

UESF Support Resolution for Seawall Lot 330 Navigation Center

As unanimously approved by the UESF Executive Committee, April 3, 2019

WHEREAS homelessness, housing insecurity, and the lack of affordability continue to challenge San Francisco; and

WHEREAS over 2,100 students in SFUSD are currently, and tragically, experiencing homelessness;

WHEREAS the proposed waterfront site would be the Mayor's first SAFE Navigation Center, which takes the best practices and lessons learned from prior Navigation Centers, allowing guests to bring their partners, pets, and belongings with them and providing support to connect residents with services and permanent housing in a setting with 24/7 access; and

WHEREAS SAFE Navigation Centers are designed to be rapidly implementable and more cost-effective than traditional navigation centers; and

WHEREAS District 6 Supervisor Matt Haney strongly supports this project; and

WHEREAS offering two hundred individuals experiencing homelessness shelter, dignity, and support represents humanitarian and moral progress for San Francisco; and

WHEREAS there is no excuse for homelessness in a city as wealthy as ours; and

WHEREAS every human being has the right to shelter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the United Educators of San Francisco support the SAFE Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330 and encourage the Port of San Francisco to approve the site without delay.

Further reading: <http://www.sfusd.edu/en/news/media-coverage/2017-media-coveragearchive/09/sf-public-schools-to-shift-focus,-resources-on-homeless-students-as-numbersrise.html>

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/SF-Mayor-Breed-wants-Embarcadero-to-have-SF-s-13659716.php>

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/mission-district-school-plans-to-open-gym-to-homeless-students-families-overnight/>

A copy of any such resolution relating to Port matters should be forwarded to amy.quesada@sfpport.com. Amy Quesada is Port Commission Affairs Manager.

Submitted to the April 17 Meeting of the UESF Assembly by John Lisovsky

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: SWL330 navigation center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
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amy.quesada@sfport.com

From: Aarathi Sugathan
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: SWL330 navigation center

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Hi Ms Quesada,

I am a homeowner, resident and parent in Rincon Hill, and I wanted to register my *support* for the proposed navigation center. I strongly believe in the need to do everything possible to ensure all human beings have a decent standard of living, and I hope that the city will follow through on its promises to keep the area safe and clean so that future navigation centers like this won't be so strongly opposed.

Thanks,
Aarathi Sugathan

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

To: Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: FW: Embarcadero Navigation Center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Aaron VanDevender **Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 10:59 AM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Embarcadero Navigation Center

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Hi Amy,

I'm a SF resident and I'd like to express my strong support for the nav center on the waterfront. San Francisco set a new record for 28,084 incidents of human feces on the street in 2018. Opening more restrooms and shelters like this one on the Embarcadero is the best chance we have to avoid a hepatitis B outbreak in the city. Thank you!

-Aaron

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Paez, Mark (PRT)
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 1:35 PM
To: Abbas El Gamal; Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Cc: Suzanne El Gamal; Wallace Lee; Quezada, Randolph (PRT); Kilstrom, Kari (PRT)
Subject: RE: Plea to vote against the planned Navigation center on Seawall Lot 330

Hi Abbas,

I want to let you know that I received your message and will forward it to the Central Waterfront Advisory Group, Port Commission and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Thank You!

From: Abbas El Gamal
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 1:32 PM
To: Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); Quesada, Amy (PRT); Paez, Mark (PRT)
Cc: Suzanne El Gamal; Wallace Lee
Subject: Plea to vote against the planned Navigation center on Seawall Lot 330

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Respected SF Port Commissioners:

By now you have heard the many valid concerns of South Beach and Rincon Hill residents among others about the proposed location for the new Navigation Center, so I will not repeat them here. You have also heard from other SF residents, who mostly don't live or work anywhere near Seawall Lot 330, about their support of this location and their disgraceful demonization of the residents who oppose it (again I will not repeat what they say here).

The question I would like you to think about as you consider Seawall Lot 330 for the Navigation center is **why didn't the locations of the previous Nav centers create anywhere near as much controversy as this one?**

The answer is clear at least to me. The locations of previous Navigation centers made sense for both residents and the homeless. Seawall Lot 330 doesn't make sense for anybody (for all the reasons you heard from many residents). **The mere fact that this proposal has been creating such unhealthy divisions between the residents of our city on an issue we all agree on, which is to find good solutions for homelessness, clearly demonstrates that it is a poor choice.**

I beg you to vote against it.

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Abbas El Gamal

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Abbas El Gamal
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 8:02 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Cc: Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Plea to reconsider the location of the new Navigation Center

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Honorable Mayor Breed,

I am resending this email in hope that you now agree with the point I made. Seawall Lot 330 is within a mile radius of two Navigation centers! It's on the waterfront and in a thriving residential area.

Please reconsider. This is causing too much bad blood in the city (with some of my neighbors receiving threats from the rabid ideologues who want to ram this project down our throats).

Respectfully

Abbas El Gamal

> Begin forwarded message:

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> From: Abbas El Gamal

> Subject: Plea to reconsider the location of the new Navigation Center

> Date: March 30, 2019 at 3:55:55 PM PDT

> To: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

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> Honorable Mayor Breed,

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> First I would like to commend you for your past and future efforts to address the homelessness problem in our beloved city. We all want to help and support these efforts. However, as I am sure you already know, there have been many valid concerns from South Beach and Rincon Hill residents among others about locating a Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330, which I will not repeat here. You have also heard from other SF residents, who mostly don't live or work anywhere near Seawall Lot 330, about their support of this location and their disgraceful demonization of those who oppose it (again I will not repeat what they say here).

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> I beg you to reconsider the location for the proposed Navigation Center for the sake of keeping peace among the residents of your city.

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> Abbas El Gamal, Professor, Stanford University

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Plea to vote against the planned Navigation center on Seawall Lot 330

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Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Plea to vote against the proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330
Attachments: Letter2Port-Commission.pdf

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Abbas El Gamal
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 9:42 PM
To:
Cc:
Subject: Plea to vote against the proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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Dear SF Port Commission,

Please see our concerns in the attached. We have not been able to find email addresses for Commissioners Gail Gilman and Doreen Woo Ho or for the Central Waterfront Advisory Group. We would appreciate it if this email is forwarded to them.

Best regards

Suzanne and Abbas El Gamal

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Proposed Homeless Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

From: Abbie Dutterer <
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.guesada@sfport.com>
Cc: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Quezada, Randolph (PRT) <randolph.quezada@sfport.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Homeless Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

Amy,

I look forward to hearing how the Port Commission will be taking the overwhelming feedback from yesterday's meeting into their process for deciding on the issues facing the Navigation Center proposal.

While this is an issue that the mayor and the housing groups are clearly spearheading -

The vote needed by the Port Commission means that it is your team that also needs to be evaluating public response.

It is simply not enough for the city to say we need to do something, and choose a parking lot that is open. This is a problem that deserves thoughtful consideration of how services will be deployed and the impact to everyone that uses the Embarcadero.

I look forward to hearing more from the commission prior to the vote.

Regards, Abbie

Abbie Dutterer

Center on the Embarcadero

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Amy,

I am a local resident who would like to urge the Port Commission to deny the city access to the Bryant Street lot to be used for a Navigation Center.

I cannot attend the hearing on Tuesday afternoon due to work, so I am providing my comments via email.

I live two blocks away from the proposed center's location. I walk through that area many times during the week.

I know that many people will focus on the optics of a largely wealthy neighborhood not wanting a homeless shelter in the vicinity. And there are certainly basic concerns around safety, security, and cleanliness of the areas surrounding the proposed center.

I would offer that it is much more than safety and security concerns from residents living nearby. This is a central passageway for tourists accessing the Embarcadero, especially during the 6 months of the year that the Giants Season is run. For 81 games a year, the streets are flooded with people, including many visitors, and the Navigation Center will be flooded with foot and vehicular traffic. This makes it very different than other areas that have been proposed.

Mayor Breed's proposal is lacking in long-term planning and any research on how this will affect the neighborhood. Simply having space does not make a good location. In addition, Mayor Breed has promised to remove most of the permitting process for the site. As a SOMA resident with views of both the shuttered Transbay Center and the Millenium Tower, I have significant concerns about any project that won't be thoroughly looked at in our district.

Thank you for your attention and thoughtfulness on this issue.

Kind regards,

Abbie Dutterer

Abbie Dutterer

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Adhamina Rodriguez
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: Proposed homeless tent in Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Port Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you vote to disapprove of Mayor Breed's proposal to lease Seawall Lot 330 for a 225-bed homeless tent (also referred to as Navigation Center) on April 23 because of the following concerns that have been completely ignored by Mayor Breed:

- 1) It is against Port of San Francisco's Strategic Plan (2016-2021): this emblematic and touristic waterfront location will lose engagement, livability, stability, and economic vitality.
- 2) Safety: I have three children ages 10, 6 and 6 that have lived in this neighborhood all their lives and call it home. Studies mentioned by the City in community outreach meetings stating that the safety of the area around the homeless navigation center is not negatively impacted are based on the assumption that the homeless were already there, which is not the case of our neighborhood. We currently have a very small amount of homeless in the streets around the proposed site and this camp will bring homeless from a larger geographic area to be concentrated in our high density family-oriented residential area.
- 2) Property value: I have asked several neighborhood-based real estate agents their professional opinion on potential changes in the marketability of our homes if the homeless shelter is open next to us, and there is 100% consensus in that the navigation center would negatively impact our property values. Choosing this site imposes a punitive levy of hundreds of millions of dollars in property value, which would also make the City lose millions of dollars in property taxes when we demand a reassessment. For the many hardworking new families that moved into the area and made this area of the city livable, this levy will mean that their mortgages will exceed the value of their homes, condemning them financially for years to come.
- 3) Legal liability: legal action is currently under consideration for many procedural violations and economic harm imposed on the community. The Port of San Francisco's may become liable for economic damages associated with its lack of due diligence or consideration of the City's conduct and impact on the community in regard to the placement of the proposed homeless tent.
- 4) All current navigation centers are already south of market and none are tents. Our neighborhood has 65% of the shelter beds and 73% of the affordable housing. We also have the largest property tax base because of the density of housing and a severe lack of community services: schools, parks, community centers.

I am asking you to please consider if a navigation center is the best use of this location for the Port, for the neighborhood, and to address homelessness. Please ask Mayor Breed to provide the community a complete, structured and impartial study of potential sites all around the City before coming again to District 6.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: An additional metric

-----Original Message-----

From: alanjudy

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:42 PM

To: Paez, Mark (PRT)

Subject: An additional metric

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Mark,

I failed to share one additional metric that I thought the CWAG should consider to tie to the lease of SWL330. Please distribute this email to all the other CWAG members.

Cento Osteria is a restaurant located at 100 Brannan and is the closest business to SWL 330 that pays rent to the Port.

Any Navigation Center is supposed to add value to the community and therefore should not negatively impact local businesses.

I see Cento as a canary of the neighborhood and one important metric would be if this restaurant were to close while the Navigation center is in use. Understanding why Cento closed (by interviewing the owner) and determining if the Navigation Center had a direct impact would be important and if it did this could trigger a clause to revoke or not renew the lease.

=Alan Dundas

Sent from my iPhone

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Navigation Center opposition

From: Amy Herrick <
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Cc:
Subject: Navigation Center opposition

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To all SF Port Commissioners,

As a resident of District 6, I am voicing my opposition to the Navigation Center proposed on Seawall lot 330. As you know, District 6 already has 2 Navigation Centers and multiple homeless support services. Homelessness is a problem in all of San Francisco. Navigation centers need to be located in every district and I will not support a third location in District 6 until there are navigation centers with a comparable number of beds as we currently have in each and every district. I respectfully ask you to deny use of Seawall Lot 330 for another Navigation center at least until every other district in San Francisco has a comparable number of navigation center beds as are currently in district 6.

Sincerely,

Amy Herrick

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Amy Wu
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 9:02 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Navigation Center at SWL330

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Hi Ms. Forbes,

I am writing to voice my opposition for the location of the Navigation Center at SWL330. I am a resident nearby and also a mother of a 16 month old baby girl.

I completely believe we need to solve the humanitarian crisis that is the homeless situation in San Francisco. However, the Mayor has forced us into a false choice: support this location or else be heartless individuals. **I believe that you can be a passionate advocate for a specific issue but reject a flawed solution.**

This location is unlike any other previously built centers. It is directly surrounded by extremely dense, residential buildings full of young families, and amid the highest concentration of childcare facilities in the city. Every day, families, tourists, commuters, Giants fans, concert goers, and soon Warriors fans pass by SWL330. Their safety should be of utmost concern.

I've heard many arguments that these folks are already here and this would simply be a way to move them all indoors. There are currently nowhere near 200+ homeless folks along the waterfront, which means that this center **will bring in people from other neighborhoods**, and we will actually see an increase in folks along the piers during the day. As our new neighbors, they should rightly get to enjoy the fresh air and the views, and they will find panhandling among tourists to be quite lucrative. **There is already a Navigation center 5 blocks away. Why are we adding another one right next to it instead of spreading it out?**

The Navigation centers are not dry facilities. No matter how much security and cleanup crews they can provide, it's simply an impossible task to ensure that every second of every day, our children are not going to step on syringes along the waterfront. My own toddler is quite the wobbly, curious walker!

Thank you for your time. I hope you will take this into consideration.

Amy

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Navigation Center at SWL330

From: Amy Wu
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 8:58 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfpport.com>
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Quesada, Amy (PRT)

To: Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: FW: Support of the SAFE Navigation Center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Anabel Ibanez **Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 5:49 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Support of the SAFE Navigation Center
Importance: High

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Hi Ms. Quesada,

On behalf of United Educators of San Francisco (UESF), I would like to inform you that our union unanimously supported the SAFE Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. We would like to urge the Port of San Francisco to approve the site without delay. Attached is a resolution that was unanimously passed by UESF Executive Board.

We represent over 6,500 teachers and educators across the San Francisco Unified Schools District (SFUSD). The affordability crisis has impacted our members and the students that we teach. The opening of the SAFE Navigation Center in the Embarcadero is a great beneficial not only to those in need of a place to stay but to the entire City of San Francisco. Specially, at a time when San Francisco continues to flourish economically.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Anabel Ibáñez
UESF Political Director

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: I SUPPORT the Embarcadero Navigation Center

From: Andie Cockerill **Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2019 8:11 PM

To: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>

Subject: I SUPPORT the Embarcadero Navigation Center

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Mayor Breed, Supervisor Haney, and members of the Port Commission.

