just really appreciate what you all are doing, and I just want to make sure that everybody could come together on the island, because it’s a beautiful place. (Melanie Williams) [TR.11.1]

First of all, I want to say that we support development on Treasure Island. We are not opposed to development on the island, but we want to make sure that the development is the proper development, and it’s so important. (Kate Kelley, Sierra Club) [TR.13.1a]

And we’re in full support of this project because of the many positive aspects to it. (Patrick Huniacke, GAA Athletic Association) [TR.14.1]

We are, having said all of that, we are in full support of the EIR. (Patrick Huniacke, GAA Athletic Association) [TR.14.5]

Response

These comments express general support for or opposition to the Proposed Project but do not raise any specific comment on the adequacy and accuracy of the analysis presented in the EIR. The comments may be considered by the decision-makers as part of their decision to approve or disapprove the Proposed Project.