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Deputy City Administrator of Real Estate & Major Projects
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RE: Waterfront Ballpark District Project -- request for comment period extension

Dear Ms. Lake:

Save The Bay hereby requests an extension of the public comment period for the Oakland Waterfront Ballpark District Project Draft Environmental Impact Project to 90 days instead of the 45 days provided in city's February 26, 2021 notice of release for the DEIR. Save The Bay is the largest organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay, representing tens of thousands of residents in Oakland and throughout the Bay Area. We are an interested party in this project, and have commented previously on the project EIR Notice of Preparation.

More than two years has passed since the Notice of Preparation for this DEIR was published and comments were submitted. The DEIR and appendices constitute thousands of pages of detailed information that merit significantly more than 45 days of review by the public, especially for a proposal what would have impacts on the city's residents and the surrounding area for many decades.

The Ballpark project has captured the interest and attention of many area residents, and under the expedited procedures currently being contemplated for the project this may be the only opportunity for significant public review and comment. The ultimate project will be significantly improved by robust public scrutiny into the Draft EIR's assessment of impacts and alternatives. With that input, the City can prepare a legally-adequate final Report that accurately characterizes all impacts and alternatives, so that City, State and Federal agency decision-makers have complete information on which to base approval or require modifications and mitigation.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.



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