My name is Andie Cockerill, I live in 94108 and work in SoMa. I'm reaching out to you today because I support the Navigation Center and wrap around services that will be provided on Lot 330. Please support the proposal, lives depend on it.

Andie Cockerill

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Andre Clark
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2019 1:35 PM
To: Haneystaff (BOS); Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT); DSHS (HOM)
Subject: Proposed SWL 330 Navigation Center

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Dear All,

It has been approximately one month since the SWL 330 navigation center was proposed. In that time, opposition from the South Beach neighborhood has grown steadily every day, and a fully funded legal challenge will either result in the center being delayed (perhaps for a year or several years) or not built at all. For South Beach residents, no amount of compromise will make this proposal acceptable. Of all of the South beach residents that have voiced their opinion on this topic, opponents outnumber proponents on a 9-to-1 or an 8-to-1 basis. In politics that is a landslide, or beyond a landslide. In looking at the supporters, probably 95% live outside of South Beach and many even live outside of San Francisco.

The smartest move for the City and the Port is to call off the proposal entirely. A RFP for SWL 330 to be developed into market rate housing should be top priority. The \$35 million generated from developing this lot will go a long way toward building affordable housing and housing for the homeless. The Port has a legal (fiduciary) duty to make the most economically beneficial decision, and clearly building the Center on 330 does not meet that standard.

I have asked the Port several times why the SWL 321 lot on the corner of Front and Green is not a better location, but have received no answer. This leads me to believe it is because Supervisor Peskin won't allow the Center to be built in his district. SWL 321 is still in a touristic area, just as 330, but the nearest housing is blocks away and there are many thousands less residents living in the immediate area. So if the Center must be built on Port land, there are better choices.

I estimate the proposed Center would take up approximately 1 acre of space. San Francisco consists of 30,000 acres. Surely there has got to be a better location.

Kind Regards,
Andre Clark

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Nav Center - SWL 321

Thanks,

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From: Andre Clark <
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Nav Center - SWL 321

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Hello Amy,

I was wondering, why shouldn't the site for the proposed navigation center be moved to SWL 331? It is a couple blocks away from any residential building, and overall the area has far fewer residents.

Regards,
Andre

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Andrew Yang
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Victor.Makras@sport.com
Subject: This is what happens to the street outside Navigation Center! PLEASE VOTE NO!!!!

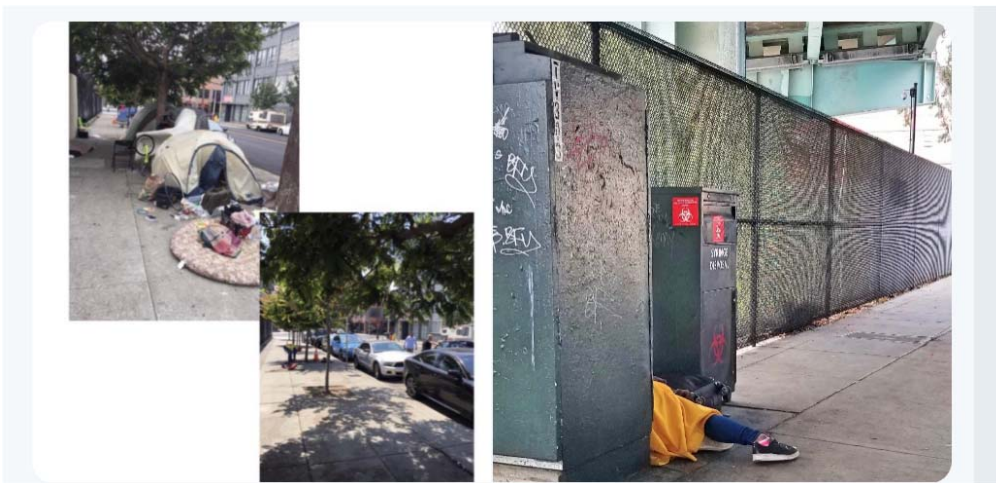
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It's been a month since Mayor shoveled the navigation center idea to our neighborhood. So far, we haven't heard any practical suggestions and solutions on how to keep the area clean.

This is a picture taken outside of a MUCH SMALLER nav center very recently - completely opposite to what DSHS is saying.

Do you want this to happen to the beautiful waterfront that it took many years and hundreds of millions of dollars to build? Including many many hard working people the Port to make it happen.

Do you?



a concerned district six resident

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Navigation Center

From: Andy Chen <
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2019 2:25 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfpport.com>
Subject: Navigation Center

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Hi,

I recently got an email from my housing complex () about a project to build a 200-unit homeless shelter right next to my condo, where I, along with many children walk past every day. I recently moved in 3 months ago thinking after months of researching for a practical and safe place for me to live. It is not fair that I find out this after pouring thousands of my really hard earned money, as I would not have lived here if I knew this project is in place. I agree that homelessness is a huge problem, but placing it in an area where tens of thousands of residents pay with their hard earned money to ensure a higher statistical safety will surely cause a lot of issues. No need to reply to the email, this is just me voicing my concerns and I'm sure other residents, why pays to live here will too. I think it is really important to hear from the actual estate owners near the designated center as we are the people that will be there every morning, and every night.

Best Regards,
Andy Chen

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Support for the Seawall SAFE Navigation Center

Thanks,

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From: Angie Ng
Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Support for the Seawall SAFE Navigation Center

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Hi all,

I work at Twilio and my office is around the corner from the proposed site. I strongly support a navigation center to house hundreds of homeless in our neighborhood. More action like this is required to create an environment that is livable for all. Involuntary homelessness is unacceptable and we need to continue doing more to help those in need.

Thank you,
Angela Ng

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Angie Ng

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Anna Ongpin
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:52 PM
To: Haneystaff (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Haney, Matt (BOS); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: Opposed to proposed Embarcadero Navigation Ctr

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Dear All:

As a District 6 homeowner, I'm writing to let you know that 90% of homeowners at the Infinity Condominiums voted in an HOA SURVEY 'No' to a Homeless Navigation Center on the Embarcadero. Owners at the Infinity have been pioneers and vital to the development of our new East Cut community. It has been our investment in **market-rate real estate** across Rincon Hill that has funded thousands of units of **below-market rent housing**. District 6 also carries a disproportionate burden when it comes to homeless shelters and navigation centers. **We are doing our part but you are treating us quite shabbily.**

Your proposal to fast-track an unprecedented and unproven 225-bed navigation center on one of the city's most valuable pieces of land is not a viable solution to the city's homeless problem. You have not engaged the residents of Rincon Hill or the Greater East Cut Community at all. We are fast becoming a vibrant, diverse, family-oriented community with needs for schools, playgrounds, and safe recreation areas. **These community needs have been totally ignored in your haste to plant a homeless navigation center in our neighborhood between the Ferry Building and Oracle Park.**

Why has there been no outreach to hear the concerns of the families and other stakeholders of our Rincon Hill neighborhood? Why is there not more transparency around an end-to-end plan to address the homeless? That was the Mayor's campaign promise and her reason for voting against SF Prop C. **We have reached out to Matt Haney and others to engage on this issue but have not even received a reply. Is this how we are represented?**

Homelessness is a very real problem that we all need to help solve but ramming a solution down our throats without engagement and compromise is just totally wrong and unacceptable.

Our efforts to engage and shape a solution to homelessness in our Rincon Hill community will not stop and your disregard for our community needs will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

Anna Ongpin

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Anna Ongpin
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 7:24 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: I am opposed to the proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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Dear Port Commissioners:

I am a homeowner and resident of the East Cut, and am writing to ask that you vote to disapprove Mayor Breed's proposal to lease Seawall Lot 330 for a 225-bed homeless tent (also referred to as Navigation Center) on April 23 because of the following concerns that have been completely ignored by Mayor Breed:

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- 2) Safety: Ours is a residential neighborhood with a high proportion of children and families. Studies mentioned by the City in community outreach meetings stating that the safety of the areas around the homeless navigation centers is not negatively impacted are based on the assumption that the homeless were already there, which is not the case in our neighborhood. We currently have a very small amount of homeless in the streets around the proposed site and this camp will bring homeless from a larger geographic area to be concentrated in our high-density, family-oriented residential area.
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- 4) Legal liability: legal action is currently under consideration for many procedural violations and economic harm imposed on the community. The Port of San Francisco may become liable for economic damages associated with its lack of due diligence or consideration of the City's conduct and impact on the community in regard to the placement of the proposed homeless tent in their property.
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I am asking you to please consider if a Navigation Center is the best use of this location for the Port for the neighborhood, and to address homelessness. Please ask Mayor Breed to provide the community with a complete structured, impartial study of potential sites all around the City before coming again to District 6.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Anna Ongpin

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: I am opposed to the proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Anna Ongpin **Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:24 AM

To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; **Subject:** I am opposed to the proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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Sincerely,

Anna Ongpin

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Babaki, Arash M.D.
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 11:36 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: NO to Navigation Center on Embarcadero

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

As residents of East Cut living just a couple of blocks away from the location of the proposed new Navigation Center, my family and I strongly oppose it and we implore you, as the supervisor of my district, to please fight it.

My family and I are not insensitive to the homelessness crisis. However, we believe our district has contributed vastly to shelters and NCs already. It's time for other districts(for example, those on the west side of the city) to contribute. At 225 beds, such navigation Center would host many homeless from other districts that have yet to help with NCs themselves. Additionally, the sheer size of such facility is unprecedented. The City has no experience in handling the operations and safety of such large facility.

I beg you to not allow this to happen.

If a navigation center is build at the proposed Embarcadero Location, I will vote for a change in the next election. Additionally, I will be moving to a different neighborhood and selling my residence ASAP.

With Regards,

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: NO to Mayor Breed's Seawall Lot 330 Navigation Center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Art Launder **Sent:** Saturday, April 06, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; **Cc:** Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Subject: NO to Mayor Breed's Seawall Lot 330 Navigation Center

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Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the Infinity Towers, and Secretary of the Infinity Board, I strongly object to the construction and operation of a navigation center in the middle of our neighborhood, and adjacent to the Embarcadero, one of the leading tourist attractions in the city. Ninety percent of the 1400 residents of the Infinity object as well based on an internal survey of the ownership taken April 1, 2019. The fast tracking of the largest navigation center in the city without proper over site and transparency, and community input is completely unacceptable.

District 6 already carries the burden of having the most navigation centers, as well as 65% of the shelter beds in the city. Our community would be better served if a new school and kindergarten were built on this lot.

This proposal runs counter to the Port of San Francisco's Strategic Plan (2016-2021) which focuses on renewal, livability, sustainability, stability, and economic vitality. A 225 bed navigation center on the Embarcadero will not improve the Port of San Francisco, is antithetical to the waterfront's history, and is incompatible with Seawall Lot 330 and the surrounding high density family neighborhood.

I and the vast majority of our 1400 residents polled are disappointed and angry that this shelter is being considered for our neighborhood. It is a threat to our safety, security, property values, and way of life. Having spent more than a decade rebuilding and improving this once dilapidated area, it makes no sense for the Port Authority to give this land to the city, only to watch all this progress ruined. We respectfully ask that you reject the Mayor's proposal.

Sincerely,
Art Launder
SF, CA 94105

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

To: Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: FW: Navigation center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Austin Pan
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 1:51 AM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Navigation center

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Dear Commissioner Quesada,

We strongly oppose the Navigation Center. It is a terrible location and plan. Our district already has other Navigation center, we are doing more than our fair share, very unfair burden on us. You are inviting more crime and you will have blood on your hands when someone is murdered due to your choice to locating the Navigation center in the most inappropriate place!

Sincerely,

Deen Pon

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Barbara Davis
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 8:05 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: Proposed Navigation Center at the foot of Bryant Street

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I am writing to implore you to reconsider your efforts to place a new Navigation Center at the foot of Bryant. There are several reasons this is not the best alternative.

As a resident of the SOMA area, I feel that we have borne our share of the sites that provide services to those who are less fortunate. Not only is there already a Navigation Center just over a mile away, there are several other nonprofit facilities run by organizations like the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Episcopal Services, and the Delancey Street Foundation.

SOMA and South Beach have at least 25 schools and child-care facilities, the largest concentration of schools and child-care facilities in all of San Francisco. Most of these facilities would be within walking distance of the proposed navigation center. With so many of the people to be served by the Navigation Center suffering from mental illness or unable to adapt so societal norms, the health and safety of thousands of small children could be at risk.

With so many people who do not have a stake in the area coming here, our streets are gritty with people sprawled on the sidewalk and tents periodically springing up. There are frequent incidents of excrement on the sidewalk. Also, we have had a rash of break ins, broken windows and other vandalism. Given the experience in Dogpatch where crime has increased after the Navigation Center has opened, further degradation of the safety of people and property would be a difficult blow for both businesses and residents.

The Embarcadero, where the Center would be placed, is a beautiful thoroughfare where tourists regularly travel. They need to feel safe to wish to return to the City and spread the word that we are indeed a world-class destination.

The Embarcadero is also an area where the San Francisco Giants' fans walk. If they don't feel comfortable being outside of the ballpark, local businesses will no longer benefit from before and after-game spending.

The Port stands to lose \$800,000 in income from the parking facility that is currently on the site. It is yet another organization that will suffer due to this proposal.

I would be the first to agree that improving services for the homeless without negatively affecting others in the City is a difficult problem. However, it is one that the nonprofits and existing Navigation Center are already working on. Please find a site in an area in San Francisco that has not yet stepped up to be part of the solution.

Thank you,

Bar Davis

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Barbara Marshall
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Seawall Lot 330

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I am an owner and resident of the Infinity.

Please think about the many possible uses for this beautifully located waterfront property, including revenue-producing ones.

The only really poor use is for a Navigation Center that will negatively impact nearby residents; people walking, jogging and biking; visitors to Giants, and, soon, Warriors games; people driving from the bridge and 280.

Develop Seawall Lot 330 positively.

Thank you.
Barbara C. Marshall

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Meeting Last Evening

FYI.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barbara Marshall [

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 9:09 AM

To: Paez, Mark (PRT)

Subject: Meeting Last Evening

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Last evening's meeting showed that the Central Waterfront Advisory Group members are dedicated and thoughtful. Although most of you indicated your opposition to the proposed Navigation Center at seawall lot 330, you also come up with suggestions on how to improve the plan.

It is, as most of you pointed out, a terrible location for such a project, with residents and visitors negatively impacted.

Please share my comments with your colleagues.

Thank you.

