

# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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Ms. Elaine Forbes  
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Dear Elaine:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 24 regarding Piers 30-32. I am sorry that I was unable to meet you for lunch this past Friday.

I look forward to reading the Port Commission staff's update about the site later this month, and I am pleased that San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) staff is participating in the land use planning program in South Beach. Also, as we have discussed, and as I have discussed with Jack Bair of the San Francisco Giants organization, BCDC staff supports the public process to consider the Mission Rock development in an appropriate manner.

As you note, neither the Cruise Terminal nor the Warriors Arena projects will proceed at Piers 30-32. As such, the two statutes specifically adopted for those two projects (AB 1389 [2001] and AB 1273 [2013]) should not be considered applicable to the piers' future, which will provide the Port and its stakeholders a clean slate upon which to consider the piers' future. When a future project slated for Piers 30-32 is presented to BCDC for consideration, that project should start afresh and not rely upon any intent of, or portion of, these statutes. Indeed, to generate as many creative outcomes for Piers 30-32 that can adapt to rising sea level as possible, BCDC staff believe that any person or organization interested in the piers' future should consider them, for all intents and purposes, unencumbered by any project-specific legislation.

We look forward to working with the Port and interested parties regarding future disposition of Piers 30-32 in a manner that is consistent with the public trust and the Commission's laws and policies.



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Executive Director

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Anne Halsted, Vice-Chair  
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The Honorable Aaron Peskin  
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May 24, 2016

Executive Director Larry Goldzband  
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Dear Director Goldzband:

As a follow up to our recent conversation about Piers 30-32, I am writing to tell you about next steps for this site. As you know, the two projects the Legislature has previously authorized for the site – the Golden State Warriors Multi-Purpose Arena and the Bryant Street Cruise Terminal project – will not proceed at this location because they have found different locations in San Francisco (Mission Bay and Pier 27, respectively). In the opinion of Port staff, future uses requiring new construction on Piers 30-32, if not 100% compliant with the public trust, will require similar authorizing state legislation.

The Port Commission has requested an update about the site, which is currently scheduled for the Port Commission meeting on June 14, 2016. Staff has prepared an analysis of the site, including opportunities and constraints, which is intended as both a Port Commission briefing and as a tool to support the Waterfront Plan update process. The Waterfront Plan Update process was initiated last year and will include focused land use planning in the South Beach neighborhood (home of Piers 30-32) and the Northeast Waterfront. Your staff has been participating in this effort, and we hope your team will continue to support this community planning effort as we re-imagine these two important areas of the Port.

We expect that Piers 30-32, with its history of development controversy and high construction costs, will draw significant attention in the Waterfront Plan Update process. History has taught us that fashioning a strong public participation and consensus will be key to any future plans for the site. We welcome your thoughts and the participation of your staff in helping to foster that consensus. We will be in touch to confirm the timing of the Piers 30-32 update at the Port Commission, and encourage your staff to join us to hear feedback from the Port Commission and the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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