

Subject: FW: 2/21/19 EC meeting public comment

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Public comment for EC and posting.

On 2/20/19, 12:24 PM, "Ted Reed" <tedrreed@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Hello Adrienne

I hope you are well

The meeting tomorrow will suggest a mooring field for Richardson's Bay I think that is a bad idea and contrary to BCDC policy

Thanks Ted Reed 415-609-6999

Sent from my iPhone

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February 12, 2019

Reference: Bay Anchor-outs and Moorings

Dear Ms. Klien;

I am vehemently opposed to the anchor-outs in the Richardson Bay and any potential mooring field. Having owned a sailboat and sailed on the Bay for many years, I have seen first hand that these anchor-outs are equivalent to homeless encampments in a public park. In addition to polluting the bay with garbage and raw sewage, the anchors dragging on the shallow bay floor damage the eel grass that is needed for the fish and birds. The fact that fish and birds are impacted by climate change and not enough fresh water flushing out the Bay makes the damage by the anchor-outs even more significant.

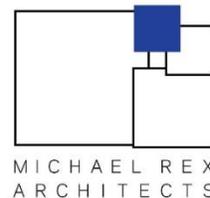
Please pass along my comments at the upcoming Bay Conservation and Development Commission enforcement meeting on February 21.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

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February 6, 2019

RE: THE ANCHOR OUTS ON RICHARDSON'S BAY



Dear Leaders and Decision Makers,

I am writing in support of the Anchor Out culture and lifestyle, seeking your help to preserve this way of life in a sustainable, responsible and environmentally appropriate manner. I have a broad perspective and understanding of the topic, as a former anchor out myself, as an Architect and principal of an Architectural firm in Sausalito planning and designing local waterfront projects for over 35 years, and as the Chair of the Richardson's Bay Maritime Association (RBMA), a 501(c)3 group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is to preserve our maritime heritage and working waterfront.

I am writing now due to several pending events effecting our anchorage, specifically BCDC's Enforcement Committee's meeting scheduled for February 21, when stakeholders are invited to speak on the Anchor Out topic, and the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency's recent decision to retain the services of Merkel & Associates to plan a mooring field for short and long-term mooring of vessels on Richardson's Bay. Due to a scheduling conflict, I won't be able to attend BCDC's Feb. 21 hearing. So, I'm writing instead, but not by composing a new letter, but by send you an old one instead, actually two, both of which are still pertinent today, even though I wrote them 32 years ago.

The good news, at least from my perspective, is that after all these years the anchor outs remain. The bad news is the problems with the anchorage identified 32 years ago also remain, along with the ongoing struggle to solve them. I'm writing to you, because you are currently among the key decision makers on the topic. I've attached a digital copy of two documents. One is a 126-page report titled, "Anchor Out Proposal," dated October 1, 1987. The other is a short 3-page executive summary titled, "The Anchor Out Lifestyle," dated September 21, 1987, which appeared as a Point of View column in the 9/29 – 10/5/87 edition of the Marin Scope newspaper.

I wrote these two documents in response to a Sausalito City Council hearing I attended, when members of BCDC's staff spoke and informed the City Council that the anchor outs must be removed from Richardson's Bay "regardless of the consequences." No government of mine shall take action against its citizens without considering the consequences. I dedicated my time then and there to fully research the matter and propose a solution that would allow the anchor outs to remain, but in a way that is consistent with the law and could be effectively managed. I ask that you read the 3-page letter, and at least skim through the report, which contains photos and maps you may find informative.

I have spent my career problem solving; applying a process that achieves the best results by starting with a full understanding of the issues, and then seeking ways to mitigate what is negative and enhance what is positive. We are smart enough and have the resources to solve the problems associated with our anchorage in way that is beneficial to all concerned. What is needed is for the parties involved to be willing, open minded and cooperative. I ask for this too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Rex". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Rex" clearly legible.

Michael Rex, Architect