Barbara C. Marshall, owner and resident

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Summers, Ashley (MYR)
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Beatriz Raggio
Cc: Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); DSHS (HOM); Breed, Mayor London (MYR)
Subject: RE: Waterfront Navigation Center

Dear Beatriz,

Thank you for reaching out with your thoughts about the proposed SAFE Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. We appreciate hearing from the public and look forward to continuing to hear feedback and gather input.

As you know, San Francisco is facing a crisis of unsheltered homelessness in our community. The waterfront neighborhoods are no exception. The Port continuously struggles to respond to homelessness on their property and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods.

Next week the City will be joining the [Fisherman's Wharf Waterfront Advisory Group meeting on March 19](#), and a special Joint meeting of the [Central Waterfront](#) and [North Eastern Waterfront Advisory Groups on March 20](#), to present the proposal, and gather additional feedback and input. The City will also join the [South Beach/Rincon Hill/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting on April 8th](#) to discuss their proposal.

The City will also host a follow-up community meeting on April 3 to provide an update and gather additional feedback and community input on the proposed Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center at Sea Wall Lot 330. Meeting location and time are TBA but will be shared broadly once confirmed.

Comments or questions about the proposal can also be directed to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing at DHSB@sfgov.org

Thank you again,

Ashley

Ashley Summers

Operations Manager | Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS)
Office of Mayor London N. Breed
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl. Room 160
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 554-5977 | Ashley.Summers@sfgov.org

From: Beatriz Raggio
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <andrea.bruss@sfgov.org>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfgov.org>; DSHS (HOM) <dhsh@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: Waterfront Navigation Center

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Please reconsider your support for this project. The residents of this neighborhood depend on the Embarcadero as recreational space in our neighborhood of perpetual public and private construction, high traffic impact and pollution. Please put yourselves in our shoes and find another location. Ask and listen to the residents of the area before mandating something that will impact our families. You all think there are no tax payers residents here but just business. Take a stroll around and see us all trying to have a life in the middle of all the issues listed above and you are adding us a navigation center!

Good luck on next election cycle!

Beatriz

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Bia

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

To: Ben Shen
Subject: RE: Foot traffic by Sea Wall Lot 330

From: Ben Shen

Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 1:13 PM

To: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Elsbernd, Sean (MYR) <sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org>; Bruss, Andrea (MYR) <andrea.bruss@sfgov.org>; Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS) <courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.org>

Subject: Foot traffic by Sea Wall Lot 330

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Wanted to share a picture of fans walking by the proposed navigation center lot - did not capture a video but it was significant foot traffic on both sides of the Embarcadero, which is typical and even more accentuated after the baseball season has started.

Witnessing this further perplexed me as to how this would be a good site for the navigation center - the proposed plan would be essentially placing the center smack in the middle of what currently serves as major vein for residents, fans and tourists and likely further disrupting what can already be a very congested area with regards to foot traffic...



Regards,
Ben

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Bob Bernie
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:13 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Port Nav Ctr

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Dear Elayne,

I was born and raised in San Francisco third generation where respect and responsibility were the golden rules. Now we have a homeless population where disrespect and irresponsibility reign. How many of the homeless are actually from San Francisco, worked and pay taxes here, probably not many and what we've been doing to resolve the homeless crisis has never worked. We are creating a system that attracts homelessness and a bureaucracy of homelessness which is unsustainable. We will never be able to resolve this problem on a local level and there needs to be federal help. National wire services will pick up the story of a navigation center on the Embarcadero send it out to newspapers around the country and people will say let's go to San Francisco they will house us, feed us, allow us to panhandle, do drugs on the street, medical is free and the weather is great. There is very little recourse for bad behavior, they can't catch us breaking into cars or damaging property, basically no sit lie or littering laws, they don't prosecute even if we're caught and if worse comes to worse they'll give us a free ticket back home.

It would cost billions of dollars to do this right and we will never ever be able to afford it or resolve this on a local level. Now you want to put all of this on the Embarcadero, a tourist area which just shouts out to the world look at our problems and by the way don't trip over the trash. The homeless don't need views and a great location they just need a location.

We need compassion without codependency computer engineered problem solving applied to homelessness not applied politics, empathy and work ethics not entitlements.

Regards,
Dr. Robert Bernie
Sent from my iPhone

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Bob jafari
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2019 10:36 AM
To: Haneystaff (BOS); farideh hariri; Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); DSHS (HOM); Quesada, Amy (PRT); Bob Jafari
Subject: Re: Navigation Center

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Hi There ALL,

Pls help to keep Embarcadero clean and visitor friendly. As you all know many company'es and conventions in the Moscone center have been canceled due to concern on visitor's safety, drugs and homeless people.

Pls do not try to spread these problems all around the city. Solving the homeless issue should be a HIGH priority for the city, but has to be done in a very thoughtful ways and long lasting impact. Moving these homeless people to the best part of the city makes no sense and you will ruin the last section of the city that people come out to walk to the ball game or jog by the water.

We more than welcome to donate and help this cause, but let's do it in a sense able manner

thanks
Bob and Fay

From: Bob jafari
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 8:00 PM
To: haneystaff@sfgov.org; Bob jafari; farideh hariri
Subject: Navigation Center

Hi Matt,

My wife and I have moved to San Francisco about 10 years ago. We initially moved to Knob Hill, and most recently we purchased a 2 bedroom unit in Lumina complex which we have moved in about 16 months ago.

We both LOVE San Francisco and we think Embarcadero area is THE best part of San Francisco and that is why we moved to Lumina from Knob Hill. We do a lot of walking, and jogging in this whole strip.

We both also care about the Homelessness Challenge that city is facing and we are very supportive to find a long lasting solution.

However, it makes no sense to us to move these homeless people from the streets and put them in the BEST part of the city and do more damage to city's reputation.

We really think the city should work hard to improve the walking experience, and safety of its residents in all area in the city especially around the down town and we have been supportive of that. But it seems like this proposal is aiming to turn the best part of the city to a negative experience and bring down its ambiance to the ones we experience on the Market and 6th ,,, streets

Why are you proposing this?

Why do you want to deteriorate the Embarcadero area rather than investing in this area and making it the best experience anyone could have??

Pls reconsider this proposal and let's work together to find a better solution that would elevate the city for all and attract more tourists.

Thanks

Bob and Fay Jafari

San Francisco

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Martin Forrest
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:10 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Subject: Please Vote NO to Mayor Breed's Proposal to Lease Port Property for a Homeless Navigation Car

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Dear Port Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO to Mayor Breed's proposal to lease Seawall Lot 330 for a 225-bed Navigation Center on April 23.

This proposal directly goes against the Port of San Francisco's Strategic Plan (2016-2021) which focuses on the Port's renewal, engagement, livability, resiliency, sustainability, economic vitality and stability objectives. Moreover, the manner in which this proposal was made lacks objective alternative site analysis, transparency and fairness. The Mayor and others supporting the proposal are attempting to fast-track it through while ignoring the legitimate concerns of the vast majority of nearby residents about safety and quality-of-life issues who will be directly impacted every day if this proposal is approved by the Port Commission.

I ask that you consider the following when voting on this proposal:

- Will this improve the Port of San Francisco?
- Does this fit with the Port's published strategic plan?
- Does this help the Port "remain true to its heritage – preserving its working waterfront and its history"?
- Is the Embarcadero the right place for an unprecedentedly large 225-bed center adjacent to high-density residential housing?
- Should the City conduct a structured, impartial assessment of additional sites before asking the Port Commission to approve this site for such use?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brad Kuhns

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: In support of Navigation Center at Lot 330

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111
415-274-0405
amy.quesada@sfport.com

From: brookedown
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: In support of Navigation Center at Lot 330

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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my email.

My name is Brooke Ashton.

I strongly support the proposed Navigation Center at Lot 330. I have visited other Navigation Centers and *seen* the good that they do. I have read personal accounts of residents at Navigation Centers and *heard* the good that they do. Most importantly, they provide a way out for homeless folks facing serious barriers to finding shelter and housing.

The number of homeless neighbors I see sleeping on the streets in my neighborhood is increasing, as is my sadness about the resistance to helping people so downtrodden. We need to provide access to housing. Navigation Centers work.

To those who feel threatened by the presence of such a facility in their neighborhood I would say: you are encountering its would-be residents on the streets every night. Imagine if they all had a place to go to sleep and receive support.

Respectfully,
Brooke E. Ashton

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Kositsky, Jeff (HOM)
Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2019 10:19 PM
To: Bruce Kin Huie
Cc: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Susan Eslick; Jared Doumani; Vanessa Aquino; Burch, Percy (BOS); Abbott, Kerry (HOM); Stewart-Kahn, Abigail (HOM)
Subject: RE: Central Waterfront Navigation Center - Dogpatch Neighborhood Association Support for additional 3-year term

Greetings:

Thank you for this support. We look forward to continuing our work with the DNA.

Jeff

From: Bruce Kin Huie
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:14 PM
To: Kositsky, Jeff (HOM) <jeff.kositsky@sfgov.org>
Cc: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Susan Eslick
Jared Doumani ; Vanessa Aquino
Burch, Percy (BOS) <percy.burch@sfgov.org>; Abbott, Kerry (HOM)
<kerry.abbott@sfgov.org>; Stewart-Kahn, Abigail (HOM) <abigail.stewart-kahn@sfgov.org>
Subject: Central Waterfront Navigation Center - Dogpatch Neighborhood Association Support for additional 3-year term

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Dear Mr. Kositsky:

The Dogpatch Neighborhood Association (DNA) is pleased to express its support for continued operations at the Central Waterfront Navigation Center. DNA would welcome a second three year lease term at the current site.

The City's Navigation Centers have proven to be effective and attractive choices for people on the street, providing them with a safe place to be, services and access to resources to help them change their lives in dignified settings marked by compassion and respect. Since opening, the Central Waterfront Navigation Center has been a good neighbor, well-maintained and an invaluable resource in addressing encampments in our neighborhood.

DNA welcomes the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) methodical approach to addressing encampments and work with the Healthy Streets Operations Center to ensure that all concerns are properly addressed. We appreciate having the navigation center in our community and the work of the City to ensure that our neighborhood's concerns are prioritized.

Going forward we would like to receive regular written reports from HSH, outlining the work of the Navigation Center, as well as reports of 911 requests for service to the site as well as 311 encampment calls for service in the neighborhood.

DNA believes that the Central Waterfront Navigation Center is an important neighborhood and community asset and look forward to seeing operations continue at 25th and Michigan in Dogpatch.

Please feel free to contact me with questions. Thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,

Bruce Kin Huie - President

Dogpatch Neighborhood Association

Web: <http://www.mydogpatchsf.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DogpatchNeighborhoodAssociation>

CC - [Elaine Forbes, Executive Director, Port of San Francisco | D10 Supervisor Shamann Walton](#)

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Opposition to the Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Carla Emil

Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:54 PM

To:

Subject: Opposition to the Proposed Navigation Center on the Embarcadero

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Dear Commissioners, my husband, Rich Silverstein, and I are writing to express our opposition to the proposed Navigation Center. We are owners of a condominium at and it's our primary residence.

While we, like so many San Francisco residents, have empathy for the homeless population, we believe that this Navigation Center will be bad for our community. A few reasons for our opposition are:

1. As you are well aware the land use of the Embarcadero is for recreation and tourism, so this is a terrible spot for a Navigation Center. It's one of the most beautiful and welcoming areas in all of San Francisco where people walk and play freely. This Center will change the entire feeling of a large swath of the Embarcadero. It will drive away residents and tourists and potentially even have an economic effect on the area.
2. District 6 is already carrying the burden of homelessness, as evidenced by the conditions on our sidewalks, and we don't want it to get worse instead of better. We believe other districts need to step up.
3. The East Cut, specifically, is building housing and below market-rate housing faster than any other neighborhood. We already have several 100% affordable sites, one that serves formerly homeless at Essex and Folsom. And more BMR is on the way. No other Navigation Center has been proposed or built in such a densely populated residential area.

My husband and I moved from Marin 5 years ago and were excited about living in San Francisco again. We chose a very challenging neighborhood (more challenging than we even expected) but we are active members of our community and are working to make it a safe, clean and vital one. I am, in fact, on the board of the East Cut CBD. **We are just at the turning point of the East Cut having a chance to be a real neighborhood.** For too long our little corner of the City has been overlooked and ignored and now that we are all doing so much work to make this a wonderful place to live **please don't create this new burden for our residents, business owners and visitors.**

So we beseech you, please do all you can to prevent bringing a Navigation Center to a neighborhood that already has so many challenges. Thank you. Best, Carla Emil

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Carrie Chen
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT); doreen.woo.ho@sfport.com; Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Quesada, Amy (PRT)
Cc: Kevin Chen
Subject: Please Reject the Seawall Lot 330 Navigation Center Proposal

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Dear Executive Director Forbes and Commissioners Brandon, Adams, Makras, Woo Ho, and Gilman,

I hope this message finds you doing well. My name is Carrie Chen, and I am a current resident at in San Francisco. My husband and I have lived in the building since 2006 and have been responsible, caring and thoughtful residents of this city. I recently learned about the proposed installation of the 200 bed Navigation Center (Seawall Lot 330) that would be built next to our residential building, and I am very concerned and afraid.

I am very concerned and afraid for the health and safety of my four young daughters – a 5 year old preschooler and 2 year old triplets, one of whom is recovering from open heart surgery. I am a stay-at-home Mom and, if the navigation center is built as planned, I will never feel safe walking outside of our building or around our block with my young daughters especially given the fact that there would be open drug use allowed in the surrounding areas of the Navigation Center.

I understand that there is a need for additional navigation centers to assist homeless individuals in the city, and I support the city's plans to tackle the homeless issue. However, I do not believe erecting a navigation center in a highly dense residential neighborhood with many young families is the ideal plan. After picking up my preschooler from school and grocery shopping at night, I already feel unsafe walking down the poorly-lit Beale Street to return home. I can only imagine how fearful we would feel walking on the same dark street being surrounded by a large number of homeless people. I am aware that many homeless people may be harmless, but there are those who are very aggressive and violent and may be suffering from mental illnesses. This is extremely worrisome to my family, and there are many families in our building that feel the same way.

Can you please REJECT the Mayor's proposal, so the navigation center can be built in a different area of the city where there are fewer families, children and residential buildings impacted? The large vacant lot on Howard Ave. and 9th Street or other areas such as the vacant warehouses on Harrison and 4th could make better sense.

My husband and my hope is to raise happy and healthy girls in a safe environment in the city and having a 200 bed navigation center for the homeless next door would make us feel extremely unsafe.

