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I am writing as an informed community member familiar with the sewer flooding issue in regard to the ramifications of the proposed Safeway redevelopment project in the Marina District.

Since the closure of the Pierce Street outfall in May 2021, the surrounding sewer system has experienced repeated overflow conditions during storm events. These events have resulted in the discharge of untreated sewage into residential properties. These are documented, recurring conditions with implications for public health and safety.

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, public agencies are required to evaluate all reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts of a project, including conditions involving the release of hazardous materials during upset or system failure scenarios. CEQA Guidelines further require analysis where a project may expose the public to hazards through such conditions. The existing conditions in the Marina indicate an ongoing exposure pathway associated with sewer system performance during storm events. Increasing density and wastewater load on a system already experiencing overflow conditions raises serious concerns regarding compliance with CEQA and applicable health and safety standards.

Public Resources Code §21002 provides that a project should not be approved where feasible mitigation measures are available to substantially lessen significant environmental effects. In this context, further evaluation of infrastructure capacity, system performance, and appropriate mitigation measures appears warranted prior to the introduction of additional load.

In addition, the Laguna outfall currently discharges into a proposed recreational water activities. Where system performance during storm events results in overflow or discharge conditions, the potential for impacts to recreational

waters and public exposure may warrant further evaluation. This is particularly relevant in the context of environmental review and interagency coordination.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that:

Approval of the proposed Safeway development be delayed until sewer system performance during storm conditions can be fully evaluated.

A comprehensive review be conducted of cumulative impacts related to existing infrastructure limitations and projected increases in wastewater load.

Any project approval be conditioned on demonstrated measures that address system performance and reduce the potential for overflow-related impacts affecting residential areas, public rights-of-way, and recreational waters.

This request is not an opposition to development, but a request that development proceed in a manner consistent with environmental review requirements and established health and safety standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

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