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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
Design Review Board  
375 Beale Street, Suite 510  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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

Dear Chair and Members of the Design Review Board,

On behalf of Berkeley Chamber of Commerce, I am 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.

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,

Beth Roessner, CEO  
Berkeley Chamber of Commerce