It only takes one violent incident (attack, stabbing or murder) by a mentally unstable individual to forever ruin a little girl's life and an entire family.

Please REJECT the Mayor's plan to build the navigation center on Seawall Lot 330.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: mail@changemail.org
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 5:54 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: 500 more people signed "Help Rightsize and Relocate the Proposed 200-bed Embarcadero Navigation Center"

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change.org New signatures

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Help Rightsize and Relocate the Proposed 200-bed Embarcadero Navigation Center

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I am supportive of helping our homeless situation. However, having their temporary shelter build in a prime location and with a large quantity, it may cause security issue.



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San Francisco, CA · Mar 28, 2019

The residents of the neighborhood must have more input in the development and implementation of the 200 bed Homless Navigation Center on the Embarcadero. Thank you



Dianne Hartnett

San Francisco, CA · Mar 27, 2019

I am compassionate about the housing and homeless crisis. That said history predicts that placing this center in this location is a flawed plan. It will not be safe for the community or good for tourism. The Mayor and team appear only concerned about politics. What happened to serving the needs of all of the voters? I strongly encourage safety first.

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LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Cher A Cultrona
Sent: Sunday, March 24, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Mcdonald, Courtney (BOS); Haneystaff (BOS); Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Elsbernd, Sean (MYR); Bruss, Andrea (MYR); Forbes, Elaine (PRT); Brandon, Kimberly (PRT); Adams, Willie (PRT); victor@makrasrealestate.com; Wallace Lee; LS Dane Ince
Subject: San Francisco DRUG ADDICTION CRISIS and Embarcadero Navigation Center

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Dear San Francisco People in Power,

If you care please watch latest video below on our once beautiful city's fall from grace. Please accept that the problem is way beyond any of your capabilities. The problem is NOT homelessness, it is NOT unaffordable housing. The problem IS drugs and addiction and no help or medical clinics to get them clean and keep them clean. Build clinics not Navigation Centers.

This problem is bigger than egos, bigger than future political dreams and ambitions and bigger than each one of you. A Navigation Center especially in the middle of tourist and living environment is going to spit these people right blackout onto the streets. Just because you do not allow drugs inside does not mean they won't go outside shoot up and come back in.

I urge you to rethink your position on the Embarcadero Navigation Center.

Sincerely,
Cher Cultrona
SF Homeowner since 1993

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LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

To: Christy Scrivano
Subject: RE: Request to extend April 23 vote regarding Seawall Lot 330

From: Christy Scrivano
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:07 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT) <elaine.forbes@sfport.com>
Subject: Request to extend April 23 vote regarding Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Ms. Forbes,

I want to follow-up on the email I sent you last month regarding the mayor's proposal to build a Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330 (SWL 330). As you may recall from my previous letter and visits to the Port Commission meetings, my concern around the use of SWL 330 for a Navigation Center is because this lot is directly across from the Portside building that has been my home for the last eight years and is 20 yards away from my three year old son's bedroom.

I thank you for listening to the residents of District 6 during the previous Port Commission meetings and giving us the opportunity to voice our concerns. My ask is that you please use your influence to extend the Port Commission's decision on this proposal to a later date, once the City has had more time to properly engage with the community.

Over the past month, I have attended three Port Commission meetings, two Board of Supervisor meetings, the CWAG/NEWAG meeting, both community meetings at Delancey Street, and the Portside meeting in my building where Supervisor Haney was hosted by our HOA. In reflecting on what I've seen and heard throughout these meetings, it is clear to me that the City is not engaging in good faith with the community on this proposal.

Residents from District 6 have repeatedly expressed concern and posed questions to our civic leaders about the size, safety, and drug use policies surrounding this new navigation center—yet our questions remain unanswered. During the community meeting you attended last Wednesday at Delancey Street, the residents were not allowed to speak, and after listening to the city agencies present for over an hour, we were then asked to submit questions on notecards. Our queries were censored—I know this because my own question about police patrols wasn't even discussed, and instead the panel spent time answering questions like, "Why do people need a place to sleep?" Throughout that meeting, I felt strongly that our concerns around safety were not being taken seriously, and I joined my neighbors in walking out before the end of the meeting.

My fear is not of the homeless themselves, but of the type of people the area around the navigation center will attract—drug dealers and those with substance abuse problems—which will pose risks to the safety of hundreds small children who live in or regularly spend time in my neighborhood.

The HSH has said in order to keep the area around the center safe, police will patrol the streets 4 times a day—directly in front of my building. I have been told by an SF police officer that the City does not currently have enough officers to regularly patrol the existing navigation centers already in place. It is not clear to me how the City will fund the patrols for this new center and prioritize the safety of our South Beach community. I also fear that that over the course of the

navigation center's life on SWL 330, the City will run out of money to fund the patrols and the area will quickly degrade and replicate the dangerous situation we find in the Tenderloin.

The mayor has recognized that our community is very divided on this issue. It's a difficult situation, and the Port is being put right in the middle of it. But the City continues to skirt the concerns of residents and has been downplaying the potential hazards that pose risks to our daily safety. The HSH's safety plan continues to lack any detail, and instead they've overweighted their discussion time with residents to cover things like the color of the navigation center's walls.

I am not opposed to navigation centers—San Francisco needs more places for the homeless. But I would like to see the City find another location for this center that is farther away from residents, especially children. I urge you to use your influence to extend the Port Commission's deadline for making a decision on April 23rd. The community is divided on this matter, as you yourself have seen, and with more time I believe we can work together to find a location that will not jeopardize the safety of children.

It is within your power to help halt this fast-paced progress, and ask the City and the Port to pause and conduct the necessary due diligence to determine the lasting effects this center would have on Port property—before it is too late.

Sincerely,

Christy Scrivano



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Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Working Mother opposes proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

From: Christy Scrivano <

Sent: Saturday, March 09, 2019 1:22 PM

To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

Subject: Working Mother opposes proposed Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Ms. Quesada,

My name is Christy Scrivano, I live at (building), and my entire household objects to Mayor Breed's proposal to build a Navigation Center on Seawall Lot 330 (SWL 330), directly across from the Portside building that has been my home for the last eight years. I know that it is within your power to vote this proposal down at the upcoming Port Commission meeting, and I urge you to do so based on the following:

I live with my 3-year old son in a unit directly adjacent to where the proposed Navigation Center would reside, and am gravely concerned about the impact it would have on the health and safety of my family, particularly my young son whom I have been planning to raise in this city and send to San Francisco schools.

I am a working mother who walks to and from work each day, usually in the dark, and the risk to public safety—particularly the safety of children and families in the neighborhood—is what I am most concerned about and why I am opposed to the Mayor's proposal.

The area around SWL 330, including my own building, is home to many residents with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the gathering of large congregations of homeless, some of who are mentally ill, intoxicated with alcohol, high on chemical substances, or with criminal or violent histories. To place children directly in the path of a large homeless population is dangerous, irresponsible, and wrong.

Over the last eight years since I have lived at Portside, the increase in the number of families in our neighborhood has skyrocketed to over 200%, along with the number of children's facilities, daycares, and

schools in the area. There are currently at least 25 schools and daycare providers within walking distance of the proposed Navigation Center.

Mayor Breed has stated that navigation centers “will make a real difference in our neighborhoods.” Unfortunately the difference will be a **negative** impact on our safety, increase in crime, and increase in illegal activity that will affect the well-being and health of our children.

To get a better understanding of what it would be like for my son to grow up near a homeless center, I recently visited the area around the Civic Center Navigation Center, including the 300 block at Hyde Street in the Tenderloin. And what I saw confirms my decision that if this SOMA Navigation Center is built as proposed, right outside my doorstep, then I will be forced to move out of this city.

It was obvious to me during my visit to the existing center that the entire area is a containment zone, and we are now seeking to import those atrocities and behaviors into my own neighborhood. I will not risk living in an environment that exposes my child to what saw on Hyde Street:

- Men defecating on the street (I was forced to hold my breath through areas where the stench of human feces was overpowering),
- Unsheltered drug users camping along sidewalks,
- Users shooting up in plain sight on the street,
- Drug dealers peddling cocaine and heroin,
- Used needles littering the streets—can you imagine your child picking one up and destroying their life by touching it and contracting HIV or Hepatitis C? (An alarming stat: the San Francisco Public Health Department retrieves **over 165,000 needles a month** across the city)

I can't imagine exposing my son to this day in and day out, seeing these images whenever he looks out the window, walks outside his home to take the muni to school, runs around on the neighborhood playgrounds, and falls asleep in his bed to be woken up in the middle of the night by sounds of profanity, brawls, and street conflict. **His bedroom is 20 yards away from where this center would go up.**

If this proposed Navigation Center is built in my neighborhood, I will absolutely move out of this city. By choosing to put this center on SWL 330, you are forcing families to leave San Francisco, and losing the contributions to the city that hardworking parents like myself have made to make San Francisco

I urge you to fully reflect on the impact this Navigation Center could have, particularly on families and children. As an entity of the State of California, your first goal should be to protect your own tax-paying, voting residents of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Christy Scrivano

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Letter for Doreen Woo Ho

Doreen Woo Ho, Port Commissioner
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1, The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Commissioner Woo Ho,

Thank you for listening to the residents of District 6 during last Tuesday's Port Commission meeting. I truly appreciated the opportunity to voice my concerns regarding the proposed Navigation Center for Seawall Lot 330. I also valued your remarks at the end of that meeting, and I realize that this whole proposal has put you and the entire Commission in a very difficult situation. Your point is spot on regarding HSH and the responsibility they have to address the community's concerns—it should not fall on the Port Commission. I agree that HSH should focus on resolving this with the community and allow the Port Commission to defer their decision in order for that to happen.

As you may recall during the meeting and from my previous letter, my concern around the use of Seawall Lot 330 for a Navigation Center is because this lot is directly across from the Portside building that has been my home for the last eight years and is 20 yards away from my three year old son's bedroom. If this proposal is approved, I will be forced to move out of this city, and I would like to share with you the circumstances of my situation and request your advice.

I have lived at 38 Bryant Street (Portside building) for 8 years and deliberately choose this neighborhood upon moving to San Francisco from New York City. At the time, in 2011, the neighborhood was quiet and less populated, but the location is a 10 minute walk from the financial services firm that has been my employer for the last 17 years. With aspirations in mind of having a family, the location of my home was a critical piece to being able to balance a career and family. I sought a building that would be convenient to the office, but also somewhere that I would feel safe and happy.

Three years ago, upon having my son and then subsequently returning to work full-time, I was so glad to have had the foresight to live in San Francisco in this neighborhood. The ability to walk easily to and from work is a huge reason for why I have been able to advance my career and spend plenty of time with my son despite working 55 hours per week. As co-head of the Women's Initiative Network at my firm, helping women advance their careers and rise to senior executive levels is something that I am very passionate about. I am proud that I have become a role model for many millennial women at my firm who are looking for examples of women who haven't had to sacrifice having children in order to rise to leadership positions within a male-dominated industry.

As you yourself have built an extraordinary career in the banking industry over the last several decades, I expect you understand how difficult it is to balance long hours at the office while spending time with your family and providing your children with the love, attention, education, wellness, and safety needed to grow into adulthood and make productive contributions to society.

If the proposed Navigation Center were to be built on Seawall Lot 330, my concern is around the type of people the area will attract—particularly drug dealers, violent parolees, people with substance abuse problems, as well as the noises and regular interruptions (police, sirens, street brawls)—which will make my neighborhood an unsuitable place to raise a child.

This Navigation Center would be the catalyst for me to leave the city. And I would not be able to replicate my work/life balance situation if I moved out of this city. I saw that clearly when I lived in New York City—the culture there is not an ideal place to raise a family. What San Francisco offers is unique, especially for those working mothers who wish to make meaningful contributions to their firms and community. In addition, I believe what my neighborhood currently offers is the future of work for many women who are looking for the secret to being able to break the glass ceiling while raising a family. If forced to leave San Francisco, I would not be able to tolerate the commute in and out of the city which would impose on time with my family, and I would ultimately have to take a less desirable role at my firm or leave all together.

In your remarks last Tuesday, you mentioned that the city is moving too fast on this proposal and that the Navigation Center is not the "best and highest" use of the property in the long term. I could not agree with you more and would like to do whatever I can to help ensure this proposal is addressed in a more thoughtful way, instead of racing it through.

If you are available to speak by phone or meet for lunch, I would very much appreciate your advice in two regards: **1) what can a resident like me do in order to truly influence the outcome of this proposal?**, and **2) what advice do you have for someone in my situation who is in the early years of raising a family while pursuing the C-suite level in the financial services industry?** I saw that your own story was featured in the book, *Women at the Top: Powerful Leaders Tell Us How to Combine Work and Family*, and I would greatly value any words of advice or insight you can share.

I look forward to hearing from you, and please do not hesitate to contact me at my personal information below.

Kind regards,
Christy Scrivano

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

To: cindy wong
Subject: RE: Safe Embarcadero

From: cindy wong
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:39 PM
To: cindy <cwabby656@gmail.com>
Subject: Safe Embarcadero

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Hi , Dear SF city officials.

Hope you are doing well when majority of residents in the South Beach district opposing and worrying the proposed homeless navigation center on Embarcadero.

Honestly, we know this is another bad idea, similar to the previous proposed "safe injection site". My reasons of opposing the site :

1. Some families have difficulties teaching their children at home not to use drugs. Here in SF, some officials with the idea that if we have a shelter for these homeless people to stay, they will eventually get help and off the addiction. The author of "My Beautiful Boy" tried so many years to save his son from drug use still fail. Although not all homeless people are drug addicts, sex offenders, if they are mix together , I am afraid bad influence towards good ones will prevail.
2. South Beach had been a dump and an undeveloped area for many, many years. Until recently, the city and the developers worked together to build a nice district to attract people, high tech workers come to reside there . Due to its proximity to high tech companies and financial district, most people walk to their work place to avoid the hassles of public transportation. Does the city want to abandon its efforts and revert South Beach to another Tenderloin district ?
3. Retirees and tourists like to stroll along The Embarcadero for its serenity and nice restaurants nearby. If with 200+ homeless residents in the area, who will enjoy the walk without worrying about their safety?
4. Encamping 200+residents in a crowded environment, who will guarantee there will be no fights break out among themselves? Fights between siblings at home happens, why not those camp residents?
5. Disregard the safety of the law- abiding residents in South Beach, it's naive to believe that homeless people will happily receive counseling, willingly to be monitored and follow rules once they have a shelter to stay .

