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### Item 3: Update on Status of ECRB Review of California Department of Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Project

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Hello,

My name is Sanjna Shah and I am submitting this letter of support for the BCDC meeting on 2/25 regarding the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Project.

I submit this letter of support on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) at UC Berkeley External Affairs Vice President's Office.

Thank you,  
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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
Engineering Criteria Review Board  
375 Beale Street, Suite 510  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: Berkeley Ferry Terminal / Pier Replacement Project — Engineering Criteria Review**

Dear Chair Iwashita Members of the Engineering Criteria Review Board,

On behalf of the Associated Students of the University of California's External Affairs Vice President office, we are writing to express our support for the City of Berkeley's Ferry Terminal / Pier Replacement Project at the Berkeley Waterfront. The City of Berkeley is currently finalizing a draft environmental review report for the project and is beginning initial steps for a permit from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

We recognize the proposed project as an important opportunity to restore public access to the Berkeley waterfront through the reconstruction of the Berkeley public pier, diversification of public transit options and increasing regional access to the Bay. From our perspective, restoring the Berkeley Pier as an active transportation and civic asset supports local businesses, workers, and visitors, while reinforcing Berkeley's role as a regional destination along the shoreline.

As representatives of UC Berkeley students, we strongly support infrastructure investments that expand reliable, sustainable, and multimodal transportation options for the East Bay. The proposed ferry terminal would provide students, workers, and residents with an alternative to congested roadways while improving connectivity between Berkeley and the broader Bay Area. Additionally, the project advances climate-conscious transportation by prioritizing zero-emission travel and reducing regional vehicle dependence. Restoring the pier also creates valuable public space that promotes recreation, community engagement, and equitable access to the shoreline for current and future generation.

The Berkeley Ferry Terminal is included in SF Bay Ferry's adopted Strategic Plan as part of a long-term regional ferry system expansion. The proposed service would be operated with

electric, zero-emission vessels, supporting regional mobility while aligning with BCDC's core objectives related to environmental stewardship, shoreline access, and Bay-oriented transportation. As part of the broader ferry network, Berkeley ferry service would also contribute to emergency response and evacuation capacity, strengthening the city's resilience to respond to an emergency.

We recognize the importance of careful design and engineering review to ensure the project is consistent with Bay conservation policies, public access requirements, and long-term shoreline resilience. Project review through BCDC's established engineering and design processes allows for opportunities to refine design details and improve the overall project. We support continued advancement of the project through BCDC review and we encourage consideration of the long-term public benefits associated with restoring the Berkeley Pier in providing technical guidance and recommendations to the full Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your continued work stewarding San Francisco Bay and its shoreline.

Sincerely,

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