



May 18, 2018

City of Alameda Planning Board
2263 Santa Clara Avenue
Alameda, CA 94501

RE: Endorsement for the Alameda Marina Project

Dear Planning Board members,

The Bay Area Council endorses the Alameda Marina Project.

California is currently experiencing an unprecedented housing crisis that, without significant intervention, will only get worse. The California Department of Housing and Community Development estimates the state needs to build 180,000 new units of housing annually by 2025 to meet projected growth, over 100,000 more units than we are currently building annually. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) reports that between 2011 and 2015 the region added over 500,000 jobs, but only 65,000 housing units. That's 1 unit of housing for every 8 jobs created.

The Alameda Marina Project would add up to 760 new homes, including 103 deed restricted affordable homes. In addition to providing much needed housing, the project also includes a \$57 Million investment to upgrade infrastructure on site, including more than 4,000 feet of existing shoreline, new service roads, accommodations for sea level rise, Bay Trail extension and more.

The Bay Area Council endorses this project as a critical step in meeting Alameda and the region's growing demand for housing. We encourage you to approve this project without delay. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt Regan'.

Matt Regan
Senior Vice President, Public Policy
Bay Area Council