People in general have fear towards homeless people on the street. We sympathize them and ache to see how this could happen to them. However, their backgrounds and mental conditions are too complex for an ordinary citizen to fathom. No residents would like to take chance to put them in a densely, vibrant, and populated area.

Thanks if you read my concern,

Regards,

Cindy

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: CJ Glynn
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2019 7:22 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: The Crying of Seawall Lot 330

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Ms. Forbes: See this article (<https://www.city-journal.org/embarcadero-homeless-shelter>) for press coverage of the flawed plan for a homeless shelter ("Navigation Center," ha) on seawall lot 330.

A salient quote from the article:

"... the Navigation Centers have not reduced homelessness. At last count, approximately 7500 people were living on the city's streets on any given night; shelters aren't making a dent because so many homeless people are 'service-resistant.' No one is required to go or stay, and many don't. Tents and illegal activity mushroom around the shelters, despite so-called good-neighbor policies that are supposed to maintain a modicum of safety in the surrounding area."

Please oppose a homeless shelter on seawall lot 330.

CJ Glynn



LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: CJ Glynn
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 11:41 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Seawall Lot 330: Not the Place for Homeless Shelter

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Ms. Forbes: Seawall Lot 330 is not the place for a homeless shelter. Consider the following:

Navigation Centers Can Bring Significant Problems

- **Crime:** Studies show a direct correlation between crime rate and proximity to homeless shelters. By a 3-to-1 margin, neighbors of existing homeless shelters felt crime increased rather than decreased after a center opened.
- **Encampments:** The majority (51%) of homeless shelters neighbors felt visible homelessness increased or remained the same after a homeless shelter opened.
- **Drug Use:** The Department of Homelessness estimates a third of homeless persons are drug addicts. Using the city's own data, we can expect 75 drug users at a 225-bed homeless shelter who are forced to use drugs outside the homeless shelter.

Seawall Lot 330 Is The Wrong Location

- **Neighborhood Demographics:** The proposed location is surrounded by a densely- populated and fast-growing family neighborhood.
- **Major Thoroughfare:** Thousands of pedestrians and vehicles pass the site of the proposed homeless shelter each day.
- **Proposed Size Is Disproportionate to Community Needs:** The neighborhood has far fewer than 225 homeless persons needing shelter.

Respectfully, please oppose this flawed plan.

CJ Glynn



LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: CJ Glynn
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Homeless Shelter on Seawall Lot 330 Impedes Public Waterfront Access

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Ms. Forbes: SB815, approved by the State Legislature in 2007, allows development of non-trust residential, office, and commercial uses that complement the land use character of the South Beach neighborhood, generate revenue for historic rehabilitation, and public access.

The proposed homeless shelter at SWL 330, in addition to being a land use that is distinctly out of character with the South Beach neighborhood, will do the opposite of promoting public access to the Waterfront—by forcing pedestrians and Giants attendees to cross the street or stay away from the area altogether to avoid being accosted by the inevitable homeless activity surrounding the shelter.

I respectfully urge you to oppose the flawed plan to build a homeless shelter on seawall lot 330.

CJ Glynn



LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: CJ Glynn
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 9:09 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Threats to Public Safety from Homeless Shelter on Seawall Lot 330

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Ms. Forbes: The flawed plan for a homeless shelter on seawall lot 330 poses grave risks to public safety.

The proposed homeless shelter is near to many residential buildings with young families, whose physical safety would be threatened by the inevitable gathering of homeless outside the shelter. Many of these homeless are mentally ill, intoxicated with alcohol, high on chemical substances, or have criminal or violent histories. To place children directly in the path of a large homeless population is dangerous, irresponsible, and wrong.

I respectfully request you REJECT this flawed plan.

CJ Glynn



LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: CJ Glynn
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Homeless Shelter on Seawall Lot 300: Another SF Boondoggle?

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Ms. Forbes: In considering your position on the flawed plan for a homeless shelter on seawall to 330, be aware that the record of SF homeless shelters is not great according to a recent article in The SF Chronicle (<https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Homeless-shelter-in-school-a-costly-failure-so-far-13653985.php>):

"An experiment to put a homeless shelter in a San Francisco public school gym has so far been a costly failure, with so few families using it that it's costing taxpayers about \$700 for each person who spends the night."

Is the ill-conceived plan to put a homeless shelter on seawall to 330 any different than this egregious waste on money? Quick answer: No.

Please oppose the absurd plan to put a homeless shelter on The Embarcadero, the "front yard" of The City.

Respectfully,

CJ Glynn



Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Opposition to Homeless Shelter on Seawall Lot 330
Attachments: SFExaminer-190313-Homeless.pdf

From: CJ Glynn <
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: Opposition to Homeless Shelter on Seawall Lot 330

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Ms. Quesada: Pls use your position to promote opposition to the homeless shelter on Seawall lot 330. It is an ill-advised plan for so many reasons, including:

South Beach/SOMA Has More Schools and Child Care Centers Than Any Other District in San Francisco: Homeless Center on Seawall Lot 330 Increases Risk of Assault on Children

South Beach/SOMA is home to at least 25 schools and child care facilities – the largest concentration of schools and child care facilities in all of San Francisco. All of these schools and child care facilities would be within walking distance of the proposed navigation shelter. If the City of San Francisco goes forward with the Navigation Center, it will jeopardize the health and safety of thousands of small children. What will The City do when one of the homeless that the proposed Center attracts assaults a child? Do you want to have your name even remotely recorded on a project that can increase the risk of child assault?

Blight Upon the Waterfront; Reduction of Tourist Revenue

The waterfront is one of the most scenic, beautiful, and desirable locations in the Bay Area. It makes no sense to showcase this most problematic monument to homelessness as the face of San Francisco. The proposed Navigation Center's portable structures and tents will be a visual and architectural blight upon the most scenic and symbolic thoroughfare of our city. Furthermore, it is wrong to force pedestrians, tourists, and Giants fans to run the gauntlet imposed by the proposed Navigation Center. This is no way to welcome visitors to our jewel by the Bay. The proposed location is also in a major tourist area. Tourists bring untold revenue to the city's coffers. Do you want your name even remotely recorded on a measure that will reduce city revenues?

The Burden of Navigation Centers Should Be Shared by the City

District 6 and our community have a proud tradition of supporting those down on their luck and needing a second chance. We are delighted to have the Delancey Street Foundation as neighbors. Many of us supported the Navigation Center at Fifth & Bryant that just opened in January 2019. However, we are bearing an unfair share of the burden when the city proposes to open the largest Navigation Center in our neighborhood right after we embraced one that opened just two months ago. Other districts should take their turn before asking District 6 to establish another shelter. How would you like a homeless shelter next to your tony home!

I urge you to vote no on a homeless shelter on seawall lot 330.

CJ Glynn

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: In support of the seawall lot 330 navigation center

Thanks,

Amy Quesada
Port of San Francisco
Pier 1 SF 94111

From: Cliff Bargar
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2019 7:31 AM
To: Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>
Subject: In support of the seawall lot 330 navigation center

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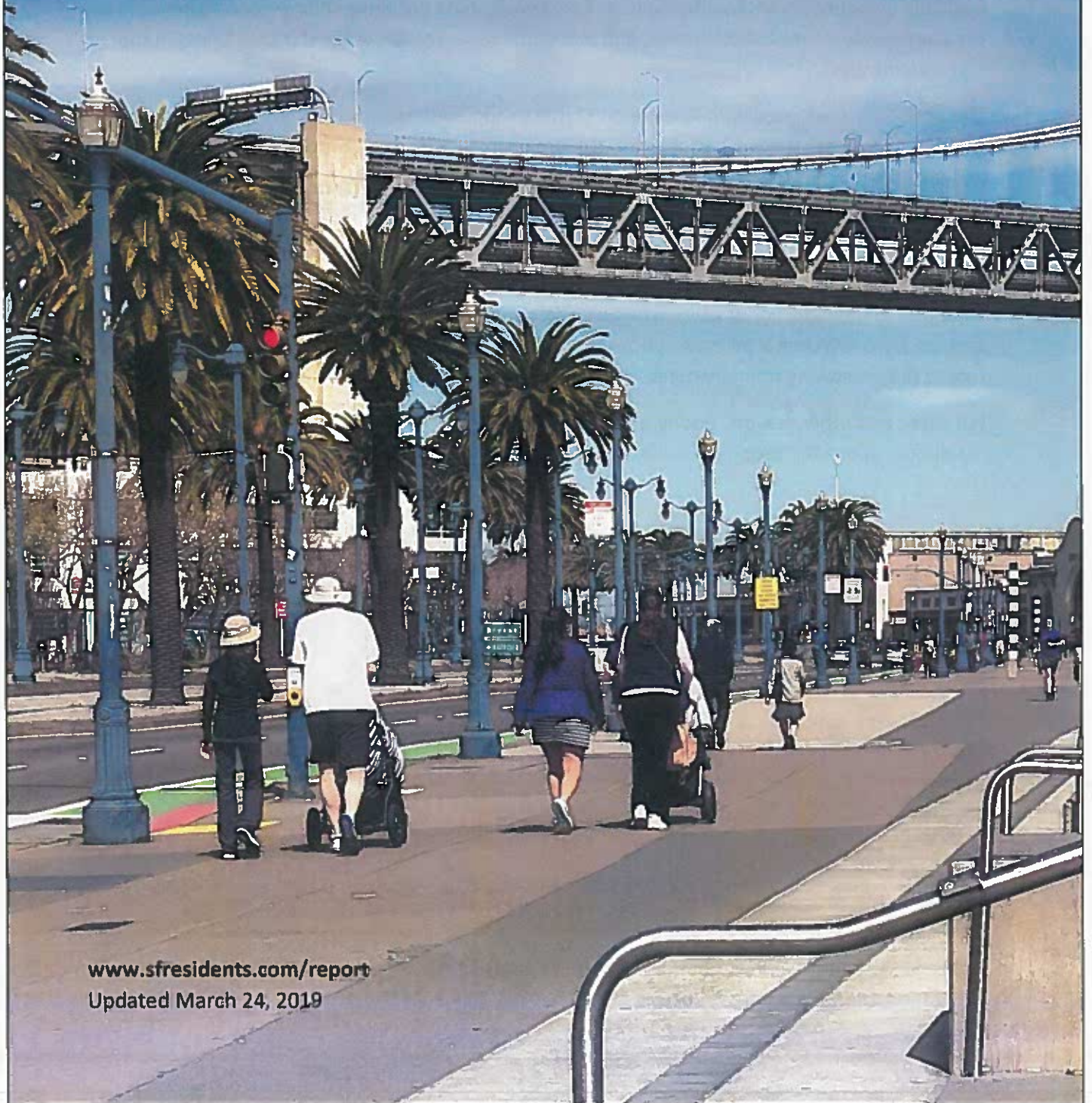
Dear Ms. Quesada,

I would like to communicate my support for a navigation center to the members of the Port Commission. I live in Potrero Hill and frequently run and bike along the Embarcadero for both transportation and recreation.

The current conditions there and throughout the City for people sleeping on the street are heartbreaking. Building a navigation center on seawall lot 330 is not only the right thing to do but I believe that by giving the homeless an alternative to sleeping on the Embarcadero we can help improve conditions there for the visitors and residents as well.

Thank you,
Cliff

COMMUNITY REPORT ON THE PROPOSED NAVIGATION CENTER AT SEAWALL LOT 330



www.sfresidents.com/report
Updated March 24, 2019

Executive Summary

Homelessness is a real problem in our city. Navigation Centers can be a part of the solution. However, the city must consider the surrounding community when deciding where to place Navigation Centers.

This report shows that Navigation Centers can bring significant problems to the areas in which they are built—crime, violence, open drug use, encampments and more. At the same time, the available evidence shows that Navigation Centers often do not bring their promised benefits to the community—they fail to control, and sometimes exacerbate, visible homelessness in the surrounding area.

The problems associated with Navigation Centers should not be brought into a part of the city that would exacerbate those problems. The area surrounding the proposed Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330 is densely populated with many children and elderly residents. The entrance will be on The Embarcadero—a major thoroughfare for residents, tourists and Giants fans. The effects of the proposed Navigation Center would be felt by many.

Moreover, the city should not focus the problems associated with Navigation Centers onto just a handful of neighborhoods. District 6 just welcomed the city's newest Navigation Center in January. It is less than a mile away from the proposed Navigation Center. The entire city has a role to play in solving homelessness.

For these and other reasons outlined in this report, the overwhelming majority of community residents oppose the proposed Navigation Center.



Figure 1. Attendees at Port Commission Meeting raising hands in opposition to proposed Navigation Center, March 12, 2019.

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Figure 2. Proposed location of Navigation Center, Seawall Lot 330, highlighted in yellow.

THE IMPACT OF NAVIGATION CENTERS ON COMMUNITIES



Navigation Centers Bring Crime and Violence

The academic literature is replete with studies showing that homeless shelters bring a significant increase in crime to their neighborhoods. Both statistical data and anecdotal reports specific to San Francisco's Navigation Centers show that some Navigation Center guests bring criminal behavior and violence to their neighborhood.

Homeless Shelters Are Associated with a Significant Increase in Crime

One recent study of winter homeless shelters in Vancouver, open only during the winter months, looked at the effect on crime from the initial opening of those shelters as well as seasonal openings. Faraji, et al., *Effect of Emergency Winter Homeless Shelters on Property Crime*, Journal of Experimental Criminology, June 2018, p. 129.

A study found that the presence of a homeless shelter increased residential breaking and entering by 82.5% and thefts from vehicles by 42.9%.

The Faraji study found that "the presence of a shelter is associated with an increase in property and mischief crime." "When shelters open, we find that, within 100 m of the shelter, total property and mischief crimes increase by 56.3%." The Faraji study also found that the increase in crime drops off as distance is increased. At 300 meters, the increase in property and mischief crimes is only 10.8%, compared to 56.3% at 100 meters. The authors note that this distance effect supports the conclusion that homeless shelters are responsible for the increase in crime. The authors also found that crimes involving the breaking and entering of residences increased by 82.5% and thefts from vehicles increased by 42.9% within 100 meters of homeless shelters. The Faraji study was limited to property crime because violent crime statistics in Vancouver are not geocoded to protect privacy.

Another study in preprint (not yet published) applying criminological modeling techniques to crime data from Los Angeles shows that proximity to homeless shelters is the second-best predictor of crime caused by homeless offenders committing both property and violent crimes. The study found that only prior drug arrests are a better predictor of such crimes. Yoo, et al., *Using Risk Terrain Modeling to Predict Homeless Related Crime in Los Angeles, California*, SocArXiv preprint, Jan. 2018.

