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Hello,

On behalf of UC Berkeley's ASUC External Affairs Vice President's Office, we would like to submit the attached letter of support for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Design Review Board meeting on Monday, May 11th.

Thank you.

Best,

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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
Design Review Board
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Re: Berkeley Ferry Terminal / Pier Replacement Project — Design Review

Dear Chair and Members of the Design Review Board,

On behalf of 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.

We support this project because it advances not only transportation and waterfront revitalization goals, but also equity-centered public access. A restored ferry terminal and pier can expand mobility options for people who are often least served by existing transportation systems, including low-income residents, students, seniors, people with disabilities, and workers who rely on affordable and reliable transit. As a public shoreline project, it should also create meaningful access to the Bay for communities that have historically faced barriers to enjoying and benefiting from waterfront infrastructure. In that sense, the project has the potential to serve not just as a transit investment, but as a public space investment that broadens who gets to experience and use the Berkeley shoreline.

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 are confident that BCDC's established design review process will confirm the project's strong alignment with Bay conservation policies, public access requirements, and long-term shoreline resilience. We urge the Design Review Board to advance the current design and recommend project approval to the full Commission, recognizing the permanent public benefits associated with restoring the Berkeley Pier.

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

Sincerely,

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