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Subject: EOSA - & BayPorte Village & Friends - Howard Terminal Ballpark - Request 45 Day Extension of DEIR Comment Period
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Dear Mr. Vollmann,

Respectfully, I am requesting that you extend the 45 day comment period on the **Howard Terminal Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)** in order to give the public adequate time to respond to the findings of the DEIR. In many cases it is difficult to get people motivated to respond to the DEIR and it takes time to make the necessary outreach to community members. The City of Oakland has taken over two years to produce the DEIR, resulting in a detailed and complex document that is over 1,600 pages long, not including over 4,000 pages of appendices for review. It is unreasonable to expect members of our community to read, analyze and respond to such a lengthy and technical document within 45 days. I believe that such a short window would leave the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community, including those who would feel the negative impacts of this project most, little time to bring to the attention of the City any deficiencies in the DEIR and the project itself.

The Howard Terminal Ballpark will have a tremendous impact on the West Oakland Community. As a result, the DEIR is important in order to see if the environmental impact will adversely affect members of the community in addition to what we already are experiencing with air pollution.

In light of the above mentioned, I am forwarding this notification to my **BayPorte Village homeowners and friends** with instructions to forward this correspondence directly to you and members of the City of Oakland and City Council for consideration. All of which have been cc on this correspondence with contact information included as follows:

Direct to Planning Department
Peterson Vollmann, Project Planner: pvollmann@oaklandca.gov

CC:

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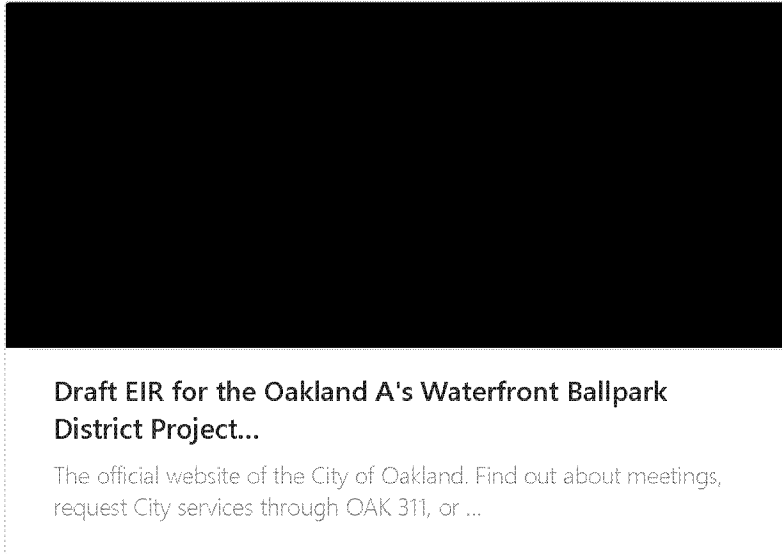
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In addition, I have also attached the link to the Draft EIR for reference as follows:

The Draft EIR and its various appendices may be found on the [Draft EIR for the Oakland A's Waterfront Ballpark District Project...](#)



Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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