Neighbors of SF's Navigation Centers Report an Increase in Crime

San Francisco's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) frequently cites to a non-peer-reviewed student paper for the proposition that the city's Navigation Centers have no effect on crime. Miki Barstow, *Navigation Centers: What do Neighbors Have to Fear?*, May 2018.

The Barstow study, authored by a student researcher from the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, actually supports the opposite conclusion: Navigation Centers are associated with an increase in crime. Barstow sought feedback from neighbors of existing Navigation Centers in San Francisco. Barstow found that the number of neighbors who believed crime increased after Navigation Centers opened outnumbered those who believed it decreased by almost 3 to 1. Surprisingly, Barstow thought that this result supported the conclusion that "Navigation Centers do not cause any increases in crime."

*29% of neighbors believe crime increased after a Navigation Center opened.
Only 11% believe it decreased.*

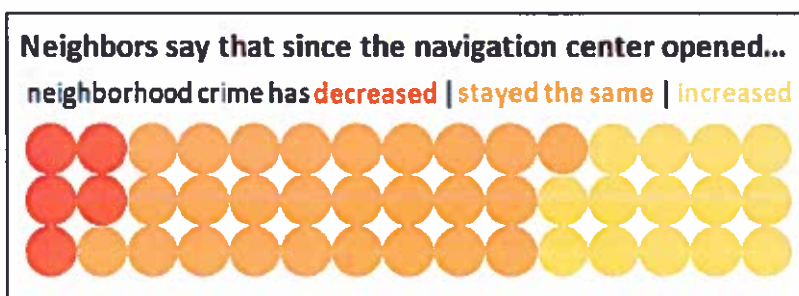


Figure 3. Miki Barstow, *Navigation Centers: What do Neighbors Have to Fear?*, May 2018.

The Barstow study also conducted a difference-in-difference analysis of crime statistics, but that analysis suffers from severe methodological flaws. Barstow does not include any statistical analysis of the data, nor does it indicate that any statistical analysis was conducted. The author simply presents line graphs of monthly crime occurrences and eyeballs the graphs to conclude that "there is no change in crime trends."

To the extent that the Barstow study says anything about the relationship between Navigation Centers and crime, it is that Navigation Centers are associated with an increase in crime.

SFPD Data Shows Crime Associated With Dogpatch Navigation Center

San Francisco Police Department data reported by CrimeMapping shows that the 600 block of 25th Street (where the Dogpatch Navigation Center is located) has experienced three assault/battery calls, one firearms-related call, and one theft call in the last six months.

The Dogpatch Navigation Center was chosen for this analysis because of its relatively remote, industrial location, allowing us to distinguish crime related to the Navigation Center from crime related to other residents. Other than the entrance to a MUNI depot, the Dogpatch Navigation Center is the only building on a cul-de-sac. The block is otherwise surrounded by fencing for the MUNI depot and a construction equipment lot. It is therefore likely that these crime reports relate to guests of the Dogpatch Navigation Center.

Expanding the search by one block reveals many more reports of assaults, auto thefts, burglaries and robberies.



Figure 4. Crime reports for the six-month period from 9-18-2018 to 3-17-2019 in the area surrounding the Dogpatch Navigation Center. The Dogpatch Navigation Center is located at the eastern end of 25th Street. The five crimes reported on that block include three assaults/batteries calls, one firearms call, and one theft call.

Navigation Center Data Shows Some Guests Are Violent

According to HSH data reported in a [San Francisco Examiner story](#) about guests of the Mission Navigation Center, “12% had to leave due to violence or other rule violations.”

Even the Most Successful Navigation Center Guests Are Linked to Crime

The City Services Auditor’s report on the first year of Navigation Center operations, published June 2016, looked at jail stays for the first cohort of Navigation Center guests who successfully exited into permanent housing. Of that cohort, 20%, or 14 guests, “were booked into jail after leaving the Navigation Center” during an eight-month evaluation period. In other words, 20% of the Navigation Center’s most successful clients (those who obtained permanent housing) were booked into jail shortly after leaving. Moreover, 28% of those most successful guests were booked into jail in the eight months before entering the Navigation Center.

*Navigation Centers do not have adequate programming to keep guests busy.
Crimes of opportunity are one outlet.*

Anecdotal Reports of Navigation Center Crime

One author of this report spoke to a guest of the Dogpatch Navigation Center. While he was grateful for the opportunity to stay at the Center, he was critical of the Center’s programming. He reported there was little to do at the Center, so guests spend a lot of time roaming the neighborhood. He said that while the majority of guests are not violent, some are. When asked about the potential for crime associated with a Navigation Center, he said “if you see nice things, of course some are going to be tempted.”

Summary

The available data shows that San Francisco’s Navigation Centers are associated with an increase in neighborhood crime and violence. This data agrees with the results of studies of crime related to homeless shelters in other jurisdictions, including Los Angeles and Vancouver.

Navigation Centers bring crime and violence. They should be located in areas where the effect of those problems can be minimized, not in a densely populated area heavily trafficked by residents, tourists and Giants fans.

The “Magnet Effect”—Navigation Centers Attract Encampments

Anecdotal evidence suggests that Navigation Centers located in urban areas attract encampments. One author of this report visited the Division Circle Navigation Center and the Bryant Navigation Center on March 10, 2019. Both had numerous tents less than 100 feet from the Navigation Center. The Division Circle Navigation Center had two persons sleeping less than 10 feet from the front gate. Eight tents were located directly across the street. According to staff at the Division Circle Navigation Center, many of those camping outside were former Navigation Center guests.



Figure 5. Two persons sleeping just outside the entrance of the Division Circle Navigation Center, March 10, 2019.



Figure 6. Tents outside the Bryant Navigation Center, March 10, 2019.



Figure 7. Tent outside the Dogpatch Navigation Center, March 21, 2019.

Confirming these anecdotal reports, the Barstow (UC Berkeley) study cited above found that the majority (51%) of Navigation Center neighbors felt that visible homelessness either stayed the same or increased after a Navigation Center opened. One Navigation Center located in an urban area (presumably the now defunct Mission Navigation Center) elicited feedback from 50% of neighbors saying that visible homelessness had increased. According to the study, “community members in this area referred to a large group of people who regularly spent time directly in front of the navigation center.”



Figure 8. Miki Barstow, *Navigation Centers: What do Neighbors Have to Fear?*, May 2018.

The most charitable way to interpret this data is that Navigation Centers do not deliver on one of their advertised promises of reducing visible homelessness in the neighborhood. More likely, placing a Navigation Center in an urban area will increase visible homelessness in the vicinity of the Navigation Center.

Drug Use in the Neighborhood

Navigation Centers accept drug users as guests, but do not allow drug use on premises. Drug-addicted guests of the proposed Navigation Center must therefore go into the surrounding area to use drugs. Homelessness Department Director Kositsky has said that around a third of homeless persons are drug addicts. Thus, even using the city's own data, the community can expect about 75 guests of a 225-bed Navigation Center to use drugs in the surrounding residential area.

While each Navigation Center has sharps disposal containers at their entrance, there is no guarantee that Center guests will bring used sharps back to the Navigation Center. Sharps discarded on sidewalks and in parks pose a serious public health hazard to the community.



Moreover, opportunistic dealers can be expected to sell drugs where their clients are located. If 75 drug users live at the proposed Navigation Center, drug dealers will likely frequent the neighborhood around the proposed Navigation Center.

One correspondent who stood outside the Bryant Navigation Center and Division Circle Navigation Center saw drug deals at both locations in less than five minutes of observation.

Size

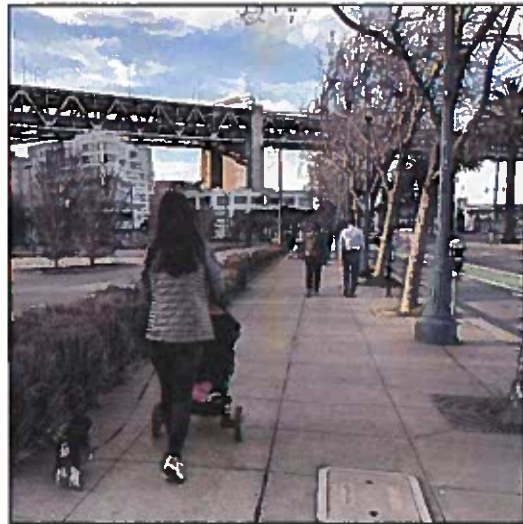
While Navigation Centers have existed in San Francisco since 2015, the proposed 225-bed Embarcadero site is almost twice the size of the largest existing Navigation Center. A key feature of Navigation Centers is their relatively small size compared to traditional shelters. The small size allows guests to thrive in an environment with relatively few rigid rules that would otherwise be required at scale.

According to the City Services Auditor in the Office of the Controller, "greatly increasing the bed capacity of the center [from 75 beds] would also compromise the ability of the program to

operate with the minimal rules and regulations that have made it so popular with clients One of the consistently mentioned, unique features of the program is its comfortable, relaxing, generally peaceful atmosphere, a feature that may be compromised if curfews and stricter rules become an operational necessity." *Perspectives From The Navigation Center, Report #4, Office of the Controller, December 2, 2015.*

Applying the Navigation Center concept at a much larger scale is an experiment. That experiment should not be performed in an area where failure will cause major spillover effects that will harm tens of thousands of residents, workers and visitors daily.

THE EMBARCADERO IS THE WRONG PLACE FOR A NAVIGATION CENTER



The Proposed Site is in a Densely Populated Area with Vulnerable Persons

Neighborhood Demographics

Many around the City may view the neighborhoods surrounding Seawall Lot 330 as a lightly populated or even industrial area. In reality, the community surrounding the proposed Navigation Center is home to a growing population with a significant proportion of vulnerable populations.

The surrounding area is increasingly a family neighborhood. The population has grown by 25% over five years and the number of children has grown by 49%.

As of 2017, almost 14,000 people lived within approximately half a mile of the proposed Navigation Center. That compares to approximately 11,000 in 2012, an increase of 25% over five years. The number of children increased from 865 to 1,289 over the same period, an increase of 49%. As of 2017, 1,398 residents were aged 60 or older.

Table 1. U.S. Census 5-Year ACS Population Data for Census Tract 615, San Francisco County

	2012		2017		Change (%)
Total Population	11,083	100%	13,864	100%	25.1%
Under 18	865	7.8%	1,289	9.3%	49.0%
60 and over	1,430	12.9%	1,398	10.1%	(2.2%)



Zack, 7



Alex, 5



Kabir, 1



Emma, 1



Matthew, 2



Sam, 1



Maverick & Riley, 0



Trey, 4



Gaby, 0



Pile, 0

The area surrounding the proposed Navigation Center is home to at least 25 schools and child care facilities – reportedly the largest concentration of schools and child care facilities in all of San Francisco. These schools and child care facilities are within walking distance of the proposed Navigation Center.

The site for the proposed Navigation Center is very different from the sites of previous Navigation Centers. Existing Navigation Centers are not located in densely-populated residential neighborhoods or areas that see significant commuter and tourist traffic. The Dogpatch Navigation Center is in an industrial area, surrounded by a MUNI depot and a construction equipment storage lot. The Division Circle Navigation Center is in the middle of a freeway onramp. They are not adjacent to thousands of residences as the proposed Navigation Center would be.

The claimed success of other Navigation Centers therefore says little about how a Navigation Center, particularly one of unprecedented size, will perform at the proposed site.

Delancey Street Foundation

In addition to a significant number of children and elderly persons, the neighborhood is home to the Delancey Street Foundation. Hundreds of former drug addicts and others trying to start a new life are residents of Delancey Street, which has a strict drug- and violence-free policy. Dr. Mimi Silbert, President of Delancey Street, has expressed concern about housing active drug users at a Navigation Center next door to recovering drug addicts. Her comments can be heard at: https://www.rinconhillsf.org/tascam_0010-mp3/.



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Stories From Neighbors

Although the neighborhoods surrounding Seawall Lot 330 have a relatively mild homelessness problem compared to certain other San Francisco neighborhoods, residents have already suffered from some of the effects of homelessness. The burden of crime, violence and drug use is expected to increase if the proposed 225-bed Navigation Center becomes a reality.

Below is a selection of stories from neighbors of the proposed Navigation Center expressing apprehensions about the spillover effects of the proposed Navigation Center. These, and other, neighbors fear that placing the largest-ever Navigation Center in a densely-populated area will lead to many more stories like these.

“Back in early 2018 I was pregnant with my daughter. On my way to work I stepped on a needle on the pavement. Luckily the sole of my shoe was thick enough to prevent the needle from puncturing my skin. Needless to say, it was the scariest moment of my life. I wasn’t scared for my [own] life, I was scared for my unborn child. As my husband and I are trying to get pregnant again, I am so worried that the Navigation Center would bring more drug users to our neighborhood. And what if I’m not as lucky next time around? I can’t bear the thought.” - D. Tran

“I stepped on a needle on the pavement . . . it was the scariest moment of my life. I was scared for my unborn child.”

“I was pregnant and waiting at the self-checkout line at the Safeway on King Street when all of a sudden, I heard a lot of commotion & multiple security officers escorting a very agitated customer outside. He was homeless, caught shop lifting and was very agitated. I was completing my purchase when I heard a loud bang and saw a large rock hit the floor. Glass shattered all over me! The man had come back with a very large rock and thrown it in the glass door.” - S. Patel

“My husband and I are working parents in SoMa. We are also parents to a 2-year-old girl. My mother took my child to the playground by the Ferry Building. One of the play structures there had handles covered in human excrement—very deliberately so. My daughter got that onto her hands before my mom noticed this and could start cleaning her up. There is never any police presence in this neighborhood, no cleaning effort, obviously no supervision of playgrounds or basic clean up.” - N. Masi

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“My son was on the muni train coming home from school and there was a homeless person who got off at our stop and was following another woman very closely and yelling at her. When we got home we pulled the woman into the front entrance of our building and closed the door so that she could safely escape the man but the door didn’t lock behind us and the homeless man followed us in yelling and screaming and threatening everyone in the lobby. The homeless man also picked up a sign and threw it at the building. My son was terrified by this incident.” – C. Jones

“I have frequently found . . . needles and syringes on the ladder for the toddler play structure.”

“We used to visit the children’s playground. I have frequently found human waste under the children’s play structure, needles and syringes on the ladder for the toddler play structure. The last straw for us was when one morning we found human waste smeared on the toddler slide and the handles on the see-saw.” – M. Solanki

Thousands Pass the Proposed Site Daily

The main entrance of the proposed Navigation Center will be on The Embarcadero, a major pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare.

City-commissioned traffic count data from March 15, 2016 shows that thousands of cars and hundreds of pedestrians pass by the site of the proposed Navigation Center each day while travelling southbound on The Embarcadero. An informal traffic count performed by volunteers in the one hour starting 8:30 A.M. on Monday, March 11, 2019 showed 1068 cars travelling southbound on The Embarcadero and 562 pedestrians and bicyclists.

Traffic on event days at Oracle Park (formerly AT&T Park) is many times that of a normal weekday morning. The opening of the Chase Center is also expected to add significant traffic to The Embarcadero.

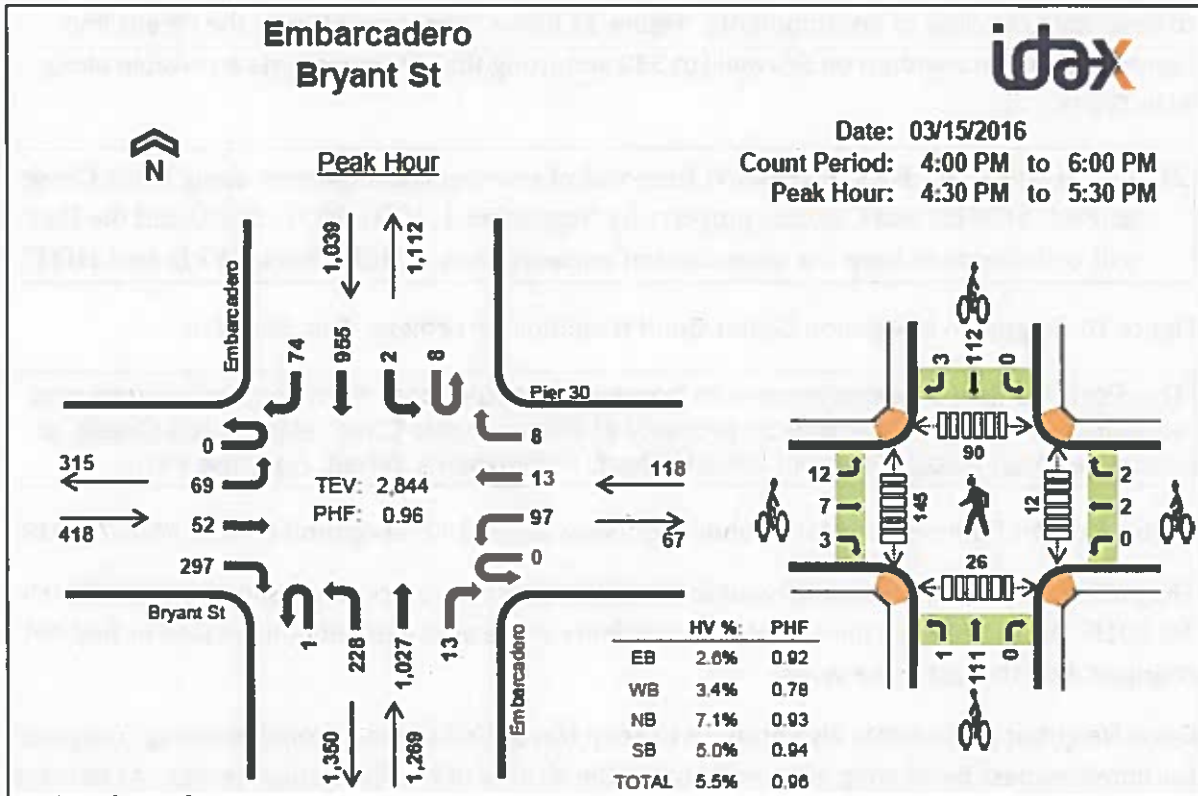


Figure 9. Traffic study, March 15, 2016.

The sheer number of people passing by the proposed Navigation Center each day increases the risk of the public suffering from spillover effects. Discarded needles on a lightly-trafficked industrial area (such as where the Dogpatch Navigation Center is located) do not pose the same threat to public health as they would on The Embarcadero.

Failed “Good Neighbor” Agreements

The city has attempted to gain community support for past Navigation Centers by entering into “Good Neighbor” agreements. Those agreements are intended to limit the spillover effects of Navigation Centers onto the surrounding community. However, there are few enforcement mechanisms and as a result the agreements frequently go unheeded.

In 2016, several city agencies entered into a Good Neighbor Agreement relating to the Dogpatch Navigation Center. Many of the promises made in that agreement have been broken.

For example, the Good Neighbor Agreement states that encampments along Islais Creek and other areas around the Dogpatch Navigation Center would be cleared of encampments and kept clear of encampments. That has not happened. In fact, the Port Commission staff cites the presence of encampments along Islais Creek as a reason for building a Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330. Figure 10 below shows an excerpt from the Dogpatch Navigation Center Good Neighbor Agreement promising the removal of encampments along Islais Creek and promising

to keep the area clear of encampments. Figure 11 below is an excerpt from the recent Port Commission memorandum on Seawall Lot 330 admitting that encampments are visible along Islais Creek.

2) ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION: Removal of existing encampments along Islais Creek on Port, SFMTA and Caltrans property by September 1. HSH, HOT, SFPD and the Port will collaborate to keep the areas clear of encampments. (HSH, Port, SFPD and HOT)

Figure 10. Dogpatch Navigation Center Good Neighbor Agreement, Aug. 30, 2016.

The Port has its own experience with homeless populations. Homeless individuals and encampments are visible on Port property at Warm Water Cove, along Islais Creek, at Justin Herman Plaza, Brannan Street Wharf, Fisherman's Wharf, near the Ferry

Figure 11. Port Commission Memorandum on Seawall Lot 330 Navigation Center, Mar. 7, 2019.

The author of this section interviewed six small business operators along Islais Creek on March 10, 2019. All six said that the size of encampments in the area had either increased or had not changed over the last three years.

Good Neighbor agreements also promise to keep Navigation Centers from becoming "magnets" for homelessness by clearing encampments in the vicinity of the Navigation Center. As detailed in an earlier section of this report, encampments are a frequent sight outside of Navigation Centers.

The Dogpatch Good Neighbor Agreement also promises real-time performance metrics from HSH and reporting on neighborhood crime statistics from SFPD. The author of this section has not been able to obtain either after two weeks of effort.

Good Neighbor Agreements have not been enforced and thus city agencies have no incentive to abide by them. It appears that Good Neighbor Agreements are merely catalogs of unkept promises. Neighbors will not be able to rely on promises made by city agencies to keep the neighborhood safe and clean.

Effect on Local Businesses

Many restaurants in the area such as Cento, Town's End, Delancey Street Restaurant, South Beach Café and Crossroads, rely on foot traffic and especially the foot traffic generated by Giants fans walking along The Embarcadero. Encampments, syringes, and other detractors will affect the foot traffic that these businesses and their staff rely upon. These problems can also make the area less attractive to workers at restaurants and other businesses in the area, creating recruiting and retention problems.

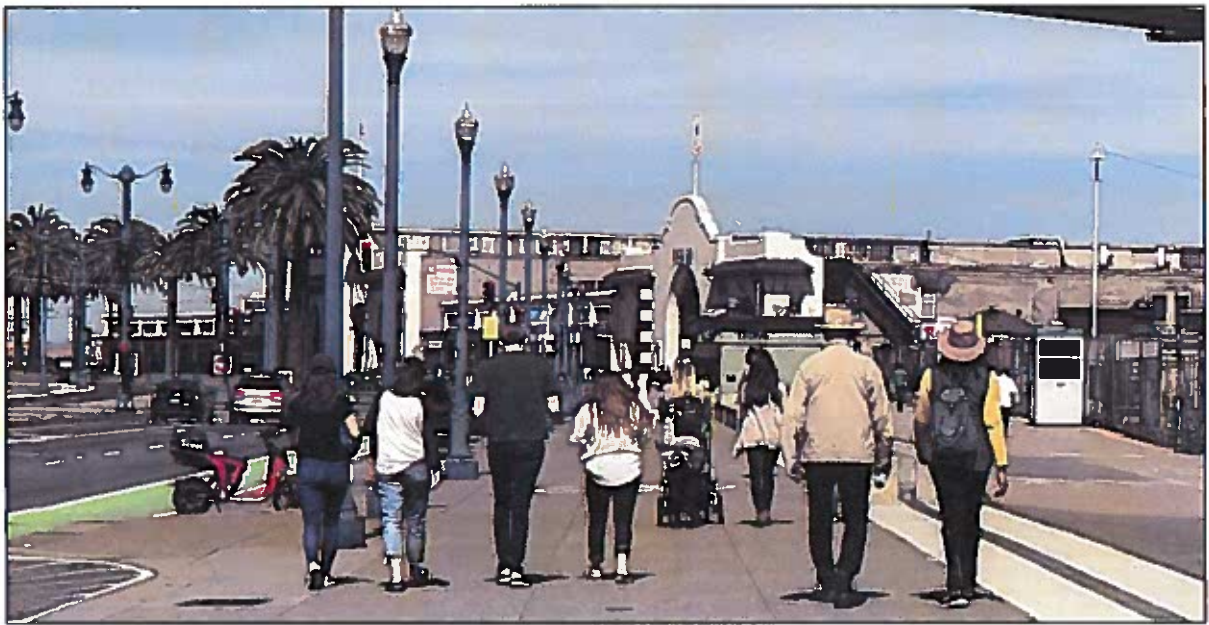
“People who owned these buildings [near the Mission Navigation Center] were reluctant to open businesses due to activities occurring nearby, and a third business had to close for similar reasons.”

The UC Berkeley Barstow study, cited earlier, supports the view that Navigation Centers have a negative impact on businesses. Barstow reported that 26% of those surveyed believed that Navigation Centers had a negative effect on their business or place of work while 22% said it had a positive effect. Barstow found that responses varied by site, and that respondents near the urban Mission Navigation Center “strongly felt that the Navigation Center had a negative impact on business.” According to Barstow, “two people specifically mentioned vacant storefronts at properties on the same block as the Navigation Center. According to them, the people who owned those buildings were reluctant to open businesses due to activities occurring nearby, and a third business had to close for similar reasons.”

The Barstow study, frequently cited by city officials, supports the view that the proposed Navigation Center will have a negative impact on area businesses.



OTHER DISTRICTS MUST STEP UP



District 6 and Our Community are Disproportionately Burdened

District 6 and our community have a proud tradition of supporting those down on their luck and needing a second chance. We are delighted to have the Delancey Street Foundation as neighbors. Many of us supported the Navigation Center at Fifth & Bryant that just opened in January 2019. However, our community is bearing an unfair share of the burden when the city proposes to open the largest-ever Navigation Center in our neighborhood right after we embraced one that opened just two months ago. Other districts should take their turn before asking District 6 to establish another shelter.

Our District already does most of the work for the city when it comes to creating housing, especially below-market-rate affordable housing. A significant portion of the new housing and specifically of the new BMR housing in the city has been added in just the East Cut neighborhood in the last few years. The area is also home to multiple housing projects dedicated to the formerly homeless.

The Proposed Navigation Center is Disproportionate to Community Needs

One rationale the city advances for placing a 225-bed Navigation Center on The Embarcadero is to help solve the homelessness problem in our community. However, our neighborhood is home to much fewer than 225 homeless persons. Recent homeless counts performed by the East Cut Community Benefit District (CBD) have found between 9 and 15 homeless persons on any given night in the entire CBD.

Data recently released by the City Services Auditor in its *Review of the Health Streets Operation Center* shows that the area around the proposed Navigation Center has a low density of tents. It also shows that looking at 311 calls alone overrepresents the density of encampments, particularly in the Embarcadero area, possibly because the population density leads to more calls.

In Figures 12 and 13 below, the map on the left shows the density of 311 calls reporting encampments while the map on the right show the density of tents. The red dot on each map represents the site of the proposed Navigation Center. Note that the areas surrounding the proposed site are in the most-lightly shaded density zones on both the 311 map and the tent map.

If Navigation Centers are truly intended to help those in its vicinity, building the largest-ever Navigation Center in an area with a low density of encampments makes no sense. The city should be placing Navigation Centers close to homeless encampments, including in other Districts. If, on the other hand, geography doesn't really matter, then all other Districts must step up to provide space for Navigation Centers and other homeless services.

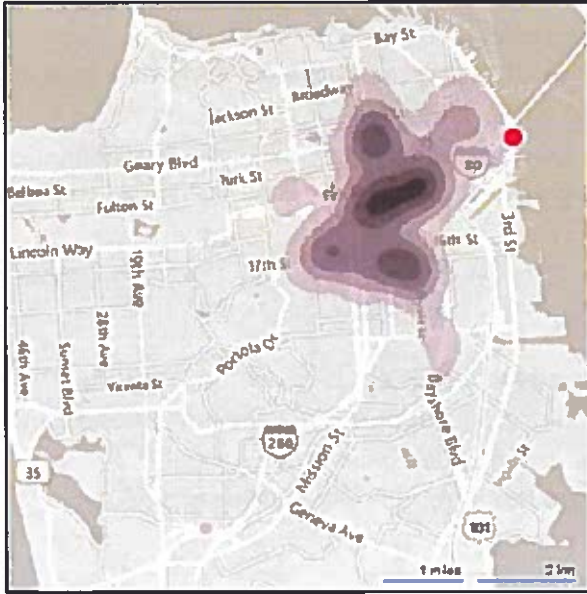


Figure 12. 311 Encampment Calls on January 10, 2019.

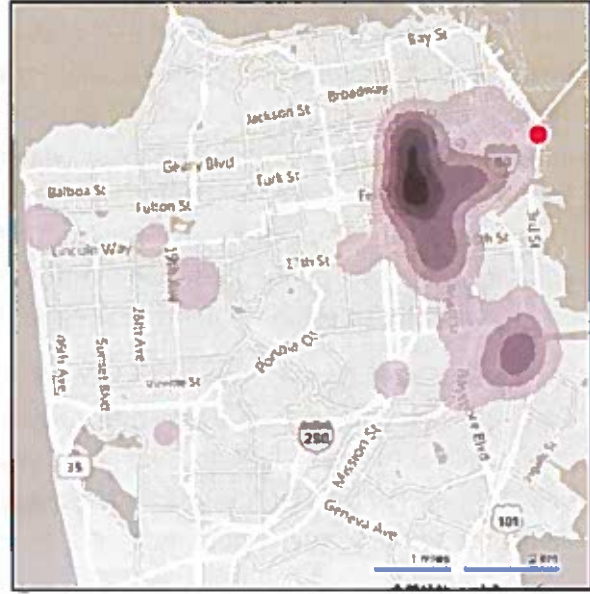
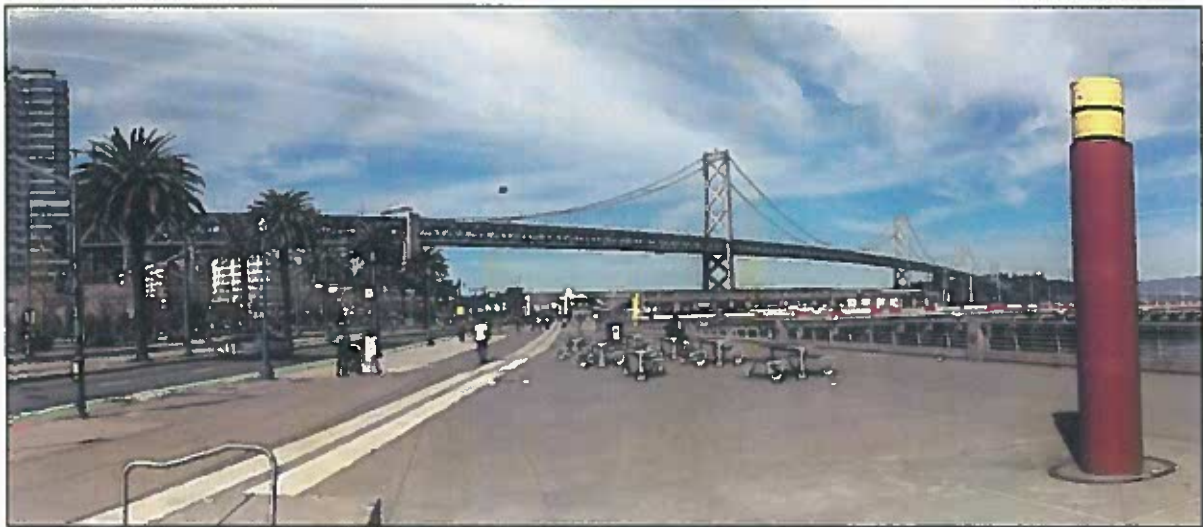


Figure 13. Number of tents on January 11, 2019.

End Matter

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Subject: Citizen for a safe Embarcadero

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04-April-19

Dear Ms. Forbes,

I am a homeowner at [redacted] After attending the community forum last night at the Delancey Center regarding the proposed navigation center on Lot 330, I have the following concerns:

1. The demeanor in which the mayor dictated to the audience was unacceptable. It sets the antagonistic and combative tone which many of the supporters have taken on. Because I am a young adult homeowner (which my husband and I have worked extremely hard for; sacrificed and done without to achieve our goal of homeownership) the so-called "YIMBY"s took it upon themselves to harass me during this forum. Other neighbors have repeatedly called the police about receiving phone calls late at night of people verbally attacking them and in some cases, threatened. These people, many of whom do not live or own homes in my neighborhood or understand the impact this will have on our safety, are turning into vigilantes for the mayors agenda.
2. Among the many flaws of this plan is the leadership; it is ill thought out and seems that policing of the facility will be at the expense of the other parts of the city. The police commander in charge stated that our zone will be prioritized in a special 311 queue; what will this mean for the safety of other densely populated parts of the city?
3. The police representative cited only a 10% reduction in crime as a result of the navigation centers. A 10% reduction in crime in mostly otherwise industrial areas does not translate to a success in a densely populated and high tourist traffic zone. This is a very real fear I share with my neighbors.
4. I understand the need and power of ones independence, especially when one is in a precarious housing situation. However, this independence comes at a cost to community members: there is no control mechanism in place to ensure that navigation center clients are actually working to better themselves. How will the city reduce the destructive behaviors (e.g. needles on the ground, harassment of the public, attacks, public drunkenness, relieving themselves on the sidewalks) while clients are in the navigation center program?
5. The design will deter tourists away from the historic ferry buildings and businesses at the Embarcadero. The community leaders spent 30 minutes discussing the colors and landscaping but no real plan on how they will install water lines and set up plumbing systems. I walk through that lot every day, it is not yet equipped with such utilities.

Overall, the “conversation” that occurred last night, 03-April-2019 was a sales pitch. Our concerns are not being taken seriously, and quite frankly, it’s disturbing to know that my walks to the Caltrain such that I can go to work, pay my taxes and the salaries of these well compensated few who decide the fate of so many, will carry a much higher risk for myself and my community members.

There has to be an alternative to this problem that consists of accountability by those in positions of power rather than profiting off of the poverty of others.

Sincerely,

Dana Tedesco, Ph.D.

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Vehemently Opposed to the new Navigation Center at Seawall lot 330

Thanks,

Amy Quesada

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From: Daniel Duran

Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:11 PM

To: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

Subject: Re: Vehemently Opposed to the new Navigation Center at Seawall lot 330

Hello Supervisor Haney,

I just came back from attending the community meeting at the Delancey Street Community room and I'm now vehemently opposed to Navigation center on the Embarcadero. I urge you to fight for your district and look for a different site at a location outside of your district. Our district is providing the lions share of the homeless resources and I don't think it is fair. If other districts provided resources, I'm sure the population would follow. Use the windfall from the tax hike to purchase a permanent Navigation center outside of your district. I believe that other San Franciscans would be willing to support the Navigation Center and in a permanent location.

I voted for you in our recent election. I hope you will do the right thing and look for a permanent location outside of District 6. This is a crisis and it should be addressed equitably.

Sincerely,
Daniel Duran

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 10:25:11 AM PDT, Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hi Daniel,

Thank you for reaching out about the proposed Navigation Center.

I have heard loud and clear that homelessness is an urgent concern in the waterfront community. In Rincon Hill, South Beach and Mission Bay, there are approximately 100 homelessness-related 311 requests *every week*.

The status quo of people living on our streets and under the freeway is completely unacceptable. A [Navigation Center](#), if done right, will directly address the homelessness you encounter in your neighborhood by immediately getting people off

the streets and into shelter and services—and leading most people who access services to be rapidly housed or get home to friends and family through the [Homeward Bound](#) program.

Like you, I also have some questions and concerns, as our office is learning about the proposal from the Mayor on the same timeline that you are. I want to be clear--nothing is finalized, and community outreach is happening to determine what the design, size, lease, etc. will look like. Your input is greatly appreciated and I am committed to listening, and if it moves forward, making it work for the community in addressing our neighborhood's homelessness challenges.

Here is what I am advocating for at a minimum, and I hope you will support my asks of Mayor Breed and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing:

- It is important that the community have an opportunity to learn more about this proposal, have your questions answered, and be heard. The Mayor's Office and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing should hold additional forums, and Mayor Breed should join one before any action on the lease is taken.
- The goal of the Navigation Center must be to directly **address homelessness in the neighborhood** and make a major and demonstrable improvement. There will be no lines of people waiting outside to access services. People will be invited to the Navigation Center *only* from neighborhood's Homeless Outreach Team.
- Intensive services must be offered in order to replicate the success of the 6 current Navigation Centers, [which have worked to keep people from cycling in and out of homelessness](#). The biggest Navigation Center in the city is 128 people. **I believe that this Navigation Center should maintain that approach, be of a similar size as the other Navigation Centers, and provide for intensive levels of services.** The [Mayor has heard this demand and announced that the size will be reduced](#).
- **The Navigation Center should work for the community.** Most leases for other Navigation Centers in San Francisco have been 2 years--this allows an adequate time period to ensure accountability and assess impacts. The lease for this site has been proposed for 4 years--I am advocating for a shorter lease with a potential extension *only* if this works for the neighborhood and shows demonstrable, positive improvements and outcomes for the neighborhood and for people receiving services.
- There should be dedicated foot patrols around the perimeter and the broader neighborhood, and 24/7 security to ensure **public safety**. The final lease should dictate exactly how many security officers will be involved.
- Although the Navigation Center will be open 24/7 and provide a welcoming environment and meals all day long, the design should minimize people gathering in the neighborhood by including enclosed outdoor spaces. The Department of Homelessness should be able to provide you with more information about how people access the Navigation Center throughout the day and the positive impacts in other neighborhoods.

- **Lastly, the Mayor should immediately propose an additional Navigation Center in another part of the City, before this one is approved.** We can't keep concentrating these services solely in District 6. I authored an amendment to the Shelter Crisis Ordinance to add a commitment to build Navigation Centers in a majority of the Supervisorial districts.

Here are some upcoming community meetings I encourage you to attend:

- **Mayor's Community Meeting**
 - **Wednesday, April 3rd from 6-7:30pm**
 - **Delancey Street Foundation (600 the Embarcadero)**
- **[South Beach Rincon Hill Mission Bay Neighborhood Association](#)**
 - **Monday, April 8th at 6pm**
 - **South Beach Harbor Services Building's Community Room**

Our collective long-term goal as a City is to end homelessness and get everyone housed. In the meantime Navigation Centers, if done right, are an integral first step in the City's strategy to get people off the streets and immediately connected to services.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Supervisor Matt Haney

From: Daniel Duran
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:53 AM
To: Hanestaff (BOS) <hanestaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: Opposed to the new Navigation Center at Seawall lot 330

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Hello Matt,

I attended the community meeting at the Delancey Street Foundation last night and I'm thoroughly convinced that the Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330 is a bad idea. There are several other locations that can serve this purpose instead

of the current location. I live in the Watermark with my wife and 2 children and would not feel safe in our neighborhood with the plan as proposed. I urge you to please not build the Navigation center on seawall lot 330.

Thank you,

Daniel Duran

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: David Gold
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:08 PM
To: mark_paez@sfport.com; matt.haney@sfgov.gov; courtney.mcdonald@sfgov.gov; Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Homeless shelter | TONIGHT Port meeting

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Dear Embarcadero Lofts neighbors,

Although not yet posted on the Port's website*, there is a meeting of the Port's Central Waterfront Advisory Group tonight at Pier 1 in the Bayside Conference Room of the Port's offices. This is a public meeting and the homeless shelter/Navigation Center will be on the agenda. The Port's staff executive, Mark Paez, says this item will come up around 6:30 p.m. He tells me that the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Paez' posted e mail address did not work for me this morning. His phone number is 415.705.8674 if you want more information.

*<https://sfport.com/central-waterfront-advisory-group> At this time, there is nothing posted about tonight's meeting. That I could find.

David Gold

Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: NAV Ctr: Right Time, WRONG PLACE: Seawall Lot 330

From: David Jacobs <

Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:37 PM

To:

Subject: NAV Ctr: Right Time, WRONG PLACE: Seawall Lot 330

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Good day,

I think at this point *we can all agree* that the homeless situation in San Francisco is certainly a crisis and immediate steps must be made to get individuals the support services they desperately need. Navigation Centers - done correctly are a wonderful idea - emphasis on the **done correctly**.

Placing a 200+ bed facility at the Seawall Lot 330 makes no sense - it is right in the middle of a residential area with thousands upon thousands of tourists visiting our neighborhood every year. I have lived on Brannan St. since 2005 and truly love our **residential neighborhood**.

Within the past week, our building's GM was physically assaulted and a resident's son was spit on outside of Cento Restaurant. My girlfriend literally walks through the Seawall Lot twice daily to get to her job at Salesforce. I fear not only for her safety, but our neighbors and those thousands of tourists and sports fans who flock to our **residential neighborhood** on a regular basis.

I attended the meeting held at Delancey Street recently and heard the **police representative** tell us all that our **residential neighborhood** will become safer. We also heard from a woman who lives near another Navigation Center and says she heard the same **empty promises** about improved safety. **I strongly believe that safety will get worse** - seeing homeless congregating outside of the Center - even though they haven't had a bed set aside for them. **I fear that drug use in the area will increase, as well as assaults and vehicle break-ins.**

Again, we must show compassion towards those that live on the street, but **please be sensible on approving this location - please DENY the city and Mayor London Breed's request.**

To paraphrase one of my neighbors: would Paris put a Navigation Center next to the Eiffel Tower or The Louvre? Would San Francisco put a Navigation Center at Chrissy Field or in Pac Heights (the city should obviously creating centers all over the city, not just District 6, but that is yet another focused email)? I think not. So why put a Navigation Center right at the Bay Bridge when there are other locations in commercial areas that are much more suited to incorporating Navigation Centers.

Please Port Commissioners, I implore you to **DO THE RIGHT THING AND PREVENT THE USE OF SEAWALL LOT 330 FOR A NAVIGATION CENTER.**

David Jacobs

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Quesada, Amy (PRT)

Subject: FW: Support for Navigation Center

Thanks,

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From: David Scheid

Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2019 5:04 PM

To: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Quesada, Amy (PRT) <amy.quesada@sfport.com>

Subject: Support for Navigation Center

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Hello,

Hope all is well. I'm writing to express my support for the proposed Navigation Center to be built in the Rincon Hill/East Cut neighborhood. I am a resident of the 94105 zip code. Thank you for your efforts to support people experiencing homelessness and provide them with quality services.

Take care,
David

LaCroix, Leah (PRT)

From: Derick TeeKing
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Forbes, Elaine (PRT)
Subject: Navigation Center Seawall Lot 330

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Dear Executive Director Forbes,

I support sensible and well-conceived solutions for reducing homelessness in our great city. However, I am against the building of an over-sized Navigation Center at Seawall Lot 330 on the Embarcadero.

My name is Derick TeeKing and I am a resident of the _____ and have lived in South Beach for over two decades. I support Navigation Centers but **oppose the creation of another Center** in District 6 for the reasons of **Safety, Security, and Peace of Mind**.

As a resident of South Beach, I have had a few run-ins with the negative side of the homeless. **I have had to chase out two homeless bike thieves from the garages where I live.** Adding a Center would **increase the overall population of homeless in the area**, seeking to take advantage of the Navigation Center, its occupants, and area neighbors. These non-resident homeless will come down to the waterfront in the form of groupies, drug dealers, and petty thieves, attempting to take advantage of the vulnerable.

Placing another Navigation Center (which is twice as large as has been found to be most effective) within District 6 unfairly burdens this area of San Francisco—another Center is only five blocks away at 5th and Bryant. Perhaps **spreading out the Centers to all districts throughout the city** would be **more equitable and better serve** all the citizens of San Francisco.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Derick TeeKing